

RESOLUTION 2023-141

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT
AUTHORIZING THE CIRCULATION OF A PRELIMINARY
OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND FINAL OFFICIAL
STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF THE
TOWNSHIP'S BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN AN
AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$10,600,000 AND
APPROVING A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE
WITH RESPECT TO SAID NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, AND
AUTHORIZING AND/OR RATIFYING OTHER ACTIONS IN
CONNECTION THEREWITH**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey (the "Township"), has previously adopted a bond ordinance numbered 2017-27, duly adopted by the Township Committee on December 5, 2017 (the "Ordinance") which authorized the issuance of bond anticipation notes; and

WHEREAS, the Township intends to issue its bond anticipation notes on a tax-exempt basis in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$10,600,000 (the "Notes"), which Notes are issued for the purpose of refunding a portion of the Township's \$11,000,000 Bond Anticipation Notes which were issued on May 25, 2022 and mature on May 25, 2023, and used to refinance certain capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, all matters pertaining to the sale of the Notes have been delegated by the Ordinance to the Chief Financial Officer of the Township; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the offering and sale of the Notes, the Township intends to distribute a Preliminary Official Statement and final Official Statement setting forth certain information relating to the Township and the Notes, and the Township also intends to enter into a Continuing Disclosure Certificate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Authorization for Official Statement. The distribution by the Township, and its municipal advisor, of the Preliminary Official Statement relating to the Notes (a draft of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and shall be filed with the records of the Township) is hereby approved in substantially such form, with such insertions, deletions and changes therein and any supplements thereto as bond counsel may advise and the Township officer executing the same may approve, such approval to be evidenced by such Township officer's execution thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to deem the Preliminary Official Statement "final" within

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the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the Rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission and to execute and deliver a certificate to that effect. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to approve the contents and terms of the final Official Statement in respect of the aforementioned notes in substantially the form of the Preliminary Official Statement. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sign such Official Statement on behalf of the Township, in substantially such form, with such insertions, deletions and changes therein and any supplements thereto as bond counsel may advise and the Township officer executing the same may approve, such approval to be evidenced by such Township officer's execution thereof.

Section 2. Continuing Disclosure. The form of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit B** is hereby approved, and the execution of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate by Chief Financial Officer of the Township is hereby authorized. The Township hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate executed by the Township and dated the date of issuance and delivery of the Notes, as originally executed and as it may be amended from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Resolution, failure of the Township to comply with the Continuing Disclosure Certificate shall not be considered a default on the Notes; however, any holder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking specific performance by court order, to cause the Township to comply with its obligations under this Section.

Section 3. Further Action. Any matter relating to the award, sale or execution of the Notes which has been delegated to the Chief Financial Officer may be performed by said officer. On behalf of the Township, the appropriate representatives of the Township are authorized and directed to take all steps which are necessary or convenient to effectuate the terms of this Resolution with respect to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Notes, including, but not limited to the execution of all tax certificates and other closing documentation. All such actions heretofore taken are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

CERTIFICATE

I, Donna M. Manno, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey, HERBY CERTIFY that the foregoing annexed extract from the minutes of the meeting of the governing body of the Township duly called and held on April 4, 2023 has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the Minute Book of the governing body and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of the original minutes so far as they relate to the subject matters referred to in the extract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the Township this 4th day of April, 2023.

Donna M. Manno, RMC
Municipal Clerk

EXHIBIT A

DRAFT FORM OF PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT

EXHIBIT B

FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

This Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the "Disclosure Certificate") is executed and delivered by the Township of Barnegat, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey (the "Issuer") in connection with the issuance by the Issuer of its \$10,600,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2023 (the "Notes"). The Notes are being issued pursuant to a bond ordinance duly adopted by the Issuer. The Issuer covenants and agrees as follows:

SECTION 1. Purpose of the Disclosure Certificate. This Disclosure Certificate is being executed and delivered by the Issuer for the benefit of the Noteholders and Beneficial Owners of the Notes and in order to assist the Participating Underwriter in complying with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time ("Exchange Act").

SECTION 2. Definitions. The following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

"Beneficial Owner" shall mean any person which (a) has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, any Notes (including persons holding Notes through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries), or (b) is treated as the owner of any Notes for federal income tax purposes.

"Continuing Disclosure Information" shall mean: (i) any notice required to be filed with the MSRB pursuant to Section 4 hereof; and (ii) any notice of an event required to be filed with the MSRB pursuant to Section 3(c) hereof.

"Dissemination Agent" shall mean the Issuer, or any successor Dissemination Agent designated in writing by the Issuer and which has filed with the Issuer a written acceptance of such designation.

