

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 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: Council President Beach, Councilman Beyer, Councilman Cerrito, Councilman Drumm, and Councilwoman VanBernum. Councilwoman Mercado-Miller was absent with prior notice. 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 is a voucher and change order for the Municipal Building Parking Lot project, change order for the Municipal Building Flooring Project and a resolution authorizing Crown Castle Fiber to place wireless facilities within the public right-of-way.

The Third Avenue traffic study at the intersection with Clements Bridge Road was reviewed. A study of the traffic movements on Third Avenue as traffic is coming off Clements Bridge Road confirms that when there are cars parked on Third Avenue near the intersection with Clements Bridge Road, the parked cars create a hazardous condition for cars turning off Clements Bridge when traffic is backed up on Third Ave as cars are waiting to enter Clements Bridge. We are recommending that center line is adjusted to allow enough space for cars to turn off Clements Bridge Road. The ordinance will be introduced at the April 14 Council meeting.

Other items reviewed are FY 2025 bids for Devon Road were approved by DOT, FY 2024 Austin Ave construction starting next week, and we are waiting on when Second Ave and Municipal Lot paving will commence.

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 Beyer, second by Councilman Drumm, the public portion was closed.

Administration

Clerk Shannon reported on the following:

There are revisions to cannabis and zoning ordinances - Mayor Hanson was approached by the applicant who requested the resolution of support and asked if the town would consider allowing Class 33 (wholesale) cannabis on the White Horse Pike corridor. This would increase our revenue as we would collect the 2% tax on the retail as well as the wholesale sales and the White Horse Pike corridor is the perfect location for this. To that end, Mayor Hanson requested that Solicitor Higgins prepare amending ordinances for both the cannabis ordinance and the corresponding zoning. These ordinances are attached for your review. They can be introduced at the April 14 meeting.

Revision to the peddling and soliciting ordinance—Bob Harris reached out to Solicitor Higgins because our peddling and soliciting ordinance is specific to door-to-door solicitors but does not cover food trucks. We were approached by someone who owns food trucks and wants to park them at the Barrington Business Center. The ordinance is attached for your review to be included on the April 14 Council meeting agenda. Council decided to table the ordinance for further review.

Financial Disclosure Statements - is that time of year again. The state has opened the Financial Disclosure process so you can go on and file. The process is the same as in recent years. Deadline to file is April 30.

Approval of person-to-person and place-to-place liquor license transfer—the police have completed the background and source of funds investigation for the transfer of the inactive liquor license previously used by Chuck Lager to Thirsty Turtle. Resolution authorizing the transfer will be on the agenda.

Resolution to approve a shared service agreement with Oaklyn—Mike Ciocco has requested that we enter into a shared service agreement with Oaklyn wherein they will provide street sweeping services to Barrington. The agreement language is attached for your review.

Resolution to join the Cherry Hill Purchasing Cooperative—Mike Ciocco has requested that we join the Cherry Hill Purchasing Cooperative. This allows us to benefit from lower prices attained by Cherry Hill as they negotiate on behalf of all of the members. This pertains to purchasing goods and services as well as collection of solid waste.

Council Agenda Review

Ordinances for public hearing and adoption:

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| Ord. 1229 | Capital ordinance for Beaverbrook funding with Water Bank Funds |
| Ord. 1230 | Fire Prevention ordinance regarding Rapid-entry Key Boxes |

Ordinance for introduction on first reading:

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| Ord. 1231 | Amending Chapter 360, Zoning, to Permit Class 3 Cannabis in the C-2 District |
| Ord. 1232 | Amending the Cannabis Ordinance to Allow Class 3 in the C-2 District |
| Ord. 1233 | Amending Chapter 339, Vehicles & Traffic, No Parking on a Portion of Third Ave. |
| Ord. 1234 | Authorizing fees for summer recreation program |
| Ord. 1235 | Amending Zoning for Revisions to the Redevelopment Plan (Fair Share Housing) |

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

- Resolution approving person-to-person and place-to-place liquor license transfer
- Resolution for Change Order No. 1, Borough Hall Parking Lot project
- Resolution for authorizing shared service with Oaklyn for street sweeping
- Resolution to participate in Cherry Hill purchasing cooperative
- Resolution to appoint qualified purchasing agent through shared service agreement
- Resolution to appoint Denise as Municipal Clerk as of May 1
- Resolution authorizing contract with First Due for online payments to the Fire Alliance
- Authorizing signature change for Mid Penn Bank
- Resolution to introduce the 2026 Municipal Budget
- Adding tax exemptions
- Deleting tax exemptions
- Resolution to approve the April bill list

Finance

CFO/Deputy Clerk Moules presented the monthly reports showing for the month of March. The budget meetings were held on March 24th with the department heads and the Finance Committee. All departments have accommodated the expectation of requesting reasonable changes to their budgets. Areas of increase were employee contracts, utilities, DEP street sweeping requirements, health/liability insurance, and statutory expenditures. The proposed budget has an estimated tax increase of .0352 which is about an increase of \$69.64 to the average home valuation of 194,677.00.

Council Reports

Councilman VanBernum reported that May 2nd is Barrington Family Day which a combination of Barrington Day and Little Leagues Family Day. The Borough is supporting the event by covering the cost of the inflatables. The event will be from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Memorial Day ceremony is Monday, May 25th at 9:00am. Pride Event will be held on Wednesday, June 3rd from 6:00p to 8:00pm and June 10th is the following Wednesday.

Councilwoman Mercado-Miller provided a report of the meeting. The Seniors chair yoga was a huge hit. During the power outage near at The Reserve a resident was temporarily displaced and stayed at the Borough and received great support.

Green Team the community garden will open in a few weeks, and they are also planning another rain barrel distribution.

Board of Health hosting a Health Fair on Saturday, April 11 from 10:00am – 1:00pm at the Borough Hall and the second Health Fair will be in October.

Mayor Hanson noted that the Townwide Yard sale will be on Saturday, April 25th. Student Government Day will be on Tuesday, April 14th. The eighth-grade class will visit all the departments. I want to pre-emptively thank the departments for their participation. The students will be shadowing us on the dais, and I would ask each Council member to write up something for the student to read at the meeting.

Seeing nothing else for open discussion, on a motion by Councilman Drumm, second by Councilman President Beach, the meeting adjourned to close session at 6:42 pm.

Approved: Denise Moules
Denise Moules, Clerk/RMC