

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
September 8, 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. Councilwoman VanBernum was absent with prior notice. Mayor Hanson, Borough Clerk Denise Moules, and Solicitor Timothy Higgins were also on the dais.

PROCLAMATIONS:

National Alcohol and Drug Recovery Month; Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month; Prostate Cancer Awareness Month; Suicide Prevention Month; Patriots Day/Day of Remembrance and Service; POW/MIA Recognition Day

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Hanson reported that council was provided with the minutes of the August 5, caucus meeting, the August 11, council meeting and asked if there were any corrections or abstentions. On a motion by Beyer, second by Beach, the minutes were approved with the following abstentions: Mercado-Miller for caucus.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Hanson 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, Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING

ORD. 1249 Amending Chapter 305, Site Plan Review Fees

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

This ordinance will be considered for adoption after proper notice and a public hearing to be held during October 13, 2026, council meeting.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION BY CONSENT AGENDA

- 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 Beyer, these ordinances were approved with the following poll vote: Beach- yes, Beyer-yes, Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes except voted no on Ordinance 1248

On a motion by Drumm, second by Cerrito, the public hearing was opened.

Cait Close – is the River and Roots owner and lives at the property. Reviewed the parking plans for Shreve Ave and requested that there would be additional spots to use for parking, not just the ones designated on the new parking plans, and to include the areas where there is currently no parking. She is also concerned about pedestrian safety, especially with no sidewalks on one side of the street, and they need more street parking.

Diane Schreyer asked the name of the business the owner was speaking about and the Mayor advised River and Root.

Seeing no further 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 Drumm, second by Mercado-Miller, the ordinances were adopted with the following poll vote: Beach- yes, Beyer-yes, Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes except voted no on Ordinance 1248

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

- 9-2026-126 Change Order 2 – Devon Road Improvements
- 9-2026-127 Change Order 2 – Austin Avenue Phase IV Improvement
- 9-2026-128 Authorizing Release of Street Opening Escrow for 206 Adams Avenue
- 9-2026-129 Chapter 159 - Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue
- 9-2026-130 Reappointment of Municipal Judge for Three-Year Term
- 9-2026-131 Authorizing Cash Advance for Harvest Festival
- 9-2026-132 Permitting Open Container During Harvest Festival
- 9-2026-133 Authorizing Townwide Yard Sale Fee supporting the Green Team
- 9-2026-134 Authorize Sale of Recreation and Office Equipment through Gov Deals
- 9-2026-135 Approving the September Bill List in the Amount of: \$ 850,151.09.

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

Paul Gross – asked about the tree ordinance and how it reads. Mayor Hanson advised that there are different options depending on the size of the tree that is removed. Mr. Gross asked about a neighbor taking down about ten trees and the Mayor again advised that there are options and the money goes into our tree trust fund so we can replace trees throughout the borough. Mike Ciocco, DPW Superintendent advised that permits were pulled on the property, six trees were taken down, ten trees were put back, and he also paid an escrow deposit. Mr. Gross said every time it rains there is a big puddle there that wasn't there before the French drain was in.

Lois Eckman – said, as previously reported by her, the green arrow light at Gloucester Pike and Atlantic Ave was not working properly and asked that it be fixed. Mike Ciocco, Public Works Superintendent, advised he would speak with Ms. Eckman after the meeting about the traffic lights.

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

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

COUNCILMAN DRUMM – good luck to all students going back to school and to the school sports athletes. Hope you have a healthy and successful season.

COUNCILWOMAN MERCADO-MILLER – Green Team is having their fall native plant sale; order forms are in the tax office. Board of Health meeting September 17 with a guest speaker on vaccines. BOH Health Fair October 3. More details are on the Board of Health Facebook page. The seniors have karaoke night on the twenty-two and the Star Band performing on the 24th.

COUNCILMAN BEYER – thanks to residents and visitors for their patience with all the construction going on in town. There have been great events this summer and they will continue in the fall if you would like to consider volunteering. When you can please visit and support our new businesses in town.

COUNCILMAN CERRITO – nothing to report this evening.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT BEACH – thanks police and first responders for getting us through a great summer. Kids are back at school, our speed limit is 25mph, we have lots of crosswalks, be aware of them and use them. Kids are back at school, and sports are going on so careful, be safe.

MAYOR HANSON – thanked Civic Association and Green Team for the Summer Nights event, they gave away a hundred school bags with supplies, lots of family fun, free events that night. Thanks to all who participated and attended. Our quarterly department head meeting was held last week prior to caucus, thanks for attendance for their hard work and commitment to our borough. Brews, Beats and Eats event has been cancelled. Thanks to the police for the Jr. Police Academy, it was a great success. We received about sixty-five bags of food from our “food pantry donation day” at Shoprite and \$1,000 in gift cards, thanks to our volunteers and those who donated. You are also welcomed to stock our “little pantry” which is a near Deere Field.

Our Harvest Festival is on Saturday, October 10; we have about 150 vendors, food vendors, beer garden, and a car show. On September 11 for the 25th Anniversary of the attack, at the time the first building was struck, 8:46 am, we will have a service at the memorials on Haines Ave. On September 23 at 3pm we will hold the ribbon cutting of Living Tree Wellness, please attend if you are available. Ms. Close, owner of River and Root, expressed concerns back in January about the parking on Shreve Ave. Our engineer investigated and came up with the plan that we approved tonight. Approval includes lanes shifted, delineated parking, traffic calming, and safer pedestrian measures. The new business opening on Shreve, Kaffe Korner, has requested that the front of the building remains a no parking zone. After discussion with the owners and the borough engineer it will remain no parking now but early next year we will reassess the situation. Thanks to our police and county partners who were onsite at Third Ave today to address safety concerns with school back in session and kids walking. The Chief and Captain Pawling were satisfied with the plan. Thanks to all involved in the meeting. Condolences to the Burten Family on the passing of Doris Burten, long-time Barrington resident. Doris was very active with the seniors and back in the day when raising her children and grandchildren.

Seeing no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Beyer, second by Drumm the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Diane Schreyer said what the Mayor said was inaudible and asked questions about what was cancelled in September. Mayor told her and said it is not rescheduled.

The Mayor again asked for a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Beyer, second by Drumm the meeting was adjourned at 6:23pm.

Approved: Denise Moules
Denise Moules, Clerk/RMC