

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
June 2, 2014, 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:
  - a. By publication in the required newspapers of the date, time and location of this meeting more than 48 hours in advance.
  - b. By posting advance written notice on the official Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building.
  - c. By filing advance written notice with the Township Clerk for the purpose of Public inspection.

3. Roll Call of Officials Present:  
Committeewoman Taylor - Present  
Committeeman Bille - Present  
Committeeman Morano – Present  
Deputy Mayor Lisella – Present  
Mayor McCabe - Present

Invocation by Reverend Glenn Swank, Pastor of the Barnegat Bay Assembly of God

Carole Holmes from Meridian Health regarding the Paint the Town Pink Program

4. Salute to the Flag

***Resolution 2014-303***

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

***Motion to table resolution: A. Bille                      Second: M. Lisella***  
***Roll Call:     Taylor: Yes                      Bille: Yes                      Morano: Yes***  
***Lisella: Yes                      McCabe: Yes***

5. Mayor's Report  
Memorial Day  
Once again I had the pleasure of attending the Memorial Day services held at Fredrick A. Watts Park Sunday morning of the holiday weekend along with marching in the parade on Memorial Day Monday. It was an honor to be allowed to participate in events that recognize the sacrifice made by some so that all of us can enjoy the freedoms we have today.

Would like to thank all who took time out to join us at these events that acknowledge those who have fought and died for liberty and freedom.

#### Municipal Budget

Tonight on the agenda is the introduction of the town's 2014 budget. This budget reflects funding for the operation of the town along with the water and sewer utility. While the administrator will cover some of the details of the fiscal plan, some of the highlights of the budget are as follows:

1. At the April 2014 Township Committee meeting, the township administrator stated that despite the record setting winter, it was his hope that the tax rate increase for 2014 would be less than the 2 cent tax increase of 2013. I am happy and pleased to report that the administrator kept his word and the tax increase for the town for 2014 is ONLY 1.57 cents.
2. While the cost of winter operations greatly exceeded \$300,000, the overall increase for the 2014 budget is only \$354,000 or only a 1.6% increase when compared to last year.
3. Barnegat is witnessing signs of recovery from both the great recession and Super storm Sandy. New construction and storm restoration work is on the increase in addition to an upswing in the tax collection rate, which in itself is a great indicator of economic conditions. All signs appear to be favorable for 2014 as construction and business activity is increasing for Barnegat, including the repairs at the beach.
4. A major reason why Barnegat has been successful with stabilizing taxes and minimizing tax increases over the past several years is because of shared services. Barnegat has been a leader in the state when it comes to developing meaningful shared service agreements that benefit Barnegat taxpayers. In fact, on the agenda tonight is another shared service agreement with Point Pleasant for tax collection services. One (1) reason why Point Pleasant selected Barnegat is due to the solid reputation that Barnegat has when it comes to implementing shared services that yield both operational and financial benefits. A telling measure on how successful Barnegat has been with shared service is that we have agreements from exit 25 to exit 98 on the Garden State Parkway, which is almost 75 miles worth of shared service agreements!

Even though we would all prefer a budget with no tax increase, reality does come crashing in on the budget process resulting in a budget that is responsible and fair considering the extraordinary expenses associated with this past winter. Sitting here on June 2 makes it very easy to forget the harsh winter, but we must keep in mind the fifteen (15) winter weather events requiring the township's response in order to maintain safe road conditions. There is a price tag associated with a comprehensive snow and ice operation.

Overall I am pleased with the budget as it fairly reflects the cost of operations for the town. We are fortunate here in Barnegat to have a dedicated workforce committed

to the well being of the community. Having talented and skilled township employees enhances the ability of the town to remain clean, safe and affordable. In particular, I would like to recognize the efforts of Kathy Janeski, our Chief Financial Officer with preparing this budget. Much work goes into crafting a document that must strike a delicate balance between the financial needs of the town with the fiscal demands being placed on our taxpayers. Once again, Kathy has done an outstanding job with striking that balance. Thank you Kathy for all of your hard work.

#### Affordable Housing

For second reading and final adoption tonight is an ordinance that will permit the development of an AGE RESTRICTED rental complex at the intersection of route 9 and Georgetown Boulevard. This project will consist of 70 rental units of one and two bedroom apartments. Since this is AGE RESTRICTED, there will be NO impact on the schools.

Even just the mention of an affordable housing age restricted rental development has generated much interest from the community. Obviously there is a high demand for this type of project and I would encourage the committee to vote favorable for this ordinance in order to permit this development to move forward.

## 6. Committee Reports

Len Morano – We had a very busy Memorial Day weekend remembering those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Thank you to the residents that support our Veterans. Without the VFW and the American Legion we would not have these events that they plan. When we speak at the schools, they hear about veterans, and they can relate them to the local heroes that they read about. Our concerts have started at the dock, bugs and all.

#### Al Bille –

##### Memorial Day Services

With the unofficial start of summer comes the extended Memorial Day holiday weekend along with events and ceremonies that honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while fighting for freedom. On Sunday of the holiday weekend I had the privilege to attend the Memorial Day Service at Fredrick Watts Park and had an opportunity to speak on the true meaning of Memorial Day.

Then on Memorial Day Monday I had a chance to walk in the annual parade with all the veterans and kids. I wish to thank all that helped with making these events a success as it is very important that we pause and take stock on how fortunate we are to enjoy the freedoms we have today.

#### Barnegat Summer Savings Program

For the summer, the township will institute a "Barnegat Summer Savings" program which is similar in concept to the "Buy in Barnegat" program of last year which promoted and encouraged residents to shop and buy locally. On Tuesdays and Thursdays through out the summer season, participating merchants will offer a 10% discount on eligible merchandise and services.

At this time, we have about 20 merchants in the program and each business will have a sign in their window indicating participation in the program. No card is necessary and all that is required is for a Barnegat resident to visit a participating merchant on Tuesdays and Thursdays between now and Labor Day to take advantage of the savings.

Again, it is important in order to keep existing businesses successful and to attract new commercial establishments to town, we must keep Barnegat dollars in Barnegat and the "Barnegat Summer Savings" program helps accomplish that goal.

#### 2014 Municipal Budget

This evening the town will introduce its budget for 2014. Despite the harsh winter, the township was successful with keeping the tax rate increase under last years increase of 2 cents. For 2014, the proposed tax rate increase for the town is 1.57 cents or about 39 dollars on an average assessed house, which equates to roughly an increase of 75 cent per week on the average assessed home.

Local government touches upon the daily lives of each and every resident. Whether it is trash and recycling collection, street cleaning, responding to emergencies or snow plowing, it is the town that provides all of these services to the community. Barnegat Township government never sleeps and works diligently to maintain a clean, safe and affordable community.

Considering the significant cost of this past winter, I am pleased that we were able to produce a budget that is responsible and adequately funds town operations along with minimizing the financial impact on tax payers. Also, I would like to acknowledge Kathy Janeski, our Chief Financial Officer, for a job well done on the 2014 budget. Many hours of hard work goes into drafting the budget and I am appreciative of her efforts. Thank you.

Elaine Taylor – Thank you to the VFW and the American Legion for inviting me to their services this Memorial Day weekend. Thank you to all who worked on the budget, Kathy, Dave, Susan and Marty for working hard on this budget.

#### Marty Lisella - Memorial Day Events

Once again I had the honor and privilege of attending the Memorial Day events held in Barnegat a couple of weekends ago. On Sunday of the holiday weekend was the Memorial Day ceremony at the downtown Gazebo Park which is now called the Fredrick A. Watts Park. The ceremony reflects upon and acknowledges the ultimate sacrifice made by a few so that many can be free.

Also, on Memorial Day itself was the annual parade which starts on Birdsall Street and goes down route 9 to the American Legion where a barbecue is held. It is always a pleasure to see all the kids marching in the parade. Also, this year the parade was lead by the two (2) new Barnegat police motorcycles and I must say the

bikes and officers looked very sharp. As usual, everybody did a great job and I would like to thank the veterans for inviting me to the events.

