

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT
OCEAN COUNTY
900 WEST BAY AVENUE
BARNEGAT, NEW JERSEY 08005**

**SPECIAL BUDGET AND WORKSHOP MINUTES
May 31, 2016, 6:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR JOHN J. NOVAK

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 in the official newspapers 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.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Scout Troop #26 discussing an Eagle Scout fundraising project for the Cemetery and getting Flags on all Veterans graves.

Public comment carried from May 3, 2016 public hearing on the 2016 Budget

Armando Quiroz- Questions to be addressed. Loss of money in Grants, how are we securing the funds in grants? Road improvement funds, are they coming from any type of Grant? Who is responsible for Firehouse parking lot? Special Emergency appropriation and why is there a decrease. Delinquent taxes, is this number correct? Asking Township Committee to vote no on this budget.

J. Novak- Responded to questions and concerns.

A.Bille- Addressed all the things that have been done for recreation.

S. McCabe- Discussed Recreation decrease, due to a Full-timer who retired.

M. Lisella- Gave explanation of the changes of staff in Recreation.

T. Lombarski- Gave response 1.2 Million FEMA and Grants

Jake Taylor, 106 Newark Rd. - Asking about Empty homes. Pointed out there is a 25% increase in taxes in 6 years.

A.Bille- Requested to meet with Jake to discuss this further. Municipal Budget went up 8% since 2011. It's the only controllable that we have.

Ray Lesczak, 116 Redwood Dr. - Question when this meeting was posted. Felt there was not enough notice.

M. Rivers- Gave dates on the current meeting.

J. Novak- Gave reasons for the change, and how we advertise. Explained bonds how and why we need them.

Bill Murray, 102 Spruce Lane- What is the % of debt to budget?

A.Bille 1.68 Million in debt.

T. Lombarski- Discussed what bonds have been paid off and what is left.

Motion to close Public comment on the 2016 Budget: F.Caputo Second: A. Cirulli

Formal Action Agenda:

Resolution 2016-210

Resolution amending the 2016 Budget

Read in full by Tom Lombarski, and made a part of these minutes

Motion to Re-Open Public Comment on the 2016 Amended Budget:

A. Cirulli Second: F. Caputo

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

J. Taylor, 106 Newark Rd- Feels that Barnegat cannot be compared to Stafford.

C. Connors- Explained how the State sees the percentage of debt vs. assessment of the budget.

Motion to close Public comment on the 2016 Amended Budget:

F.Caputo Second: A. Cirulli

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

Resolution 2016-211
 Resolution adopting the 2016 Municipal Budget
 -Read in full by Tom Lombarski, and made a part of these minutes

Motion to adopt resolution: F. Caputo **Second: A. Cirulli**
 Roll Call: Caputo: Yes Cirulli: Yes McCabe: Yes
 Bille: No Novak: Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT (General)

Motion to open public comment: A. Bille **Second: A. Cirulli**

J. Taylor 106 Newark Rd. - Questioning the amendments and why he doesn't have a copy of it. Asking about the football field and the cost of it, and why the field exceeded \$20,000 when the resolution stated it shouldn't. Asked how Lexington property was purchased without a resolution.

T. Lombarski- The changes weren't significant enough that it needed to be advertised.

S. McCabe- Gave explanation of the field, AstroTurf and pricing.

C. Connors- Property would be purchased through an Ordinance.

Michelle Woodruff, 5 Ann Court- Asking for clarification for the Municipal Fee. Can the Municipality put a lien on a manufactured home for nonpayment of the Municipal fee?

Maxine Blumenthal, 160 Brighton Rd. - Will the Committee be voting on the Rent Leveling Board at the next meeting? Would like to speak with the committee before any final decisions.

J. Novak- There should be some dialogue with the communities. Gave explanations on what the Committee can and cannot do.

M. Rivers- Considering introducing it at the June 14th meeting.

Frank Trio, 117 Redwood Dr. - Was a past Rent Leveling Board representative. Stated reasons why a Rent Leveling Board is needed.

J. Novak- Gave his thoughts and examples of pros and cons on the Rent Leveling Board.

Ray Leszczak, 116 Redwood Dr. - Would like to keep the Rent Leveling Board. He feels the Township can help with their situations.

Bill Murray, 102 Spruce Lane- Brought up his frustration with the Rent Leveling Board.

