

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 11, 2025, 6:00PM
COUNCIL ROOM AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING

A regular monthly Council Meeting of the Borough of Barrington was held with Mayor Hanson presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the meeting to order with the following statement: "This meeting is held in compliance with Chapter 231 of the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 and appropriate notice has been given. Notice of the meeting was filed with the Retrospect and Courier Post and is also posted in the main office of the Borough Clerk where notices are primarily kept.

ROLL CALL

The Municipal Clerk called roll of Council with the following in attendance: Council President Beach, Councilman Beyer, Councilman Cerrito, Councilman Drumm and Councilwoman Mercado-Miller. Councilman Robenolt was absent with prior notice. Mayor Hanson, Municipal Clerk Terry Shannon, and Solicitor Timothy Higgins were also on the dais.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Hanson announced that the following proclamations are being issued and will be posted on the bulletin board in borough hall: June as PRIDE Month; June as Men's Health Month. National Gun Violence Awareness Month; Proclamation Recognizing Juneteenth

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ENTERING THE AREMED SERVICES AFTER GRADUATION:

Councilman Cerrito was presenting certificates to graduating seniors who are entering the service upon graduation. Unfortunately, due to prior commitments, the students could not attend tonight. Their certificates will be picked up or mailed to them. They are: Aiden Bowker entering the Air Force, and Denise Diaz and Edin Lopez who are both entering the Marine Corp. We thank them for their commitment and service.

Mayor Hanson advised that the high school had another event scheduled tonight at the same time for the seniors which is why they could not attend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Hanson reported that council was provided with the minutes of May 6, 2025, caucus, and May 13, 2025, council meetings and asked if there were any corrections or abstentions. On a motion by Drumm, second by Mercado-Miller, the minutes were approved with all members present in favor with Councilmen Beach, Beyer and Cerrito abstaining on the caucus minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Hanson reported that the monthly departmental reports were distributed to the governing body, and are posted outside of council chambers, and on the borough website. If there are no questions on the reports, I will entertain a motion to accept monthly reports.

On a motion by Drumm, second by Cerrito, the monthly departmental reports were accepted with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Beyer-yes, Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION BY CONSENT AGENDA

- Ord. 1209 Capital Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements, by and in the Borough of Barrington, Camden County, NJ; Appropriating \$210,000 Therefor from the Capital Improvement Fund to Pay for the Cost Thereof
- Ord. 1210 Bond Ordinance Providing for Various 2025 Road and Paving Improvements, by and in the Borough of Barrington, Camden County, NJ; Appropriating \$390,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$370,500 Bonds or Notes to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

On a motion by Drumm, second by Beyer, the ordinances were approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Beyer-yes, Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes

On a motion by Mercado-Miller, second by Drumm, the public hearing on the ordinances was opened.

Seeing no comments from the public, on a motion by Beach, second by Drumm, the public hearing was closed.

On a motion by Cerrito, second by Beach, the ordinances were adopted with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Beyer-yes, Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING:

- Ord. 1211 Ordinance Amending Article III in Chapter 360, Zoning, in the Code of the Borough of Barrington, Marijuana Regulations in Commercial District
- Ord. 1212 Ordinance Amending Article II in Chapter 360, Zoning, in the Code of the Borough of Barrington, Accessory Dwelling Units
- Ord. 1213 Ordinance Amending Chapter 360, Zoning, in the Code of the Borough of Barrington
- Ord. 1214 Ordinance Adding Article II, Short-Term Rentals, to Chapter 267, Rental Units

On a motion by Drumm, second by Mercado-Miller, the ordinances were approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Beyer-yes, Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes

These ordinances will be considered for adoption after proper notice and a public hearing to be held during the July 8 council meeting.

RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA

The Deputy Clerk read the following resolutions to be approved by consent agenda:

- 6-2025-59 Authorizing Submission of an Application to NJDOT for Municipal Aid
- 6-2025-60 Authorizing Renewal of Liquor Licenses for the 2025-26 License Term
- 6-2025-61 Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Expense for Grants Received
- 6-2025-62 Deleting Tax Exemptions
- 6-2025-65 Approving a Shared Services Agreement with Haddon Hts for Alcotest Machine
- 6-2025-66 Adding Tax Exemptions
- 6-2025-67 Approving the June Bill List in the Total Amount of: \$1,063,908.65

On a motion by Beyer, second by Drumm, the resolution consent agenda was approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Beyer-yes, Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes.

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OUTSIDE CONSENT AGENDA

6-2025-63 Permitting Open Containers During the 2025 Barrington Harvest Festival

6-2025-64 Permitting Open Containers During the 2025 Independence Day Parade

On a motion by Drumm, second by Beyer, the resolutions were approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Beyer-yes, Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-no.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Hanson advised that if you have comments or questions, please come forward and state your name for the record. Public comment is limited to five minutes per person. On a motion by Mercado-Miller, second by Beach, the public portion of the meeting was opened.

Diane Schreyer – asked Councilman Cerrito to please give the names of the senior high school students who were entering the service. Councilman Cerrito read the names.

Dawn Tilton – stated she was not implying at the caucus meeting that anything she was saying was for retribution about Ordinance 1148 and the sign that was allowed to be put up, it's just that circumstances have changed. Is there any new information from the new owners or anything else to share? Mayor Hanson advised that he, Councilwoman Mercado-Miller and Solicitor Higgins met with Abe, the managing member of Axiel last Wednesday. It was a productive meeting, and he has agreed to some things we are requesting which we are not ready to share yet. Hopefully by next week we will have all nailed down and we will ask him to collaborate on another letter that will be put out to the residents. Dawn said that is encouraging to hear. She has also had a few conversations with them, and she hopes this is a step forward.

Seeing no further comments from the public, on a motion by Cerrito, second by Drumm, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

COUNCILMAN BEYER – there are lots of ways to celebrate our community and everyone in it and get to know people you don't know. It is getting warmer and there are a ton of events coming up to get involved with. Shout out to the Green Team for a new great event held last weekend with kids about mosquito control--it was a fun event.

COUNCILMAN CERRITO – great job to all involved on this new council room, it looks fantastic. Congratulations and best wishes to students entering the military. Enjoy your summer.

COUNCILMAN DRUMM – thanked the students entering the military, such a brave thing to do and they are so young making that decision. Congratulations to our graduating seniors and Woodland school eighth graders, best of luck to all. Wished all a safe and happy summer.

COUNCILWOMAN MERCADO-MILLER – echoing Councilman Cerrito and Drumm's comments to the graduates entering the service, it is not a small commitment to protect our country. Board of Health and Green Team did a collaboration this past Sunday, a mosquito challenge, and we had 30 plus individuals attending. Our Barrington seniors have transitioned from the VFW/Senior Center to the second floor of this building, all is going well and we hope to see familiar and new faces in the building. We have a Board of Health meeting next Wednesday instead of Thursday due to the observation of the Juneteenth holiday. We are currently in Wellness Week, an initiative through our Mayor's Wellness Campaign. Our committee has worked vigorously, a huge shout-out to Gina Ward who led our efforts and got the local businesses to join in.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT BEACH – thank you to our three seniors who are going into the military after graduation; it's an extremely delicate time and you have to be a brave person to step up and join our military. Congratulations to our graduating seniors from high school and Woodland school eighth grade. Reminder summer is coming, the kids will be out riding bikes around town, to sports and our parks. Our roads are all 25mph throughout town, we have lots of crosswalks so please be aware. Have a safe 4th of July, keep safety at the top of your list.

MAYOR HANSON – echoed all sentiments for the seniors entering the service, thank you and we wish you the best of luck. Thanks to our engineer and the ladies in the office who helped pick out most of the décor for the room, since I am color blind! The room looks much fresher! Thanks to the Civic Association and the volunteers who helped with the block party this weekend. Even with showers it was a good event. They are also hosting a free Ice Cream Sundae event this Sunday at Wish Park. Our Independence Day events will be held on July 3 with the parade beginning at 6pm and fireworks at dusk. Thanks Councilwoman Mercado-Miller and her team for planning Wellness Week. It is our first year doing this event and it has been a great success. Offer condolences to Terry on the loss of her husband, prayers for her and her family at this time.

Seeing no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Beyer, second by Drumm, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22pm.

APPROVED: *Terry Shannon*
Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk