

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

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 4, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**

Call to Order the April 4, 2023 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 Santiago of United Faith Church

Roll Call of Officials:

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

Committee Reports: Marte, Cirulli, Farmer, Bille

Joseph Marte: Thanked Tee and Jimmy for the Vietnam Veteran Ceremony. Thanked our police for security. Gave Police report for the month of March. They answered 1735 calls for service, including 210 first aid calls, 30 MVA, 319 traffic enforcement details and 739 MV stops. Accepting applications for the Junior Police Academy which is being held this July. The Police Department released its 2022 annual report. Officer of the month are Ptl. Tom Behrens and Ptl. Brett Taylor for responding to a fire in Mirage. They worked quickly for the safety of the residents. Happy Easter and Happy Passover to everyone!

Al Cirulli: Thanked our C.F.O. for a terrific job on our budget. Attended the Veteran Ceremony and thanked all Veterans! Went over Fire Department report. For the month of March they had 35 calls and 9 hazardous conditions. Outstanding job with the fire in Mirage!

Bill Farmer: Code Enforcement report for the month of March: 23 rental inspections, 8 rental re-inspections, 36 letter of no interest, 91 zoning permits, 14 summons issued and 82 warning stickers.

Al Bille: Welcomed the Barnegat students. Happy Passover and Happy Easter! Opening day for girls softball & Little League is April 15th. Car show is on April 29th held at the Collins School. Our town wide garage sale is on April 29th. 99.28 collection rate for taxes. Thanked the girls in the collector's office for a great job! \$27 tax increase for the 5th year in a row. Outstanding! Hope the other two entities do the same.

Mayor's Report: Honored to speak at the Vietnam Veteran Ceremony. Bay Ave. paving will begin on April 10th lasting 2 weeks. Spoke on the budget. The Township is only responsible for 30% of your taxes. Compare how much the County and the School increased your bill. School Board meeting is on April 25th on their budget.

Marty LiSella: Our employees work hard! First year here cut 7% of employees. Our tax collectors will take the brunt of it. School taxes alone based on a 6 cent increase depends on the assessment of your home. It can be anywhere from \$150 - \$400 a year. Worked very hard to keep taxes where they are! Hope school board has the same diligence as the Township in reference to the budget.

Proclamation for Library Week

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

Doug Steffy: 50 Hillside Ave. – Very pleased to have the Barnegat High School students with us today. Thanked the Township employees.

Steve D'Agostino: 25 Nautilus Drive - Was here few months ago about renaming the street name because of issues of Nautilus Ave. and Nautilus Dr. Is there something that he can do? On google maps it has both streets as Nautilus Drive.

Chris Dasti: Responded that it is not an easy fix. Cost or changing is a ripple effect. It's something that you can't pursue, it is a Legislative Act by the government body.

Marty LiSella: The Post Master needs to pass it on to the staff about the issue.

Al Bille: Mentioned to use zip +4.

Gary Bahr: 22 Ravenwood Blvd. – Question on bond anticipation note. Was explained by Tom. Tom likes to pay down the note each year.

Fred Rubenstein: 4 Hickory Circle - Talked about zip +4. Concerned about his neighbors. Talked to students and welcomed them. Learn to live within your means. 44% of Americans have a 2nd job just to survive. School Board meeting is on April 25th, hope it is packed!

Rob Chacon: 7 Hannah Lee Rd. - Student threaten teacher that he would shoot up the school. Police needs to be more present and alert! Does not like apathy.

Phil Cecchia: 12 windward Dr. - Happy Easter! Surprised at the \$27.00 increase. It's like a bargain! Thank You! School needs to meet the mandates. When you name hacks, it can go both ways. The only one working is Al Cirulli. Your job is part time!

Fred Rubenstein: 4 Hickory Circle – Story about a guy in his neighborhood at 2:00am. A cop is a calling. Some good and some bad. The cops did their job. Police have additional resources now and is helping.

Motion to Close Public Session: Al Bille

Second: Joseph Marte

Old Business:

Ordinance 2023-9 (Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**

An Ordinance authorizing the sale of Block 253, Lot 5 (56 Water Street), of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 Et. Seq.

Motion to open Public Comment: Al Bille

Second: Joseph Marte

Motion to close Public Comment: Al Bille

Second: Joseph Marte

Motion to adopt ordinance: Al Bille

Second: Joseph Marte

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

Ordinance 2023-10 (Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**

An Ordinance authorizing the sale of Block 187, Lots 3,4 & 5 (68, 70 & 72 Gunning River Road), of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 Et. Seq.

