

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF THE 108th ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026, 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL ROOM AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The Reorganization Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Barrington was held with Mayor Kyle Hanson presiding.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Children Bailey and Joey VanBernum and Rosie and Jack Callan led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Archut of Community Bible Church and Borough Chaplain delivered the opening prayer.

WELCOME REMARKS

Mayor Hanson welcomed all to this swearing-in ceremony of Councilman Beach and Councilwoman-elect Alisha VanBernum and said we are proud to have a dedicated team on the dais and throughout the entire borough staff. They work tirelessly each day to make our community an even better place to live. I am proud of all we accomplished in 2025 and look forward to progress, collaboration and continued hard work on behalf of our residents.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Clerk Shannon read the Certifications of Elections for Michael Beach and Alisha VanBernum.

Michael Beach was sworn into office as Councilman by NJ State Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez.

Alisha VanBernum was sworn into office as Councilwoman by Camden County Commissioner Jennifer Fleisher.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

The Municipal Clerk called roll of Council with the following in attendance: Councilman Beach, Councilman Beyer, Councilman Cerrito, Councilman Drumm, Councilwoman Mercado-Miller, and Councilwoman VanBernum.

MAYOR HANSON RECOGNITION OF DIGNATORIES IN ATTENDANCE

Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez, who congratulated those elected and said Barrington is a great town and a great team to work with. She lives in Barrington and is proud to be part of our town.

Commissioner Jennifer Fleisher, who said thanks for having her today. This is her first "swearing-in ceremony" and she is happy to be here; she congratulated all saying we have a wonderful and vibrant community here.

Commissioner Dyer, Happy New Year. Congratulated Mike and Alisha on their election to office. He said the county partnership with all mayors is great--he is the liaison to the Camden County Mayors Association and works with them. Congratulations to all.

County Sherrif Billingham, it's good to be here. Barrington is very fortunate to have a good relationship with the Commissioners, Assembly and Senators, you are well served. Camden County has the greatest commissioners in America, and they are reviewing my budget right now!

He praised our Police Department and said our chief is a great guy to work with. The Sherrif lives in Gloucester City, and Barrington is pretty close to being that great. Thank you.

Patti Harris, former Barrington Mayor, this is a big night for our family, it's great seeing Alisha representing the community, your age group, the moms at school and baseball, we are very proud of you. She also congratulated Mike Beach on his fourth term. She thanked the rest of council for continuing to serve our town. She also thanked all the departments in the borough for serving the community. Thank you and Happy New Year.

REMARKS BY NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

COUNCILMAN BEACH – thanked the residents for electing me for my fourth term. I love this town and the team here, we do put our heart and soul into what we do, we listen to our residents and do what we can to help. He thanked his neighbor, Senator Nilsa CruzPerez for swearing him in and all the officials in attendance thanking them for all they do. We do get support from the commissioners, state and federal level and it's a wonderful team. Mike thanked his wife and children for their support and allowing him time away from them to serve the residents of Barrington. I like helping people and thank you for understanding being away from you, I love you. Thanks to my mom for raising me the way I am and giving me loyalty and determination to help others. I appreciate that and I love you. To our entire staff that keeps this town going, we couldn't do it without the full-time employees who take care of everything we need. Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN VANBERNUM – thank you all for being here. This moment is meaningful and I would not be here without the support of the people in this room. My husband, children, aunts, uncles, cousins, Mom, Dad, and Patti. Thank you for your patience, encouragement, and belief in me. Your love and support give me the strength to lead and serve. I am grateful to you all. Thanks to my in laws for supporting me and to my friends for offering advice and supporting me. Thank you to all who organized this meeting and swearing in ceremony, your dedication and hard work made this event possible. Commissioner Fleisher, thank you for taking time out of your schedule to swear me into office, it is a privilege to have you here. Congratulations to Councilman Beach, I look forward to working beside the council members, staff, and professionals. I step into this roll with gratitude and a strong commitment to serve with integrity and responsibility. Thank you.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Mayor Hanson opened the floor for nominations for President of Council. Councilman Cerrito nominated Councilman Beach, which nomination was seconded by Councilman Drumm. With no other nominees the following poll vote was taken: Beyer–yes, Cerrito–yes, VanBernum–yes, Beach–abstain, Mercado–Miller–yes, Drumm–yes. **MOTION IS CARRIED**

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR: Chief Minardi presented the Police Officer of the Year award saying it is hard to give to just one person but this year it is to Ptl. Tyler Selby. Chief Minardi, with Captain Pawling at his side, said the award is for exemplary service and dedication to the community during the past year. Tyler has been here about four years and continues to mature and become a better officer. His wife and baby are here today. Stats are not the end all, be all, but Officer Selby has 50 more arrests between 2024 and 2025. Even today, knowing he was going to be here tonight, he had two more arrests. No matter what's going on, he always responds positively. He is a great example of what we all should be in the workplace. Tyler is becoming a leader to the newer guys, and we sleep well at night knowing he is working. Guys like him make our job easier and we are proud of him. Congratulations.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD: was presented by Mayor Hanson to 12 year-old Vivian Traitz, for volunteering with the Barrington Seniors. Vivian is organized, dependable and has a love and respect for our Barrington Seniors. Her thoughtfulness and consideration to others

extends beyond volunteering. She attends on a weekly basis with the Barrington seniors and assists them with all their events and projects. Vivian hopes to enter the Air Force after high school. There is no doubt that she will achieve great things in the years ahead. It is with great pride and pleasure that we recognize her here tonight.

The Mayor then recognized our Borough Clerk, Terry Shannon. Terry is retiring in the spring, but we wanted to recognize her here tonight at reorganization as it is typically our largest gathering during the year. She lives here and raised her son Robby with her late husband Bob. She helped make this community better. She began working here in December of 1999. She went above and beyond, and her impact can be seen across town by helping with the Wish Upon a Star Park in the late 1990's and she played major roles in starting the TNR program, a founding member of the Barrington Green Team and instrumental in the planting of trees throughout town. She worked on the town Centennial and organized the ordering and placement of the town bricks for the clock park and the 9-1-1 Memorial. Terry is also the borough clerk in Mt. Ephraim through a shared service agreement and a member of the Kiwanis Club of the Haddons. She is integral to the success of Barrington and her leadership and knowledge will be missed. We will have a proper send-off to Terry in a few months, and I hope you can join us for that.

RESOLUTIONS

The Municipal Clerk read the following Resolutions by title, one after another, and Council would have the opportunity to vote as a Consent Agenda at the end of the reading. The Clerk advised that the Resolutions are posted on the bulletin board outside these doors.

- 1-2026-1 Authorizing Agreements for Professional Services for 2026
- 1-2026-2 Designating 2026 Governing Body Committee Assignments
- 1-2026-3 Approving Individual Borough Appointments
- 1-2026-4 Adopting the 2026 Temporary Budget
- 1-2026-5 Appointing Representatives to the Camden Co. Community Development Board
- 1-2026-6 Designating 2026 Official Meeting Dates
- 1-2026-7 Authorizing the Petty Cash Fund
- 1-2026-8 Designating Legal and Official Newspapers for 2026
- 1-2026-9 Designating Depositories for 2026
- 1-2026-10 Setting the Interest Rate Charges for Delinquent Taxes
- 1-2026-11 Authorizing Investment of Idle Funds and Transfers
- 1-2026-12 Designating Healthcare Companies for 2026
- 1-2026-13 Appointing Councilman Alex Beyer as Class III Member to the Planning Board
- 1-2026-14 Designating Deputy Custodians of Public Records
- 1-2026-15 Authorizing the Tax Assessor to File, Stipulate and Settle Tax Appeals and Complaints

On a Motion by Beyer, second by Drumm, the Resolutions were approved with the following poll vote: Beyer – abstain on 1-2026-13, yes on the rest, Cerrito–yes, VanBernum–abstain on all, Beach–yes, Drumm–yes, Mercado-Miller–abstain on 1-2026-3, yes on the rest.

MOTION IS CARRIED

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Municipal Clerk read the following appointments by Mayor Hanson, no confirmation necessary:

Class II Member, term ending 12/31/26
Class IV Member, term ending 12/31/29

David Pawling
Edward Harrell

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| Class IV Member, unexpired term ending 12/31/26 | Linda Lang (former Liss term) |
| Class IV Alt. #1, member term ending 12/31/27 | Terri Sullivan |
| Class IV Alt. #2 member, unexpired term ending 12/31/26 | John Brennan (former Lang term) |
| Class IV Alt. #3 member, unexpired term ending 12/31/26 | Kyle Wright |
| Class IV Alt. #4 member, term expiring 12/31/27 | Lawrence Liss |

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Hanson advised that if you have a comment or question to please state your name for the record. Comments are limited to five minutes per person.

