

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

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
September 5, 2023, 6:30 PM.**

**Call to Order the September 5, 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 Joseph Faraldi, Bayside Chapel**

**Roll Call of Officials:**

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

**PROCLAMATION FOR CONSTITUTION WEEK READ BY THE MAYOR:**

*Presented to Commissioner Virginia Haines*

**PROCLAMATION FOR MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH 90<sup>th</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY READ BY THE MAYOR:**

*Presented to Deaconess Laurie Worthy*

**Committee Reports: Marte, Cirulli, Farmer, Bille**

**Bill Farmer:** Gave code report for the month of August. There was 26 rental inspections, 43 letters of no interest, 72 zoning permits, 34 summons issued and 58 warning stickers were issued.

**Al Bille:** On January 17, 1961 President Eisenhower made a negative speech that influence our country. Today another negative influence on illuminating our parental rights. Our children are our children!

**Al Cirulli:** Fire Dept. Report - There were 53 calls for the month of August. On 8/9 there was an overturn vehicle, 8/19 – Structure fire in Stafford, 8/15 – MVA with extraction, 8/20 – vehicle fire, 8/25 – structure fire in Stafford, 9/2 – fatal MVA on Rt. 72 & W. Bay, 9/3 – forest fire in Berkeley which our fire dept. was there for 14 hours. Job Well Done!!

Thanked 4 school board members who voted against school gender curriculum. Read a medical report. Explosive impact on our children. Spoke about children making a life altering decision at an early age. Gender confusion!! Males are males and females are females! Sports should remain separate. Oppose policies that limit parents of knowing about their children.

**Joseph Marte:** Police report for the month of August – Police answered 800 MV stops, issued 155 summons, responded to 51 MVA and 217 medical emergency calls.

Mentioned few things that Al Cirulli spoke about. Encourage parents to go to more school board meetings to voice their opinion. As a parent, raise your children, love your children and protect your children.

**Mayor's Report:** Read the facts. Speaking strictly as a parent and grandparent, very disgusted! School board 5-4 decision proves the division in this country. Parents need a say in their children schooling. AAPS opposes NJ B.O.E. anti - science vote.

### **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**

**Anthony Milano:** 26 Forester Dr. – Concerned about blocking driveway during snowy months

**Dianne Grockenberger:** 108 Redwood Dr. – Rent Leveling Board meeting was postponed. Deny our application. Need an attorney present at Rent Leveling Board. It's a one big mess! We have secured an attorney. Trees were taken down. Mr. Dasti will look into it. Can someone look into 106 Oak?

**Roda Levy:** 20 Cottonwood Dr. – Concerned about the removal of the Meadow Edge building. Please continue to support. Mr. Lisella explained that they are working on it with the fire department.

**John Murrin:** 38 Pierhead Dr. - Rent Leveling Board meeting – Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm. The law says we must have a meeting. Can you please explain Ordinances? Title 9 – Rights for women

**Ron Naples:** 153 Brighton Rd. – It's great to hear reports on the Police & Fire Department. Can we have reports on EMT as well for Quality and our volunteers? Applaud of our Board of Ed.

**Steve Woods:** 1513 Main St., Warren Grove - Son is a member of Meadow Edge and just wants to make sure it will still be around.

**Michael Lardia:** Manahawkin – Thanks for having a building for Meadow Edge. Quality of Meadow Edge is best in the state. Very important to his son. The program is really good for the kids and don't want to see it go.

**Bill Neyenhouse:** 9 Maple Ave. – Spoke about Meadow Edge. The building is vital to this whole program. In 2001 the voters voted for open space. Can you look for a grant to help pay to keep the building? Spoke about how the well not function right? Should have been hooked to sewer years ago. Back in 2010-2011 there were 100's of people utilizing that site. There were all sort of programs. Please look carefully at what you are proposing.

**Michael Jodzio:** 162 Chestnut Dr. – Problem with murder hornets that's coming from neighbor. Needs help to take down nest.

**Gary Barr:** 22 Ravenwood Blvd. – Thank you for posting Ordinances and Resolutions.

**Steve Maloney:** 10 Ravenwood Blvd. - Concerned about speed limit on Ravenwood Blvd. People not adhering to speed limit sign. Sign was posted facing west needs to have one facing east. Was there readings or report? Will call Clerks office on Thursday for report.

**Chris Velders:** 6 Third St. – Thank you for fighting for our children.

**Fred Rubenstein:** 4 Hickory Circle - Agreed with neighbor on speeding. Salute you all on your support with the children. There are 2 genders, nothing has changed. Most important subject is life! We have lost the ability of knowing what is right and wrong.

**Phoenix Esposito:** Parent of special need adult. Spoke about Meadow Edge. It's just not a meeting place. It's a wonderful program! They do so much more for them. Please consider to get a grant to try to keep it there.

**Sandra Churney:** 4 Adrift Ave. – Mentioned that the nation is divided with this subject. Going to stick up for the children. Nothing personal against the board members. Thank you for supporting us!

**Mayor:** Spoke about our property taxes.

**Motion to Close Public Session: Al Bille**

**Second: Joseph Marte**





Deputy Mayor Marte: Yes

Mayor Papi: 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 Off Premise 50/50 Raffle to Rotary Club of Barnegat NJ Charitable FDN on December 6, 2023**

**Approval of On Premise Merchandise Raffle to Barnegat Vol. Fire Co. #1 Ladies Auxiliary on September 30, 2023**

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**Approval of On Birthday Raffle to Barnegat Vol. Fire Co. #1 Ladies Auxiliary on September 30, 2023**

**Approval of On Premise 50/50 Raffle to Heritage Point Women's Group on December 11, 2023**

**Approval of Merchandise Raffle to Heritage Point Women's Group on December 11, 2023**

**Approval of Social Affairs Permit to Mirage Men's Club Foundation Inc. on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and October 12, 2023**

***Approval of membership to Bayleigh Docherty to the Barnegat First Aid***  
***Approval of membership to Adrianna Cioffi to the Barnegat First Aid***  
***Approval of membership to Logan Bates to the Barnegat Fire Department***

**Resolution 2023-294**

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

**Resolution 2023-295**

Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid Block 262 Lot 29;  
71 Collinstown Road

**Resolution 2023-296**

Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid Block 116.29 Lot 18;  
13 Deer Run Drive N.

**Resolution 2023-297**

Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid Block 116.23 Lot 17;  
2 Spruce Court

**Resolution 2023-298**

Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid Block 95.44 Lot 12;  
24 Turtle Creek Run

**Resolution 2023-299**

Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid Block 92.88 Lot 3;  
28 Nautilus Drive

**Resolution 2023-300**

Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid Block 113.06 Lot 15;  
62 Butler Drive

**Resolution 2023-301**

Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid Block 90.32 Lot 32;  
99 Raccoon Lane

**Resolution 2023-302**

Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid Block 92.17 Lot 11.01;  
22 Wright Road

**Resolution 2023-303**

Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid Block 114 Lot 7.01,  
Qualifier CD1; 175D1 Gunning River Road

**Resolution 2023-304**

Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid Block 114 Lot 7.01,  
Qualifier CD2; 175D2 Gunning River Road

**Resolution 2023-305**

Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid Block 114 Lot 7.01,  
Qualifier CD3; 175D3 Gunning River Road

**Resolution 2023-306**

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 93.21 Lot 23;  
45 Mission Way

**Resolution 2023-307**

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 90.33 Lot 17;  
5 Otter Circle

**Resolution 2023-308**

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 92.42 Lot 12.01;  
12 Phoebe Drive

**Resolution 2023-309**

Resolution adopting job description “Director of Information Technology” to be added to the existing Township Job Descriptions

**Resolution 2023-310**

Resolution authorizing the Clerk to re-instate the Renewal of Inactive Liquor License #1533-33-012-004 for Franklin Barnegat Liquor as they met the State stipulation by providing their Special Ruling 12.39 permit for the 2023/2024 license year

**Resolution 2023-311**

Resolution certifying the Governing Body has reviewed the General Comments and Recommendations of the 2022 Audit

**Resolution 2023-312**

Resolution designating official depositories (Banks) and amending Resolution 2023-5 for the Township for the 2023 Calendar year

**Resolution 2023-313**

Resolution accepting the resignation and authorizing execution of resignation and release agreement between the Township of Barnegat and Patrol Officer Michael LoBosco

**Resolution 2023-314**

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

**Resolution 2023-315**

Resolution authorizing an unpaid medical extension to Steven Nye from August 24 to September 11, 2023

**Resolution 2023-316**

Resolution authorizing an unpaid medical leave to Patrolman Anthony Carlo effective September 1 to October 10, 2023

**Resolution 2023-317**

Resolution authorizing the refund of Escrow Deposits to Atlantic Heights Holdings LLC for Block 144.01 Lot 5.02, PB 00-01 for \$229.37

**Resolution 2023-318**

Resolution appointing Crossing Guards to Non-Union positions for the 2023/2024 school year

**Resolution 2023-319**

Resolution authorizing execution and recording of a convertible Temporary Permanent Access Easement between the Township of Barnegat and Forestar USA Real Estate Group Inc. for establishment of new water tower related facility

**Resolution 2023-320**

Resolution hiring Joseph Jennings as Director of Information Technology as of August 31, 2023 at a starting salary of \$160,000



**Resolution 2023-321**

Resolution authorizing release of road opening bond in the amount of \$2500.00 to Catherine Gossar; 126 Bengal Blvd, Block 131, Lot 3.01

**Resolution 2023-322**

Resolution awarding bid for sale of Block 107, Lot 10 otherwise known as 16 Third Street pursuant to NJSA40A:12-1 et seq. to Licinio Aguiar for the amount of \$101,255.50

**Resolution 2023-323**

Resolution authorizing the Person to Person transfer of Liquor License 1533-44-010-004, Barnegat Wine & Spirits to Sri Vaidhika Inc.

**Resolution 2023-324**

Resolution authorizing Payment #1 to Shore Connection Inc. in the amount of \$160,185.90 for the 2022 Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement Project

**Resolution 2023-325**

Resolution authorizing payment in the amount of \$292,352.28 to CDW-G under state Contract through ESCNJ /AEPA-22G for Technology Equipment for the New Town Hall building

**Resolution 2023-326**

Resolution authorizing the administrator to sign an agreement in the amount of \$197,654.00 with Musco Sports Lighting LLC for materials and installation for Barnegat Girls Softball Field 2 under Sourcewell Cooperative pricing #041123-MSL

**Resolution 2023-327**

Resolution authorizing a Lien be placed of various properties for failure to comply with Obnoxious Growth Violations

**Motion to adopt Consent Agenda: Al Cirulli**

**Second: Joseph Marte**

**Roll Call:**

Committeeman Bille: Yes (Abstain H.P. Raffles)

Committeeman Cirulli: Yes

Committeeman Farmer: Yes

Deputy Mayor Marte: Yes

Mayor Pipi: Yes

**Resolution 2023-328**

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 Cirulli: Yes

Committeeman Farmer: Yes

Deputy Mayor Marte: Yes

Mayor Pipi: Yes

**Motion to Adjourn: Al Cirulli**

**Second: Joseph Marte**

**Time**\_\_\_7:40pm\_\_\_

**Next scheduled meeting  
October 3, 2023 @ 10:00 AM**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were formally adopted by the Township Committee on October 3, 2023.

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**Municipal Clerk**