J. Novak- Reiterated special meeting will be held for the two communities.

A.Bille- Clarification will be made for the Rent Leveling Board, there will be something done.

Bob Oliveto, 14 Kimberly Dr. - Discussed what he did to address there Management Office, on things that need to be taken care of. Suggested to keep the Rent Leveling Board.

Diane Schlaegel. 32 Kimberly Dr. - Questioning rent control and rent leveling difference.

J. Novak- Gave explanation of rent control vs. rent leveling.

Rick Edelman, 131 Cypress Lane- When in the next two weeks will we meet with someone from the Township.

J. Novak- Asking to give the Clerk his meeting dates.

J. Dasti- Suggested we hold a meeting, Friday, June 3rd.

Motion to close public comment: F. Caputo Second: A. Cirulli

Resolution 2016-212

Resolution authorizing the execution of Green Acres Loan Agreement with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection for the Barnegat Boulevard Recreation Complex in the amount of \$550,000.00

Motion to adopt resolution: A. Cirulli Second: F. Caputo

Roll Call: Caputo: Yes Cirulli: Yes McCabe: Yes
 Bille: Yes Novak: No

Workshop Meeting Agenda

June 14, 2016 Draft agenda items for consideration

1. Introduce Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 74, Water & Sewer connection fees
2. Introduce Ordinance renewing 50-year lease with Verizon for the continued use of streets and public ways within the Township
3. Introduce Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 64, Rent Leveling Board
 - Members of the rent leveling board will schedule a meeting on June 3rd 9:30am.

4. Introduce Ordinance adopting a Redevelopment Plan for Shoreline Sand & Gravel, Compass Point

Motion to remove Ordinance: F. Caputo

Second: A. Cirulli

Roll Call: Caputo: Yes

Cirulli: Yes

McCabe: Yes

Bille: Yes

Novak: Yes

5. Introduce Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 74 revising Irrigation Meter Fee for Mirage Community (designating how irrigation meter fees are to be charged)
6. Introduce Ordinance amending and supplementing the Land Use Code, 55-327, Entitled "Drainage Assessments" (designating how Drainage Assessment fees are used by the Township)
7. Introduce Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 36 of the General Code, Entitled "Brush, Weeds, Obnoxious Growth" (changing and adding fees for property maintenance abatements)
8. Introduce Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 39 of the General Code entitled " Construction Codes Uniform" (updating subcode fees charged for building permits)
9. Resolution authorizing a refund of premiums paid at tax sale
10. Authorizing release of Water System Maintenance Bond for Heritage Point North, Section 7A
11. Authorizing refund of stormwater/drainage assessment overpayment to Ryan Homes
12. Resolution opposing NJNG proposed rate increases
13. Support Click it or Ticket mobilization grant of \$5,000.00
14. Approval for block party on Rockrimmon Blvd July 30, 2016
15. Renewing liquor licenses for the 2016-2017 term
16. Authorizing grant application for Cops in Shops Summer initiative 2016 in the amount of \$_____
17. Authorizing renewal of Town Hall phone system service contract with Liberty technology Solutions in the amount of \$2,875.00
18. Approval of Michael Baker as Junior member of the Barnegat Fire Company
19. Authorizing a third amendment to shared service agreement with the Borough of Point Pleasant for Tax/Utility Collector Services
20. Rescind resolution 2016-177, refunding Homestead Rebate Block 93.02 Lot 15, 42 Dogwood Drive
21. Rescind Resolution 2016-179, refunding Homestead Rebate Block 95.44 Lot 49, 10 Overbrook Court
22. Approving appointment of part time summer seasonal personnel
23. Authorizing refunds for recreation program cancellations
24. Authorizing a medical leave of absence for Andrea Christensen
25. Authorizing extension of existing Recycling contract with Meadowbrook Industries
26. Authorizing extension of existing Trash contract with Waste Management

- 27. Resolution rejecting all bids for storage building for the Recreation Department
- 28. Authorize Application for the Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities (ROID) Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00
- 29. Support S265 State funding of disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption
- 30. Amending agreement increasing the Ocean County Schedule C agreement

Resolution 2016-213

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

Motion to adopt resolution: F. Caputo

Second: A. Cirulli

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

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn: F. Caputo

Second: S. McCabe

All are in favor

Presentation by the Police Department on the conditions of the Town Hall property (video)

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

Township Clerk