"Financial Obligation" means a (i) debt obligation; (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii). The term "Financial Obligation" shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board consistent with the Rule.

"Listed Events" shall mean any of the events listed in Section 3(a) of this Disclosure Certificate.

"MSRB" shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board established pursuant to Section 15B(b)(1) of the Exchange Act.

"Noteholder" shall mean any person who is the registered owner of any Note, including holders of beneficial interests in the Notes.

"Participating Underwriter" shall mean any of the original underwriters of the Notes required to comply with the Rule in connection with offering of the Notes.

"Rule" shall mean Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

"State" shall mean the State of New Jersey.

SECTION 3. Reporting of Significant Events.

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of this Section 3, the Issuer shall give, or cause to be given, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Notes, if material:

1. principal and interest payment delinquencies;
2. non-payment related defaults, if material;
3. unscheduled draws on the debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
4. unscheduled draws on the credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
5. substitution of the credit or liquidity providers or their failure to perform;
6. adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Notes, or other material events affecting the tax-exempt status of the Notes;
7. modifications to rights of Noteholders, if material;
8. Note calls, if material, and tender offers;

9. defeasances;
10. release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Notes, if material;
11. rating changes;
12. bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar events of the Issuer, which shall be considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for the Issuer in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Issuer, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Issuer;
13. the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Issuer or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
14. appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
15. incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, any of which affect holders of the Notes, if material; and
16. default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

(b) Whenever the Issuer obtains knowledge of the occurrence of a Listed Event described in subsection (a) for which the disclosure obligation is dependent upon materiality, the

Issuer shall as soon as possible determine if such event would be material under applicable federal securities laws.

(c) If disclosure of a Listed Event is required, the Issuer shall in a timely manner not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event, file a notice of such occurrence with the MSRB in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB. All documents provided to the MSRB shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB.

SECTION 4. Termination of Reporting Obligation. The Issuer's obligations under this Disclosure Certificate shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Notes. If such termination occurs prior to the final maturity of the Notes, the Issuer shall give notice of such termination in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 3(c).

SECTION 5. Dissemination Agent. The Issuer may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate, and may discharge any such Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall not be responsible in any manner for the content of any notice or report prepared by the Issuer pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate. The initial Dissemination Agent shall be the Issuer.

SECTION 6. Amendment; Waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer may amend this Disclosure Certificate, and any provision of this Disclosure Certificate may be waived, provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) If the amendment or waiver relates to the provisions of Section 3, it may only be made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature or status of an obligated person with respect to the Notes, or the type of business conducted;

(b) The undertaking, as amended or taking into account such waiver, would, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the original issuance of the Notes, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances; and

(c) The amendment or waiver does not, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, materially impair the interests of the Noteholders or Beneficial Owners of the Notes.

In the event of any amendment or waiver of a provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer shall describe such amendment in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 3(a), and shall include a narrative explanation of the reason for the amendment or waiver.

SECTION 7. Additional Information. Nothing in this Disclosure Certificate shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure Certificate or any other means of communication, or including any other notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by this Disclosure Certificate. If the Issuer chooses to include any information in any notice of occurrence of a Listed Event in addition to that which is specifically required by this Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer shall have no obligation under this Certificate to update such information or include it in any future notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

SECTION 8. Default. In the event of a failure of the Issuer to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Certificate any Noteholder or Beneficial Owner of the Notes may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the Issuer to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate. A default under this Disclosure Certificate shall not be deemed an Event of Default on the Notes, and the sole remedy under this Disclosure Certificate in the event of any failure of the Issuer to comply with this Disclosure Certificate shall be an action to compel performance.

SECTION 9. Duties, Immunities and Liabilities of Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall have only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Disclosure Certificate, and the Issuer agrees to indemnify and save the Dissemination Agent, its officers, directors, employees and agents, harmless against any loss, expense and liabilities which it may incur arising out of or in the exercise or performance of its powers and duties hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including attorneys fees) of defending against any claim of liability, but excluding liabilities due to the Dissemination Agent's gross negligence or willful misconduct. The obligations of the Issuer under this Section shall survive resignation or removal of the Dissemination Agent and payment of the Notes.

SECTION 10. Beneficiaries. This Disclosure Certificate shall inure solely to the benefit of the Issuer, the Dissemination Agent, the Participating Underwriters and the Noteholders and Beneficial Owners from time to time of the Notes, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

Date: May 1, 2023

TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, IN THE COUNTY
OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY

By: _____
Chief Financial Officer