

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-118**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A REDUCTION IN FORCE THROUGH THE ELIMINATION OF THE POSITION OF TAX COLLECTOR AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 ET. SEQ. RELATIVE TO THE DUTIES AND SERVICES OF THE OFFICE OF TAX/UTILITY COLLECTOR TO BE PERFORMED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Barnegat is faced with certain budgetary constraints and shortfalls in the foreseeable future; and

**WHEREAS**, these constraints and shortfalls have occurred in part due various fiscal actions and mandates undertaken and imposed by the State of New Jersey which have adversely impacted many of the State's municipalities, including the Township of Barnegat; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has strongly encouraged municipalities to participate in shared services agreements. In adopting N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et. seq., the Legislature made the following finding regarding the benefits of shared services: "The problem of high property taxes paid by New Jersey's residents is not easily solved, but can be ameliorated through changes to the laws designed to encourage government efficiency through shared services, regionalization and consolidation."; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee is required to make fiscally responsible budgetary decisions in order to ensure the long-term financial stability of the Township; and

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**WHEREAS**, the fiscal responsibility of the Township Committee includes the making of difficult personnel decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, certain reductions are necessary in the Township of Barnegat in order to maintain the long-term fiscal stability of the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has identified areas where reductions in staffing will not impair the level of services that the Township provides to the residents of Barnegat Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as the "Township") has entered into discussions with representatives of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey ("Ocean") with regard to a Shared Services Agreement for the provision of Tax/Utility Collector services in order to best assist and protect the citizens and taxpayers of the Townships of Barnegat and Ocean; and

**WHEREAS**, the reduction in force through the elimination of the position of Tax Collector, and the provision of these services by the Township of Ocean, is anticipated to result in a savings of \$60,000.00 for the first year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township believes that savings to the Township's residents and taxpayers will continue to accrue for years to come through the elimination of the position of Tax Collector and the reduction in force achieved through this elimination; and

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**WHEREAS**, an Agreement has been reached in principle between representatives of Barnegat and Ocean, a true copy of which is on file at the office of the Township Clerk of each municipality and can be reviewed during normal business hours, so that Barnegat and Ocean can share services for the services referenced in that Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has reviewed the proposed Agreement and finds it to be reasonable, appropriate, and in the long-term best interests of the residents and taxpayers of the Township of Barnegat:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012 by the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township Committee hereby authorizes and approves a reduction in force through the elimination of the position of Tax Collector; and

2. The Township approves the Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Ocean, a true copy of which is on file at the office of the Township Clerk and can be reviewed during normal business hours.

3. The Township authorizes and directs the Mayor, Township Clerk and Township Administrator to execute any and all necessary documents in order to implement the intent of this resolution.

4. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the following:

- (a) Honorable Alfonso Cirulli, Mayor;
- (b) New Jersey Department of Community Affairs;
- (c) Honorable Dennis Tredy, Mayor of Ocean Township;
- (d) David Breeden, Administrator; and
- (e) Jerry J. Dasti, Esq.

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Barnegat at a meeting held on February 8, 2012, a quorum being present and voting in the majority.

**SHARON L. AUER, TOWNSHIP CLERK**

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