

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

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 1, 2022, 6:30 P.M.**

Call to Order the March 1, 2022 Township Committee Meeting:

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 in the official newspapers, and by posting on the official bulletin board, and in the office of the Municipal Clerk for public inspection.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation: by Pastor Joe Faraldi, Pastor of Bayside Chapel

Roll Call of Officials:

Committeeman Bille - Present
Committeeman Farmer - Present
Committeeman Marte - Present
Deputy Mayor Pipi- Present
Mayor Cirulli - Present

Committee Reports: Bille, Farmer, Marte, Pipi,

Al Bille – Happy Spring! Lots of new recreation events planned for the year.

Bill Farmer - Gave utility report. Meter reading began for the quarter as of March 1, 2022. Meter switch out project is ongoing. Fire hydrant flushing is schedule to begin on March 28, 2022.

Joseph Marte - Spoke about the police report for the month of February. Officer of the month is Officer Bryan Weber. Congratulations! Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Pat Pipi - Gave the code enforcement report.

Mayor's Report - Control burning started and will continue until end of May. Police contracts will be approved. Next will be water & sewer contracts.

Public Session Comment:

Comments will be limited to a five (5) minute period per individual.

Each speaker must be acknowledged by the Mayor and clearly announce their name, address and group affiliation for the record.

Motion to Open Public Session: Al Bille

Second: Joseph Marte

Joseph Albany: 14 Butler Dr. (Venue) - Presented pictures to Mayor of sidewalks. Sidewalks are chipping and crumbling. Lennar claims it's from the salt. Pictures given to our engineer. The residents of the Venue is asking for the committee to hold bond. 80% of Butler Drive is damaged. Mr. Bille will bring up in closed session.

Richard Gusztaw: 129 Edenton Dr. (Venue) – Also talked about sidewalks and drainage issues. Passed around pictures showing the drainage problem. There are no sewers and the roads are like a river.

James Goldstein: 15 Ripple Terr. - Wants to correct facts about EMS. New members has increases by 15%. Currently recruiting the younger demographic. Looking into becoming a Hazmat certified agency. James gave his notes for record.

Liz Daves: 118 Raccoon Lane - Has been with the EMS for 12 years. There has been rumors of negative talk from the committee. EMS has given the township tens of thousands of hours. Wants to know what is the term and length of the contract of Quality? Is the township paying Quality for their service? Would like to have a conversation with the committee.

Mayor - We don't look down on our volunteers. Our #1 job is to protect the people of Barnegat. Right now we are guaranteed to have an ambulance 24/7.

Chief – Numbers are what they are! This is not a problem from 6 months ago, this goes back years ago. Not answering 50% calls is a fact. Since the change, Quality has answered approximately 96% of calls and the First Aid was 53%. Anyone can look up the statistics with the county. Will continue to monitor the numbers.

Diane Grockenberger: 108 Redwood Dr. - Been a resident of Pinewood Estates for 17 years and always had huge septic issues. Tired of complaining. It's now in the courts hands. God will give directions and Mr. Dasti will make it happen. Want to thank the town and Chief German and his fellow officers for always being there.

Teresa Siciliano: 407 Third St. Waretown - Member of Barnegat First Aid for 6 years. Concerned about residents getting billed from Quality.

John Gennarelli: 102 Pine Oak Blvd. - Thanked the volunteers for their hard work. Have few questions.

1. Where do we stand on the telecasting for the schools?
2. Did you find out about painting the transformers?

Mayor – The utility companies will not give us permission to paint, it's a liability. Sent Mr. Nichols the information on the telecasting.

Stephen Maloney: 10 Ravenwood Blvd. – Lived in Barnegat for many years. Would like to inform the board and Police Department that the speed is out of control on Ravenwood Blvd. especially between the homes of 66 & 88. There is no speed limit sign. Cars are doing at least 55mph on a 25mph zone. Would like to request a sign “Speed Strictly Enforced”

Ray Lezchek: 116 Redwood Dr. - Received the correct water report for Pinewoods. Ongoing problem that residents are receiving late fees. Mayor will make call to Joe Carbone, VP of management.

Matt Robidoux: 108 Ravenwood Blvd. – Advocate of the fire department. Keeps the committee on their toes. Would like to have committee reinstate the first aid squad. Asked Mr. Pipi for the salt and plow information. Thanked AI for the fire report. Congratulated Mr. Farmer.

Charlie Cunliffe: 135 Rockrimmon Blvd. - Congratulated AI Cirulli as Mayor, Mr. Pipi as Deputy Mayor. Prayers for Ukraine.

AI Bille - Made an announcement that Fred Rubenstein applied to volunteer to go to Ukraine.

Motion to Close Public Session: AI Bille

Second: Joseph Marte

Old Business:

Ordinance 2022-3 (Second Reading) Approved As Amended *SEE ATTACHED*

An Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation limits and to establish a Cap Bank in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14

Motion to open Public Comment: AI Bille

Second: Joseph Marte

Motion to close Public Comment: AI Bille

Second: Joseph Marte

Motion to adopt ordinance: * As Amended* Pat Pipi Second: Joseph Marte

Roll Call: Committeeman Bille: Yes Committeeman Farmer: Yes

Committeeman Marte: Yes

Deputy Mayor Pipi: Yes Mayor Cirulli: Yes

Ordinance 2022-4 (Second Reading) Approved As Amended *SEE ATTACHED*

Ordinance Vacating Rights of the Public in a Portion of Paper Street of Dorset Lane.

Motion to open Public Comment: AI Bille

Second: Joseph Marte

Motion to close Public Comment: AI Bille

Second: Joseph Marte

Motion to adopt ordinance: * As Amended* AI Bille Second: Joseph Marte

Roll Call: Committeeman Bille: Yes Committeeman Farmer: Yes

Committeeman Marte: Yes

Deputy Mayor Pipi: Yes Mayor Cirulli: **Yes**

Formal Action:

Resolution 2022-89

Resolution authorizing payment of Bill List in the amount of \$8,163,797.73

Motion to adopt resolution: Al Bille

Second: Joseph Marte

Roll Call: Committeeman Bille: Yes Committeeman Farmer: Yes
Committeeman Marte: Yes
Deputy Mayor Pipi: Yes Mayor Cirulli: Yes

Resolution 2022-90

Resolution approving self-examination of 2022 Budget as required by the DCA

Motion to adopt resolution: Al Bille

Second: Joseph Marte

Roll Call: Committeeman Bille: Yes Committeeman Farmer: Yes
Committeeman Marte: Yes
Deputy Mayor Pipi: Yes Mayor Cirulli: Yes

Resolution 2022-91

Introduction of the 2022 Municipal Budget

Motion to introduce resolution: Al Bille

Second: Joseph Marte

Roll Call: Committeeman Bille: Yes Committeeman Farmer: Yes
Committeeman Marte: Yes
Deputy Mayor Pipi: Yes Mayor Cirulli: Yes

New Business:

Approval of the Township Committee minutes from the February 1, 2022 meeting

Motion to adopt minutes: Al Bille

Second: Joseph Marte

Roll Call: Committeeman Bille: Yes Committeeman Farmer: Yes
Committeeman Marte: Yes
Deputy Mayor Pipi: Yes Mayor Cirulli: Yes

Ordinance 2022-5 (First Reading)

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2022-5, which was read by title only, as follows:

An Ordinance amending Chapter 65 of the Township Code Entitled "Snow and Ice Removal" Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on April 5, 2022 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached

Motion to introduce Ordinance: Al Bille

Second: Joseph Marte

Roll Call: Committeeman Bille: Yes Committeeman Farmer: Yes
Committeeman Marte: Yes
Deputy Mayor Pipi: Yes Mayor Cirulli: Yes

Ordinance 2022-6 (First Reading)

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2022-6, which was read by title only, as follows

Amending an Ordinance establishing certain salaries of certain officers and employees of the Township of Barnegat

Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on April 5, 2022 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached

Motion to introduce Ordinance: Al Bille Second: Joseph Marte

Roll Call: Committeeman Bille: Yes Committeeman Farmer: Yes

Committeeman Marte: Yes

Deputy Mayor Pipi: Yes Mayor Cirulli: Yes

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 individual items. If discussion is desired, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

Approval of membership for Elvira A. Jones to the Barnegat First Aid Squad

Approval of Off-Premise 50/50 for April 21, 2022 to the American Legion Unit #232 John Wesley Taylor

Resolution 2022-92

Resolution authorizing transfer within the 2021 Current Fund budget appropriation reserves

Resolution 2022-93

Resolution hiring a full-time employee, Kurt J. Otto, PE as Township Engineer

Resolution 2022-94

Resolution authorizing acceptance of Change Order #15 to Frankoski Construction Co. for the New Municipal Building project

Resolution 2022-95

Resolution authorizing progress Payment #12 to Frankoski Construction Co. for the New Municipal Building project

Resolution 2022-96

Resolution authorizing the refund of escrow deposits for Block 192, Lot 9, 61 Gunning River Road

Resolution 2022-97

Resolution authorizing the refund of escrow deposits for Block 192, Lot 7, 65 Gunning River Road

Resolution 2022-98

Resolution authorizing the refund of escrow deposits for Block 174.03, Lot 38, Beer Naked Ladies Brewing Company

Resolution 2022-99

Resolution authorizing the Municipal Clerk to advertise for Crossing Guard Positions for the 2021/2022 school year

Resolution 2022-100

Resolution appointing Seasonal Personnel for the Municipal Dock for the 2022 Season

Resolution 2022-101

Resolution authorizing the administrator to sign a contract for a 48 month lease with Canon Solutions America for a Contex IQ Quattro 4450/4490 scanner for the Water/Sewer Department

Resolution 2022-102

Resolution authorizing Condo Services Reimbursements

Resolution 2022-103

Resolution authorizing Barnegat Police to transfer Ownership and Title of 2013 Ford Explorer to Barnegat School District

Resolution 2022-104

Resolution awarding bid for Basic Life Support Emergency Medical Service and Transportation to Quality Medical Transport, Inc.

Resolution 2022-105

Authorizing disposal of miscellaneous surplus property by govdeals.com online auction

Resolution 2022-106

Resolution authorizing execution of a new collective bargaining agreement with the Barnegat Township Police Superior Officer's Association (SOA)

Resolution 2022-107

Resolution authorizing execution of a new collective bargaining agreement with the Barnegat Township PBA Local 296

Resolution 2022-108

Resolution authorizing the Administrator to sign a contract for a 48 month lease with CIT Bank NA for a Kyocera FS6525 Copier, Printer, and Scanner for the Police Department

Resolution 2022-109

Resolution authorizing a refund of premiums paid at Tax Sale, various properties

Resolution 2022-110

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund tax payment erroneously paid due to totally disabled veteran tax exempt status Block 92.39 Lot 2.01; 156 Nautilus Drive

Resolution 2022-111

Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid Block 114.70 Lot 6; 12 Tedesco Way

Resolution 2022-112

Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid Block 115.08 Lot 9; 80 Quail Road

Resolution 2022-113

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund tax payment erroneously paid due to totally disabled veteran tax exempt status Block 114.25 Lot 41; 49 Bowline Street

Resolution 2022-114

Resolution authorizing the Municipal Clerk to advertise for an “Engineering Pool” for the Township Engineer

Resolution 2022 - 115

Resolution certifying the qualified participants in the Length of Services Award Program (LOSAP) for the Fire Department and First Aid Squad for the calendar year 2021

Resolution 2022 – 116

Resolution authorizing reimbursement for mailbox damage

Resolution 2022-117

Resolution authorizing the Township Administrator to sign an agreement with Pyrotecnico FX for fireworks display in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 and to also authorize deposit of \$7,500.00

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda: Al Bille

Second: Joseph Marte

Roll Call:

Committeeman Bille: Yes

Committeeman Farmer: Yes

Committeeman Marte: Yes

Deputy Mayor Pipi: Yes

Mayor Cirulli: Yes

Resolution 2022-118

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

Motion to adopt resolution: Al Bille

Second: Joseph Marte

Roll Call:

Committeeman Bille: Yes

Committeeman Farmer: Yes

Committeeman Marte: Yes

Deputy Mayor Pipi: Yes

Mayor Cirulli: Yes

Motion to Adjourn: Al Bille

Second: Joseph Marte

Time ___ 7:35 pm ___

**Next scheduled meeting
April 5, 2022 at 10:00 AM**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were formally adopted by the Township Committee on April 5, 2022.

Municipal Clerk