

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
August 11, 2026, 6:00PM
COUNCIL ROOM AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular monthly Council Meeting of the Borough of Barrington was held with Council President Beach presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Beach 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 Drumm, Councilwoman Mercado-Miller, and Councilwoman VanBernum. Councilman Cerrito was absent; Mayor Hanson was absent with prior notice. Borough Clerk Denise Moules, and Solicitor Timothy Higgins were also on the dais.

PROCLAMATIONS:

International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council President Beach reported that council was provided with the minutes of the July 7, caucus meeting, the July 14, council meeting and asked if there were any corrections or abstentions. On a motion by Beyer, second by VanBernum, the minutes were approved with the following abstentions: Beach for July caucus and Drumm for July council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council President Beach reported that the monthly departmental reports were distributed to the governing body, and 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-yes, Drumm – yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, VanBernum-yes

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING

ORD. 1243 Amending Chapter 339, Vehicles and Traffic Code, Shreve Avenue Parking

ORD. 1244 Amending Chapter 360, Zoning, Data Centers

ORD. 1245 Amending Ordinance 1145, Cannabis Opt-Out, Operations Class I, II, IV and VI

ORD. 1246 Amending Chapter 360, Zoning, Cannabis Conditional Use Zone C-2 and M-2

ORD. 1247 Amending Chapter 313, Article III, Cannabis Tax

ORD. 1248 Adding Chapter 170, Regulation of Commercial Filming

On a motion by Drumm, second by VanBernum, the first reading on the ordinance 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 September 8, 2026, council meeting.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

ORD. 1241 Amending Chapter 313, Article III, Cannabis Municipal Tax

On a motion by Beyer, second by VanBernum, the second reading of ordinance 1241 was not approved with the following poll vote: Beach-no, Beyer-no, Drumm-no, Mercado-Miller-abstain, VanBernum-no

ORD. 1242 Amending Chapter 123, Article VII, Animals

On a motion by Drumm, second by Mercado-Miller, the second reading of ordinance 1242 was 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 ordinance was closed.

On a motion by Drumm, second by VanBernum, the ordinance was 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)

8-2026-115 Change Order 1 – Devon Road Improvements

8-2026-116 Change Order 2 – Municipal Building Parking Lot

8-2026-117 Approve Application for Recreational Opportunity for Individuals with Disabilities for
FY 2027 DCA Grant

8-2026-118 Referring Resolution to Planning Board to provide Recommendation to Prohibit
Data Centers and permitting additional Cannabis Classes in C-2 and M-2 Zone

8-2026-119 Referring Resolution to Planning Board for Determination of Redevelopment

8-2026-120 Refund Duplicate Wedding Ceremony Fee

8-2026-121 Authorize Contract with PSE&G for Energy Saver Program

8-2026-122 Authorize Sale of Fire Department Equipment through Gov Deals

8-2026-123 Refund Tax Payment to Mortgage Company

8-2026-124 Amending Resolution 5-2026-76 to Authorize Local Support to Green Gas
Dispensary, LLC

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

8-2026-125 Approving the May Bill List in the Amount of: \$ 5,056,558.20

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

PUBLIC PORTION

Council President Beach 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 Drumm, the public portion of the meeting was opened.

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

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

COUNCILMAN BEYER – International Drug Overdose Awareness month is this month, everyone has been touched by this, even his own family the past few years. Think about your fellow humans and give back how and when you can. Other than that, if you have issues, please reach out to the Governing Body. We have forms on our website for all things in town and if you see anything broken, we can have it fixed. We appreciate it when the community reaches out to us.

COUNCILWOMAN VANBERNUM – nothing tonight, thank you

COUNCILWOMAN MERCADO-MILLER – the Board of Health gave out bike lights at National Night Out to remind folks to drive safely, please drive as if your loved ones were on the road. The Green Team worked at Avon School on a pollinator garden clean up and held the mosquito bucket challenge which went very well and was funded by a PSE&G and Sustainable New Jersey grant. Thanks to Public Works for their help with the Green Team in the distribution of 99 rain barrels to this date. Senior events are on their FaceBook page and include an upcoming Phillies game.

COUNCILMAN DRUMM – thanked all departments for being available for National Night Out, it was a nice turnout. Lots of families come out and we appreciate all the employees who come out and support that event. Enjoy the rest of your summer, have a great Labor Day and we will see you next month.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT BEACH – thanked all departments and employees for all they did all summer. Thanked his team on the dais for getting him through tonight, he was a bit nervous. The speed limit throughout town is 25mph. Kids will be back to school so please be aware. We have a lot of crosswalks in town, they are striped and signs are out, so be aware when you drive around town.

Seeing no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Mercado-Miller, second by VanBernum the meeting was adjourned at 6:12pm.

APPROVED: Denise Moules

Denise Moules, Borough Clerk