

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 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: Councilman Beyer, Councilman Drumm, Councilwoman Mercado-Miller, Councilman Robenolt. Council President Beach was absent with prior notice. Councilman Cerrito was not present. Mayor Hanson, Municipal Clerk Terry Shannon, and Solicitor Timothy Higgins were also on the dais.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Hanson reported that council was provided with the minutes of November 5, 2025, caucus, and November 12, 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 Mercado-Miller abstaining on the caucus 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 Drumm, second by Mercado-Miller, the monthly departmental reports were accepted with the following poll vote: Beyer-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, Robenolt-yes.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

Ord. 1219 Ordinance Adding Article IV., Parental Responsibility, in Chapter 249, Peace and Good Order, to the Borough Code (*adds parental responsibility to certain acts of minor children*)

Ord. 1221 Amending Chapter 172, Fire Prevention, in the Borough Code

Ord. 1222 Amending Article V., Signs; and Supplemental Regulations, in Chapter 360, Zoning, of the Borough Code

On a motion by Drumm, second by Robenolt, the second reading of ordinances 1219, 1221 and 1222 was approved with the following poll vote: Beyer-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, Robenolt-yes.

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

Diane Schreyer, with regards to Ord 1219, does not know the contents but thinks it's a good idea. Clerk Shannon advised the Ordinance is hanging in the hallway and is also on the

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

On a motion by Drumm, second by Robenolt, ordinance 1219, was adopted with the following poll vote: Beyer-no, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-no, Robenolt-yes. Since this is a tied vote, the Mayor had to vote and voted yes. The ordinance was adopted.

On a motion by Beyer, second by Mercado-Miller, ordinance 1221, was adopted with the following poll vote: Beyer-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, Robenolt-yes.

On a motion by Drumm, second by Beyer, ordinance 1222, was adopted with the following poll vote: Beyer-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, Robenolt-yes.

All three ordinances were adopted.

RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL (the Clerk read the following for approval by consent agenda)

- 12-2025-137 Change Order No. 2, Improvements to Second, Erie and Bell Aves. Project
- 12-2025-138 Awarding a Contract for Animal Control Services for 2026
- 12-2025-139 Awarding a Contract for Animal Shelter Services for 2026
- 12-2025-140 Authorizing Shared Service Agreement with Mount Ephraim for Clerk Services
- 12-2025-141 Authorizing Shared Service Agreement with Oaklyn for Municipal Court Services
- 12-2025-142 Authorizing Shared Service Agreement with Camden County Relative to Unhoused Residents
- 12-2025-143 Authorizing 2025 Budget Transfers
- 12-2025-144 Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved State Contract Vendors
- 12-2025-145 Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Expense
- 12-2025-146 Setting the Dates for Annual Reorganization and January Meetings
- 12-2025-147 Resolution to Cancel Contract Balances
- 12-2025-148 Resolution Authorizing Settlement Agreement with Fair Share Housing Center Pursuant to Fourth Round Affordable Housing Compliance
- 12-2025-149 Cancelling 2025 Budget Appropriations with Unexpended Balances
- 12-2025-150 Authorizing Shared Service Agreement with Merchantville for CFO Services
- 12-2025-151 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Make Adjustments to the Tax Records in and for the Borough of Barrington
- 12-2025-152 Authorizing Change Order No. 2 to the Shared Service Agreement with Runnemede Relative to the Sanitary Sewer Extension Project on Davis Road
- 12-2025-153 Approving the December Bill List in the Total Amount of: \$868,672.86

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

James Dare of Austin Avenue, said he has been threatened with a \$26,000 fine. He is concerned that his Fourth Amendment rights are being violated with a warrantless search by Brian Kelly who was taking pictures of his property. He is taking me to court and fined me \$500 with a possible fine of \$26,000. He said he thinks it is a personal thing with him as he put two green stickers on my house. Meanwhile there is another house on Albany Ave that is totally overgrown but only received one sticker. He is working on the house but due to family medical issues, it is difficult for him to get the work done. He said that since 2019, he has had to help his wife with cancer issues three times. He said he has done a lot of work but received a call from a woman in the office who said he has done nothing. The police even showed up to make him move the trailer which is in the street that he is using to cleanup the backyard. He is working on the house and they want me to go to court tomorrow. I don't want to push the civil rights things but I have pictures of him (Kelly) violating my civil rights when I paid the \$500 fine. He just wants to be left alone to take care of his family. His daughter is now having medical issues in Harrisburg and I have to go there when she needs me. He had plans for this home when he bought it in 2007 but he lost his job soon after. Please back Brian Kelly off. I don't want to go to court. Please just give me time.

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

Mayor Hanson advised Mr. Dare that we sympathize with your situation, but I and the office have received multiple complaints from residents in your neighborhood about the state of the property. Brian Kelly is doing his job as code enforcement. Mr. Dare said he is here because if it continues, he has no choice but to file a civil rights lawsuit to protect himself. Solicitor Higgins advised that at the court date tomorrow, that is the proper forum to bring up these matters and have them discussed at that time.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

COUNCILMAN BEYER – as the year comes to a close let's look around and help those around us in our town that need help. Thanks to all the employees and volunteers in the borough, all the support we get on council would not be possible without your efforts, I appreciate that. Police, Fire, EMS and to all, Happy Holidays.

COUNCILMAN ROBENOLT – thanks to all who are here, I would like to thank all the professional staff, colleagues, and department heads that I have had the opportunity to work with over the years. He said he enjoyed his time with the borough. It's been 44 years since he started with Barrington ambulance and I will enjoy my retirement. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN DRUMM – told Wayne he has known him for years between the fire and police departments and it's been great working with you. I will see you at reorganization in January but thank you for your service to the community. Hope everybody has a safe and happy holiday and enjoy your family and friends. Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN MERCADO-MILLER – echoing a sentiment of gratitude, thank you to my colleagues, administrative staff, borough fire, police, public works, EMS, and all of you. Special thanks to our senior service coordinators Eileen & Meg who work diligently and efficiently throughout the year. We have one of the best senior groups in south jersey, probably across that state. Thanks to our Board of Health members and Mayors Wellness Campaign attendees particularly Brittany Beyer, Sam Martine, and Gina Ward. They worked diligently this year to establish these programs and initiatives and we are grateful for them. Hope all have a happy, healthy and re-charging New Year.

MAYOR HANSON – Thanked the Fire Department for organizing the parade to kick off the holiday season with support from Police, Public Works, and the Ambulance Association.

Upcoming events include our Holly Jolly Trolley which is Sunday December 14. It is free at Woodland School from 5-8pm and sponsored by the Civic Association. The Menorah Lighting will be held December 15 at 7pm. Pushed back a day due to the Holly Jolly Trolley. If anyone is attending the Planning Board meeting next week it will be held on the second floor of this building since the council room will be taken up with gift donations for the Civic Association from the giving trees.

As a reminder going into winter, the police will be ticketing any cars parked during a storm on the snow emergency route streets. Reorganization will be on Tuesday, January 6 at 6pm in this room and followed by our January caucus meeting in the Mayor's Office. We will have a proper send off for Wayne at reorganization. As he announced tonight, thank you for your service to the borough for 13 years on council, we will be acknowledging him at reorg and hope you can all attend then. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, and we will see you in the new year.

Seeing no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Beyer, second by Drumm, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 pm.

APPROVED: *Terry Shannon*

Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk