

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

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
August 1, 2023, 10:00 AM.**

Call to Order the August 1, 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 Dawn Corlew, Waretown United Methodist 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: Gave Police Report – For the month of July they answered 1728 calls for service. Answered to 212 First Aid calls, responded to 43 MVA, 183 traffic enforcement details and 492 MV stops. Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 8th from 6pm – 8pm at the Barnegat High School.

Al Cirulli: Fire Report for the month of July – They answered 66 calls for the month and a total of 348 calls for the year. On July 25th there was a lightning strike to a tree which caused a rupture to an underline gas line. The fire department did a fantastic job! Hearts of Mercy is holding an event – Day at the Beach at Bayview Park in Long Beach Township on August 8th from 4 – 7pm.

Mr. Lisella: Thanked the Fire Department for letting the special needs use their building.

Bill Farmer: Went over Code Report for the month of July – There were 28 rental inspections, 1 rental re-inspection, 28 letters of no interest, 41 summons issued and 88 warning stickers.

Al Bille: Recreation – Last two concerts were incredible! Had many vendors. Had the largest crowds the last two concerts. Many good things for the people. Concert August 27th at the Brackman Middle School. Farmers market is doing great!

Mayor's Report: Explained the tax increase from the school and county. Board is in Town Hall lobby. The Township held to a 1 cent increase for the 6th year in a row.

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**

Charles Cunliffe: 135 Rockrimmon Blvd. - Had question about Resolution 2023-285, which was explained by Mr. Dasti. Also had question on Resolution 2023-286 and Kurt Otto explained.

Fred Rubenstein: 4 Hickory Circle - Thanked the committee for tax rate. Thanked our fire department. Command Chief Germain and Police. Great Police Force! Barnegat goes straight ahead. Well done!

Darlene Johnson: Resident of Cornerstone @ Barnegat. Works for R & D Transit and has an issue with parking school bus on street. Mr. Dasti will look into Ordinance.

David Padgett: 56 Mutineer Ave. – Currently a Patrol Leader of Troop 23 and working on to become an Eagle. Would like to work on an Eagle Scout Project regarding the 911 Memorial. Possibly build a bench and plant flowers for the memorial.

Kristen Santorelli: Crosswinds – Founder of Hearts of Mercy. Has done many projects. Did Habitat for Humanity. Looking to meet with committee. Looking for a new place. Rent has doubled where they are. Need assistance. Can we arrange for a meeting?

Motion to Close Public Session: Al Bille **Second: Joseph Marte**

Old Business:

Ordinance 2023-25 (Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**
An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 44-20 and 44-21 of the Township Code

Motion to open Public Comment: Al Bille **Second: Joseph Marte**

Gary Bahr: 22 Ravenwood Blvd. – Ordinances should be online. People should have the right to see it.

New Business:

Approval of the Township Committee minutes from the July 6, 2023 meeting

Motion to adopt minutes: Al Bille

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 On Premise 50/50 Raffle to Women's Club Mirage on 10/9, 11/4, 11/13/2023 – 1/8, 2/12, 3/11, 4/8, & 5/13/2024

Approval of Merchandise Raffle 50/50 Raffle to Women's Club Mirage on April 8, 2024

Approval of On Premise 50/50 Raffle to Italian American Cultural Club on 8/22, 9/19, 10/17, 11/14, 12/17, 2023 – 1/23, 2/20, 3/19, 4/23, 5/21, 6/18, 2024

Approval of Off Premise 50/50 to American Legion Post #232 John Wesley Taylor Post on October 30, 2023

Approval of membership to Logan McNulty to the Barnegat Fire Department

Approval of membership to Richard Cliff III to the Barnegat Fire Department

Approval of membership to David Hakim to the Barnegat Fire Department

Resolution 2023-263

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

Resolution 2023-264

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to reimburse Lien Holder for certificate erroneously sold at Tax Sale for Block 92.43, Lot 1, 2 Staysail Avenue for outstanding 2022 taxes

Resolution 2023-265

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel taxes and authorize a refund due to totally disabled veteran, Block 114.21 Lot 6; 28 Mast Drive

Resolution 2023-266

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel taxes and authorize a refund due to totally disabled veteran for 2023 taxes paid with no future billing on Block 92.79 Lot 16.02; 36A Mutineer Ave