#### Affordable Housing

On the agenda this evening for second reading and final adoption is an ordinance that permits an ALL AGE RESTRICTED affordable housing development, consisting of 70 units, to be constructed essentially at the intersection of Route 9 and Georgetown Boulevard which is on the Stafford Township line. Even though the plans for the development have not even been finalized, there has been a strong and positive response to the project with many residents inquiring on how to secure a living unit in the complex.

Recently, the state Council on Affordable Housing issued a draft of Round Three affordable housing requirements and Barnegat had an obligation of over 400 units. Besides complying with the law, there is a strong demand for AGE RESTRICTED affordable rental units and this particular project will provide a viable alternate living arrangement to those seniors who need to downsize or may not have the financial resources they once had.

#### 2014 Municipal Budget

Tonight the township will be introducing the 2014 municipal budget. The budget being proposed this evening is fiscally responsible and minimizes the financial impact on the hard working Barnegat taxpayers. Even with the harsh winter, the proposed budget for the town will increase taxes by 1.57 cents or an additional 39 dollars per average assessed house of \$250,000.

What is even more impressive is since the reassessment in 2011, the average annual tax increase for town operations has been less than a penny a year or roughly 22 dollars per year. Since 2011 and including this year, the overall tax rate increase for the town has ONLY been 3.87 cents.

I support the budget being proposed tonight as it represents a responsible financial plan required to fund town operations. Finally, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our Chief Financial Officer, Kathy Janeski, with preparing this budget. Many hours of hard work went into this budget and she should be commended for the final product. Thank you Kathy.

#### 7. Administrator's Report

Explained items on the agenda for approval tonight.

#### **Motion to open Public Comment: A. Bille      Second: M. Lisella**

Ken Jecas – 236 Edison Road: I have approached the Township about fences and trees; nothing has been done to date in violation at #234. What about the repairs to the beach? Admin: we are currently out to bid for those repairs.

Jake Taylor – 106 Newark Road: regarding the ordinances on the apartments; I am concerned the condition will deteriorate over the years. What if we can not rent to seniors? Admin: the law no longer applies to non-age-restricted changeover.

Frank Pecci – 11 Hemlock Drive: after a period of time they can change the rules about age-restricted housing. Admin: in order to secure state financing, federal tax credits this property needs to be deed restricted which makes it affordable and age-restricted, the old law no longer applies.

Morris Flory – 4 Blue Claw Drive: I am representing the EDC tonight, providing our goals for 2014. Thank you to the Mayor and Administrator for their input. The Board of Education has provided much needed input. The EDC believes the branding and marketing of Barnegat is one of the critical areas of our strategy. What is the committee's recommendation on a Business Advocate? How and where to announce the town wide presentation of the EDC work? Admin: the township is assessing the best approach for Barnegat whether to do that in-house or out source that position. We will utilize the Nixle system to advertise.

Karen Kostick – 12 Hannah Lee Road: there is a parking problem in our neighborhood with the professional plaza on route 9.

Elaine Taylor: wanted to mention that recycling is now weekly until Labor Day.

**Motion to close Public comment: A. Bille      Second: M. Lisella**

8. Old Business

***Ordinance 2014-10 (Second Reading)***

Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 55-34.5 entitled "Identification and Bulk Standards" of the Land Use Code of the Township of Barnegat

***Motion to Open Public Comment: A. Bille      Second: M. Lisella***

***Motion to Close Public Comment: A. Bille      Second: M. Lisella***

***Motion to adopt ordinance: M. Lisella      Second: A. Bille***

***Roll Call:      Taylor: Yes      Bille: Yes      Morano: Yes***

***Lisella: Yes      McCabe: Yes***

***Ordinance 2014-11 (Second Reading)***

Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 55.35.5 entitled "Identification and Bulk Standards" of the Land Use code of the Township of Barnegat

***Motion to Open Public Comment: A. Bille      Second: L. Morano***

***Motion to Close Public Comment: A. Bille      Second: M. Lisella***

***Motion to adopt ordinance: A. Bille      Second: M. Lisella***



**Roll Call: Taylor: Yes Bille: Yes Morano: Yes  
Lisella: Yes McCabe: Yes**

**Ordinance 2014-12 (Second Reading)**

Ordinance establishing the Multi-Family Age Restricted Zone in the Township of Barnegat

**Motion to Open Public Comment: A. Bille Second: M. Lisella**

**Motion to Close Public Comment: A. Bille Second: M. Lisella**

**Motion to adopt ordinance: A. Bille Second: M. Lisella**

**Roll Call: Taylor: Yes Bille: Yes Morano: Yes  
Lisella: Yes McCabe: Yes**

**Ordinance 2014-13 (Second Reading)**

Ordinance authorizing conveyance of vacant property known and designated as Block 134, Lot 2 for a total purchase price of \$1,200.00 to Regulo E. Navarro and Patricia Navarro, his wife in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 et. Seq.

**Motion to Open Public Comment: A. Bille Second: L. Morano**

**Motion to Close Public Comment: A. Bille Second: M. Lisella**

**Motion to adopt ordinance: L. Morano Second: A. Bille**

**Roll Call: Taylor: Yes Bille: Yes Morano: Yes  
Lisella: Yes McCabe: Yes**

**Ordinance 2014-14 (Second Reading)**

Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 9B entitled "Economic Development Committee"

**Motion to Open Public Comment: A. Bille Second: L. Morano**

**Motion to Close Public Comment: A. Bille Second: M. Lisella**

**Motion to adopt ordinance: A. Bille Second: M. Lisella**

**Roll Call: Taylor: Yes Bille: Yes Morano: Yes  
Lisella: Yes McCabe: Yes**

**Ordinance 2014-16 (Second Reading)**

Ordinance establishing certain salaries of certain officers and employees and repealing any and all other Ordinances inconsistent herewith

**Motion to Open Public Comment: A. Bille Second: M. Lisella**

**Motion to Close Public Comment: A. Bille Second: M. Lisella**





**Motion to adopt resolution: A. Bille**                      **Second: M. Lisella**  
**Roll Call: Taylor: Yes**                      **Bille: Yes**                      **Morano: Yes**  
                    **Lisella: Yes**                      **McCabe: Yes**

**11. 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 Steven Araneo and Michael J. Essig as Volunteer Fire Fighters for the Barnegat Township Fire Department

Approval of a 50/50 On-Premise Raffle to be held August 22, September 26 and October 24, 2014 for the Italian & American Social Club

Approval of a Calendar Raffle for the year 2015 to be drawn the first Monday of each month for the Mariners Lodge 150 F&AM Craftmans Club

**Resolution 2014-307**

Resolution authorizing a refund of premium paid at Tax Sale on Block 95.38, Lot 27, also known as 75 Pond View Circle, Block 92.86, Lot 12, also known as 82 Nautilus Drive, Block 114.36, Lot 38, also known as 14 James Hollow Drive, Block 114.59, Lot 65, also known as 5 Freedom Hills Drive, Block 93.10, Lot 5, also known as 10 Carriage Way, Block 114.14, Lot 32, also known as 42 Schooner Avenue, Block 114.19, Lot 28, also known as 30 Village Drive, Block 114.23, Lot 22, also known as 62 Village Drive, Block 114.36, Lot 15, also known as 163 Schooner Avenue, Block 114.28, Lot 21, also known as 28 Starboard Avenue, Block 114.14, Lot 94, also known as 149 Barnegat Boulevard, Block 196.02, Lot 20, also known as 140 Beverly Drive, Block 114.25, Lot 36, also known as 4 Sextant Drive, Block 114.42, Lot 19, also known as 31 Deck Street, Block 114.28, Lot 20, also known as 26 Starboard Avenue, Block 135, Lot 1, also known as 135 Bengal Boulevard, Block 116.19, Lot 33, also known as 14 Tanglewood Drive, Block 95.31, Lot 22, also known as 9 Breeze Terrace, Block 116.19, Lot 7, also known as 101 Ravenwood Boulevard, Block 142.05, Lot 6, also known as 15 Chestnut Way, Block 114.37, Lot 1, also known as 35 Old Main Shore Road, Block 114.13, Lot 16, also known as 8 Bilge Avenue, Block 114.32, Lot 3, also known as 109 Windward Drive, Block 114.04, Lot 3, also known as 5 Compass Lane, Block 114.10, Lot 31, also known as 45 Tiller Drive, Block 114.31, Lot 32, also known as 104 Windward Drive, Block 114.30, Lot 9, also known as 91 Schooner Avenue, Block 114.57, Lot 10, also known as 28 Tara Lane, Block 196.01, Lot 21, also known as 173 Beverly Drive, Block 114.36, Lot 41, also known as 20 James Hollow Drive and Block 208.03, Lot 144, also known as 234 Rahway Road

**Resolution 2014-308**

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund tax payment erroneously paid on Block 92.89, Lot 4, also known as 16 Nautilus Drive

**Resolution 2014-309**

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to transfer fund from the Tax Account to the Tax Title Lien Account on Block 114.14, Lot 32, also known as 42 Schooner Avenue

**Resolution 2014-310**

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to transfer funds from the Tax Account to the Water/Sewer Account on Block 116.23, Lot 6, also known as 11 Spruce Circle, South

**Resolution 2014-311**

Resolution supporting the *Click it or Ticket* mobilization of May 19<sup>th</sup> through June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014

**Resolution 2014-312**

Resolution appointing summer camp personnel for the Recreation Department for the 2014 Summer Season

**Resolution 2014-313**

Resolution appointing instructors for the Recreation Department

**Resolution 2014-314**

Resolution requesting the Ocean County Soils District to waive its fees for Sandy Victims

**Resolution 2014-315**

Resolution supporting an increase in the dedicated \$25 million annual allocation for the Shore Protection Fund

**Resolution 2014-316**

Resolution opposing Senate Bill S-1801 and Assembly Bills A-2621 and A-2495 seeking to authorize County Government to create County Tax Assessment while abolishing Tax Assessment at a Local Municipal Level

**Resolution 2014-317**

Resolution approving the release of a Monument bond for Heritage Point, North, Section 7B Model Area

**Resolution 2014-318**

Resolution approving the reduction of a Performance Guarantee for Heritage Point, North, Section 7A Site Improvements

**Resolution 2014-319**

Resolution authorizing reimbursement for Recreation program classes

**Resolution 2014-320**

Resolution accepting and approving a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Point Pleasant for Certified Tax/Utility Collector Services

**Resolution 2014-321**

Resolution appointing Frank Caputo as an Alternate IV to the Zoning Board to fill the unexpired term of Frank Passenti

**Resolution 2014-322**

Resolution authorizing the Township Administrator to sign a contract agreement with GTBM for E-Ticket Software/Hardware for a trial period of one (1) year at no cost to the Township

**Resolution 2014-323**

Resolution authorizing application to the NJ Department of Community Affairs for a Grant to enhance recreational programs for individuals with special needs for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

**Resolution 2014-324**

Resolution authorizing the renewal of Liquor Licenses for the 2014/2015 Year

**Resolution 2014-325**

Resolution approving the 2014 Safety Contract with the Ocean County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, the updated Respiratory Protection Program and the updated Safety Management Program

**Resolution 2014-326**

Resolution appointing NW Financial Group, LLC as the Financial Advisor for the Township of Barnegat

**Resolution 2014-327**

Resolution for approval to submit a Grant Application and execute a Grant Agreement with the NJDOT for the Safe Routes to School Project

**Resolution 2014-328**

Resolution for approval to submit a Grant Application and execute a Grant Agreement with the NJDOT for the Barnegat Bike Path Historic Rail Transportation Alternative Program Project

**Resolution 2014-329**

Resolution stating that the Township Committee desires to establish a Deferred School Tax

**Motion to Adopt Consent Agenda: E. Taylor**

**Second: A. Bille**

**Roll Call: Taylor: Yes  
Lisella: Yes**

**Bille: Yes  
McCabe: Yes**

**Morano: Yes**

Added to Agenda:

**Ordinance 2014-18 (First Reading)**

