

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
October 14, 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, Councilwoman Mercado-Miller and Councilman Robenolt. Councilman Drumm and Cerrito were 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 approved and will be posted: Fire Prevention Week; Breast Cancer Awareness Month; Hispanic Heritage Month; Knock-Out Opiate Abuse Day; and National First Responders Day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Hanson reported that council was provided with the minutes of September 2, 2025, caucus, and September 9, 2025, council meetings and asked if there were any corrections or abstentions. On a motion by Beyer, second by Beach, the minutes were approved with all members present in favor except Beach abstained on the caucus minutes and Robenolt abstained on the council minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Hanson reported that the monthly departmental reports were distributed to the governing body, 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 Robenolt, second by Mercado-Miller, the monthly departmental reports were accepted with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Beyer-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, Robenolt-yes.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING

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| Ord. 1218 | Amending Chapter 145, Construction Codes, Uniform, in the Borough Code
<i>(amends permit fees for solar panel installation)</i> |
| Ord. 1219 | Ordinance Adding Article IV., Parental Responsibility, in Chapter 249, Peace and Good Order, to the Borough Code
<i>(adds parental responsibility to certain acts of minor children)</i> |
| Ord. 1220 | Amending Article II, Residential Districts, in Chapter 360, Zoning, in the Borough Code
<i>(amends the regulations regarding accessory dwelling units)</i> |

On a motion by Beach, second by Mercado Miller, the ordinances were approved on first reading with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Beyer-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, Robenolt-yes.

These ordinances, along with Ord. 1216, Adding Regulations for Solar and Photovoltaic Energy Systems, will be considered for adoption following proper notice and a public hearing to be held during the November 12, 2025, council meeting.

RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA (to be read and approved by consent agenda)

- 10-2025-101 Awarding a Contract to DiMeglio Construction for Austin Ave, Phase 4
- 10-2025-102 Approving Change Order No. 2-Final, for Lost World Park Playground
- 10-2025-103 Approving Change Order No. 2 for Davis Road Project
- 10-2025-104 Approving Change Order No. 3-Final, Police Department Renovations
- 10-2025-105 Approving Change Order No. 4-Final, Fourth Ave Pump Station Project
- 10-2025-106 Authorizing Purchase of a 2017 Ford F-350 Pickup Truck for Public Works
- 10-2025-107 Authorizing Purchase of a 2024 Ford Maverick Truck for the Fire Alliance
- 10-2025-108 Authorizing Execution and Submission of a NJDCA Grant Application for Recreational Opportunities for Lost World Park ADA Improvements
- 10-2025-109 Certification of the 2024 Annual Report of Audit
- 10-2025-110 Resolution Approving Specific Salaries and Wages for 2025
- 10-2025-111 Authorizing an Agreement with Acuity Consulting Svcs. for Affordable Housing Planning Services
- 10-2025-112 Implementing a Fair and Open Process for Selection of Various Professionals
- 10-2025-113 Authorizing Participation in the Camden County Contract with Morton Salt
- 10-2025-114 Authorizing Participation in the Camden County Contract with Deer Carcass Removal Services
- 10-2025-115 Authorizing Execution of a Shared Service Agreement with Camden County Relative to Project Safe
- 10-2025-116 Setting the Hours for Trick or Treating
- 10-2025-117 Authorizing Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding by and between Barrington and Senior Housing of Barrington Partners, L.P.
- 10-2025-118 Changing the Date for the November Council Meeting
- 10-2025-119 Authorizing Refund of Escrow Posted for Street Opening
- 10-2025-120 Approving the October Bill List in the Total Amount of: \$1,520,478.22

On a motion by Beyer, second by Robenolt, the resolution consent agenda was approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Beyer-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 Beyer, second by Mercado-Miller, the public portion of the meeting was opened.

Seeing no members from the public in attendance, on a motion by Beach, second by Drumm, the public portion of the meeting was opened and closed.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

COUNCILMAN BEYER – congratulations to all involved with the Harvest Festival. Even with the rain it was busy, lively, and exciting. Compliments to the Green Team for getting almost 100 rain barrels out to interested residents.

COUNCILMAN ROBENOLT – the Green Team is having an open house tomorrow night from 6-8pm at Tonewood. If anyone is interested, please stop by, it will be nice to see you.

COUNCILWOMAN MERCADO-MILLER – shout out to all who participated and supported the Harvest Festival, it's always nice to see a large event happen in town and without incident. Everyone liked it and had a good time. Chief Bowen is on the mend and sometimes already back at work. That goes to show how passionate and dedicated most of our staff are to the borough.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT BEACH – thanked everyone involved with the Harvest Fest, it's a lot of work. All our departments, public works, law enforcement, our mayor and volunteers and the vendors do a wonderful job every year and we appreciate it. Ordinance 1219 is not a wrong place, wrong time ordinance, it is something to help our law enforcement and it will be a good thing for our town.

MAYOR HANSON – echoed sentiments of his colleagues and thanked police, emergency management, fire, public works, EMS, and fire alliance. They are the driving force behind the Harvest Festival, along with Mindy Berwick who works in our tax office. Mindy holds down the fort getting all the vendors together and doing all the pre-work. Phenomenal job by all, even with the weather, it was a great turnout. Fall fun with First Responders is next Saturday, October 25, 11am-1pm. Lost World Park is open and ready for business. We had a ribbon cutting last month, it was well attended, and we hope everyone is enjoying the new playground. There is a senior dinner coming up November 20, it is free, so sign up with Eileen.

Seeing no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Robenolt, second by Beach, the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 pm.

APPROVED: *Terry Shannon*

Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk