

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 12, 2016, 6:30 PM**

**1. Call to Order**

**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 by publication of the date, time and location of this meeting more than 48 hours in advance, and by posting advance written notice on the official Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building, and in the office of the Township Clerk for the purpose of Public inspection.

**3. Roll Call of Officials Present:**

Committeeman Caputo - Present  
Committeeman Cirulli - Present  
Committeewoman McCabe - Present  
Deputy Mayor Bille –Present  
Mayor Novak - Present

**4. Salute to the Flag**

**Invocation: Mike Bryburgh, Senior Pastor of King of Kings  
Community Church**

**Ocean County Sheriffs Department Presentation with question and  
answer session-**

Sheriff Mastronardy- We were requested in September to take a look at assisting Barnegat P. D. in the area of communications. The Sheriff's office was not involved in any of the negotiations with the county administration. We are just saying tonight what we have to offer. We have nothing to do with the decision process; we understand there are some issues. With that I will turn this over to Captain Shank, he has a power point presentation, and we will answer any questions.

Captain Shank- I have a brief presentation for informational purposes. What you're seeing is a picture of our communication center, located on 138 Chestnut Street, Toms River. It is set in 3 sections. Section one is call taking, any type of 911, then transferred to appropriate division, Police dispatch, fire, EMS side of the room. Currently 23 life serving agencies, 44 fire departments, 11 local police departments. We are the County wide

public safety answering point. We answered over 300,000 911 call in 2015. Due to influx of people communicating with cell phone, 68% of those calls came via cell phone. Dispatchers are trained to provide emergency medical dispatch for any type of call that comes in. Our Fire and EMS dispatch, we have direct communication with MONOC for all advanced life support calls. There are specific protocols in place for each respective Fire and EMS dictating the response. We provide dispatch for both volunteered and paid organizations with in the county.

We currently dispatch for 11 police departments, all operators are NCIC proficient and tested. We provide for County law enforcement agency, Medical examiner and County Fire Marshalls office. Mobile command unit can be used for any type of police, fire, ems dispatch or operational type dispatch with in the county, as the need arises. 2015 over 1200 ems calls were dispatched to Barnegat, to include squad 11 in addition to Quality Medical Transport. Fire calls in Barnegat has 463 calls for service in 2015 handled by our communication center. There were 5,000 911 calls for Barnegat, for police, fire and EMS. Everything is immediately logged in our CAD system then populated, and is signaled when it's completed. CAD System is being upgraded in 2016. Generator powered building, video monitored and IT Personnel.

Hurricane proof Building? New standards for a future vision.

John Murrin- Have you been answering 911 calls for Barnegat? Is new

Resident- Is the CAD system compatible with Barnegat?

John Novak- New CAD needs to be installed but no decision on who will be financially responsible for that has been made.

Jake Taylor- Do you have referred calls that came back to Barnegat.

Sheriff's Department- Calls are dispatched for Fire and EMS currently.

Resident- Asking why we are adding a middle man.

Resident- Will a citizen be calling Barnegat or County Dispatch. A citizen may have no idea if there is a third party is involved.

Sheriff- Administrative decision by your Chief.

Bob Martucci, Seaside Park Administrator, Barnegat Resident- We converted in 2010. Our call volume is enormous between Memorial Day and Labor Day. The data we have that the call goes into the county and right back to our police department to be dispatched. The equipment that the county has could never be afforded by Barnegat or Seaside Park. We

were ready to pay \$450,000 for an upgrade. It would have been a band aid to what we really needed. It will give you the presence of the best technology.

Part time Dispatcher Member-Crossed message and adding a step.

Resident-How many dispatchers work at one time?

Sheriff- Average 4-12 dispatchers on a shift. 1 would be added per shift if we contract with Barnegat. We only cover Ocean County, 11 police departments.

Sgt. Ryan- 698-5000 this number will ring right to the County.

Denise Pilovsky- Is our equipment no good? How many errors and mistakes in the last 5 years. How many Police dispatch? Has anyone withdrawn that went to County.

Sheriff- I wouldn't have mistakes, as well as Barnegat probably doesn't. Our dispatches and PST's do a great job. They are not always 100% but we address it and hold them accountable. Tuckerton is the only one who went back to Little Egg.

**Motion to open Public Comment: A. Bille**  
J. Novak- Be mindful and respectful.

**Second: A. Cirulli**

John Marcy, 8 Jon Drive- Explained certain personal experiences that he was in as an officer and how in house dispatch is more effective. Requesting to keep in house dispatch.

Jake Taylor 106 Newark Road- the Committee should get the financials in order and keep local dispatch.

John Murrin, 38 Pierhead Dr. - Public Walk-ins. There will be someone stationed at the door. Knowledge of the town is important. Location of the car is paramount and local dispatch would know this information. Do a 1 year contract and look to see if it's in our benefit.

Bob Martucci, 15 Hatteras Way. - GPS knows the town better. It's about safety and getting the officer to the response as quick as possible. It's all about the technology.

Michelle Woodruff, 5 Ann Court- Thank you for the deceleration lane. It has been finalized today.

Susan Stein, 47 Bowline St. - Parks are not suitable for play. The parks on Deck and Bilge. Why can't this vote be on a referendum in regards to dispatch?

J. Novak- We need to collect more information and facts.

Karen Frate, 27 Deer Run Dr. North- I agree you should look into hiring part time dispatchers. I am concerned that we are looking at cuts that are going to affect the welfare and wellbeing of our town and police officers.

J. Novak- Anything we agree to will be in writing.

Bill Cox, 12 Herkimer Court- Dispatch has done their job admirably. I have experienced many things as an NYPD officer. There is nothing more valuable to an officer, than a calm reassuring knowledgeable voice of a seasoned dispatcher.

Vince Green, 89 Sandpiper- Why was dispatch allowed to go down to six positions and then pay out all that overtime. Who allowed this?

Kiersten Ciercio, 49 Carriage Way. - When I have called for emergencies not knowing my exact location, the dispatchers from the County didn't know. They sent me to Barnegat and our local dispatchers new exactly what road I was talking about.

Sean McKeon, 26 Capstan Street- Why would you hire Public Works personnel and not hire dispatchers. Keep our dispatchers.

Denise Pilovsky, 26 Aphrodite Dr. - What type of saving are we talking about. My numbers are \$7 a year per residence. It's not worth an extra saving of \$7 per year.

J. Novak- The delta is somewhere between \$400,000 and 500,000 per year.

Gabriel Paul Davis, 5 Iselin Court- Are we still using old radios/CB in the cruisers. If we switch off to county, how will the county dispatchers radio to our officer? Where will the money saved go? Did State Budget get sent to the state? Can I see the budget? Keep the dispatchers.

Sgt. Ryan- they have the capabilities to do that now.

J. Novak- It will go to the needs of the community. There is no shortage of fiscal needs of this town. You are entitled to a copy it's a public document.

John Lynch, Manahawkin- County stated they would a lot 1 dispatcher, but in Barnegat we have 2 dispatchers on a time. Familiarity is to the town is important.

Brittany Laroche, 114 5<sup>th</sup> St. Waretown- My mailing address is Barnegat. GPS is an issue, because of location. Outsourcing is not the problem, it is budgeting.

James Johnson (OPEIU) 1800 Carriage Hill Drive, Wall- We are comparing. Some comparison can be made. Service and needs of the citizens are important. Look at the cost of going to county and the cost of retaining dispatch in town.

Sharon Eastwick OPEIU Representative, Local 32- I have been representing Barnegat Township for over 18 years. Overtime issues have been coming up in negotiating for 7-8 years. We asked to hire personnel, to cut the overtime. The bottom line is not always the best way to go.

Carol Essig, 6 Pond View Circle- I am a resident and tax payer. I raised my family here. One of my kids is a dispatcher. These people have been working without a contract. They will lose their livelihood. Dispatchers are important to this town with their area knowledge.

Brian Webber, PD Barnegat- I feel this would be a safety issue for Barnegat. The dispatchers know this town and where these officers are at all times. I am speaking on behalf of myself and PBA we don't feel this is a good move.

Chief Drexler- In a tough position. Our dispatchers do a great job. A decision needs to be made soon. I wish I could keep them and hire a full staff. I have a budget to work with and it's difficult to do. The public or the officers will not be in jeopardy either way we go.

