

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 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 Cerrito, Councilwoman Mercado-Miller, and Councilwoman VanBernum. Councilmen Beyer and Drumm with both 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 have been issued and will be publicly posted: Proclaiming February as Black History Month; Proclaiming February as National Cancer Prevention Month; Proclaiming February 17 as Random Acts of Kindness Day; and Proclaiming February as American Heart Month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Hanson reported that council was provided with the minutes of January 6, 2026, Reorg and caucus meetings, and January 13, 2026, council meeting, and asked if there were any corrections or abstentions. On a motion by Beach, second by Cerrito, the minutes were approved with all members present in favor.

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

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

The Clerk read the following ordinances by title:

Ord. 1223, Amending Article II in Chapter 295, Sewers, in the Borough Code and

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

On a motion by Beach, second by VanBernum, the second reading of these ordinances was approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes; Cerrito-yes; Mercado-Miller-yes; VanBernum-yes. On a motion by Cerrito, second by VanBernum, the public hearing on these ordinances was opened. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Mercado-Miller, second by Beach, the public hearing on these ordinances was closed.

On a motion by Beach, second by Mercado-Miller, Ord. 1223 was adopted with the following poll vote: Beach-yes; Cerrito-yes; Mercado-Miller-yes; VanBernum-yes.

On a motion by Beach, second by VanBernum, Ord. 1224 was adopted with the following poll vote: Beach-yes; Cerrito-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes; VanBernum-yes.

The ordinances were successfully adopted.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING

Ord. 1225, Calendar Year 2026 Ordinance to Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank

Ord. 1226, Ordinance Opting into the Garden State C-Pace Program to Facilitate the Financing of C-Pace Projects in the Borough of Barrington

Ord. 1227, Fixing the 2026 Compensation of Certain Officers and Employees of the Borough of Barrington

Ord. 1228, Adding Chapter 110, Affordable Housing, to the Borough Code

On a motion by Beach, second by Mercado-Miller, these ordinances were approved on first reading with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Cerrito-yes but no to 1228, Mercado-Miller-yes, VanBernum-yes but abstained on 1227.

Mayor Hanson announced that these ordinances will be considered for adoption following proper notice and a public hearing to be held during the March 10, 2026, council meeting.

RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA (the Clerk read the following by title)

- 2-2026-22 Resolution to Appoint a Fair Share Housing Municipal Housing Liaison
- 2-2026-23 Resolution to Appoint a Fair Share Housing Administrative Agent
- 2-2026-24 Endorsing an Amended Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan
- 2-2026-25 Authorizing Local Support for Brotherly Bud Barrington, LLC, for its Class 5 Cannabis Retailer Business License Application
- 2-2026-26 Authorizing Liens Against Certain Properties for Costs Incurred for Snow Removal in Accordance with Chapter 300 of the Borough Code
- 2-2026-27 Authorizing Refund of Street Opening Escrow and Permit Fees for 300 Austin Avenue
- 2-2026-28 Approving a Shared Service Agreement with Magnolia for Use of Aerial Truck
- 2-2026-29 Authorizing Change Order No. 1—Banner Pole Installation Project
- 2-2026-30 Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Tavistock
- 2-2026-31 Resolution to Allow Open Containers at the March 21 Night in Paris Event
- 2-2026-32 Authorizing Renewal in the Southern NJ Regional Employee Benefits Fund (HIF)
- 2-2026-33 Adding Tax Exemptions
- 2-2026-34 Approving the February Bill List in the Total Amount of: \$5,857,188.15
- 2-2026-35 Authorizing the Execution and Submission of the Application for Local Recreation Improvement Grant, FY2026, for the Pickleball Court Imps. at Lost World Park

On a motion by Beach, second by VanBernum, the resolution consent agenda was approved with the following poll vote: Beach- yes, Cerrito-yes but no on 24, 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.

MaryAnn Perrino asked how many shared services we participate in. Mayor Hanson responded that we have a lot. We have shared services with multiple towns for court services, seven towns with the Fire Alliance, we have shared services for some of our first responders and more. Perrino said that it could be all around and Mayor Hanson responded yes. Shared services help keep taxes lower.

Seeing no further comments from the public on a motion by Beach, second by Mercado-Miller, the public portion was closed.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Councilman Cerrito – nothing for me tonight Mayor.

Councilwoman VanBernum– the APT and WPTG are holding an annual skate night at Hot Wheels in Cherry Hill and all Barrington students are invited to participate. It is next Thursday from 6-8 and is free for all students. Siblings and family members are \$10. Registration is open for softball and baseball and will close at the end of the month.

Councilwoman Mercado-Miller – senior services are back from the winter pause. Eileen will be out until the beginning of March so reach out to Megan with any questions. The Board of Health closed the Health and Wellness survey and we will be compiling the responses and posting information on the results. That will help us to plan for future events around health and wellness. Green Team is not meeting tonight and will resume next month.

Council President Beach -- thanked all first responders and Public Works for responding to the storm. DPW worked 16 hour days and cleared all the sidewalks for kids walking to school. They did an amazing job.

Mayor Hanson – also thanked Public Works and first responders for their work dealing with the storm. Also thanks to the residents and businesses who did take the time to clear their walks. We did have to do some enforcement on those who did not. Eileen came through surgery successfully and we wish her a speedy recovery. He thanked all of the departments who are currently working on their budgets. Budget meetings will be held mid-March.

Seeing no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Beach, second by Mercado-Miller, the meeting was adjourned 6:12pm with all in favor.

APPROVED: *Terry Shannon*

Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk