

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

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 2023, 6:30 PM.**

Call to Order the November 9, 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 Jeffrey Brandt, United Faith Church

Roll Call of Officials:

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

***PRESENTATION FOR "ADOPT A STREET" – School Advisor – Michele Cucinotta
Presentation by Lexi O'Halloran, Julia McHale and Eva Redline***

Adopt A Street began in October 2019. They had over 80 streets cleaned. Recently had 6 new streets adopted. There are over 50 businesses, groups and families that volunteer. Looking for Boy Scouts and Girl Scout groups. To sign up, you can go to barnegatadoptastreet.com

Committee Reports; Farmer, Cirulli, Marte, Bille

Al Cirulli: Fire Report – There were 40 calls for the month of October. They accomplished Fire Prevention week for all schools.

Joseph Marti: Thanked the citizens of Barnegat for voting for him. Gave Police report. In October our officers answered 1532 calls for services, including 45 MVA. Our Crime Reduction Unit made 8 arrest. Read a letter from a resident, Carol Castellano. She fell and was unable to get up. She called 911. Officer Brett Taylor and another officer were kind and professional. Her garage door has not been working right. Officer Taylor was kind enough to fix her garage door as well as helping her. Barnegat Police Department is absolutely the greatest! They are well trained, responsive and superior! Thank you Barnegat Police! November 11th is Veteran's Day and thanked all of our Veteran's.

Mayor's Report: Congratulated Joe and Al on their win. Spoke about how men should not be playing in women's sports. Gave examples of women getting hurt. Men and women are equal but not the same! Encouraged parents to speak up. Let your voices be heard.

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 Cirulli

Second: Joseph Marte

Thomas Randazzo: 4 Spring Lake Ct. - Against the nonsense in the schools. Feels it is stressing kids out.

Charlie Cunliffe: 135 Rockrimmon Blvd. – Congratulated Al and Joe. Concerned about the tone of the election. Showed samples of literature that went out. Need to take responsibility for your literature.

John Murrin: 35 Pierhead Dr. - Spoke about Title 9 which gave women opportunity to get scholarships in sports which now it's being defeated.

Fred Rubenstein: 4 Hickory Circle - Mentioned about the service that is being held for the Mulgrew's on Thursday, November 16th. Spoke about hate and name calling. Lead by example! Been living here for 30 years and this town has never ran so smoothly.

Tom Randazzo: 4 Spring Lake Ct. - Object to Mr. Cunliffe's statement. 4x loser and wants to come back again next year! He was re-called in Lakewood by 7,000 voters. Feel he owes you an apology.

Phil Checchia: 12 Windward Dr. - Happy Thanksgiving! Congratulations to Al and Joe! Does not like what is going on with the Democratic Party. Mentioned to cut coaches who allow men to join women's teams. Asked about the new Town Hall building.

Jeff Brooker: 109 Cedar Lane - Spoke about rent leveling. Moved in September 2023 and 2 weeks later gets an increase in rent. What is the purpose of a lease? Attorney stated that this is not the place to complain. Here to ask to amend the Ordinance.

Phil Checchia: 12 Windward Dr. - Mentioned to take care of the adolescent and teenagers at Christmas. They are in need.

Gary Barr: 22 Ravenwood Blvd. – Questioned Ordinance 2023-34, water/sewer rate increase? Mary LiSella explained. Wants to know, why does the builders not pay their cost of off-site improvements? Also questioned Ordinance 2023-35, problem with the size of property? Mr. Dasti will talk with the engineer.

Motion to Close Public Session: Al Cirulli

Second: Joseph Marte

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 2023-30 (Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**
An Ordinance repealing Chapter 73 of the Township Code, Entitled, "Vending Machines"

Motion to open Public Comment: Al Cirulli Second: Joseph Marte

Jennifer Gallo & Mother: 108 Newark Rd. - Would like to place vending machines at Pebble Beach & Municipal Docks. Will help the community by giving 5% of profit to Food Pantry and Starve Poverty. Thinks it will have a positive impact on the well-being of the community. Wants to give back!

Motion to close Public Comment: Al Cirulli Second: Joseph Marte

Motion to adopt ordinance: Al Cirulli Second: Joseph Marte

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

New Business:

Approval of the Township Committee minutes from the October 3, 2023 meeting

Motion to adopt minutes: Al Cirulli Second: Joseph Marte

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

Ordinance 2023-31 (First Reading)
Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2023-31, which was read by title only, as follows:
An Ordinance repealing Chapter 64 of the Township Code Entitled, "Rent Leveling"
Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on December 5, 2023 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached

Motion to introduce ordinance: Al Cirulli Second: Joseph Marte

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

Ordinance 2023-32 (First Reading)

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2023-32, which was read by title only, as follows:

An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 36 of the Township Code Entitled “Brush, Weeds, Obnoxious Growth” and specifically Section 36-5 Entitled, “Penalty” Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on December 5, 2023 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached

Motion to introduce ordinance: Al Cirulli Second: Joseph Marte

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

Ordinance 2023-33 (First Reading)

