

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 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 Moules called the roll of council, and the following were present: Councilman Beyer, Councilman Cerrito, Councilman Drumm and Councilwoman Mercado-Miller. Council President Beach and Councilwoman VanBernum were absent with prior notice. Also present were Engineer Greg Evans and Solicitor Tim Higgins.

Engineer's Report

Greg Evans from KEI Engineers reported the following action items:

- Approving Resolution for the FY 2027 NJDOT Municipal Aid Application
- Approving Voucher No. 5 and Change Order No. 5 for Second Avenue Improvements
- Approving Voucher No. 2-Final for Municipal Building Flooring Project

The Borough received a complaint about the intersection of Oak Avenue and Clinton Avenue. A report was distributed to Council about the intersection and the request for stop signs. Engineer Fusco recommends a four-way stop. There are no accidents reported for this intersection, we are preemptively solving problems before there is an issue. The ordinance will be prepared for the Council meeting.

Other items reviewed: Devon Road Improvement was awarded to Asphalt Paving Systems, and the preconstruction meeting will be on June 17th. Municipal Lot paving improvement is working on confirming the schedule.

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 Councilman Cerrito, the public portion was closed.

Administration

Clerk Moules reported on the following:

There were discussions about revising the Chicken Ordinance that was implemented in 2016 after a pilot program. Solicitor Higgins will review ordinances from neighboring town and have an ordinance for review at the July caucus meeting.

Council Agenda Review

Ordinances for public hearing and adoption:

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| Ord. 1237 | 2026 Capital Program funded by Capital Improvement Fund |
| Ord. 1238 | 2026 Capital Program funded by Bonds or Notes |
| Ord. 1239 | Compensation for AFSCME Contract |

Ordinance for introduction on first reading:

1240 Amending the Vehicle and Traffic Code to add 4 way stop at Clinton and Oak Aves

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

- Resolution Approving FY 2027 NJDOT Municipal Aid Application
- Approving Change Order No. 5 for Second Avenue Improvements
- Chapter 159 Resolution
 - Donation Summer Recreation (\$250)
 - Alcohol, Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund (\$2,032.95)
 - FY 2025 Bulletproof Vest Program (\$1,229.21)
- Appointing Deputy Registrar
- Reappointing Tax Assessor for 4-year term with automatic tenure
- Approving Dedicated by Rider for Tax Premiums, Developer Escrow Fund, Green Team, Food Donations
- Liquor License Renewals – Hari Ohm Wine and Liquor Shop Inc., Off the Rails Venture LLC, Ordell LLC, and SAS Barrington LLC
- Appointing Fund Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner to JIF and SNJREBF
- Appointing Vincent Speakman as Patrolman
- Authorizing the Implementation of Cash Payment Rounding Policy for “Pennies”
- Resolution to approve the June bill list

Finance

CFO/Deputy Clerk Moules presented the monthly reports showing for the month of May.

Emergency Appropriation resolution may be needed for potential property maintenance lien. Resident was notified about remediation, if payment is not received within the timeframe defined by the legal notice, a resolution authorizing an expense over the budgeted amount will be added to next week’s agenda. If the resident makes payment before the end of the year, the emergency appropriation will be canceled.

Councilman Drumm asked Solicitor Higgins about the process to address abandoned properties. Councilman Drumm to email Tax Collector Emmett and Solicitor Higgins with the address in question to see if the taxes are up to date.

Council Reports

Councilman Cerrito June 9th will be the military appreciation ceremony for any students going to a military academy. Contact Eileen Holcombe or Councilman Cerrito with any names.

Councilwoman Mercado-Miller pride event is today. Green Team is having their plant sale and mosquito bucket challenge.

Council Reports (contd.)

Mayor Hanson informed Council that he held a quarterly meeting with the Department Heads, and it was a very productive meeting and very good conversation. Pride Event started at 6:00pm. The Civic Association will be holding the Block Party on June 6th and the profits fund the other events throughout the year and sponsoring families at Christmas time.

Summer Recreation Program starts on June 23rd for seven weeks. There are over 75 participants, and a number are from out of town. Congrats to our Director Donnie Lang, Assistant Director Emily Nicholson and an entirely new group of counselors.

Congrats to our new clerk for handling her first Election Day.

There will be a closed session where no action will be taken

Resolution For Approval

Res. 6-2026-90 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 Councilwoman Mercado-Miller, the resolution was adopted with the following poll vote: Beyer-yes, Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes,

Motion to adjourn to closed session was by Councilman Beyer, seconded by Councilwoman Mercado-Miller at 6:20pm.

Motion to return from closed session was by Councilman Beyer, seconded by Councilwoman Mercado-Miller at 6:26pm.

As a result of the discussion, Solicitor Higgins will provide Council with a resolution and an agreement with the Hidden Pond Homeowners' Association for next week's council meeting.

Seeing nothing else for open discussion, on a motion by Councilman Beyer, second by Councilwoman Mercado-Miller, the meeting adjourned to close session at 6:26 pm.

Approved: Denise Moules
Denise Moules, Clerk/RMC