

BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE
Mayor & Borough Council Meeting Agenda
February 17, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Mary Jane Canose
Council Member Al Ribeiro
Council Member Jeffrey Roos
Council Member Charlie Szrom
Council Member Rich Traynor
Council Member Christine Zamarra
Council Member Ross Zazzarino

2. STATEMENT OF PRESIDING OFFICER

Notice of this meeting was provided to the Bernardsville News and Courier News, filed with the Municipal Clerk and posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board on December 4, 2025.

3A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3B. MAYOR'S WELCOME

Welcome to the February 17, 2026 meeting of the Bernardsville Borough Council.

- Members of the public will be allowed to speak during the "Open Session"
- Comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker, which will be monitored and enforced by the Borough Clerk
- Failure of the governing body to provide an audio recording of this meeting will not invalidate this meeting or any action taken including, but not limited to, the adoption of any ordinance, resolution or motion.

4. OPEN SESSION

Spoken comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker.

5. MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

5A. Raritan Headwaters Stream Cleanup

- 5B. Community Development Block Grant, Claremont Road Group Home Project
- 5C. Summit Health, Parking Spaces at the Library Lot
- 5D. 2026 Pool Rates

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 6A. Presentations at the February 23, 2026 council meeting

- 6A(1). Swearing in of Sergeant Chris Luckenbach

- 6A(2). Rippled Waters Engineering LLC, Dam Removal Concept Plan and Summary of the Environmental Assessment (public comment period after the presentation on 2/23)

- 6A(3). Fran Daley, Library Year in Review

- 6B. Ordinances

Public Hearing of the following ordinance(s) at the February 23, 2026 council meeting:

- 6B(1) Ordinance #2026-2036, Concerning Sewer Connection Fees and Sewer User Rates and Allocation and Amending Chapter XVI of the Borough Code Entitled “Sewer Regulations”
- 6B(2) Ordinance #2026-2037, an Ordinance Removing Kennel Fees from the Borough Code so that they can be set by Resolution and Amending Chapter 5 of the Borough Code Entitled “Animal Control”
- 6B(3) Ordinance #2026-2038, Concerning Council Meeting Procedures and Supplementing and Amending Chapter 2 of the Borough Code Entitled “Administration”
- 6B(4) Ordinance #2026-2039, Calendar Year 2026, Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40a:4-45.14)
- 6B(5) Ordinance #2026-2040, an Ordinance Concerning Affordable Housing Set-Asides and Amending Article 13 of the Borough Land Development Regulations Entitled “Affordable Housing”
- 6B(6) Ordinance #2026-2041, an Ordinance Adopting Zoning Regulations Necessary to Implement the Borough’s Fourth Round Settlement Agreement with Fair Share

Housing Center and Supplementing and Amending Various Sections of the Borough Land Development Code

Introduction of the following ordinance(s) at the February 23, 2026 council meeting:

- 6B(7) Ordinance #2026-2042, Supplementing and Amending Section 12-1.2 of the Borough Code by Adding an Exemption from Fees for a Continued Certificate of Occupancy Related to the Extension of Affordability Controls Under the Borough's Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan

Resolutions for adoption at the February 23, 2026 council meeting

- 6C. Bill List
- 6D. Approving Person-To-Person Transfer of A.B.C. License #1803-44-005-007
- 6E. 2026 Pool Rates
- 6F. Adopting The Fourth Round Affordable Housing Spending Plan And The Fourth Round Affirmative Marketing Plan, And Directing Implementation Consistent With The Mediation Agreement With Fair Share Housing Center And The Court Order Approving Settlement
- 6G. Implementing Requirements Of The Mediation Agreement With Fair Share Housing Center And The Court's Order Approving Settlement; Adopting Plan For Continuing Certificates Of Occupancy And Repairs For Extended Units; Directing Cost And Rehabilitation Analysis, Funding, And Manual Preparation And Stating Intent To Fund
- 6H. Authorizing Rippled Waters Engineering LLC to Apply for a Grant for Dam Removal
- 6I. Authorizing the Hiring of a Police Officer
- 6J. Appointing Virginia Chiesa to the Library Board of Trustees to Fill Unexpired Term of Amy DeMilt to 12/31/30
- 6K. Appointing Junior Membership in the Fire Company
- 6L. Authorizing the Mayor & Clerk to Sign a Qualified Private Community Services Agreement with Somerset Hills Village Condominium Association
- 6M. Authorizing Cancellation and Refund of Property Taxes for 100% Disabled Veteran, 25 Highview Avenue

- 6N. Accepting the Resignation of Samantha D'Antuono as Full Time Police Dispatcher and Changing Her Status to Part Time Police Dispatcher
- 6O. Accepting the Resignation of Bill Roberts, Zoning Code Enforcement Officer
- 6P. Approving the Transfer of Caryn Neri to Planning & Zoning Administrative Coordinator
- 6Q. Authorization of Tax Refund
- 6R. Authorizing a Contract for Meeting Room Technology Improvements
- 6S. Accepting a Grant for Leaf Composting 2025
- 6T. Awarding a Contract for Janitorial Services
- 6U. Designating Field Treatments in 2026
- 6V. Accepting the Resignation of Jack Bertha, Driver/Laborer
- 6W. Endorsing the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan Adopted by the Borough Planning Board on February 11, 2026
- 6X. Authorizing the Hiring of a Police Dispatcher

7. OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE COUNCIL

- 7A. Municipal Attorney Report
- 7B. Other committee/commission Reports
 - 7B(1). Council Liaison Reports
- 7C. Correspondence
 - 7C(1). Letter from Somerset County OEM, 2025 Municipal OEM Evaluation for Compliance with NJ Statutes
- 7D. Unfinished Business
- 7E. New Business

8. CLOSED SESSION

Council Member _____ moves, to adjourn to an executive session to consider:

Contract Negotiations

and that the time when and circumstances under which the matter can be disclosed to the public is when it (they) are finally resolved.

Seconded:

Vote:

9. REOPEN AND ADJOURNMENT