

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 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 Deputy Borough Clerk called the roll of council, and the following were present: Council President Beach, Councilman Drumm, Councilman Beyer, Councilwoman Mercado-Miller and Councilman Robenolt. Councilman Cerrito was absent. Also present were Deputy Clerk/CFO Denise Moules, Secretary Eileen Holcombe and Solicitor Tim Higgins.

Engineer's report

Greg Evans from KEI Engineers could not attend this evening so Mayor Hanson reviewed the action items including voucher #2 and change order #2 for the Second, Erie and Bell Avenue project; voucher no. 3-final for the Davis Road project.

Public Portion

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

Administration

Deputy Clerk Moules reported on the following:

Renewal of agreement with animal control officer (ACO)—we received the renewal from our current ACO and they are keeping the pricing for 2026 the same as 2025. Resolution to renew for 2026 will be on the agenda.

Renewal of agreement with animal orphanage—we received the renewal from our current animal orphanage, Voorhees Animal Orphanage, and they too are keeping the 2026 pricing the same as 2025. Resolution to renew for 2026 will be on the agenda.

Renewal of participation in the Camden County Joint Insurance Fund—our three-year agreement to be a member of the Camden County Joint Insurance Fund expires December 31 and needs to be renewed. Resolution to renew will be on the agenda.

Resolution for dates for January meetings—the January Reorg meeting will be Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 6:00pm, followed by caucus immediately after. Resolution to set those dates will be on the council agenda.

Resolution for three-month shared service agreement with Mount Ephraim—I have agreed to stay on as a consultant for the new clerk in Mount Ephraim but for just six hours per week for January through March. Resolution will be on the council agenda.

Renewal of shared services agreement for court—Oaklyn has revised the shared services agreement for municipal court because Stratford has been added. The new agreement will be a three-year from 2026-2028 and will result in a savings for each of the original towns. For 2026, we will realize a reduction of \$18,360.00.

Approval of shared services agreement with Camden County for unhoused residents—Camden County has a new program for unhoused residents and all county municipalities can avail themselves of the services through the shared services agreement they provided. The agreement was emailed to you directly for your review. This covers unhoused residents and Code Blue. Fire Chief Hales explained

that anytime the temperature is below 32, it used to be that each town had to staff a warming center. Last year, the county had a center in the Barrington Commons. This year, it is also in Gloucester Township on Erial Road at the Lutheran Church for overnight. When Code Blue is called, there will be shelter pickup from various locations or police departments can call for service. The Barrington site will be for during the day. This will be through March of 2026. Camden City also has their own shelter.

Council agenda review

Ordinances for public hearing and adoption:

Ord. 1221 Amending Chapter 360, Zoning, Pertaining to Swimming Pools

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

- Resolution for change order no. 2, Second, Erie and Bell project
- Renewal of agreement with Animal Control Officer
- Renewal of agreement with Voorhees Animal Orphanage
- Resolution for shared service agreement with Mount Ephraim
- Resolution for shared service agreement with Oaklyn for court
- Resolution for shared service agreement with Camden County for unhoused residents
- Authorizing 2025 budget transfers and cancellations
- Authorizing use of state contract vendors
- Chapter 159 for grant received for Open Space for Pickleball Court
- Resolution to set dates for January meetings
- Resolution to renew membership in the Camden County Joint Insurance Fund
- Resolution to approve the December bill list
- Resolution to extend the Merchantville agreement for CFO for one month
- Possible resolution for a change order for the Davis Road project with Runnemede

Finance

CFO Moules presented the monthly reports showing account balances for the budget expenditures—there are no critical issues.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Drumm—nothing for caucus Mayor.

Council President Beach reported hired Frank Delaney who has worked with us a seasonal and is a good employee so we are fully staffed.

Councilwoman Mercado-Miller reported that we are working with Chief Minardi on the 5K for next year to get the route certified. More information to come. We are holding Mayor's Wellness Campaign meetings monthly.

Councilman Beyer said he was approached by a resident with a couple of issues. One was there are some grading and lighting issues with the walking path at Deerr Field. He has not checked it out himself yet but it is getting more traffic now with the change at the Mews so we may want to look at that. Mayor Hanson said he did not know as he has not walked it at night recently. Councilman Drumm said he does not remember any grading issues. Mayor Hanson said we will ask Greg to look into it. Councilman Beyer then said in the area of Highland and Mercer, it is difficult to cross. Mayor

Hanson said we are looking at enhancing pedestrian safety through Safe Routes to Schools but the cost was prohibitive.

Mayor Hanson reported that we will be doing the Menorah lighting on the 14th. That is the same as the Holly Jolly Trolley so someone else will need to host it unless we move it to the next night.

Regarding the issue with the Pre-K, Eileen was never approached about using the meeting room. The Pre-K teacher is trying to figure out something for the dates in question. We are able to provide the 19th but she is trying to come up with something for the other two dates. Regarding their finances and possibly paying us rent, she is working on what her costs will be for insurance and other costs. They have never been charged any rent for using our space but will be for the next school year.

Councilwoman Mercado-Miller asked about them possibly using the school for their holiday program. Mayor Hanson said he offered to connect her with the school district but she is still looking into it. Councilman Drumm said the problem is basketball and the band take up most nights. Councilman Beyer said the finance committee was not aware of the rent discussions regarding the pre-K. Mayor Hanson said it was discussed with her when Mayor Harris was here. She is aware she is undercharging for registration and needs to look into this more. Councilwoman Mercado-Miller added that we should have a formal process for use of our facilities and it should be on the website.

Eileen thanked Mayor and Council for the Thanksgiving dinner. We had a tremendous turnout. We have another one December 11. Our party is this Friday and you are all invited. It has worked out really well upstairs. We still have the exercise classes downstairs twice a week. We have a movie coming up—It's a Wonderful Life—and we are going to see White Christmas in Pitman.

Mayor Hanson thanked the Boy Scouts for their food collection. We had an overwhelming response. Megan has been filling the Little Food Pantry down by Deerr Field which is getting a lot of use. People have been coming in to get food from the pantry.

Seeing nothing else for discussion, on a motion by Councilman Beyer second by Councilman Drumm, the meeting adjourned at 6:28pm.

Approved: Terry Shannon
Terry Shannon, Clerk/RMC