Resolution 2023-267

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel taxes and authorize a refund due to totally disabled veteran for 2023 taxes paid with no future billing on Block 95.44 Lot 12; 24 Turtle Creek Run

Resolution 2023-268

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel taxes and authorize a refund due to totally disabled veteran for 2023 taxes paid with no future billing on Block 92.88 Lot 3; 28 Nautilus Drive

Resolution 2023-269

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel taxes and authorize a refund due to totally disabled veteran for 2023 taxes paid with no future billing on Block 262 Lot 29; 71 Collinstown Road

Resolution 2023-270

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel taxes and authorize a refund due to totally disabled veteran for 2023 taxes paid with no future billing on Block 95.40 Lot 79; 29 Hidden Lake Circle

Resolution 2023-271

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel taxes and authorize a refund due to totally disabled veteran for 2023 taxes paid with no future billing on Block 116.29 Lot 18; 13 Deer Run Drive North

Resolution 2023-272

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel taxes and authorize a refund due to totally disabled veteran for 2023 taxes paid with no future billing on Block 116.23 Lot 17; 2 Spruce Court

Resolution 2023-273

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel taxes and authorize a refund due to totally disabled veteran for 2023 taxes paid with no future billing on Block 113.06 Lot 15; 62 Butler Dive

Resolution 2023-274

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel taxes and authorize a refund due to totally disabled veteran for 2023 taxes paid with no future billing on Block 162.02 Lot 1.06; 214 Pennsylvania Avenue

Resolution 2023-275

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel taxes and authorize a refund due to totally disabled veteran for 2023 taxes paid with no future billing on Block 90.32 Lot 32; 99 Raccoon lane

Resolution 2023-276

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel taxes and authorize a refund due to totally disabled veteran for 2023 taxes paid with no future billing on Block 116.07 Lot 33; 87 Deer Run Drive South

Resolution 2023-277

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel taxes and authorize a refund due to totally disabled veteran for 2023 taxes paid with no future billing on Block 94.01 Lot 135; 13 Arrowwood Court

Resolution 2023-278

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel taxes and authorize a refund due to totally disabled veteran for 2023 taxes paid with no future billing on Block 92.17 Lot 11.01; 22 Wright Road

Resolution 2023-279

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to extend the Grace Period to August 28, 2023 for the Third Quarter Taxes, after which interest will revert back to the original statutory due date of August 1st

Resolution 2023-280

Resolution authorizing the Clerk to rescind Renewal of Liquor License of Pocket License #1533-33-012-004 for Franklin Barnegat Liquor for not supplying a Tax Clearance for the 2023/2024 license year

Resolution 2023-281

Resolution authorizing application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for a Grant to Enhance Recreational programs for Individuals with Special Needs (ROIDS) from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Resolution 2023-282

Resolution Supporting Senate Bill S3925 Establishing the Volunteer Fire Company Assistance program

Resolution 2023-283

Resolution authorizing an unpaid medical extension to Donna Conto until August 31, 2023

Resolution 2023-284

Resolution authorizing an unpaid medical leave to Steven Nye from July 13th to August 24, 2023

Resolution 2023-285

Resolution authorizing execution and recording of Easements for Ocean Acres, Phase 14

Resolution 2023-286

Resolution approving the request for release of Road Opening Bond for Block 114.67, Lot 3, 121 Rockrimmon Blvd

Resolution 2023-287

Resolution authorizing a Settlement agreement of Litigation for Barnegat Township Affordable housing unit located at Block 114.36, Lot 32.01, 51 Lamp Post Drive

Resolution 2023-288

Resolution authorizing progress payment #29 to Frankoski Construction Company for the New Municipal Building

AI Bille: Resolution 2023-282, happy the State is supporting the volunteer fire fighters.

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda: AI Bille Second: Joseph Marte

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

Resolution 2023-289

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

Motion to adopt resolution: AI Bille Second: Joseph Marte

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

Motion to Adjourn: AI Cirulli Second: AI Bille

Time 10:40am_____

**Next scheduled meeting
September 5, 2023 @ 6:30 PM**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were formally adopted by the Township Committee on September 5, 2023.

Municipal Clerk