

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 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: Council President Beach, Councilman Beyer, Councilman Cerrito, Councilwoman Mercado-Miller, and Councilwoman VanBernum. Councilman Drumm was absent with prior notice. Also present were Engineer Greg Evans and Solicitor Tim Higgins.

Resolution Appointing Police Officer

5-2026-64 Appointing Nicholas Gagliardi Jr. as a Patrolman in the Barrington Police Department

On motion by Councilman Beyer, seconded by Councilwoman VanBernum, the resolution to appoint Officer Nicholas Gagliardi Jr was approved with the following poll vote: Beach- yes, Beyer-yes, Cerrito-yes, Drumm-absent, Mercado-Miller-yes, VanBernum-yes.

The new officer was sworn in by Mayor Kyle Hanson.

Engineer's Report

Greg Evans from KEI Engineers reported the following action items:

- Resolution for Installation of "The Reserve" ID Sign – Council requests that an arrow be included on the sign.
- Award/Reject Bids Received for Devon Rd Improvements – We received four bids and will recommend awarding to the lowest bidder - Asphalt Paving Systems.
- Resolution approving Application for Camden County Open Space, Round 2026 for a Pickleball Court at Lost World Park
- Voucher No. 4 and change order No. 4 for Second Avenue Improvements
- Voucher No 1 and change order No. 1 for Austin Avenue Improvements

Other items reviewed: the FY 2027 DOT applications are due on July 1st, will collaborate with the Mayor and Council-President to select a project to have the resolution added to the June Council agenda. The Second Avenue Project is in the process of paving; there was a short delay due to a water main break on a section of Trenton Ave. Municipal Lot paving improvement has been delayed due to conflicts with operations of the facility.

Public Portion

On a motion by Councilman President Beach, second by Councilwoman Mercado-Miller, the public portion was opened.

Resident Scott Hunt presented a complaint about an exterior strobe light on the apartment behind by house that is shining into his home. Mayor Hanson confirmed that he would reach out to the Commercial Zoning Officer to address the concern.

Seeing no more public comment, on a motion by Councilman Cerrito, second by Councilman Beyer, the public portion was closed.

Administration

Clerk Moules reported on the following:

At the last meeting Council tabled revisions to the peddling and soliciting ordinance to include food trucks. The proposed change will require additional review and if needed will be included on the June agenda.

Information attached to the agenda is the proposed capital ordinance funded through the Capital Improvement Fund and the ordinance that includes the DOT Grant for Haines Avenue Improvements and the Public Safety Building Grant. The ordinances are prepared for introduction at the May 12th meeting.

Council Agenda Review

Ordinances for public hearing and adoption:

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)

Ordinance for introduction on first reading:

Ord. 1237	2026 Capital Program funded by Capital Improvement Fund
Ord. 1237	2026 Capital Program funded by Bonds or Notes

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

- Resolution for Installation of “The Reserve” ID Sign – authorization for use of easement for sign
- Award/Reject Bids Received for Devon Rd Improvements
- Resolution approving Application for Camden County Open Space, Round 2026
- Voucher No. 4 and change order No. 4 for Second Avenue Improvements
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- Certification of Compliance under Equal Employment Opportunity Commission – requested resolution for the 2026 budget submission.
- Resolution Adopting 2026 Municipal Budget
- Chapter 159 Resolution
 - 2026 Mid Penn Bank Donation – Fireworks (\$6,000)
 - Donation Borough Signage (\$3,000)
 - 2026 National Night Out (\$500)
 - 2025 JIF Safety Incentive Award (\$1,500)
 - First Responder Grant (Police) – CSX Transportation (\$2,500)

Resolutions for approval by consent agenda (contd.)

- Permitting Open Container During Pride Event on June 3 – 6:00p – 8:00p
- Settlement Agreement for Vacant Property Registration – resolve payment claims for registrations.
- Referring matters to the Barrington Planning Board – Amending Redevelopment Plan and Class 3 and Class 5 Cannabis businesses
- Agreement with Acuity Consulting Services for Role as Affordable Housing Administrative Agent – Housing Administrative Agent is required by the State.
- Agreement with Acuity Consulting Services for Affordable Housing Planning Services – requested funding to complete the state filing requirements and updating the redevelopment plan.
- Agreement for Educational Benefits Reimbursement for Captain Dave Pawling – reimbursement for master's degree for courses from 2025 - 2027
- Agreement for Educational Benefits Reimbursement for Sgt. Detective Patrick Dascenzo - reimbursement for bachelor's degree for courses from 2025 – 2027 according to the PBA Contract
- Designating Depository – Mid Penn Bank - 1st Colonial Bank was purchased this year and the conversion to Mid Penn Bank was on April 27th.
- Rescinding Cannabis Letter of Support for Brotherly Bud Barrington LLC – Res. 2-2026-25
- Authorizing Cannabis Letter of Support for RTO Dispensary, LLC
- Resolution Increasing Bid Threshold - \$53,000 – new threshold was in effect as of July 2025. Resolution required to formally increase threshold
- Authorizing a Stipend for Electrical Sub Code Official and Plumbing Sub Code Official – Additional inspections for apartment complexes permits.
- Adding Tax Exemption for Veteran
- Resolution to approve the May bill list

Finance

CFO/Deputy Clerk Moules presented the monthly reports showing for the month of April. The budget is set to be adopted; we are waiting for final approval from the State.

Council Reports

Councilman Cerrito still confirming June 9th will be the military appreciation for any students going to a military academy.

Councilman Beyer congratulations for a good event for Barrington Fun Day. Thank DPW for fixing holes in the fence at Lost World Park. Have resident contacted me about dogs off leash and spoke to Chief Minardi and Captain Pawling. We may need to talk about this further and about enforcement.

Council Reports (contd.)

Councilman VanBernum reported Barrington Family Day was a great day. 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 on Barrington Ave.

Councilwoman Mercado-Miller great job Alisha on Barrington Family Day. Green Team is having their plant sale and will be distributing the plants the first weekend in June, please check the website. I want to thank DPW during this transition with Terry leaving and other volunteers stepping up to help out. The Seniors Social will be May 21st please attend if you can.

After discussions with the County, the Board of Health has retired the Health Officer title. If there are any issues, please email the Board of Health email.

Council President Beach congratulated Patrolman Gagliardi on becoming our newest officer. Also want to acknowledge it is National Public Works Week in May.

Mayor Hanson also congratulation Patrolman Gagliardi and welcome to the Barrington family. There was a situation at the intersection of Moore Ave and Gloucester Pike. A child on bicycle was struck by a vehicle; the child has no major injury. I reached out to the County for assistance, the crosswalks were restriped and the Borough will share the cost with the County for pedestrian signs at that intersection. Thank the County for being so responsive.

Thanks to Councilwoman VanBernum for planning the Barrington Fund Day and for volunteers at the Green Team table. Civic Association will be hosting the Block Party on June 6th.

Mayor Hanson asked if the department heads in attendance had anything to add. Chief Minardi thanked Council for appointing Patrolman Gagliardi tonight.

Senior Coordinator Holcombe added that there will be another event on May 14th breakfast with the Police and EMS.

Seeing nothing else for open discussion, on a motion by Council President Beach, second by Councilman Beyer, the meeting adjourned to close session at 6:30 pm.

Approved: Denise Moules
Denise Moules, Clerk/RMC