

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

**ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2016, 5:00 PM**

1. Call to Order by Municipal Clerk, Michele Rivers
-Welcome and Happy New Year.
2. Invocation by Monsignor Ken Tuzeneu, Pastor St. Mary's R.C. Church
3. Salute to the Flag

National Anthem sung by Rachel Anne Miller
4. 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 by publication of the date, time and location of this meeting more than 48 hours in advance, and by posting advance written notice for the purpose of public inspection on the official Bulletin Board, and in the office of the Township Clerk in the Municipal Building
5. Oath of Office administered to Susan McCabe and Frank Caputo by Senator Christopher Connors
6. Roll Call of Officials Present:
Committeeman Bille – Present
Committeeman Caputo - Present
Committeeman Cirulli - Present
Committeewoman McCabe - Present
Committeeman Novak - Present

7. Formal Action:

Resolution 2016-1

Resolution Nominating Mayor of Barnegat Township for the year 2016

Nomination: John Novak

By: A. Bille Second: Frank Cuputo

**Roll Call: Caputo: Yes Cirulli: Yes McCabe: Yes
 Bille: Yes Novak: Yes**

Oath of Office administered to Mayor by Danielle Novak-Kinback Esq.

Resolution 2016-2

Resolution Nominating Deputy Mayor of Barnegat Township for the year 2016

Nomination: Al Bille

By: Frank Caputo Second: Susan McCabe

**Roll Call: Caputo: Yes Cirulli: Yes McCabe: Yes
Bille: Yes Novak: Yes**

Oath of Office administered to Deputy Mayor by Senator Christopher Connors.

Motion to Open Public Comment: A. Cirulli Second: A. Bille

Fred Rubenstein, - Congratulations to the Committee. Dispatch concerns. They need good faith collective bargaining.

Michele Woodruff 5 Ann Ct. - Happy New Year, Congratulations to all. Thank you for letting me speak for Brighton. We are still in need of proper signage and painting on the road. There is nothing telling anyone there is nothing more than a shoulder. I would like an update on the project.

Matt Robidoux 108 Ravenwood Blvd. - Thank you Mr. Novak, for getting back to me. The County made an error in dispatch, when there was a call for the Barnegat High School. They dispatched Waretown Station 36. I am asking you to keep the dispatch here in town.

Elaine Taylor, 147 Spruce Circle N. - Congratulations John and Al. Professionals are being hired tonight. Two RFP's were submitted. I would hope you will consider them due to what they are charging. I think you are putting people's safety at risk if you go with the dispatch change to County.

**Motion to Close Public Comment: A. Bille Second: A. Cirulli
All are in favor**

8. New Business:

Approval of the minutes from the December 14, 2015 meeting

Motion to adopt minutes:A. Bille Second: A. Cirulli
**Roll Call: Caputo: Abstain Cirulli: Yes McCabe: Yes
Bille: Yes Novak: Yes**

Resolution 2016-3

Resolution adopting the 2016 Temporary Municipal Budget

Motion to adopt Resolution: A. Bille **Second: S. McCabe**

Roll Call: Caputo: Yes Cirulli: Yes McCabe: Yes
 Bille: Yes Novak: Yes

Resolution 2016-4

Resolution adopting the 2016 Temporary Budget for Barnegat Township Water and Sewer Utility

Motion to adopt Resolution: F. Caputo **Second: A. Cirulli**

Roll Call: Caputo: Yes Cirulli: Yes McCabe: Yes
 Bille: Yes Novak: Yes

9. 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 of Jason Cioffi as member to the Barnegat Volunteer First Aid Squad

Approval of the American Legion Post to hold off-premise merchandise raffle on April 15, 2016

Approval of the American Legion Post to hold Bingo on Mondays in 2016

Approval of the American Legion Post to sell Instant Pull-Tab tickets in 2016

Resolution 2016-5

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid Block 114.27 Lot 29, 13 Anchor Road

Resolution 2016-6

Resolution designating Official Depositories (Banks) for the Township Calendar year 2016

Resolution 2016-7

Resolution authorizing execution of Corporate Resolution Forms and Signature Cards required by Depositories

Resolution 2016-8

Resolution approving a Cash Management Plan for 2016

Resolution 2016-9

Appointing Michele Rivers to issue Assessment Searches for the Township of Barnegat

Resolution 2016-10

Appointing Jennifer Burr to issue Tax Searches for the Township of Barnegat

Resolution 2016-11

Appointing Fund Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner for the Township of Barnegat

Resolution 2016-12

Appointing Grantsman and Alternate Grantsman for the submission of Community Development Block Grants

Resolution 2016-13

Appointing Public Information Officer

Resolution 2016-14

Designating three (3) Official Newspapers for the Township of Barnegat

Resolution 2016-15

Fixing interest rates for delinquent Tax and Assessment Payments

Resolution 2016-16

Fixing interest rates for delinquent Water and Sewer Utility payments

Resolution 2016-17

Resolution authorizing Barnegat Township Tax Assessor to act as agent for the Township in Ocean County Tax Board issues

Resolution 2016-18

Resolution Establishing Meeting Dates for the Barnegat Township Committee

Resolution 2016-19

Establishing meeting dates for all Boards and Commissions for the year 2016

Resolution 2016-20

Resolution authorizing appropriations for Debt Service

Resolution 2016-21

Resolution designating Township Officials to sign endorsements for various NJDEP Water and Sewer Permits

Resolution 2016-22

Resolution authorizing the Administrator to apply for an Ocean County Tourism Grant for 2016

Resolution 2016-23

Resolution appointing various Coordinator positions

Resolution 2016-24

Resolution awarding a contract to Associated Humane Societies, Inc. for 2016 in the amount of \$2,997.44 per month

Resolution 2016-25

Resolution authorizing an agreement for Random Drug and Alcohol Testing Services to Dynamic Testing Service

Resolution 2016-26

Resolution awarding a contract to Del Vel Chemical for Total System Solution (PEAT) for the Water & Sewer Department in the amount of \$7,500.00

Resolution 2016-27

Resolution awarding the 2016 Laboratory Testing Service Contract to J.R. Henderson Labs for the Water & Sewer Department in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00

Resolution 2016-28

Resolution awarding a contract to Kroff Chemical Co. for odor control for the 4th Street Pump Station in the amount of \$6,435.00

Resolution 2016-29

Resolution awarding a contract to Miracle Chemical for Sodium Hypochlorite Solution for the Water & Sewer Department in the amount of \$10,777.50

Resolution 2016-30

Resolution approving a contract for the Maintenance of the wells and pump station's SCADA Control Systems to NB Controls, Inc. at an hourly rate of \$90.00

Resolution 2016-31

Resolution awarding a contract to Pollard Water for odor & degreasing control for the Water & Sewer Department in the amount of \$8,389.50

Resolution 2016-32

Resolution approving renewal of Mobile Home Operator's License to Brighton at Barnegat

Resolution 2016-33

Designating Committee Assignments

Resolution 2016-34

Resolution accepting and approving a shared services agreement with the Township of Ocean for Tax/Utility Collector Services

Resolution 2016-35

Resolution appointing members to the American's with Disabilities Board (ADA)

Resolution 2016-36

Resolution appointing members to the Economic Development Committee (EDC)

Resolution 2016-37

Resolution appointing members to the Planning Board

Resolution 2016-38

Resolution appointing members to the Zoning Board

Resolution 2016-39

Resolution eliminating the position of Municipal Alliance Coordinator

Resolution 2016-40

Resolution appointing members to the Shade Tree Commission

Resolution 2016-41 Not used

Resolution 2015-42

Resolution appointing members to the Senior Advisory Board

Resolution 2016-43

Resolution appointing members to the Environmental Commission

Resolution 2016-44

Resolution appointing members to the Cox Museum and Library Management Committee

Resolution 2016-45

Resolution appointing various Township professionals through a Fair and Open Process for the calendar year 2016

Resolution 2016-46

Resolution authorizing the municipal Clerk to advertise for bids for Uniforms

Resolution 2016-47

Resolution appointing individuals to non-union positions for the Recreation Department

Resolution 2016-48

Resolution authorizing a lien be placed on various properties for Obnoxious Growth cleanup

Motion to Adopt Consent Agenda: A. Cirulli Second: A. Bille

Roll Call: Caputo: Abstain Cirulli: Yes McCabe: Yes
 Bille: Yes Novak: Yes

10. Committee Comments

Susan McCabe- Wishing everyone a Happy New Year. I am very excited about this committee. I look forward to what we can accomplish this year.

Frank Caputo- Thank you to my family, wife and children, to my extended family the residents of Barnegat. I will do what is in the best interest for all of us. I believe we have top notch people up here that have Barnegat in their best interest.

Al Cirulli- Congratulation's to the Committee. This is an exceptional group. All their experience and expertise will serve the residents of Barnegat well.

Al Bille- Thank you to my family and friends. Congratulation to Mr. Novak, we have a great CFO, Tom. Between him and Marty along with us up here we have a great team. We will do what is best for our community.

John Novak- Thank you to Dee, Nancy and Florence for decorating the recreation center for this evening. Thank you to Michele, Donna and her staff. Thank you to Susan McCabe. She served during a hard time, with an Administrator that was on sick leave and with a new CFO coming in. She took time out of her life to be in town hall, which becomes a chore.

The selection process for mayor in Township Committee form of government is interesting, local politics at its best. There's ringing and wrangling, concessions and compromise the results of which, this year, are historic for this will be the first time where Barnegat's mayor will be subject to the five-minute timer.

In reorganization meetings such as this, municipalities large and small gather and speeches are given. Those speeches often times include words like vision, journey, destiny, dreams they also afford an opportunity for the person giving the speech to tell you how great they are and how they will accomplish great things during their tenure in office. Eventually, vision and dreams journey to the destiny of reality, the reality of cost, revenue, finance, and other factors which are inevitable in local government.

A portion of our government faces the voters every election cycle. While somewhat unique amongst the spectrum of elected bodies, it certainly fosters accountability. The Township Committee form of government works for towns our size hence its overwhelming popularity throughout the state. However, the burden of re-election can produce unintended long term results.

Proverbs 28:12 says, *Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.*

2015 was and interesting year. It brought two new Committeemen to the dais and saw the replacement of two key administration figures: the CFO and the Township Administrator. Ignorance is bliss and things are not always as they seem. It is now apparent that there is work to do to get our fiscal house in order. It would appear that the pressure to paint a pretty picture can result in a distorted image.

To perpetuate illusion would not foster trust. While it may be more pleasant on the ears to dream, 2016 is going to be a challenging year.

There are to be no secrets as between Township Committee members irrespective of affiliation or allegiance and, other than legally appropriate confidential or sensitive matters, there shall be no secrets from the public.

The imprisoned Apostle Paul in his letter to the church at Phillipi presumably somewhere between 53 and 61 A.D. said in (Philippians 2:3) *Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.*

In reorganization meetings, someone is selected to sit in the center seat; in our Township Committee form of government that person, the Mayor, is an equal among five.

Each and every one of the five seated here today has a responsibility and a purpose. All count and all are to be heard. Proverbs 27:17 say that as *Iron sharpens iron-one man sharpens another.* Dialogue

and respectful disagreement are healthy and productive; we all do not always have to thin in unison. As General George Patton is famously known to have said, *if everybody is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking.*

Arnold H. Glasow, a writer frequently cited in the Wall Street Journal, Forbes, the Chicago Tribune and many other publications who published his first book at age 92 said, *A good leader takes a little more than his share of the blame, a little less than his share of credit.*

Humility is a hallmark class. Evidence that the most powerful of all became a man and suffered the humiliation of death on a cross.

Elected officials who face the voters periodically seek to be popular. To be liked one must be trusted and for there to be trust there must be transparency. We must endeavor to be as transparent as possible. It will take time; trust must be earned, over time, and we must start now.

This year you are going to see Workshop meetings. In 2016 we will have Workshop meetings open to the public. One Friday morning each month in this room, we will meet publicly to craft an agenda for the upcoming Township Committee meeting. The dialogue about ideas and plans, this will be done in public and the public is encouraged to attend.

In 2016 there will be meet the Mayor opportunities. Dates, times and locations are to be determined and will be flexible. The privilege of getting to sit in the center seat and enjoy the title of Mayor has it responsibilities and primarily that must always be to the public.

Barnegat is a small town with a big heart. Our folk seek to get involved. There is a vast wealth of diverse knowledge and experience in this town; it should not be squandered or ignored. The five seated here are not bestowed with any monopoly on brilliance. In 2016 there will be, from time to time as issues present themselves, Mayor's Select Task Force(s). As the title suggest, these groups will be task specific and will, for limited periods of time, be created to research and investigate a particular issue then present findings and recommendations to the Township Committee. Although sometimes we may be tempted to think so, it's impossible to know everything about everything. On any given issue, specialized knowledge, experience and research efforts can assist this Committee and help the correct decisions to be made.

Proverbs 11:14 says, *Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.*

It's a new year with new folks in vital places. It is asked that cooperation be conferred, patience be provided, and that you pray for us and for Barnegat Township. We are a good town with good, caring people and we will do good things in 2016.

11. Motion to Adjourn: A. Bille
All are in favor

Second: A. Cirulli

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were formally approved by the Barnegat Township Committee:

Municipal Clerk