

**BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
OCEAN COUNTY  
900 WEST BAY AVENUE  
BARNEGAT, NJ 08005**

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
November 7, 2011 6:30PM**

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Melchiondo
  
2. **Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law:**  
Pursuant to the requirements of the OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW, adequate Public Notice of this meeting has been given:
  - a. By publication in the required newspapers of the date, time and location of this meeting more than 48 hours in advance.
  - b. By posting advance written notice on the official Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building.
  - c. By filing advance written notice with the Township Clerk for the purpose of Public inspection.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** At this time we ask everyone to please turn all cell phones or pagers to either **OFF** or **VIBRATE**.

3. **Roll Call of Officials Present:**  
Committeeman Bille - Present  
Committeeman Lisella - Present  
Committeeman Morano - Present  
Deputy Mayor Cirulli - Present  
Mayor Melchiondo - Present

**Invocation by Reverend Glenn Swank, Pastor Barnegat Bay Assembly of God**

4. **Salute to the flag**
  
5. **Resolution 2011-535 \*\*\*TABLED\*\*\***  
Resolution authorizing the Township Committee to retire into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel, public safety, contractual and litigation matters.

<b>Motion to table resolution:</b>	<b>Len Morano</b>	<b>Second:</b>	<b>Al Bille</b>
<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Bille: Yes</b>	<b>Lisella: Yes</b>	<b>Morano: Yes</b>
	<b>Cirulli: Yes</b>	<b>Melchiondo: Yes</b>	

6. **Mayor's Report**  
Read into record and made a part of these minutes
  
7. **Committee Reports**  
Al Bille – New recycling drop off behind Police Department in the Town Hall parking lot.

Marty Lisella – Charlie Thomas, Barnegat resident, named Grand Marshall for the Veteran's Day Parade in Toms River this year. We are meeting this coming week with the County to resolve the assessment issue in the Township.

Len Morano – Please get out and vote at tomorrow's election.

Al Cirulli – Congratulations to the Barnegat School Board placing second in testing category. We had a shared service meeting with the Board of Education, a good meeting this week. Barnegat Fire Dept. has some issues that need addressing.

#### **8. Administrator's Report**

Past Friday a water main break in Pebble Beach impacted residents in Barnegat and Ocean Twp. Repairs complicated by high tide, repairs made within 24 hours.

#### **9. Public Portion:**

**Motion to Open Public Comment: Al Cirulli      Second: Len Morano**

Larry Cataldo – 9 Village Drive: Resolution 562, Concerned about the use of bus being shared with Waretown will impact Barnegat residents. Please stop the court case with mirage. Property behind Walgreens, what is happening with property? Should they be responsible for maintenance?

Frank Pecci – 11 Hemlock Drive: Resolutions 547 & 548; concern about refunding escrow money to Walters Development. Engineer explained they are entitled under the law. Read letter from Officer of the State Comptroller to Governor Christie about usage redevelopment tax abatement by New Jersey Municipalities and provides recommendations for improvements.

Jake Taylor – 201 Newark Road: Why does cost of Action Flag come out of Open Space fund?

Dave Moore – Rose Hill Road: Important to revisit the option of Recreation Initiative to residents again to help fund recreation in the Township. Thank you for the initiative to preserve Open Space which is a long term quality of life goal, and be more vigilant in the spending of this Trust Fund.

Rose Jackson – 12 Marblehead Place: What is the status of the graffiti and equipment repairs at Project Playground? Administrator responded that some repairs are done, but items needed to be ordered to complete the other necessary repairs. How does committee decide what needs to be done and paid for in town? Attorney explained the committee members are liaisons to certain commissions and expenses are voted upon for payment based on our form of government. Why are we not buying Open Space? Mayor responded that no viable options are available that would suit our needs.

Phil Checcia – 12 Windward Drive: Township Committee members should have oversight and not put burden on Administrator.

Angelo Mureo – 8 Creek View Road: Would like to amend complaint, read an open letter to Governor Christie attached and made part of these minutes

Marianne Clemente – 565 E. Bay Avenue: Questioned committee members whether their property taxes went up or down?

Rich McDonald – 4 Doris Court: Questioned costs associated with the tax appeals. Administrator explained the yearly breakdown of costs.

**Motion to Close Public Comment: Al Bille                      Second: Len Morano**

**10. New Business:**

**Minutes Approval:**

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of the Township Committee Meeting of October 17, 2011.

**Motion to approve Minutes: Marty Lisella                      Second: Al Bille**

**Roll Call:        Bille: Yes                      Lisella: Yes                      Morano: Yes**  
**Cirulli: Yes                      Melchiondo: Yes**

**11. Formal Action Agenda:**

**Resolution 2011-536**

Resolution authorizing payment of Bill List in the amount of \$3,713,011.37

**Motion to adopt resolution: Al Cirulli                      Second: Al Bille**

**Roll Call:        Bille: Yes                      Lisella: Yes                      Morano: Abstain**  
**Cirulli: Yes                      Melchiondo: Yes**

**Resolution 2011-537**

Resolution amending bill list of October 17, 2011, Resolution 2011-520

**Motion to adopt resolution: Al Cirulli                      Second: Marty Lisella**

**Roll Call:        Bille: Yes                      Lisella: Yes                      Morano: Abstain**  
**Cirulli: Yes                      Melchiondo: Yes**

**Resolution 2011-538**

Resolution authorizing transfers within the 2011 Municipal Budget

**Motion to adopt resolution: Al Cirulli                      Second: Al Bille**

**Roll Call:        Bille: Yes                      Lisella: Yes                      Morano: Yes**  
**Cirulli: Yes                      Melchiondo: Yes**

**12. Consent Agenda:**

The below listed items are considered to be routine by the Township of Barnegat and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is

desired, this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

Approval for XXTERRA Jersey Devil 2012 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual race to be held on Sunday, April 29, 2012 starting at 9:00 AM

Authorization for an On-Premise Merchandise Raffle for the Barnegat Sports Boosters, Inc. on November 12, 2011

Approval for Chris Brower, who is working on his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project for Boy Scout Troop 26 to place a sign in the Gazebo Park which will have a general history of Barnegat and to place a sign in the median of Railroad Avenue to mark the location of the railroad station

**Resolution 2011-539**

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund overpayment due to overbill on Lot 93.25, Lot 48.03 also known as Heritage Point, Section 7B, Open Space

**Resolution 2011-540**

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund overpayment due to overbill on Lot 161.01, Lot 8 also known as 13 Jon Drive and Lot 161.01, Lot 9, also known as 15 Jon Drive

**Resolution 2011-541**

Resolution authorizing a refund of premium paid at Tax Sale on Block 114.26,, Lot 113, also known as 21 Lexington Boulevard

**Resolution 2011-542**

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund overpayment due to overbill on Lot 92.112, Lot 42.03 also known as 699 Lighthouse Drive and Block 92.112, Lot 42.04, also known as 703 Lighthouse Drive

**Resolution 2011-543**

Resolution cancelling taxes and authorizing a refund on Block 114.66, Lot 15, also known as 141 Rockrimmon Boulevard pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32

**Resolution 2011-544**

Resolution authorizing cancellation of taxes due to transfer of ownership to the Township of Barnegat of Block 144.06, Lot 66

**Resolution 2011-545**

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund overpayment of taxes on Block 146.01, Lot 6.09, also known as 5 Union Boulevard

**Resolution 2011-546 \*\*\*NOT USED\*\*\***

**Resolution 2011-547**

Resolution authorizing the refund of Escrow Deposits to Walters Development Co., LLC for Planning Board Review Escrow on Docket #09-32

**Resolution 2011-548**

Resolution authorizing the refund of Escrow Deposits to Walter Development Co., LLC for Planning Board Review Escrow on Docket #09-19

**Resolution 2011-549**

Resolution concurring with the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation for a "No Passing Zone" in the vicinity of Taylor Lane, Cedar Street and Union Street

**Resolution 2011-550**

Resolution authorizing the release of the Site Improvements Performance Guarantee for Four Seasons at Mirage, Section 2B

**Resolution 2011-551**

Resolution authorizing the release of the Maintenance Bond for Sanitary Sewer System for Four Seasons at Mirage Section 2B

**Resolution 2011-552**

Resolution denying the release of the Maintenance Bond for Sanitary Sewer System Improvements for Four Seasons at Mirage, Section 9

**Resolution 2011-553**

Resolution authorizing the release of the Monument Bond for Freedom Hills

**Resolution 2011-554**

Resolution authorizing the release of a Performance Guarantee for Sanitary Sewer System Improvements for Freedom Hills

**Resolution 2011-555**

Resolution authorizing the release of a Performance Guarantee for Water System Facilities for Freedom Hills

**Resolution 2011-556**

Resolution denying the release of a Maintenance Bond for Site Improvements for Heritage Point, North, Section 1

**Resolution 2011-557**

Resolution authorizing the release of a Performance Guarantee for Holly Oaks, Site Improvements contingent upon the posting of a Maintenance Bond for a period of two years in the amount of \$191,921.00

**Resolution 2011-558**

Resolution denying the release of the Monument Bond for Lighthouse Crossing

**Resolution 2011-559**

Resolution authorizing the release of the Maintenance Bond for Patriot's Cove for Sanitary Sewer System Facilities

**Resolution 2011-560**

Resolution denying the release of a Maintenance Bond for Patriot's Cove, Site Improvements

**Resolution 2011-561**

Resolution authorizing the Administrator to sign a 51 month lease with Pitney Bowes in the amount of \$167.00 per month

**Resolution 2011-562**

Resolution authorizing the Township of Ocean the use of the Township of Barnegat Transportation services for specific dates during 2011 and 2012

**Resolution 2011-563**

Resolution authorizing a lien be placed on various properties for failure to comply with Obnoxious Growth Violations

**Resolution 2011-564**

Resolution urging the Governor of the State of New Jersey to appoint a resident of Ocean County to the Board of Public Utilities

**Resolution 2011-565**

Resolution authorizing the release of a Performance Guarantee for Sanitary Sewer System for High Pointe at Barnegat

**Resolution 2011-566**

Resolution authorizing the release of a Performance Guarantee for Water Supply System for High Pointe at Barnegat

**Motion to adopt Consent Agenda: Al Cirulli**

**Second: Marty Lisella**

**Roll Call: Bille: Yes**

**Lisella: Yes**

**Morano: Yes**

**Abstain 547 & 548**

**Cirulli: Yes**

**Melchiondo: Yes**

**15. Motion to Adjourn: Al Cirulli**

**Second: Al Bille**

Respectfully submitted 11/15/2011

## OPEN LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR

8 Creekview Road  
Barnegat, NJ 08005  
Block 208.04/Lot 49  
November 4, 2011

Honorable Governor Chris Christie  
State of New Jersey  
Office of the Governor  
PO Box 001  
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Governor Christie,

We wish to amend our Complaint dated October 4, 2011 copied to your attention sent to Ms. Patricia Wright, Deputy Director of the New Jersey Department of Taxation.

In 2007 Taxing Authorities enforced a flawed Reassessment calculated at the height of the Real Estate Bubble. In recent years property values have plummeted causing the Township to lose some \$621 million dollars in ratables. As taxable property lost value, the municipal rate was increased to collect the same amount of money. Barnegat's ratable base shot from \$984,159,000 in 2006 to \$2,784,671,800 in 2007 causing our own property taxes of our 3 bedroom/2 bath home to skyrocket from \$6,058.80 in 2006 to \$9,693.47 today – this represents a 60% increase that includes a cut in municipal services with little improvement to our property. Attached please find supporting tax documentation (Appendix A). Additionally, as documented in Appendix A, Taxing Authorities – Municipal, County and School continue to seek more revenue from property owners causing 3,499 Tax Appeals and still climbing.

In the past year, County Taxing Authorities permitted a selective partial assessment to restore political favor to four (4) developments within our community while the rest of the Township's responsible property owners bear the brunt of a greater uneven distribution in the tax burden.

We respectfully request your intervention in order to secure a complete and accurate reassessment along with the necessary corrective action and prosecution against those elected and appointed municipal and county officials responsible for corrupting our community against each other on behalf of their own personal and political agenda.

Thank you for your time and consideration to this matter. If we may be of any further assistance please feel free to contact us at (609)698-5966.

Sincerely yours,



Agatha Mureo



Angelo Mureo

Attachments

CC: Michael Bryan, Taxation Director  
Jeff Melchiondo, Mayor  
David Breedan, Township Administrator  
Ellen Kelleher, Tax Assessor  
Ocean County Board of Taxation  
The Star Ledger  
The Trenton Times  
The Trentonian Times  
Asbury Park Press  
The Barnegat Leader  
Times Beacon  
Barnegat.Patch.com

Billing History for Tax Account: 208 04 49

Tax Year	Period	Orig Bill	Adjust Bill	Total Billed
2011	2	2,095.40	0.00	2,095.40
2011	1	2,095.40	0.00	2,095.40
2011	Total	4,190.80	0.00	4,190.80
2010	4	2,690.29	0.00	2,690.29
2010	3	2,093.19	0.00	2,093.19
2010	2	1,799.05	0.00	1,799.05
2010	1	1,799.06	0.00	1,799.06
2010	Total	8,381.59	0.00	8,381.59
2009	4	1,806.86	44.85	1,851.71
2009	3	1,806.87	0.00	1,806.87
2009	2	1,791.24	0.00	1,791.24
2009	1	1,791.25	0.00	1,791.25
2009	Total	7,196.22	44.85	7,241.07
2008	4	1,882.40	0.00	1,882.40
2008	3	1,781.36	0.00	1,781.36
2008	2	1,750.61	0.00	1,750.61
2008	1	1,750.61	0.00	1,750.61
2008	Total	7,164.98	0.00	7,164.98
2007	4	1,986.52	0.00	1,986.52
2007	3	1,986.52	0.00	1,986.52
2007	2	1,514.70	0.00	1,514.70
2007	1	1,514.70	0.00	1,514.70
2007	Total	7,002.44	0.00	7,002.44
2006	4	1,524.18	0.00	1,524.18
2006	3	1,524.19	0.00	1,524.19
2006	2	1,505.21	0.00	1,505.21
2006	1	1,505.22	0.00	1,505.22
2006	Total	6,058.80	0.00	6,058.80

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2011 FINAL/2012 PRELIMINARY TAX BILL

BLOCK NUMBER: 208.04 LOT NUMBER: 49 QUALIFICATION: BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP OCEAN COUNTY

PROPERTY LOC: 8 CREEK VIEW RD  
 BLDG DESC: 2SF/2AG/ 1454  
 ADDITIONAL LOTS:  
 LAND DIMENSION: 14 AC  
 BANK: MORTGAGE #  
 TAX ACCT # 8962

LAND VALUE: 240000  
 IMPROVEMENTS: 164400  
 NET TAXABLE VALUE: 404400  
 TOTAL: 404400

DESCRIPTION	RATE PER \$100	AMOUNT OF TAX
COUNTY TAX	0.317	1281.94
COUNTY LIBRARY TAX	0.037	149.63
COUNTY HEALTH TAX	0.014	56.62
COUNTY OPEN SPACE TAX	0.013	52.57
DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX	1.284	5192.50
LOCAL MUNICIPAL TAX	0.722	2919.77
MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE TX	0.010	40.44

2011 TOTAL TAX 2.397 9693.47  
 2011 NET TAX 9693.47  
 LESS 2011 PREV. BILLED 6766.22  
 BALANCE OF 2011 TAX 2927.25

2011 3RD QTR DUE AUG 2011	2575.42	2011 4TH QTR DUE NOV 2011	2927.25	2012 1ST QTR DUE FEB 2012	2423.37	2012 2ND QTR DUE MAY 2012	2423.37
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MAKE CHECK BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP  
 PAYABLE TO:  
 BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP  
 900 WEST BAY AVENUE  
 BARNEGAT, NJ 08005

PRELIMINARY TAX IS EQUAL TO ONE-HALF OF 2011 TOTAL NET TAX

4846.74

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

8:30-4:30 MONDAY-FRIDAY  
 PHONE (609)698-0080

THE 2011 4TH QUARTER BILL WILL BE DUE ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 10TH. NO ADDITIONAL GRACE PERIOD!!  
 INTEREST WILL REVERT BACK TO THE ORIGINAL DUE DATE OF NOV. 1ST IF NOT PAID BY 10TH OF NOVEMBER 2011.

DISTRIBUTION OF TAXES BEFORE REAP

Tax Type	Rate	Amount
County Taxes	15.89%	\$ 1540.76
School Taxes	53.57%	\$ 5192.50
Municipal Taxes	30.54%	\$ 2960.21

STATE AID USED TO OFFSET LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES: The budgets of the government agencies funded by this tax bill include State aid used to reduce property taxes. Based on the assessed value, the amount of this State aid used to offset property taxes on this parcel equals:

\$ 4788.10

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NO IMPROVEMENTS  
 INSURANCE  
 NO IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY  
 \$249.24  
 \$765.08  
 \$297.56  
 \$1311.88  
 15.65%  
 1/28/05

*Handwritten:* Appendix A/Part 3 of 3

**2010 FINAL/2011 PRELIMINARY TAX BILL**      BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP      OCEAN COUNTY

BLOCK NUMBER: 208.04      LOT NUMBER: 49      QUALIFICATION:

PROPERTY LOC: 8 CREEK VIEW RD  
 BLDG DESC: 2SF/2AG/ 1460

ADDITIONAL LOTS:  
 LAND DIMENSION: 60 X 100      MORTGAGE #:      TAX ACCT. #: 8962

BANK:

**ASSESSED VALUATION INFORMATION**

LAND: 300000      IMPROVEMENTS: 142300      TOTAL: 442300

EXEMPTIONS: NET TAXABLE VALUE: 442300

MUREO, ANGELO J & AGATHA T  
 8 CREEK VIEW RD  
 BARNEGAT NJ 08005

DESCRIPTION	RATE PER \$100	AMOUNT OF TAX
COUNTY TAX	0.242	1070.38
COUNTY LIBRARY TAX	0.028	123.84
COUNTY HEALTH TAX	0.011	48.65
COUNTY OPEN SPACE TAX	0.011	48.65
DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX	1.001	4427.42
LOCAL MUNICIPAL TAX	0.592	2618.42
MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE TX	0.010	44.23
<b>2010 TOTAL TAX</b>	<b>1.895</b>	<b>8381.59</b>
<b>2010 NET TAX</b>		<b>8381.59</b>
<b>LESS 2010 PREV. BILLED</b>		<b>5691.30</b>
<b>BALANCE OF 2010 TAX</b>		<b>2690.29</b>

2010 3RD QTR DUE AUG. 1, 2010      2093.19      2010 4TH QTR DUE NOV. 1, 2010      2690.29      2011 1ST QTR DUE FEB. 1, 2011      2095.40      2011 2ND QTR DUE MAY 1, 2011      2095.40

**2011 PRELIMINARY TAX**

**INFORMATION FOR TAXPAYERS**

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP

MAIL TO: BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP  
 900 WEST BAY AVENUE  
 BARNEGAT, NJ 08005

**SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

8:30-4:30 MONDAY-FRIDAY  
 PHONE (609)698-0080

2010 4th QUARTER TAX BILL  
 WILL BE DUE ON OR BEFORE  
 \*\*\*JANUARY 5TH, 2011\*\*\*

PLEASE NOTE IF 2010 TAXES ARE PAID  
 IN FULL PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 2010  
 YOU CAN CLAIM THEM ON YOUR  
 INCOME TAXES.

PRELIMINARY TAX IS EQUAL TO ONE HALF OF 2010 TOTAL NET TAX

4190.80

**DISTRIBUTION OF TAXES BEFORE REAP**

County Taxes 15.41% \$ 1291.52

School Taxes 52.82% \$ 4427.42

Municipal Taxes 31.77% \$ 2662.65

STATE AID USED TO OFFSET LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES: The budgets of the government agencies funded by this tax bill include State aid used to reduce property taxes. Based on the assessed value, the amount of this State aid used to offset property taxes on this parcel equals:

\$ 4683.96