

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2026, 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. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Councilwoman VanBernum. 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 December 2, 2025, caucus, and December 9, 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 VanBernum abstaining on both.

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 Beach, the monthly departmental reports were accepted with the following poll vote: Beach- yes, Beyer-yes, Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, VanBernum-yes.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING

Ord. 1223 Amending Article II in Chapter 285, Sewers, in the Code of the Borough of Barrington

Ord. 1224 Adding Chapter 321, Towing, in the Code of the Borough of Barrington

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

These ordinances will be considered for adoption following proper notice and a public hearing to be held during the February 10, 2026, council meeting.

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

- 1-2026-16 Change Order No. 3, Second Ave Improvements
- 1-2026-17 Permitting Open Containers for the February 7 Winter Event
- 1-2026-18 Authorizing a Property Maintenance Lien
- 1-2026-19 Adding a Tax Exemption for a Totally Disabled Veteran
- 1-2026-20 Authorizing a Refund of a Tax Payment for a Disabled Veteran

1-2026-21 Approving the January Bill List in the Total Amount of: \$1,147,728.73.

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

Seeing no comments from the public on a motion by Beyer, second by Drumm, the public portion was closed.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

COUNCILMAN BEYER – Happy New Year, looking forward to the year and the good works from the departments, community, and businesses.

COUNCILMAN CERRITO – safe and Happy New Year to all.

COUNCILWOMAN VanBERNUM – thanks all and Happy New Year. Little League and Softball are holding their 2nd Annual Adult Beef and Beer on January 31, Little League spring registration is open from age 4 up to majors. Mayor added that there is an auction at the fundraiser if anyone would like to donate.

COUNCILMAN DRUMM – nothing for tonight.

COUNCILWOMAN MERCADO-MILLER – see the Barrington website for updates on events and the Board of Health, Mayors Wellness Campaign and Senior activities. Please check in on your relatives and neighbors.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT BEACH – wished all a happy safe and healthy New Year.

MAYOR HANSON – the Civic Association hosted their ice-skating event last Wednesday and about 15160 attended. Thanks to the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission who are here all week with their mobile van helping with ID's and other Motor vehicle concerns. The Mayor received two texts from people saying it was the most pleasant MVC they ever had.

Seeing no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Drumm, second by Mercado-Miller, the meeting was adjourned 6:06pm.

APPROVED: Terry Shannon
Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk