

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 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 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.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Hanson announced that Councilwoman VanBernum will be presenting a proclamation. Councilwoman VanBernum asked Sofia DeRosa to join her in front of the dais. The proclamation honored Women's History Month and specifically Sofia DeRosa for the records she has set in female wrestling at Haddon Heights High School. She read all of her accomplishments including her 30-4 record.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Hanson reported that council was provided with the minutes of February 3, 2026, caucus meetings, and February 10, 2026, council meeting, and asked if there were any corrections or abstentions. On a motion by Drumm, second by Beach, the minutes were approved with all members present in favor except Beyer who abstained on the minutes from the 10th.

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 Beyer, second by VanBernum, 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 PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

The Clerk read the following ordinances by title:

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 Drumm, the second reading of these ordinances was approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes; Beyer-yes; Cerrito-no to 1228 but yes to the rest; Drumm-yes; Mercado-Miller-yes; VanBernum-yes but abstain on 1227. On a motion by Beyer, second by Mercado-Miller, the public hearing on these ordinances was opened. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Drumm, second by VanBernum, the public hearing on these ordinances was closed.

On a motion by Beyer, second by Drumm, Ord. 1225 was adopted with the following poll vote: Beach-yes; Beyer-yes; Cerrito-yes; Drumm-yes; Mercado-Miller-yes; VanBernum-yes.

On a motion by Drumm, second by VanBernum, Ord. 1226 was adopted with the following poll vote: Beach-yes; Beyer-yes; Cerrito-yes; Drumm-yes; Mercado-Miller-yes; VanBernum-yes.

On a motion by Drumm, second by Beyer, Ord. 1227 was adopted with the following poll vote: Beach-yes; Beyer-yes; Cerrito-yes; Drumm-yes; Mercado-Miller-yes; VanBernum-abstain.

On a motion by Drumm, second by Beyer, Ord. 1228 was adopted with the following poll vote: Beach-yes; Beyer-yes; Cerrito-no; Drumm-yes; Mercado-Miller-yes; VanBernum-yes.

The ordinances were successfully adopted.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING

Ord. 1229, Bond ordinance Providing for Various Improvements to the Beaverbrook Area in the Borough of Barrington, Appropriating \$1,100,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,100,000 Bonds or Notes to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

Ord. 1230, Ordinance of the Borough of Barrington, Adding Article II to Chapter 172, Fire Prevention, in the Borough Code

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

Mayor Hanson announced that these ordinances will be considered for adoption following proper notice and a public hearing to be held during the April 14, 2026, council meeting.

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

- 3-2026-37 Authorizing Submission and Execution of a Strategic Plan and Application for Municipal Alliance Funding
- 3-2026-38 Requesting Approval from the Director of DLGS to Establish a Dedicated Trust by Rider for Developers' Fees for Housing Trust Funds
- 3-2026-39 Authorizing Application for Program Year 2026 CDBG Funding for ADA Improvements at the Municipal Building
- 3-2026-40 Authorizing Application for Program Year 2026 CDBG Funding for Senior Programs
- 3-2026-41 Authorizing Refund of a Tax Payment to a Mortgage Company
- 3-2026-42 Authorizing Sale of Surplus Vehicles by Online Auction Process
- 3-2026-43 Adopting the Affirmative Marketing Manual

- 3-2026-44 Authorizing the Implementation of an Affordability Assistance Program and Adoption of the Affordability Assistance Manual
- 3-2026-45 Adopting the Rehabilitation Operating Manual for the Operation of a Housing Rehabilitation Program for Rental and For-Sale Units
- 3-2026-46 Adopting Spending Plan to Effectuate the Housing Element & Fair Share Plan
- 3-2026-47 Authorizing a Contract with Schaefer Fireworks
- 3-2026-48 Approving the March Bill List in the Total Amount of: \$676,490.52

On a motion by Drumm, second by VanBernum, the resolution consent agenda was approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Beyer-yes, Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes but abstaining on 43-46, 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 Beyer, second by VanBernum, the public portion of the meeting was opened.

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

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Councilman Beyer—tonight we have a compost workshop upstairs with the Green Team. This is one of the educational programs we will be doing and hope to be doing more.

Councilwoman VanBernum—Barrington Softball clean-up day is March 21. Opening Day for Little League is March 28 and for Softball it is March 29. Both will have a parade and ceremony.

Councilman Drumm—thanks you to DPW for their work in cleaning-up after the storm. Also thanks to our first responders. Congratulations to Sofia DeRosa on her amazing accomplishments.

Councilwoman Mercado-Miller – the seniors are back. The Green Team is having their first education program this evening for composting. Watch Facebook for more of these education programs. The Board of Health is having a Mayor’s Wellness Campaign meeting this week. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these events, watch the borough website and Facebook page.

Council President Beach -- thanked all first responders and Public Works for the wonderful job clearing our streets. Remember it is springtime—the speed limit is 25 mph. Kids will be out so please pay attention and keep your eyes open.

Mayor Hanson – also thanked Public Works for their work with the snowstorms. Student Government Day is April 14. The kids will be here that evening with us on the dais. Thanks to Denise and all the department heads for their work on the budget. We had our first quarterly department head meeting last week and it was productive. A Night in Paris is March 21 so please come out.

Seeing no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Beach, second by Mercado-Miller, the meeting was adjourned 6:17pm with all in favor.

APPROVED: Terry Shannon
Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk