

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
May 12, 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.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Hanson will administer the Oath of Office for Borough Clerk Denise Moules

ROLL CALL

The Municipal Clerk called roll of Council with the following in attendance: Council President Beach will arrive late, Councilman Beyer, Councilman Drumm, Councilwoman Mercado-Miller, and Councilwoman VanBernum. Councilman Cerrito was absent. Mayor Hanson, Borough Clerk Denise Moules, and Solicitor Timothy Higgins were also on the dais.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Hanson will administer the Oath of Office for Officer Nicholas Gagliardi, Jr.

Mayor Hanson asked Police Chief Minardi and council for remarks so all officers present could return to work. All councilman members present gave praise to the Police administration and officers we now have and welcomed Officer Gagliardi to the force. The officer was told he joined the best police department in New Jersey. The police work very well hand in hand with this governing body. Police Chief Minardi is excited to have Officer Gagliardi from another police department and said he will fit in great.

Diane Schreyer – welcomed the officer to Barrington

PROCLAMATIONS:

National Police Week; EMS Week; Mental Health Awareness Month, National Public Works Week; National Women's Health Week; Jewish American Heritage Month; National Foster Care Month; National Wildfire Awareness Month; National Military Appreciation; Brain Cancer Awareness Month; Older Americans Month

Council President Beach thanked DPW saying they always do a great job and we appreciate them.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Hanson reported that council was provided with the minutes of the April 14, 2026, council meeting and asked if there were any corrections or abstentions. On a motion by Beyer, second by Mercado-Miller, 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 VanBernum, the monthly departmental reports were accepted with the following poll vote: Beach- yes, Beyer-abstain, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, VanBernum-yes

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 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 Drumm, second by Mercado-Miller, the second reading of ordinances 1231 through 1236 were approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Beyer-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, VanBernum-yes

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

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

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

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

5-2026-65	Referring Certain Matters to the Barrington Planning Board for Review and Recommendation Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26
5-2026-66	Authorizing Use of Easement for Signage for The Reserve
5-2026-67	Approving Change Order 4 for Second Avenue Improvements
5-2026-68	Approving Change Order 1 for Austin Avenue Phase IV Improvements
5-2026-69	Authorizing Submission of Camden County Open Space Application – Round 2026
5-2026-70	Awarding a Contract to Asphalt Paving Systems for Devon Road Improvements
5-2026-71	Permitting Open Container During the June 3, 2026 Event
5-2026-72	Authorizing Agreement with Acuity Consulting Services for Affordable Housing Planning Services
5-2026-73	Amending Designation of Depository for 2026
5-2026-74	Authorizing Settlement Agreement Relation to Action Filed in the Superior Court of New Jersey
5-2026-75	Rescinding Resolution 2-2026-25 Brotherly Bud Barrington LLC Support Resolution
5-2026-76	Authorizing Support for RTO Dispensary, LLC for Cannabis Retailer Business License Application
5-2026-77	Authorizing Agreement with David Pawling for Certain Educational Benefits
5-2026-78	Authorizing Agreement with Patrick D'Ascenzo for Certain Educational Benefits
5-2026-79	Approving Specific Salaries and Wages for 2026
5-2026-80	Amending Shared Service Agreement with Borough of Stratford for Electric Inspector
5-2026-81	Authorizing a Contract with AFSCME Council 63
5-2026-82	Increasing the Bid Threshold per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3

- 5-2026-83 Certification of Compliance with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"
- 5-2026-84 Appointing Kristy Emmett as Deputy Borough Clerk
- 5-2026-85 Adding a Tax Exemption for a Totally Disabled Veteran
- 5-2026-86 Approving the May Bill List in the Amount of: \$ 6,456,026.76

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Please 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 hearing was opened.

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

- 5-2026-87 Resolution Amending 2026 Budget

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

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING

- 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 first reading on the ordinances was approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Beyer-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, VanBernum-yes

These ordinances will be considered for adoption after proper notice and a public hearing to be held during the June 9, 2026, council meeting.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

COUNCILMAN BEYER – welcome and congratulations to Denise, we are happy to have and to work together. Lots going on with new businesses, the Thirsty Turtle and Dollar Tree working to open. Our website has information for all including hazardous issues. You may contact Public Works about any of those issues.

