

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

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 3, 2023, 10:00 AM.**

Call to Order the October 3, 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 Reverend Glenn Swank, Barnegat Bay Assembly of God

Roll Call of Officials:

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

**PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION TO COURTNEY NIEDDU FOR THE
NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARY WEEK**

Committee Reports; Farmer, Cirulli, Marte, Bille

Al Cirulli: Gave the Fire report for the month of September. They responded to 42 calls and they have a total of 445 calls for the year. Our EMS volunteers had 30 calls for the month and Quality Medical had 272 calls.

Joseph Marte: September 2023 Police Report - Police answered 1700 call for service, 215 First Aid calls, 51 MVA, 192 Traffic enforcement details and 651 MV stops.
Hoofy Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 21 from 11am – 7pm in honor of Ptl. Alex Hoffman. All proceeds will be donated to the Alex Hoffman Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Al Bille: Meadowedge social club from farm to table event tonight. September 7, 2017 the county took over Cox House. County is working on renovations. Happy Halloween!

Mayor's Report: Our tax bill for the 6th year in a row, the municipal portion only 1 cent which the average home is \$27 a year. The new Public Works and new Town Hall has no tax burden to the community. Disgusted at the school board for approving the school curriculum. We need to ban together to protect our children, especially our daughters! Spoke about an incident that happened in VA of June 2023. Men and women are equal but are not the same! Pure insanity! Commended the 4 board members who had the courage to stand up

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**

Ron Naples: 153 Brighten Road - Should not be making political speeches as Mayor from government platform.

John Murrin: 38 Pierhead Dr. - Thanked the town for bringing in Urgent Care and also for replacing the guardrail on 554.

Fred Rubenstein: 4 Hickory Circle – Right to choice – The worth of individuals has nothing to do with race, religion, etc. Thanks for celebrating our library. Schools needs to be a neutral ground, a safe haven. Parents need to take responsibility, we guide our young. Mentioned that we don't have to agree with everyone. Thanked our Mayor.

Al Bille: Complimented Mr. Rubenstein. God Bless America!

Phil Checchia: 12 Windward Dr. – Agrees with the Mayor. Mentioned that there are opt outs. Please say that. School is mandated by money. Did we look into contractors for building? Do we have other law suits? Do we have another air conditioner contractor? Get this building open! Do what you have to do!

Mr. Lisella: Answered Phil Checchia on building.

Bill Neyenhouse: 9 Maple Ave. – Talked about saving Meadow Edge. Septic system should have been hooked up. New well November 10, 2019. The water has been an ongoing problem. Why hasn't that been taking care of? Town should extend water line, it can be helpful to many homes. Passive Park still needs to be upgraded for water & sewer. Had many programs there that the town stopped. Passed Open Space tax in 2001. Mr. Bille mentioned in the pass that we don't need Open Space, we need revenue. Should have an Open Space meeting. Urge to reconsider what will be done with building.

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

Formal Action:

Resolution 2023-329

Resolution authorizing payment of Bill List in the amount of \$7,868,393.32

Motion to adopt resolution: AI Bille

Second: AI Cirulli

Roll Call:

Committeeman Bille: Yes

Committeeman Cirulli: Yes

Committeeman Farmer: Absent

Deputy Mayor Marte: Yes

Mayor Pipi: Yes

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 2023-27

(Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**

An Ordinance establishing certain salaries of certain officers and employees of the Township of Barnegat repealing any and all other Ordinances inconsistent herewith

Motion to open Public Comment: AI Bille

Second: AI Cirulli

Ron Naples: 153 Brighton Rd. - Feels that salary is successfully high. IT Director's salary is extremely excessive.

Motion to close Public Comment: AI Bille

Second: AI Cirulli

Motion to adopt ordinance: AI Bille

Second: AI Cirulli

Roll Call:

Committeeman Bille: Yes

Committeeman Cirulli: Yes

Committeeman Farmer: Absent

Deputy Mayor Marte: Yes

Mayor Pipi: Yes

Ordinance 2023-28

(Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**

An Ordinance Establishing Chapter 3A of the Township Code Entitled "Information Technology Director"

Motion to open Public Comment: AI Bille

Second: AI Cirulli

Ron Naples: 153 Brighton Rd. – Urges the committee not to approve this position. Keep it a professional service.

Fred Rubenstein: 4 Hickory Circle - You get what you pay for! We want State of the Art. We work efficiently! Well done!

Phil Checchia: 12 Windward Dr. - Spoke about how he feels with hiring an IT Director. Salary is excessive! Should have a service. Thinks we are overpaying when you can have a team behind you.

Roll Call: Committeeman Bille: Yes Committeeman Cirulli: Yes
 Committeeman Farmer: Absent
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 Horizon's at Barnegat Women's Club on 11/6/23-1/8/24-2/15/24-3/4/24-4/1/24-5/6/24-6/13/24-9/9/24-10/7/24-12/2/24

Approval of Calendar Raffle for St. Mary's Church for each Wednesday of the 2024 Calendar year

Approval of a Social Affairs Permit to the Barnegat Township PBA 296 Civic Association for annual Hoofys Fall Fest on October 21, 2023 from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm at 382 North Main Street (*Barnegat Edwards Field*)

Approval of Limited Brewery Off-Premise Event Permit to Forgotten Boardwalk Brewing LLC on October 27th from 3:00 to 10:00 pm at 483 East Bay Avenue

Approval of Block Party for 8 Amelia Court on October 7, 2023 from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Resolution 2023-330
Resolution authorizing a refund of premiums paid at Tax Sale, various properties

Resolution 2023-331
Resolution authorizing the issuance of a duplicate Tax Sale Certificate pursuant to NJSA 54:5-52.1 to Empire Tax Fund III LLC which certificate is dated 5/11/11 covering premises commonly known and referred to as Block 54 Lot 9

Resolution 2023-332
Authorizing Tax Collector to reimburse Lien Holder for Certificate erroneously sold at tax sale for Block 208.01, Lot 89, 254 Bay Shore Drive

Resolution 2023-333
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 114.20 Lot 7;
10 Midship Drive

Resolution 2023-334

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund CJB Vacant Properties LLC, Block 253, Lot 16.01; 98 Water Street based on a successful County Board Judgement

Resolution 2023-335

Resolution authorizing the refunds of Unit Reimbursement Overpayments for Off-Site Water, Sewer and Pressure Improvements for Block 108, Lot 10; 16 Second Street

Resolution 2023-336

Resolution authorizing the Municipal Clerk to refund payment of \$500.00 erroneously paid for by the land owner of 29 Eighth Street for Sewer Tap Inspection Fee

Resolution 2023-337

Resolution authorizing Payment #2 to Shore Connection Inc. in the amount of \$242,247.18 for the 2022 Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement Project

Resolution 2023-338

Resolution authorizing the Affordable Housing Planner to implement the Home Improvement Program and Rehabilitation Program

Resolution 2023-339

Resolution opposing Mask and Covid 19 Vaccine Mandates implemented by the Governor and the State of New Jersey

Resolution 2023-340

Resolution authorizing the Municipal Clerk to advertise for RFP Professional Services for the year 2024

Resolution 2023-341

Resolution authorizing the Township to ask for an extension for the NJDOT Grant for Spruce Circle North and South, paving project

Resolution 2023-342

Authorizing Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid for parcel known as Block 208.09, Lot 1.02 Qual C; 35 Caribbean Court

Resolution 2023-343

Resolution granting Final Sewer Facilities approval to Barnegat Terrace LLC for Block 162.01, Lot 1.22; 702 Barnegat Blvd North,

Resolution 2023-344

Resolution granting Final Water Facilities approval to Barnegat Terrace LLC for Block 162.01, Lot 1.22; 702 Barnegat Blvd North,

Resolution 2023-345

Resolution authorizing Release of the Performance Guarantee #4-082-033 for Site Improvements for Ocean Acres, Phase 8 subject to posting a two-year Maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$390,911.25

Resolution 2023-346

Resolution Denying request to release Sanitary Sewer Improvements system Performance Guarantee for Ocean Acres, Phase 8

Resolution 2023-347

Resolution Denying request to release Water Improvements System Performance Guarantee for Ocean Acres, Phase 8

Resolution 2023-348

Resolution authorizing Release of the Performance Guarantee #PB00459500018 for Site Improvements for Ocean Acres, Phase 9 subject to posting a two-year Maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$178,637.85

Resolution 2023-349

Resolution authorizing Release of the Performance Guarantee for Sanitary Sewer Improvements for Ocean Acres, Phase 9 subject to posting a two-year Maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$43,407.00

Resolution 2023-350

Resolution authorizing Release of the Performance Guarantee for Water System Improvements for Ocean Acres, Phase 9 subject to posting a two-year Maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$32,691.00

Resolution 2023-351

Resolution Denying request to Release Performance Guarantee for Site Improvements for Ocean Acres, Phase 10

Resolution 2023-352

Resolution Denying request to Release Performance Guarantee for Sanitary Sewer Improvements for Ocean Acres, Phase 10

Resolution 2023-353

Resolution Denying request to Release Performance Guarantee for Water System Improvements for Ocean Acres, Phase 10

Resolution 2023-354

Resolution denying request to Release Performance Guarantee for Site Improvements for Ocean Acres, Phase 11

Resolution 2023-355

Resolution denying request to Release Performance Guarantee for Sanitary Sewer Improvements for Ocean Acres, Phase 11

Resolution 2023-356

Resolution denying request to Release Performance Guarantee for Water System Improvements for Ocean Acres, Phase 11

Resolution 2023-357

Resolution denying request to Release Performance Guarantee for Site Improvements for Ocean Acres, Phase 15

Resolution 2023-358

Resolution denying request to Release Performance Guarantee for Sanitary Sewer Improvements for Ocean Acres, Phase 15

Resolution 2023-359

Resolution denying request to Release Performance Guarantee for Water System Improvements for Ocean Acres, Phase 15

Resolution 2023-360

Resolution authorizing the release of Performance Guarantee to Shore Sand and Gravel and posting a new Performance Guarantee for Route 72 Sand Mine LLC for property known as 560 Route 72

Resolution 2023-361

Resolution approving the purchase of Envirosite Sewer Camera, including the VC500 Controller, Vision Reporting Software, 1000 FT Cable Reel and Wireless Controller from Jet Vac LLC, P.O. Box 772849, Detroit, MI 48277-2849 for \$118,334.72.00 through Sourcewell contract #120721-EVS

Resolution 2023-362

Authorizing the execution of a Shared Service agreement for the FY 2023/2024 with the Ocean County Prosecutor’s Office known as Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement Program (DWIEP) for the term October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

Resolution 2023-363

Resolution authorizing the execution of Shared Service agreement for the FY 2023/2024 with the Ocean County Prosecutors Office for the Drug Recognition Expert Callout Program (DRECP), for the term October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

Resolution 2023-364

Resolution authorizing the Shared Service agreement for the FY 2023/2024 with the Ocean County Prosecutors Office for the Move Over Law Enforcement Program (MOLEP), for the term October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda: AI Bille

Second: AI Cirulli

Roll Call:

Committeeman Bille: Yes

Committeeman Cirulli: Yes

Committeeman Farmer: Absent

Deputy Mayor Marte: Yes

Mayor Pipi: Yes

Resolution 2023-365

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: AI Cirulli

Roll Call:

Committeeman Bille: Yes

Committeeman Cirulli: Yes

Committeeman Farmer: Absent

Deputy Mayor Marte: Yes

Mayor Pipi: Yes

Motion to Adjourn: Al Bille
Time__10:55am_____

Second: Al Cirulli

Next scheduled meeting
November 9, 2023 @ 6:30 PM
(Meeting on Thursday due to General Election)

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were formally adopted by the Township Committee on November 9, 2023.

Municipal Clerk