

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
June 9, 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, Borough Clerk Denise Moules, and Solicitor Timothy Higgins were also on the dais.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPROVAL:

Mayor Hanson will administer the Oath of Office for Officer Speakman

6-2026-91 Appointing Vincent Speakman as a Patrolman in the Barrington Police Department

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

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Hanson administered the Oath of Office to Officer Vincent Speakman

Mayor Hanson welcomed Officer Speakman to the force. He stated that usually everyone has a chance to speak and welcome the officer but council has a hefty agenda, so he welcomed on behalf of all of council.

PROCLAMATIONS:

June as PRIDE Month; June as Men's Health Month; June as National Gun Violence Awareness Month

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ENTERING SERVICE:

Councilman Cerrito presented a certificate recognizing Ryan Bailey who will enter the Coast Guard after high school graduation this year. He thanked him for his commitment to serve.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Hanson reported that council was provided with the minutes of the May 12, 2026, council meeting and asked if there were any corrections or abstentions. On a motion by Beach, second by Drumm, 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. On a motion by Drumm, second by Mercado-Miller, the monthly departmental reports were accepted with the following poll vote: Beach- yes, Beyer-abstain, Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, VanBernum-yes

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING

ORD. 1240 Amending Chapter 339, Vehicles and Traffic of the Borough Code

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

This ordinance will be considered for adoption after proper notice and a public hearing to be held during the July 14, 2026, council meeting.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

Ord. 1237 Capital Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements, by and in the Borough of Barrington, Camden County, NJ; Appropriating \$375,000 Therefor from the Capital Improvement Fund to Pay for the Cost Thereof

Ord. 1238 Bond Ordinance Providing for Various 2026 General Capital Improvements, by and in the Borough of Barrington, Camden County, NJ,; Appropriating \$1,143,000 Therefor (Including Two Grants in the Aggregate Amount of \$697,685) and Authorizing the Issuance of \$423,049 Bonds or Notes to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

Ord. 1239 Fixing the Compensation for Certain Employees Covered by AFSCME, Council 63, Local 3528 Contract

On a motion by Drumm, second by VanBernum, the second reading of ordinances 1237 through 1239 were 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 Mercado-Miller, the public hearing was opened.

Seeing no comments from the public, on a motion by Beach, second by Drumm, the public hearing on the ordinances was closed.

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

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

6-2026-92 Approval to Submit Grant Application and Execute Grant Agreement with DOT for Improvements to Haines Avenue Phase II

6-2026-93 Change Order No 5 for Improvements to Second Avenue

6-2026-94 Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Expenses for Grants Received

6-2026-95 Appointing Mindy Berwick as Deputy Registrar

6-2026-96 Authorizing the Appointment of Richard Buscemi III

- 6-2026-97 Request Dedicated by Rider for Tax Premiums
- 6-2026-98 Request Dedicated by Rider for Street Opening Escrows
- 6-2026-99 Request Dedicated by Rider for Donations for Green Team
- 6-2026-100 Request Dedicated by Rider for Developer Escrows
- 6-2026-101 Request Dedicated by Rider for Donations for Food Pantry
- 6-2026-102 Authorize Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption and Distribution Licenses
- 6-2026-103 Appointing Fund Commissioner and Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Joint Insurance Fund and the Southern NJ Regional Employee Benefit Fund
- 6-2026-104 Authorizing the Implementation of the Cash Payment Rounding Policy
- 6-2026-105 Authorizing Refund for Construction Permit Fee
- 6-2026-106 Authorizing the Execution of Agreement with the Hidden Ponds Homeowners Associate and Individual Property Owners Related to Sanitary Sewer Pump Station and Detention Basin
- 6-2026-107 Authorizing Emergency Appropriation for Property Maintenance Remediation
- 6-2026-108 Approving the June Bill List in the Amount of: \$ 1,357,489.24

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

Seeing no comments from the public on a motion by Beyer, second by Van Bernum, the public portion was closed.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

COUNCILMAN BEYER – congratulations to our newest Patrolman. Thanks to Ryan and all entering the military service. Thanks to all who volunteer in town, both employees and residents. You can see from our successful events that there are many volunteers and we have more upcoming events that need volunteers. Community is important for us to thrive and feel connected, and we appreciate all of our volunteers.

COUNCILMAN CERRITO - congratulations Vincent Speakman and we wish you the best of luck, we will see you around town. Congratulations to Ryan as he enters the service, an important decision at such a young age.

COUNCILWOMAN VANBERNUM – our Memorial Day and Pride events were successful, thanks to DPW, Police, office staff, and Eileen Holcombe for helping to organize the events. Join us July 2 at 6pm for our parade and fireworks; all clubs, churches, organizations, and residents are invited to participate in our parade. You can email me to sign up, and more information will be coming soon. The Councilwoman also congratulated her cousin Ryan on entering the military service, thank you.

COUNCILMAN DRUMM – congratulations Ryan and thanks for your future service, it's a great thing and big decision. Congratulations also to Patrolman Speakman, we know he is joining an excellent police force. Congratulations to all of our graduates from fourth grade through high school and college. Have a happy and safe 4th of July.

COUNCILWOMAN MERCADO-MILLER – huge thank you to Public Works for supporting the Green Teams annual native plant sale; thanks to Police and all involved in the Hooked on Fishing event this past weekend, it was also very successful. Thank you construction department officials for responding to Health Department needs in an immediate fashion. July senior events, they are open Tuesdays and Thursdays to drop in to play cards, crafts and more. June 17 is a Resorts Casino trip, June 25 is lunch for Department of Public Works employees at 12:30pm. They will show a patriotic movie the end of June and on July 2 they will serve hot dogs, baked beans, sauerkraut, and cold refreshments and play games for an indoor picnic. For more information contact Eileen or Meg, our wonderful coordinators for senior services. As we move into summer months, be safe on the roads and remind others to be safe also. On July 1, the new E-bike regulations are in effect. Take care of each other and yourself.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT BEACH – congratulations to Patrolman Speakman and Ryan Bailey. Ryan comes from a great family and it's not surprising he made such a responsible decision at his age, and we thank him for his service. As the Councilwoman said, summer is coming, kids will be graduating and they are out on E-Bikes. Please remember our roads are 25mph and we have a lot of crosswalks throughout town. Please watch for the kids crossing.

MAYOR HANSON – again congratulated Patrolman Speakman and Ryan Bailey, Ryan is also a great guitar player and singer. Sundae, Sunday that Civic Association hosts is this Sunday at 3pm at the Wish Upon a Star Park. As mentioned, the parade and fireworks are on Thursday, July 2. The Farmers Market that BerriCaffinated and Elevated Golf host will begin soon; dates will be posted on the lighted sign. As previously stated for Green Team event and Block Party, thanks to all the volunteers including members of the governing body.

Seeing no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Beach, second by Mercado -Miller the meeting was adjourned 6:19 pm.

APPROVED: Denise Moules
Denise Moules, Borough Clerk