

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON  
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 8, 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, Councilwoman Mercado-Miller and Councilman Robenolt. 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: Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, July 27; Celebrating the Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act; International Self-Care Day, July 24

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Hanson reported that council was provided with the minutes of June 3, 2025, caucus, and June 11, 2025, council meetings and asked if there were any corrections or abstentions. On a motion by Beyer, second by Drumm, the minutes were approved with all members present in favor with Councilman Beach abstaining on the Caucus minutes and Councilman Robenolt abstaining on the Council minutes.

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mayor Hanson reported that the monthly departmental reports were distributed to the governing body, and are posted outside of council chambers, and are posted 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 Beach, the monthly departmental reports were accepted with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Beyer-yes, Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, Robenolt-yes.

**ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION BY CONSENT AGENDA**

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| 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 Beyer, the ordinances were approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Beyer-yes, Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, Robenolt-yes

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

Dolores Banks from Reading Avenue– has concerns about the ADU ordinance and current reports about climate change and now the ADU ordinance will affect storm water damage. She understands the reasoning behind the ordinance but has problems with stormwater now, this could make it worse. Neighbors have sump pumps pumping water into street and it ends at her street and comes on her property. She is concerned that allowing people to build additional structures on their property will make the stormwater problems in Barrington worse.

Joe Tursi – agrees with Mrs. Banks about the drainage problems. What are your current plans to address this water drainage problem? Also, wants to know the reason the ordinance for cannabis facilities was dropped from 1000 to 200 feet. Drug Free School Zones are 1000 feet from schools so why would you allow cannabis facilities within 200 feet?

With reference to water drainage issues, Councilman Beach advised that he drives the streets after storms and Public Works has addressed a lot of these problems by clearing drainage areas, and replacing grates on stormwater inlets. Mr. Tursi also questioned the work being done by DOT along 295 and Mayor Hanson responded they are doing their own clearing of the stormwater pipes under 295 and across the Pike.

Mayor Hanson advised that the paving on Third Ave will tie into the Reading Avenue situation and more draining improvements will be included. At our level we are doing all we can. He said that council will be glad to meet with the neighbors and our engineers to discuss potential solutions.

Council President Beach made a motion to table Ordinances 1211 and 1212 until the August meeting so they could be discussed further, which was seconded by Councilman Beyer and approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Beyer-yes, Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, Robenolt-yes. Ordinances 1211 and 1212 were tabled.

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

On a motion by Drumm, second by Robenolt, ordinances 1213 and 1214 were adopted with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Beyer-yes, Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, Robenolt-yes.

#### **ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING**

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

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

These ordinances will be considered for adoption after proper notice and a public hearing to be held during the August 12, 2025, council meeting.

## **RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 7-2025-68 Change Order No. 1, Playground Equipment Installation at Lost World Park
- 7-2025-69 Change Order No. 1, Roadway Improvements to Davis Road
- 7-2025-70 Change Order No. 1, 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Force Main Imps.
- 7-2025-71 Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Expense for Grants Received
- 7-2025-72 Awarding a Contract to Asphalt Paving Systems for Paving Services
- 7-2025-73 Awarding a Contract to Techna-Pro Electric, LLC, for Construction of Banner Pole Foundations
- 7-2025-74 Awarding a Contract to Eastern Alarm and Signal Company for Installation of Banner Poles
- 7-2025-75 Resolution Endorsing the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan
- 7-2025-76 Approving the July Bill List in the Total Amount of: \$2,353,479.42

On a motion by Beyer, second by Drumm, the resolution consent agenda was approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Beyer-yes, Cerrito-no on 7-2025-75, yes on all others, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, Robenolt-yes

## **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 Drumm, second by Beyer, the public portion of the meeting was opened.

Kristen Lampe - the rain garden keeps water out of the street and in the ground. She also asked about Ord 1211 and the change from 1000 feet to 200 feet. Mayor Hanson advised that since that ordinance was tabled it will be discussed at our August caucus meeting which is open to the public.

Mr. Tursi thinks this is not a good area for the rain garden, it exacerbates the problem in the area, and he would like to see the report that was prepared by Pennoni on the drainage study. Clerk Shannon said the report is on our website already. Flooding condition problems were further discussed by Mr. Tursi.

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

## **COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

COUNCILMAN BEYER – glad all are here expressing their opinions and involved in civic discussions. We have a lot of great things going on in town where we can help and learn from each other, and volunteer. We have the seniors, Green Team, and lots of events. I say this nearly every month and I began as a volunteer. I am thankful you are all here tonight.

COUNCILMAN CERRITO – thanks all for coming out tonight and expressing your concerns, that is why we are here. He also thanked all departments and those involved with the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and celebration, it was a great family weekend.

COUNCILMAN ROBENOLT – thanks for coming out tonight. We have a Green Team meeting immediately following this meeting tonight if you would like to attend. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN DRUMM – thanks all for coming out tonight and expressing your concerns, especially when you are affected that way, I am not where I live, Barrington has been working for years on this problem. Thanks to all involved in the parade and fireworks, they were great with a lot of great responses. It's a long day for everyone, especially our fire official, Jim Arpino. It was a great show, and Barrington has a good reputation for different activities we do in town. The parade and fireworks are always a good staple, and we appreciate everybody's efforts.

COUNCILWOMAN MERCADO-MILLER – echoed all comments on the parade and fireworks, glad everyone was safe and had a fun time. Also on Councilman Beyers comments, we are here to speak on your behalf, so we appreciate you being here to let us know what we need to know. The senior program for July has been launched, see the Facebook page, thank you Eileen and Meg. The Barrington Seniors are open every Tuesday and Thursday from noon-4pm on the second floor of the borough hall. Their July casino trip is already sold out; they will have a Christmas in July movie on July 17 at 12:30pm, please come out and bring a friend. The Mayor's Wellness Campaign was just completed with a "Wellness Week." If you would like to get involved, please come to our Mayor's Wellness Campaign meeting at the borough hall, Thursday at 5pm. The Board of Health is holding another "Mosquito Bucket Challenge" with the Green Team in July and August, information is coming out shortly, please see the Board of Health and Green Team Facebook pages. Camden County has launched a series of webinars on Community Health and Wellness. It includes youth and the elderly and has a plethora of things to discuss. If you have any questions, reach out to me or see the Board of Health Facebook page.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT BEACH – apologized for saying the same thing five times, but we do appreciate all of you coming out. Thanks to our employees and first responders for the parade and fireworks and all you do on a daily basis, we appreciate what you do day in and day out. We will catch up with you after the meeting, we have looked at the flooding in the past, we tabled it because it is something we should take another look at. Where I live water and trash come my way, along the front of my fence, so I understand. We will put our heads together and see what we can do.

MAYOR HANSON – echoed the sentiments of all, thank you for attending and speaking your mind. He also thanked all departments for helping with the parade, we had no issues, everything ran smooth. Thanks also to Runnemede and Haddon Heights who partnered with us on this event either monetarily or by sending extra police, they are great neighbors and community partners. Next month our caucus meeting will be on Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, not Tuesday due to National Night Out, which is Tuesday, August 5 at Wish Upon a Star Park beginning at 6pm. Those wishing to attend, we will be here on Wednesday at 6pm.

Seeing no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Drumm, second by Mercado-Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.

APPROVED: Terry Shannon  
Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk