

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026, 6:00 PM, 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 Clerk Shannon called the roll of council, and the following were present: Councilman Beyer, Councilman Drumm, and Councilwoman VanBernum. Councilman Cerrito and Councilwoman Mercado-Miller were absent with prior notice. Council President Beach arrived at 6:16pm. Also present were CFO/Deputy Clerk Denise Moules, Engineer Greg Evans and Solicitor Tim Higgins.

Engineer’s report

Greg Evans from KEI Engineers reported there are two action items for CDBG resolutions, one for architectural barrier removal at the municipal building and the other for the continuation of senior programs. We submitted an application for pickleball court at Lost World Park to DCA. Devon Avenue improvements will be submitted to DOT this month. Regarding the 2024 DOT project, everything that was delayed due to the weather will be commencing and we will notify you when we have the start dates. The flooring project in the municipal building is underway. We will be doing a final walkthrough.

Public Portion

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

Administration

Clerk Shannon reported on the following:

Public hearing on ordinances—the public hearing on Ord. 1225, COLA Ordinance to accompany the budget, Ord. 1226, Garden State C-Pace ordinance, Ord. 1227, 2026 Salary ordinance, and Ord. 1228, the Affordable Housing ordinance, will be held at the March 10 council meeting. You were provided with all of these ordinances previously so please review as we will be voting on adoption after the public hearing.

Resolutions for CDBG applications—KEI is preparing the 2026 applications for ADA improvements at the municipal building and the 2026 senior programs. The resolutions authorizing submission of these applications and execution of the agreements will be on the council agenda.

Fire Marshal D’Alonzo has requested that we adopt a Knox-box ordinance. He provided a sample of the ordinance Mount Ephraim has and asked that we consider adopting a similar ordinance. This will be added to the ordinances for introduction. He also has two vehicles that he no longer needs and would like them to be sold at public auction. We will add a resolution authorizing that they be sold either on GovDeals or at public auction.

Council agenda review

Ordinances for public hearing and adoption:

- Ord. 1225 COLA Ordinance
- Ord. 1226 Opting into the Garden State C-Pace Program
- Ord. 1227 2026 Salary Ordinance
- Ord. 1228 Affordable Housing Ordinance

Ordinance for introduction on first reading:

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

- Resolution authorizing application Municipal Alliance Funding
- Resolution to establish a Dedication by Rider for Housing Trust Fund
- Resolution for CDBG grant application for ADA improvements
- Resolution for CDBG grant application for senior programs
- Resolution authorizing refund to mortgage company for exempt veteran
- Resolution to approve the March bill list

Finance

CFO/Deputy Clerk Moules presented the monthly reports showing for the month of February. The budget by control is attached. There are a couple that are in the negative but overall the budget is in the black. Greg and I worked on funding sources for Beaverbrook and the Water Bank turned out to be the best option. Bond counsel is working on preparing the bond ordinance for this funding. Once it is received, I will send it out to you for review.

Council reports

Councilman Drumm thanked DPW and Public Safety for all their hard work during the recent storms.

Councilman Beyer reported the Green Team has some events coming up including opening of the Garden and the spring plant sale.

Councilman VanBernum reported baseball clean-up day is this Saturday. Softball is March 21. If anyone wants to volunteer, they will appreciate the help. Opening day for baseball is March 28 including parade and ceremony. Softball opening day is March 29. APT and WPTG designer bag bingo is March 21 at Glendora firehall. At council, I will present a proclamation to Sofia DeRosa for Women's History Month. She is a HHHS senior who is bringing attention to women's sports and wrestling. Her record is 30 wins and 4 losses. She is the first female wrestling captain in the school's history.

Councilman Beach thanked Public Works for their work during the snowstorm. Also thanks to all the first responders.

Mayor Hanson echoed the sentiments of his colleagues. The roads look better this time since we didn't get all the ice which made clean-up easier. Student government day is April 14 and the students will be shadowing us that day during the meeting. That is also Terry's last council meeting as well as introduction of the budget. Department heads will be submitting to the CFO this month. We had our first quarterly department head meeting today. We will be continuing those meetings to keep lines of communication open. Night in Paris will be March 21 on Barrington Avenue.

ACTION ITEM: Resolution for approval

Res. 3-2026-26 Authorizing a Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Contractual, Personnel, and/or Attorney/Client Privileged Matters

On a motion by Councilman Beyer, second by Councilman Drumm, the resolution was approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes; Beyer-yes; Drumm-yes; VanBernum-yes.

Seeing nothing else for open discussion, on a motion by Councilman Drumm, second by Councilman Beyer, the meeting adjourned to close session at 6:21 pm.

Approved: Terry Shannon
Terry Shannon, Clerk/RMC