

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON  
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING  
April 14, 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.

Mayor Hanson advised that there are a multitude of things happening tonight. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade student government day was today and a few of the students are here on the dais with us tonight. And we will also recognize our clerk Terry Shannon on her retirement.

**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.

**PROCLAMATION** Recognition of Student Government Day. Eighth Grade Woodland School students participated for the day going to the borough departments. At the council meeting the following students attended and shadowed members of council: Allie Brownlow, Sylvia Natale, Jeremy Diaz, Amelia Cranston, Kaylee Barron, Colin Bach.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Allie Brownlow reading for Mayor Hanson reported that council was provided with the minutes of March 3, 2026, caucus, and March 10, 2026, council meetings and asked if there were any corrections or abstentions. On a motion by Drumm, second by VanBernum, 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. Sylvia Natale read the Police monthly report. On a motion by Beyer, second by Drumm, 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**

- 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 Bond 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 Drumm, second by VanBernum, the second reading of ordinance 1229 and 1230 was approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Beyer-yes, Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, VanBernum-yes

On a motion by Beyer, second by Drumm, the public hearing was opened.

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

On a motion by Drumm, second by Beyer, ordinances 1229 was adopted with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Beyer-yes, Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, VanBernum-yes

On a motion by Beach, second by VanBernum, ordinance 1230 was adopted 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. 1231 Amending Chapter 360, Zoning, to Permit Class 3 Cannabis in the C-2 District
- Ord. 1232 Amending Cannabis Ordinance 1145 to Permit Operation of Class 3 Cannabis Businesses in the C-2 Business District
- Ord. 1233 Amending Chapter 167, Cannabis Fees and Charges, in the Borough Code
- Ord. 1234 Amending Chapter 167, Fees, for the Summer Recreation Program
- Ord. 1235 Ordinance Approving a Redevelopment Plan Amendment for Phases I, II and III
- Ord. 1236 Amending Chapter 339, Vehicles and Traffic, in the Borough Code

On a motion by Beyer, second by Drumm, 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 May12, 2026, council meeting.

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

- 4-2026-49 Approving a Person-to-Person and Place-to-Place Transfer of a Liquor License
- 4-2026-50 Approving Change Order No. 1 for the Borough Hall Parking Lot Improvements
- 4-2026-51 Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with Oaklyn for Street Sweeping
- 4-2026-52 Authorizing Entering into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with Cherry Hill
- 4-2026-53 Accepting the Retirement of Municipal Clerk Terry Shannon as of May 1, 2026
- 4-2026-54 Appointing a Shared Service Agreement with Runnemedede for QPA Services
- 4-2026-55 Appointing Denise Moules as Municipal Clerk as of May 1, 2026
- 4-2026-56 Authorizing a Contract with First Due for Online Payments for the Fire Alliance
- 4-2026-57 Designating Signatories for Bank Accounts
- 4-2026-58 Introduction of the 2026 Municipal Budget
- 4-2026-59 Adding Tax Exemptions
- 4-2026-60 Deleting Tax Exemptions
- 4-2026-61 Approving Change Order No. 1 for the Borough Hall Flooring Renovations
- 4-2026-62 Authorizing Crown Castle Fiber LLC to Place Wireless Facilities in Public Right-of-Way
- 4-2026-63 Approving the April Bill List in the Total Amount of: \$944,538.15

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, VanBernum-yes

## **PRESENTATION** to retiring Municipal Clerk, Terry Shannon

Mayor Hanson explained that Terry is a proud member of our Barrington community where she and her husband Bob raised their son Rob. Terry has worked here for nearly 27 years. She has gone above and beyond to give back to this community, and her impact can be seen across Barrington. She was involved in the Wish Upon a Star rebuild in 1996, took a lead role in having pavers installed at the town clock and the 911 Memorial, was part of the tree planting movement in town and started the extremely She is also a member and volunteer for the Kiwanis Club of the Haddon's. successful TNR Program in town with the help of Dawn Muchler. Terry was available, even on weekends and evenings, to assist five Mayors and Council members during her employment. Terry was also clerk in Mt. Ephraim through a shared service agreement. Terry has been a wealth of knowledge and always willing to help. The borough will be planting a tree in Terry's honor at a place where she will choose the type of tree to be planted; there will be a plaque commemorating her service to the town. Our current council members also paid tribute and thanks to Terry: Council President Mike Beach, Councilmembers Mike Drumm, Alex Beyer, Vince Cerrito, Melanie Mercado-Miller, and Alisha VanBernum.

The following thanked Terry for her time and service over the years: a proclamation from District 5 presented by Deputy County Administrator, former Mayors Patti Harris, John Rink, and a letter was submitted and read by former Councilman Kirk Popiolek from Bob Klaus since he is out of town. Former Council members Kirk Popilek and Maureen Bergeron also paid tribute along with Police Chief Mike Minardi, EMS Chief Kate Bowen, Fire Chief Joe Hales, DPW Superintendent Mike Ciocco, CFO and Deputy Borough Clerk Denise Moules, Secretary to Mayor and Council Eileen Holcombe, and Tax Office staff employee Meg O'Donnell. Terry' sister also spoke praises of Terry for their family and Terry's stepdaughter Tracy also paid tribute.

With no further public comment this portion was closed by Drumm, seconded by VanBernum.

## **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 Drumm, second by Beyer, the public portion of the meeting was opened.

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

## **COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

COUNCILMAN BEYER – Jeremy Diaz read the report. It's busy around town with many projects underway; we have recent renovations in the community center and as you can see, this council room and hallway and bids on the parking lot and ADA compliance to the Trenton Ave entrance. The parking lot bids will allow for the flow of stormwater, allowing it to be captured. Other projects continue throughout town to Lost World Park and Austin Ave. We are also excited about new businesses coming to town and look forward to their opening.

COUNCILMAN CERRITO – addressed Jeremy and said great job. With AI in today's world the challenges are bigger than ours were. Knowledge doesn't just come from books, it's great to have you all here tonight.

COUNCILWOMAN VANBERNUM – Amelia Cranston read the report. A Sincere thank you to Public Works for your support for softball and little league openings. Your assistance is appreciated. Upcoming events include Barrington Day/Fun Day on Saturday, May 2, 11am-4pm at the Little League Field on Shreve Ave. Bring your families and friends for an amazing day. Our Memorial Day service will be held at the borough hall Memorials on Monday, May 25 at 9am.

Please join us to show gratitude for the service of our Armed Forces personnel. Pride Day events in Barrington begin Wednesday, June 3, 6:30-8:30pm on Barrington Ave where we will celebrate the LGBTQ community.

COUNCILMAN DRUMM – thanked all the students for participating in student Government Day, hope to see one or all of you up here one day.

COUNCILWOMAN MERCADO-MILLER – Kaylee Barron read the report. Seniors had a wonderful St. Patrick’s Day celebrating a chair yoga session at Avon School with some of the students and we plan to host several more events together. The Green Team is working hard on several community events. The Community Garden opens this week, and Barrington’s Earth Day is this weekend. Signups are still open to pick and clean a spot around town. We will host two health fairs this year. Our first fair this past Saturday was great! Attending residents received health information with blood pressure scanning from Jefferson Health and prostate cancer screening and blood testing from UPENN. Seasonal vaccines were provided by ACME. We look forward to our second fair which is scheduled for early October. National Public Health Week and thank you for your time.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT BEACH – Colin Bach read the report. There is currently a project on the 400 block of Austin Ave including sewer and concrete work and Erie Ave and Trenton Ave and Bell Ave and White Horse Pike will also have sewer and concrete work done. Thanked Public Works for all your hard work. A reminder to residents that weather is getting nicer and kids and families will be out on bikes and taking walks. Our speed limit is 25mph throughout town, please be aware of walking all around town and of the crosswalks.

MAYOR HANSON – thanked all the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students who were here today, the kids shadowing us tonight as well as all the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who were here today and went to each department in our borough. We showed what goes on in town and how we run everything day to day. Mayor Hanson said he shadowed then Councilman Kirk Popiolek and now I’m in this seat so someday soon one of these kids may be up here. It takes courage for public speaking, and they did a great job, thanks for attending and helping with the meeting and to the other students who attended today.

Terry Shannon – thanked all for the proclamation and kind words, that was over the top. This is a great job. I lived in Barrington for 32 years and before that I was always at my grandparents’ home, which is now my home. There were 8 people in the room when I was interviewed, it was a horrible interview. This is a great town to work in and volunteer in. TNR success is due to Dawn Mutchler and it is very successful, and the Green Team success is due to Brittany and Alex Beyer and Peggy along with others. Mayor Hanson and Meg with the Civic Association, level of community in this town is unmatched. Terry worked with great governing bodies in this town and Mt. Ephraim. Also worked with wonderful department heads. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve the residents of Barrington for nearly 27 years, thanking all those she has worked with throughout the years, paying special attention to thank the Tax Office staff past and present, we are the “Best of South Jersey”. She expected to retire and travel with her husband “Bob from Barrington” who passed away last year but she still expects to travel and enjoy gardening. Terry said she isn’t going anywhere and will still volunteer around town.

Seeing no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Drumm, second by Beach, the meeting was adjourned 6:51pm.

APPROVED: Denise K. Moules  
Denise Moules, Borough Clerk