

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2025, 6:00PM, MAYOR/COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Hanson called the meeting to order in council chambers at 6:00pm with the Sunshine Statement and led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Borough Clerk called the roll of council, and the following were present: Councilman Cerrito, Councilman Beyer, Councilwoman Mercado-Miller and Councilman Robenolt. Councilman Beach and Councilman Drumm were absent with prior notice. Also present were Secretary Eileen Holcombe, Solicitor Tim Higgins, Engineer Greg Evans, and CFO/Deputy Clerk Denise Moules.

Engineer's report

Greg Evans reported on the following:

- Lost World Park improvements—once the infant area is done, they will be doing the rubber surface. There will be a voucher and change order on the agenda for approval.
- Davis Road—voucher and change order will be on the agenda. Construction is complete except lawn restoration which will be done when weather permits.
- 4th Avenue force main project—voucher and change order will be on the agenda. They will be testing the main within a week or two then making the final connections and doing the intersection improvements at 4th and Albany.
- You will be awarding contracts to Techna-Pro and Eastern Alarm for the banner poles on Williams Avenue.
- Regarding Devon Road improvements, once we get authorization, we will proceed with that project. Funding will be in place in July.
- Second and Bell—anticipate scheduling the pre-con meeting in the next two weeks.

Public Portion

On a motion by Councilman Beyer, second by Councilwoman Mercado-Miller, the public portion was opened. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Councilman Robenolt, second by Councilwoman Mercado-Miller, the public portion was closed.

Administration

Clerk Shannon reported on the following:

Awarding a contract to Asphalt Paving Systems for parking stalls on Barrington Avenue—we received quotes for the paving of the parking stalls along Barrington Avenue and APS was the low bidder at \$43,961. Resolution to award contract will be on the council agenda.

Awarding contracts to Techna-Pro and Eastern Alarm for banner poles on Williams Avenue—Techna-pro will install foundations and Eastern Alarm will install poles. Resolutions to award contracts will be on the council agenda.

Council agenda review

Ordinances for public hearing and adoption:

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| Ord. 1211 | Amending Chapter 360, Marijuana Regulations (360-22) |
| Ord. 1212 | Amending Chapter 360, Accessory Dwelling Units (360-15.1) |
| Ord. 1213 | Amending Chapter 360, Various Zoning Amendments (Master Plan) |
| Ord. 1214 | Ordinance Prohibiting Short-term Rentals |

Ordinance for introduction on first reading:

Ord. 1215 Amending Chapter 145, Construction Codes, Uniform, in the Borough Code

Resolutions for approval by consent agenda: *preliminary—more may be added*

- Change order No. 1 for Lost World Park project
- Change Order No. 1 for Davis Road project
- Change Order No. 1 for Fourth Avenue Pump Station project
- Resolution for Chapter 159 – Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue
- Resolution awarding contract to Asphalt Paving Systems
- Resolution awarding contract to Techna-Pro
- Resolution awarding contract to Eastern Alarm
- Resolution to approve July bill list

Finance

CFO Moules presented the monthly reports showing account balances for the budget expenditures. Everything is in the black so there are no concerns at this point. It appears that all anticipated revenues will be collected. Resolution for the Chapter 159 is for a donation for the National Night Out, a donation for the fire department and receipt of the Alcohol Ed and Rehab payment for court.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilwoman Mercado-Miller—Wellness Week was completed and was successful overall. We received some feedback that they would like to see more kid friendly events. We sent out a survey to community partners to get their input as well. Board of Health and Green Team did a mosquito bucket challenge that was well attended, and we are planning to do another one. We are planning more community events and are open to ideas. We are going to do a needs assessment towards the end of the year that will be distributed to all residents.

Councilman Beyer—it was nice to see a lot of participation in the events between the Green Team and the Board of Health. I noticed new signage in town—was that communicated prior? Mayor Hanson said it was an administrative decision, and we have sent out requests for sponsor letters. We are including new parking signs.

Mayor Hanson introduced Peter Van Den Kooy from Acuity Consulting who was there to present the housing plan element and fair share plan for the town. He presented to the planning board last week. The governing body portion is to review the recommended ordinances. The deadline was yesterday for the planning board to review and upload to the court and that portion has been completed. The next deadline is March, 2026, and that is for all of the ordinances. For the next 60 days, if developers have a problem with the plan, they have an opportunity to respond and there is a mediation process for that. If there are no objections brought, then the court will start rolling out their comments. In September, we will get started on some ordinances that will be needed for compliance. You can introduce in January for adoption in February. He then reviewed the printed Powerpoint presentation of the plan that was provided to the planning board in detail. He closed by saying that the plan meets the state's criteria. There was some discussion on possible ways to reduce our obligations with existing property redevelopment and also new construction. They will provide more information and make recommendations in the coming months. If anyone has any questions, feel free to reach out.

Mayor Hanson reported the parade and fireworks are this Thursday. Weather looks good so far. Fireworks will begin at 9:30. Caucus next month will be Wednesday because of National Night Out.

Seeing no additional business to be discussed, on a motion by Councilman Drumm, second by Councilman Beyer, the meeting adjourned at 6:42pm.

Approved: *Terry Shannon*
Terry Shannon, Clerk/RMC