BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 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.

Clerk Moules called the roll of council, and the following were present: Councilman Beyer, Councilman Cerrito, Councilman Drumm, Councilwoman Mercado-Miller, Councilwoman Van Bernum. Council President Beach was absent with prior notice. Also, present was Solicitor Tim Higgins.

Engineer Report

Greg Evans from KEI Engineers reported the following action items:

- Review of Engineer's report – Action Items:
  - Voucher No 2 and Change Order Now for Devon Road Improvements
  - Voucher No 3 and Change Order No 3 for Austin Ave Phase IV Improvements
- Discuss Engineer Recommendation:
  - DOT is accepting applications for Safe Routes to School Program FY2027. KEI recommends we remit our FY2024 application for pedestrian safety for Highland Av and areas around this building and submit resolutions in November.
  - Devon Rd is complete except for punch list items.
  - Austin Ave is complete except for the surface course.
  - Recreation Grant Round 2025, the Mayor received notice of award for $25,000 for pickleball court improvements.
  - Parking lot improvements are complete except for some punch list items.

Councilman Beyer asked how tree replacements on Third Ave works and Mr. Evans advised he is working with Melanie and Brittany to select the location and tree type. Councilwoman Mercado-Miller advised Terry Shannon is the liaison and will work with Mike Cioccl on the tree selection.

Public Portion

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

Peggy Reed – Spoke about the county construction on Third Ave, the trees removed and the sewer drains. Two years ago, they did work, why again? Mr. Evans explained that Third Ave surface was like a roller coaster and there were flooding complaints, it has to be milled and resurfaced. Ms. Reed asked about under the overpass, and she mentioned flooding under it. Mr. Evans said the size under the overpass is not being increased. More storm drains are being added to help alleviate the runoff. The pipe velocity remains the same, the purpose is to pick up the water and get it off the road. Now with the repatching the water will drain to the gutter. Mayor and Mr. Evans advised that fourteen new storm drains were added. Ms. Reed is concerned about the pitch, and Mr. Evans said it may not be set to grade yet and he will reach out to the county, it is their project. He will advise of Ms. Reeds concerns. About Second Ave and Fourth Ave handicapped, a grade was left as was with a retaining wall. Now the new one does not have retaining wall. Mr. Evans will talk to the county to have them look at her property to address her concerns.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Drumm, second by Mercado-Miller, the public portion was closed.

Administration

Clerk Moules reported on the following:

- Barrington on Track – The next issue is planned to be delivered by October 1st. The articles need to be submitted by September 15th. Notice will be sent to all the departments to prepare articles/ information for the publication.
- Electric Bicycles and Scooter Ordinance, a sample from another municipality was included, please let Denise know if there is any feedback.

COUNCIL AGENDA REVIEW

Ordinance for Introduction:

- Amending Chapter 305, Site Plan Review Fees

Ordinances for public hearing and adoption:

- 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

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

- Chapter 159 – Recreation Facility Enhancement $25,000 for Pickle Ball Court
- Street Opening Escrow Release for 206 Adams Avenue
- Reappointment of Municipal Judge Stopper for Three-Year Term as of September 1
- Cash Advance for Harvest Festival
- Permitting Open Container during Harvest Festival. Councilman Beyer asked if it is the full length and was advised the area between Tonewood down to the Rail.
- Townwide Yard Sale Fee Approval
- Resolution to approve the September bill list

Councilman Drumm asked about the Planning/Zoning Board fees if someone will be asked to pay more if they already applied. Solicitor Higgins advised that anything already applied for will remain and new applications will be under the new fees.

FINANCE Monthly Attachments provided through August 31, 2026: 2026 Budget Expenditures

2026 ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Revenue Source	2026 Budget	Collected as of 8-31-2026	Anticipated Balance
Fees and Permits	30,000.00	21,504.83	<8,895.17>
Fines and Costs - Municipal Court	37,000.00	32,326.19	<4,673.81>
Interest and Costs on Taxes	50,000.00	26,563.32	<23,436.68>
Interest on Investments and Deposits	25,200.00	29,554.97	4,354.97

Council Reports

Councilman Drumm – nothing for caucus, hope all has a safe Labor Day weekend.

Councilwoman Mercado-Miller - Green Team is having their native plant sale, seniors are going to do some events with Avon and Woodland Schools, and the Board of Health quarterly meeting on the 17th and Health Fair is October 3.

Councilwoman VanBernum – kids back to school on September 8. Avon will have an ice cream social for PreK through fourth grade on September 11 at 630 pm. The Woodland School bonfire is September 18 for grades 5 through 8. Back to school night is September 22nd and on the 24th.

Councilman Beyer – nothing for caucus

Councilman Cerrito – nothing for caucus

Mayor Hanson thanked the Civic Association and the Green Team for running Summer Nights in the Park last week, great attendance, it was a great family fun free event. Thanks to all who attended and volunteered. BOT coming out soon, send in articles and pictures of events. Thanks to the police for the Jr. Police Academy, it was successful and will be held again next year. The Civic Associations Brews, Beats and Eats that was to be held on September 12 has been cancelled. The parking lot is finished, Harvest Festival is on 10/10, lots of vendors and food trucks, town organizations also have tables. Fall Fun with First Responders, which is usually a separate event, will be held during the Harvest Festival. The Mayor, Meg O'Donnell, Molly Harkins, Maryanne Perrino, Irene Ulrich, and Caroline Weber were at Shoprite and collected non-perishable food items and over $ 800 in gift cards to stock the borough food pantry, thanks all who supported us. One of our seniors, Doris Burten, passed away this week, she was a Barrington resident for many years and an active member of the Barrington Seniors. Our quarterly department head meeting was held this afternoon prior to caucus. Thanks to all department heads who attended, it is great to talk and see how we can improve things.

Seeing nothing else for open discussion, on a motion by Drumm, second by Mercado-Miller the meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

Approved: Denise Moules
Denise Moules, Clerk/RMC