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2023-33, which was read by title only, as follows:

An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 55 of the Township Code Entitled “Land Use” and specifically Section 181.1 Entitled, “Signs Division I: East of Parkway” Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on December 5, 2023 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached

Motion to introduce ordinance: Al Cirulli Second: Joseph Marte

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

Ordinance 2023-34 (First Reading)

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2023-34, which was read by title only, as follows:

An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 74 of the Township Code Entitled “Water/Sewer Utility” and Specifically Sections 74-7, Entitled “Sewer Use Charges, Connection Fees, and Development Inspection Fees and Section 74-14, Entitled “User Charges” Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on December 5, 2023 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached

Motion to introduce ordinance: Al ICirulli Second: Joseph Marte

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

Ordinance 2023-35 (First Reading)

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2023-35, which was read by title only, as follows:

An Ordinance amending Various Sections of Chapter 55 of the Township Code, Entitled "Land Use"

Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on December 5, 2023 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached

Motion to introduce ordinance: Al Cirulli Second: Joseph Marte

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

Ordinance 2023-36 (First Reading)

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2023-36, which was read by title only, as follows:

An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 64B of the Township Code Entitled, "Secondhand Dealers"

Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on December 5, 2023 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached

Motion to introduce ordinance: Al Cirulli Second: Joseph Marte

Roll Call: Committeeman Bille: Absent 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 Pull Tab Raffle to American Legion John Wesley Taylor Post 232, from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

Approval of On Premise 50/50 to Heritage Point Bingo Club for the year 2024

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Approval of On Premise 50/50 to the Italian & American Social Club on 1/26-2/23-3/22-4/27-5/24 and 6/28, 2024

Approval of On Premise 50/50 to Mirage Men's Club Foundation on 2/6-3/5-5/3-6/4 and 9/3, 2024

Approval of the Pine Barrens 300 off highway tour to pass through the Township on November 11th and November 12, 2023

Approval of membership to Scott D. Pearse for the Barnegat Fire Department

Resolution 2023-370

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

Resolution 2023-371

Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid Block 174.08 Lot 15; 25 Blue Claw Drive

Resolution 2023-372

Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid Block 115.07 Lot 28; 52 Sandpiper Drive

Resolution 2023-373

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 92.09 Lot 28; 9 Wright Rd

Resolution 2023-374

Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid for property not located in Barnegat Township and was received from the State of New Jersey in the amount of \$499.87

Resolution 2023-375

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 144; 8 Cottonwood Drive

Resolution 2023-376

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 114.39 Lot 11; 51 Georgetown Blvd

Resolution 2023-377

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 95.42 Lot 21; 4 Old Mill Court

Resolution 2023-378

Resolution authorizing the refund of Escrow Deposits to Farmer Development, Inc., Simply Self Storage, for Block 263 Lot 1.01, PB 02-51 for \$61.45

Resolution 2023-379

Resolution authorizing the refund of Escrow Deposits Walters Development Co., LLC, Minor Subdivision, Phase 5 for Block 92.56 Lots 1.01, 2.01, 3.01, 1.02, 2.02, 3.02 & 4.01, PB 22-04 for \$234.35

Resolution 2023-380

Resolution hiring Erin Carroll as a Full-Time Clerk Typist to the Construction Office as of November 6, 2023 at a rate of pay of \$36,300 yr.

Resolution 2023-381

Resolution authorizing an unpaid Medical Extension to Donna Conto of the Construction Office from October 31st to November 30, 2023

Resolution 2023-382

Authorizing Execution of Second Amendment to Enter a Local Services Agreement with the Township of Stafford for costs incurred by Stafford as charged by the Ocean County Municipal Utilities Authority for \$224,408.80 and paid back over a 5 year payment period at an amount of \$36,649.34 per year

Resolution 2023-383

Resolution encouraging our State Legislators to provide Fair and Equitable Distribution of Discretionary spending appropriations in the Annual State Budget

Resolution 2023-384

Resolution supporting Ocean County Meals on Wheels advocacy effort and commitment that no senior goes hungry in Ocean County

Resolution 2023-385

Resolution recognizing the month of November 2023 as National Family Caregiver Month

Resolution 2023-386

Resolution urging the appointing authority in the State of New Jersey to choose a resident of Ocean County to sit on the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

Resolution 2023-387

Resolution authorizing a paid medical leave for George Shaffery of the Construction Office, effective October 16th to November 16, 2023

Resolution 2023-388

Resolution authorizing reimbursement to homeowner, Joann Puczilowski of 17 Tallhedge Drive for her mailbox that was damaged by a Water/Sewer Vehicle in the amount of \$227.74

Resolution 2023-389

Resolution authorizing execution of Inter-local services agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutor's office for Phoenix Automated Property Reporting System

Resolution 2023-390

Resolution authorizing submission of a Grant application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' Fiscal Year 2024 American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant Program

Resolution 2023-391

Resolution awarding bid to Earle Asphalt Company for Spruce Circle North Roadway Improvements for a combined total cost of \$240,513.13