On a Motion by Drumm, second by Mercado-Miller, the public portion of the meeting was opened.

Diane Schreyer thanked the Governing Body and especially Mike Beach and welcomed Alisha.

Eileen Holcombe thanked Council for recognizing her granddaughter Vivian for her volunteer time with the seniors. She said the Commissioners have great programs for the county seniors, and thanked council for their constant support with events and programs for the Barrington Seniors.

Seeing no further comments from the public, on a Motion by Drumm, second by Beyer, the public portion of the meeting was closed with all members of Council present in favor.

REMARKS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

COUNCILMAN BEYER – thanked all who work for the borough and for the one-of-a-kind Terry Shannon. Thanks to Wayne Robenolt, last month was his last on council. It's important to have a variety of voices and thanks for his service to this town, we are grateful. Congratulations to Mike and Alisha. We look forward to your terms and using your skills and knowledge for the people of this community. To the community I look forward to serving you and making the inner workings of this government more understandable and accessible. Reach out to each other and to us and ask questions. Questions are actions. Get together, support each other, together we are better. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN CERRITO – congratulations to Mike Beach as Council President. He has served for quite some time and is devoted to the community. Welcome and congratulations to Alisha, public service seems to run in your blood. To all recognized tonight congratulations to each of you. Every day we rely on our community members and officials. Terry, congratulations on outstanding professional career, sad to see you go but well deserved. Wish all a safe and Happy New Year.

COUNCIWOMAN VANBERNUM – excited to take on this journey. Thank you, Terry, for all your hard work.

COUNCILMAN DRUMM – thanked all for coming tonight especially the county and state leaders, they work very well for us. Congratulations to Councilman Beach and Councilwoman VanBernum on their elections. I look forward to continue working with Mike and now with Alisha. Congratulations to officer of the year Tyler Selby and to Vivian for volunteer of the year, it's also good to see her mother, Marie. Thanks to Wayne even though he is not here tonight. He put a lot of time into the town through fire service and council; I wish him well in future endeavors. Thanks to all employees, we couldn't do anything without all of you. We will do something down the line for Terry but thank you for everything, we appreciate it.

COUNCILWOMAN MERCADO-MILLER – Happy New Year and Three Kings Day for those who celebrate. I'm excited to have Alisha join the team and not surprised that Mike is here for another

term, we look forward to 2026. Thanked Wayne for his service and will share my comments with him later for his commitment to Barrington. It takes a lot to do this work for the time commitment and the compensation we receive, so committing for that long should be celebrated. Thanks all for coming tonight, and our public service individuals taking time from their day to celebrate us. This is favorite meeting of the year, not only all of us seeing the great things happening in Barrington but everyone else outside of Barrington gets to see this also such as Vivan as volunteer of the year. I look forward to 2026. We are here every month so tell your neighbors and friends come share kudos and comments with us. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT BEACH – congratulations to Vivian and Officer Selby, well deserved and we appreciate all your work and volunteering. It's a good feat at 12 years old and hope mom-mom didn't push too hard. Thanks to Wayne Robenolt I will talk with him later. Thanks, Terry, for keeping us in line and all your advice and help we really appreciate it. Thanks Alisha, glad you are on council, you will be great additions to this team.

MAYOR HANSON – echoed colleagues' comments congratulating Councilman Beach and Councilwoman VanBernum. Congratulations to Vivian and Officer Selby on their awards. Thanks to the Boy Scouts and VanBernum and the Callan kids for helping with ceremony tonight. Mayor thanked the borough staff and appointed professionals and department heads, we rely heavily on their knowledge and wisdom, thanks to all. The Giving Tree project was phenomenal and through them the Civic Association helped 28 families, which included 81 children in town that received a full Christmas. Thanks to the community for all their support! Free ice-skating tomorrow night from 6-9pm for friends and family at the Cooper River rink through a partnership of the Borough and Civic Association.

ADJOURNMENT: Seeing no other business to be transacted on a Motion by Beyer, second by Cerrito, the Reorganization Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Approved: Terry Shannon
Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk