

RESOLUTION 2012-318

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN SUPPORT OF S-302 THE “TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT ACT” WHICH WOULD CODIFY AND EXPAND ON THE STATE PUBLIC FINANCE WEBSITE

WHEREAS, the clamor of eliminating waste, fraud and abuse is often stated but rarely addressed, and efforts to do so are nearly impossible.

WHEREAS, transparency in government is necessary to identify State spending and where State taxpayer dollars are going.

WHEREAS, the State public finance website which retains and displays data and information on the State’s annual revenues, expenditures and total bonded indebtedness is necessary as a user-friendly source of information to track State revenues and expenditures and to gauge its past and present levels of indebtedness.

WHEREAS, the State website includes information such as contractual service, purchases, salaries and wages, gifts, grants and bonded obligations and must be accessible to the public no later than 45 days following the close of each fiscal year.

WHEREAS, a bi-partisan approach to improving transparency, identifying waste and eliminating abuse at each level of State government and the establishment of the Public Finance Transparency Committee would facilitate the organization, development and maintenance of such websites.

WHEREAS, Senator Joe Pennacchio has introduced S-302 the “Transparency in Government Act”, to codify and expand on such aforementioned State public finance website and to establish a Public Transparency Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we voice our support of Senator Pennacchio’s bill, S-302, the “Transparency in Government Act”, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Chris Christie, Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Senate Minority Leader Tom Kean, Jr. and Senator Joe Pennacchio.

CERTIFICATION

I, Sharon L. Auer, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at their regular meeting held on the 4th day of June 2012, in the Municipal Complex, 900 W. Bay Avenue, Barnegat NJ 08005

Sharon L. Auer
Acting Municipal Clerk