RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 317

RESOLUTION OF BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING PROCEDURES FOR REMOTE PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD DURING A DECLARED EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the New Jersey Legislature adopted amendments to the Open Public Meetings Act., N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to <u>P.L.</u> 2020, <u>c.</u> 34 the Director of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, promulgated emergency regulations codified as <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 5:39-1.1. et seq. and issued Local Finance Notice 2020-21, implementing such protocols; and

WHEREAS, the regulations require every public entity to adopt by resolution, guidelines and rules to regulate remote public meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee finds it necessary and appropriate to establish such protocols as set forth in Schedule "A" attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 5th day of <u>November</u>, 2020 by the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

- 1. Regular Public Meetings of the Township Committee are generally held each month as advertised and in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.). If, due to an emergency declared by the Governor, the Committee elects to hold a remote public meeting, the meeting shall be conducted pursuant to the procedures detailed in Exhibit A, titled 'Remote Public Meetings' and all applicable provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.
- 2. Schedule A, attached hereto, shall hereby be known as "Exhibit A Remote Public Meetings".

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3.	A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Township Clerk
to the following	ng:
	(a) John J. Novak, Mayor
	(b) Martin Lisella, Township Administrator

CERTIFICATION

(c) Christopher J. Dasti, Esq., Board Attorney

I certify that the forgoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Barnegat at a meeting held on November 5, 2020, a quorum being present and voting in the majority.

Michele Rivers, RMC, Township Clerk

Prepared by: **DASTI & ASSOCIATES**

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