**Motion to close Public comment: A. Bille**

**Second F. Caputo**

**Resolution 2016-49**

Resolution authorizing the Township Committee to retire into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters

**Motion to introduce resolution: F. Caputo**

**Second: A. Bille**

**Roll Call: Caputo: Yes**

**Cirulli: Yes**

**McCabe: Yes**

**Bille: Yes**

**Novak: Yes**

**Resolution 2016-49A**

Resolution authorizing and accepting a Shared Services agreement with the County of Ocean for Dispatcher Services

**Motion to Table Resolution: A. Bille**

**Second: A. Cirulli**

**Roll Call: Caputo: Yes**

**Cirulli: Yes**

**McCabe: Yes**

**Bille: Yes**

**Novak: Yes**

**5. Committee Reports**

A. Bille- For those who called us liars and making stuff up. Today Acme started hiring. Thank you.

**6. Mayor's Report**

**None**

**7. Old Business**

**None**

**8. New Business**

Public Hearing regarding the funding availability from the Ocean County FY2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Citizens and agencies are invited to comment on the housing and community development needs of the Township of Barnegat and obtain a project application. All project applications must be returned to the Township of Barnegat, Municipal Clerks Office, 900 W. Bay Avenue, Barnegat NJ 08005 by 4:00pm, January 21, 2016.

**Open Public Comment on CDBG funding:**

**Frank Caputo**

**Second: A. Cirulli**

**Close Public Comment on CDBG funding:**

**Frank Caputo**

**Second: A. Cirulli**

**Approval of the January 5, 2016 Township Committee meeting minutes**

**Motion to approve minutes: A. Bille**

**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 for the Barnegat Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary to hold on premise 50/50 raffle on February 12, & 25, 2016**

#### **Resolution 2016-50**

Resolution authorizing a refund for premiums paid at tax sale on Block 114.31 Lot 16 113 Village Drive, Block 114.05 Lot 3 98 Barnegat Blvd., Block 114.34 Lot 24 14 Longboat Avenue, Block 114.14 Lot 77 9 Commodore Court, Block 114.22 Lot 23 42 Bowline Drive, Block 114.15 Lot 25 10 Admiral Court, Block 250 Lot 2 26 Powell Lane, block 99 Lot 8 12 Ninth Street, Block 114.32 Lot 16 111 Schooner Avenue

#### **Resolution 2016-51**

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid on Block 114.21 Lot 19, 2 Mast Drive

#### **Resolution 2016-52**

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid on Block 254 Lot 8, 582 East Bay Avenue

#### **Resolution 2016-53**

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid on Block 114.34 Lot 22, 18 Longboat Avenue

#### **Resolution 2016-54**

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid on Block 95.15 Lot 4.01, 31 Fifth Street

#### **Resolution 2016-55**

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid on Block 92.80 Lot 12, 4 Gulf Court

#### **Resolution 2016-56**

Resolution authorizing the cancelling of taxes and authorizing a refund for Totally Disabled Veterans Tax Exemption on Block 95.19 Lot 27, 1 Swan Lake Court

#### **Resolution 2016-57**

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to adjust accounts erroneously applied for Block 116.07 Lot 20, 8 Crystal Court

**Resolution 2016-58**

Resolution awarding a contract to Hal Systems for Network Support for Town Hall in the amount of \$32,110

**Resolution 2016-59**

Resolution awarding a contract to Hal Systems for Network Support for the Police Department in the amount of \$28,500

**Resolution 2016-60**

Resolution authorizing the renewal of a mobile home park operator's license to Pinewood Estates

**Resolution 2016-61**

Resolution appointing various Coordinator positions

<b>Motion to Adopt Consent Agenda:</b>	<b>A. Bille</b>	<b>Second: A. Cirulli</b>
<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Caputo: Yes</b>	<b>Cirulli: Yes</b>
	<b>Bille: Yes</b>	<b>McCabe: Yes</b>
	<b>Novak: Yes</b>	

<b>10. Motion to Adjourn: J. Novak</b>	<b>Second: Frank Caputo</b>
<b>All are in favor</b>	

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

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Municipal Clerk