Motion to open Public Comment: Al Bille

Second: Joseph Marte

Motion to close Public Comment: Al Bille

Second: Joseph Marte

Motion to adopt ordinance: Al Bille

Second: Joseph Marte

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

Ordinance 2023-13 (First Reading)

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2023-13, which was read by title only, as follows:

An Ordinance repealing Chapter 19 of the Township Code Entitled "Recreation Commission" Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on May 2, 2023 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached

Motion to introduce ordinance: Al Cirulli Second: Joseph Marte

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

Ordinance 2023-14 (First Reading)

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2023-14, which was read by title only, as follows:

An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 55-161 of the Township Code and Re-naming same "Accessory Buildings"

Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on May 2, 2023 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached

Motion to introduce ordinance: Al Cirulli Second: Joseph Marte

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

Ordinance 2023-15 (First Reading)

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2023-15, which was read by title only, as follows:

An Ordinance authorizing Lease of Public Land Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14 Et. Seq. to the Barnegat Girls Softball League

Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on May 2, 2023 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached

Motion to introduce ordinance: Al Cirulli Second: Joseph Marte

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

Ordinance 2023-16 (First Reading)

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2023-16, which was read by title only, as follows:

An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 15 of the Township Code Entitled "Police Department" Specifically Section 18 thereof Entitled "Outside Work"

Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on May 2, 2023 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached

Motion to introduce ordinance: Al Cirulli

Second: Joseph Marte

Roll Call:

Committeeman Bille: Yes

Committeeman Cirulli: Yes

Committeeman Farmer: Yes

Deputy Mayor Marte: Yes

Mayor Pipi: 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 Bingo License and On Premise 50/50 for 3rd Friday of each month April thru December 2023 to the Heritage Point Bingo Club

Approval of On Premise 50/50 on May 18 & 19 and October 14, 2023 to the Barnegat Elementary PTA (Rain date October 15, 2023)

Approval of Off Premise Raffle on May 19, 2023 to the Barnegat Elementary PTA

Approval of a Social Affairs Permit on May 12, 2023 to Mirage Men's Club Foundation

Approval of membership to Jonathan Reynolds for the Barnegat Fire Department

Resolution 2023-144

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

Resolution 2023-145

Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid Block 95.24 Lot 37; 10 Cedar Lake Court

Resolution 2023-146

Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid Block 92.116 Lot 13; 41 Westport Drive

Resolution 2023-147

Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid Block 114.45 Lot 1; 83 Georgetown Blvd

Resolution 2023-148

Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid Block 95.27 Lot 5;
5 Frog Pond Drive

Resolution 2023-149

Resolution authorizing release of Affordable Housing Phasing Bond to Paramount Escapes at
Ocean Breeze

Resolution 2023-150

Resolution appointing part time seasonal personnel for the Municipal Dock as Dock Masters

Resolution 2023-151

Resolution awarding the Software Product License Agreement for Electronic Permit System to
Mitchell Humphrey & Co

Resolution 2023-152

Resolution awarding a contract for the supply and delivery of Lime for 2023 to Reed & Perrine
Sales Inc.

Resolution 2023-153

Resolution awarding a contract to New Tech Bio for Odor Control for the 4th Street Pump
Station

Resolution 2023-154

Resolution authorizing the QPA to execute a contract with Forked River Diesel for Annual
Generator service for 2023

Resolution 2023-155

Resolution awarding a contract for Emergency Repairs for Well #7 to A.C. Schultes Inc.

Resolution 2023-156

Resolution authorizing Change Orders #28-#38 between the Township and Frankoski
Construction Co

Resolution 2023-157

Resolution authorizing progress payment #25 to Frankoski Construction Co for the New
Municipal Building

Resolution 2023-157A

Resolution Authorizing Recycling Coordinator to file the 2022 Recycling Tonnage Grant to the
NJ State DEP

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda: Al Cirulli

Second: Joseph Marte

Roll Call:

Committeeman Bille: Yes

Committeeman Cirulli: Yes

Committeeman Farmer: Yes

Deputy Mayor Marte: Yes

Mayor Pipi: Yes

Resolution 2023-158

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

Motion to adopt resolution: Al Cirulli

Second: Joseph Marte

Roll Call:

Committeeman Bille: Yes

Committeeman Cirulli: Yes

Committeeman Farmer: Yes

Deputy Mayor Marte: Yes

Mayor Pipi: Yes

Motion to Adjourn: Al Cirulli

Second: Joseph Marte

Time__ 11:00 AM_____

**Next scheduled meeting
May 2, 2023 at 6:30 PM**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were formally adopted by the Township Committee on May 2, 2023.

Municipal Clerk