BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
October 13, 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: Councilman Beyer, Councilman Cerrito, Councilman Drumm, Councilwoman Mercado-Miller. Councilwoman VanBernum. Council President Beach was absent with prior notice. Mayor Hanson, Borough Clerk Denise Moules, and Solicitor Timothy Higgins were also on the dais.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Breast Cancer Awareness Month; Fire Prevention Week; Hispanic Heritage Month; Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day; Put the Brakes on Fatalities; National First Responders Day

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Hanson reported that council was provided with the minutes of the September 1, caucus meeting, the September 8, council meeting and asked if there were any corrections or abstentions. On a motion by Beyer, second by Drumm, the minutes were approved.

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 VanBernum, the monthly departmental reports were accepted with the following poll vote: Beyer-yes, Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, VanBernum-yes

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING

ORD. 1250 Amending Chapter 123, Animal

ORD. 1251 Adding Article XIII, Chapter 339, Electric Vehicles

On a motion by Mercado-Miller, second by VanBernum, the first reading of the ordinances was approved.with the following poll vote: Beyer-yes, Cerrito-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 November 10, 2026, council meeting.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION BY CONSENT AGENDA

ORD. 1249 Amending Chapter 305, Site Plan Review Fees

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

On a motion by Drumm, second by Mercado-Miller, the public hearing was opened.

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

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

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

10-2026-136 Authorizing Purchase of a Police Vehicle through the ESCNJ Co-Op
10-2026-137 Change Order 3 – Austin Avenue Phase IV Improvement
10-2026-138 Change Order No 3, Boro Hall Parking Lot
10-2026-139 Chapter 159 - Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue
10-2026-140 Authorizing Release of Street Opening Escrow
10-2026-141 Setting Trick or Treat Hours
10-2026-142 Property Maintenance Lien
10-2026-143 Authorize the Cancellation of Grant Funds
10-2026-144 Approve Specific Salaries and Wages for 2026
10-2026-145 Authorizing Participation in the County Contract for Deer Carcass Removal
10-2026-146 Authorizing Participation in the Camden Co Contract for Sodium Chloride
10-2026-147 Authorize Extension for the Cherry Hill Co-Op
10-2026-148 Approving the October Bill List in the Amount of: $ 1,603,381.36

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

Maryann Perrino – inquired if the ordinances posted previous to this meeting and when are they posted. Mayor Hanson advised they are posted prior to the meeting by the clerk on the website and the bulletin board outside the clerks.

Ms. Perrino asked if there was a legend with each one that says what it is about and she was told yes there is. Mayor said it is easier to see on the borough website, go under government or governing body business and it has the agendas, ordinances, and resolutions, all posted ahead of time.

Nothing from Lois Eckman tonight.

Eileen Holcombe advised that we are getting new bulletin boards, so the ordinances and resolutions are not posted there tonight.

Barbara Hanson said everyone is doing a wonderful job. The Mayor thanked his mother for her comment.

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 – thanked Mindy Berwick and all involved with the Harvest Festival. There we a lot of people, amazing day. Thanked departments for keeping all safe. Halloween is coming, drive slow, watch for the kids.

COUNCILWOMAN MERCADO-MILLER – seconded Councilman Drumm's Harvest Festival comments, all did a wonderful job, thanks to the TNR Program who were there helping and giving information. Thanks to DPW not only for the Harvest Festival but for all the assignments and tasks they are given that they get done in a timely manner, and thanks also to Samantha in their office.

Board of Health had a quarterly meeting followed by a vaccine webinar which can be found on the Facebook page. Our October 3 health fair went well, will host another next fall.

The Green Team held their native plant sale and it was great, plants were provided to our schools and the borough garden, thanks to the Gardening Club for planting them.

The seniors are celebrating Halloween, the Fire, Fire Alliance and Tax office luncheon and a spaghetti dinner this month, for more details contact Eileen.

COUNCILMAN BEYER – as mentioned the Harvest Festival was amazing because this town is amazing, thanks to all the employees and volunteers. Not a lot of people here tonight but all should get involved if they can. Hope to see you around town. It was great weekend.

COUNCILMAN CERRITO – thanks all for the Harvest Festival, it's the first I could not attend as the kids were home sick. I hear it did not disappoint and it gets better and better each year. The Councilman also touched base on Councilman Drumm's comments on being careful driving. There was a situation where a kid was walking in the street looking at his phone. Its kids and also adults are not looking, so please be very careful. All have a great Halloween.

COUNCILWOMAN VANBERNUM – echoed what all said about the Harvest Festival, received lots of compliments from people outside of town, neighbors and friends, thanks all involved. Avon and Woodland Schools have their "trunk or treat" event Friday October 23 from 7-9pm.

MAYOR HANSON – echoed all on Harvest with a shout out to the sponsors that make the event possible through their funding, Mindy Berwick champions the vendors and does a great job. We had over 250 vendors this year, which is a significant increase this year. All our Public Safety departments who were at our safety meetings and out there all day with us, DPW, the Fultano' s and their volunteers for running the car show, Barb Hanson for running the basket auction with her volunteers and the vendors. It was great and we lucked out with the weather. Next year will be the 30th anniversary of the Harvest Festival and we look forward to it being bigger and better. The festival was started years ago by a small group of volunteers in 1996 with the main goal to support local small businesses in town and it has grown into a venue supporting vendors across the tri-state area.

Thanks to Public Works for putting up all the decorations for the Halloween season. We also have a house decorating contest for Halloween, sign ups ended today, we will post those signed up so you can vote.

Our town wide yard sale will be this Saturday, October 17.

As a reminder to the governing body and to make all aware caucus next month is Wednesday, November 4, due to election day on Tuesday. We encourage all to use your voice and go out and vote, no matter who you are voting for.

Seeing no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Beyer, second by Cerrito the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Approved: _____
Denise Moules, Clerk/RMC