

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 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 Moules called the roll of council, and the following were present: Councilman Beyer, Councilman Cerrito, Councilman Drumm. Councilwoman Mercado-Miller is on her way. Council President Beach was 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:

- No action items at this time
- Approving Resolution for the FY 2027 NJDOT Municipal Aid Application Haines Ave Phase 2 was submitted

FY 2025 Devon Road improvements, the contractor commenced with construction. The residents objected to planted islands in middle of road, so the road was narrowed from 40ft to 34ft

- FY 2024 Austin Ave Phase 4, water company is done, sewer improvements are done, work is anticipated to begin the week of the 20th. A notice will be issued when the date is firm.
- Pickleball Court improvements at Lost World Park, Round 2026 Open Space Application was submitted, they met onsite to review the improvements. Awards are anticipated in November. A rain garden is also included.

Councilman Beyer asked if there are water issues there and Mr. Evans advised that there are wetlands and we will work around them, but it will be okay.

- The municipal building parking lots are anticipated to begin work the week of July 20, all have been advised of schedule and the contractor knows he needs to coordinate with Clerk Moules and Chief Minardi. Notice was posted on the borough website.

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 Councilwoman Mercado-Miller, the public portion was closed.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION BY CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion to approve by Drumm, second by VanBernum

Poll vote: Beyer- yes, Cerrito- yes, Drumm- yes, Mercado-Miller- yes, VanBernum- yes

Motion to open public hearing: by Beyer, second by Mercado-Miller

Motion to close: by Drumm, second by VanBernum

Motion to adopt Ordinance 1239: by Drumm, second by VanBernum

Poll vote: Beyer- yes, Cerrito- yes, Drumm- yes, Mercado-Miller- yes, VanBernum- yes

Administration

Clerk Moules reported on the following:

- Discussion about revising the Chicken Ordinance that was implemented in 2016 after a pilot program.
- NJ League of Municipalities – Supreme Court Ruling Extends OPRA to Private Email Use
- NJ League of Municipalities Conference is November 17 – 19, 2026. Early registration is from July 1 - August 31. Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

ADMINISTRATION – AUGUST MEETING

- Public Utility Pole Replacement / Removal Enforcement Ordinance

The Mayor advised there was a discussion at a Conference of Mayors meeting, and several towns are not having poles replaced for 6 months or a couple of years because there is no communication between utilities. The conference will do a pole throughout the state and see if there are draft ordinances in place already that we could follow.

Council Agenda Review

Ordinance for introduction on first reading:

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- Ord. 1241 Chapter 313 – Class III and Class V Cannabis Tax
- Ord. 1242 Chapter 170 – Regulation of Filming

Councilwoman Mercado-Miller inquired where the regulation came from and was there a request in our town. She was advised by Mr. Higgins that it came from the New Jersey Movie Commission. Mayor advised that Councilwoman VanBernum received a request to film at Wish Upon a Star Park. Councilwoman VanBernum advised that the filming did not take place but there was a discussion about having an ordinance in place for future requests. Clerk Moules will forward other samples for all to review and discuss.

Ordinances for public hearing and adoption:

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

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

- Chapter 159 Resolution
 - Donation National Night Out (\$1,000)
 - FY 2023 Recycling Tonnage Grant (\$10,406.62)
- Street Opening Permit Escrow Release
- Cherry Hill Co-Op – DiMeglio Construction for Emergency/Maintenance Repairs and Modifications of Infrastructure – Roads, Storm, Sanitary and Utility Programs
- Cherry Hill Co-Op – Techna-Pro for Traffic Signal, Pedestrian and School Flasher Maintenance and Inspection
- Resolution to approve the July bill list

FINANCE

- Monthly Attachments provided through July 1, 2026: 2026 Budget Expenditures
- Emergency Report for 524 Center Street Sanitary Sewer Repair including Engineer authorization, timeline, and vendor invoice.

2026 ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Revenue Source	2026 Budget	Collected as of 6-30-2026	Anticipated Balance
Fees and Permits	30,000.00	14,356.97	<15,643.03>
Fines and Costs - Municipal Court	37,000.00	22,076.26	<14,923.74>
Interest and Costs on Taxes	50,000.00	16,387.97	<33,612.03>
Interest on Investments and Deposits	25,200.00	26,306.32	1,106.32

Council Reports

Councilman Drumm – will not be at council so he thanked Councilwoman VanBernum for running the parade and all others involved including emergency services and Nick D’Alonzo for being behind Woodland School for the fireworks to be sure all went well. Thanks also to DPW.

Councilwoman VanBernum – piggybacked off Councilman Drumm’s remarks thanking all departments for helping her run her first parade, it was a hot one! Softball just opened registration for fall ball and baseball will do the same soon.

Mayor Hanson – Thanked Public Works for the amazing crosswalks at Barrington Ave and Clements Bridge Rd. It was an idea from a resident who saw them at Monmouth Beach. Many residents and visitors relayed positive comments.

Thanks Councilwoman VanBernum for taking over and planning the parade, thanks to our Grand Marshall and all first responders, participants and Legislative District Representatives.

Thanks to all first responders for your response to our flash flooding yesterday, not too many issues but there were some, we were all in constant communication.

Council Reports (contd.)

Summer Rec started and it is going very well, there is still time to sign up your kids. The Junior Police Academy still has space to sign up. If they don't get 15 kids to respond they will need to cancel the event.

Next month caucus is Wednesday, August 5 as National Night Out is Tuesday, August 4, hosted by the police.

Barrington Soccer has folded after many years in town due to lack of participation. They were at Deerfield where adult baseball teams also use that field too, so we will look to add a few more teams. That would help cover the cost of the clubhouse utilities since the borough is now responsible for them.

International Paper is closing their Barrington plant. Mayor sent them an email but did not hear back from them. There will be 130 employees displaced, 8 are Barrington residents, 98 are Camden County residents. The plant is expected to close on September 24; the employees will not be moved to the Bellmawr plant. The Mayor contacted the plant manager to offer resources to the employees and families through Camden County One Stop. If anyone contacts any of you please point them in the direction so we can help wherever we can.

Eileen Holcombe, secretary to Mayor & Council, reported the seniors are doing well, the air conditioner is broken on one half of room so we moved them to the other end where it is working, we had a picnic with lots of fun and a casino trip is planned for the middle of July.

The Mayor advised the NJMVC van is coming July 16 to our parking lot, the lot is scheduled to be repaved starting July 20. Eillen advised that seniors will be cancelled that week, and the casino trip will be leaving from Deerfield.

Councilwoman Mercado-Miller asked if the Jr. Police Academy was for only Barrington residents and was advised yes, at this time and for ages 11-14. She also asked about rental of Deerfield and was advised that it does not have to be Barrington residents.

The Mayor advised that in August and next week for council all can dress down, Hawaiian shirts, no suits.

Seeing nothing else for open discussion, on a motion by Councilman Beyer, second by Councilwoman Mercado-Miller, the meeting adjourned to close session at 6:22 pm.

Approved: Denise Moules
Denise Moules, Clerk/RMC