COUNCILWOMAN VANBERNUM – upcoming local events include our annual Memorial Day Service on May 25 at 9am at the borough. Wednesday, June 3 is our Pride Event from 6pm on Barrington Ave.

COUNCILMAN DRUMM – congratulations to Denise, we know you will do a fantastic job as always. The Councilman recognized the Police and EMS Departments, along with Public Works Week on their proclamations saying they all do a fantastic keeping our borough safe, thank you for all you do.

COUNCILWOMAN MERCADO-MILLER – shout out to Green Team and all helping on Earth Day to clean up including young ones who needed volunteer hours. If you need volunteer hours please contact us reach out to the Councilwoman or anyone else on council. The Green Team is also having their native plant sale, and forms are due by May 22. The “mosquito bucket challenge” is coming back this summer in early June, we make them in the community garden so watch for information. Upcoming senior events include May 14 with a brunch for Police and EMS, a fraud prevention presentation on Tuesday, May 19 at 1pm and an Ice Cream Social on May 21 with Mayor and Council scooping ice cream and fourth graders serving the seniors, door open at 5:30pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT BEACH – thanked Police and EMS for all they do and Denise for her work on the budget, she is doing a wonderful job. The Council President again spoke about the 25mph speed limit throughout town and the need to be watchful for kids and others in the crosswalks. With sports and nice weather kids will be out more, we have a lot of crosswalks so be aware and stop at crosswalks for the children.

MAYOR HANSON – thanked Little League and Councilwoman VanBernum for the work in planning Barrington/Fun Day, it was great success. The Civic Association annual block party is at Deere Field on Saturday, June 6, 3-10pm. Independence Day festivities this year are on July 2 with the parade and fireworks at dusk. Congratulations to Denise, most of you see her once a month but I see her here Saturday morning for class and Sunday doing work. We are lucky to have her.

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 Mercado-Miller, the public portion of the meeting was opened.

Paul Gross – there is a bad hurricane season predicted and due to the flood in 2019 can Public Works be sure the ditches and pipes at the woods and the state owned area are cleaned so there are no problems. He asked if the Mews was still on a PILOT program or paying taxes. The Mayor advised the PILOT expired and they are paying taxes.

Diane Schreyer – congratulated Denise on her clerk’s appointment.

Terry Shannon, former borough clerk, retired. Congratulated Denise, saying she will do a great job, and the borough is in great hands.

Scott Ross – may he put up more scouting recruiting signs around the borough and he was advised yes.

Paul Gross – about youngsters on electric bikes and scooters, they don’t follow traffic laws, and someone is going to get run over and it’s a serious problem. Can the schools address this problem? Councilwoman Mercao-Miller, Board of Health contact, said there was legislation

passed at the state level. The Board of Health is working with the Police on getting the new information out to the public, there will be an opportunity in June.

Lois Eckman – brought the issue with electric bikes up a year ago. She was advised there would be education for the kids, did that ever happen? Councilwoman Mercado-Miller said that is what she was just addressing. Chief Minardi said this issue comes every year whether regular bikes or electric bikes. The police gather information and the SRO's, School Resource Officers, meet with the kids and pass along information they need to learn, a warning on helmets or other advice. The police do enforce along with that. Ms. Eckman asked if that is in the schools or general public, is it one on one? The Chief advised it is in schools with an assembly or individual classes. We do our best to address this problem.

Paul Gross – added its not just children but adults too on electric bikes. The Chief said we do enforce any problems we observe. You may not see it, but it is being enforced.

Scott Ross – suggested bike lanes on Third Ave. He was advised that it is a county road and is currently under design for repaving and milling and sewer draining for stormwater issues.

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

Seeing no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Beyer, second by Drumm, the meeting was adjourned 6:32 pm.

APPROVED: Denise Moules
Denise Moules, Borough Clerk