

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

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
December 5, 2023, 10:00 AM**

Call to Order the December 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 Rose Cassarino, Holy Spirit Victory Church

Roll Call of Officials:

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

**The Township will recognize the Barnegat High School Girls Volleyball Team for their 1st Place win in the Group 2 South State Championship
And recognizing the Esports Team for their accomplishment as the 2023 State Champions**

Committee Reports: Farmer, Cirulli, Marte, Bille

AI Bille: Mentioned on how the Tree Lighting Ceremony was a success. Thanked Jay Brinson from DPW who added snow. Pearl Harbor annual event was held on Sunday. Train show being held in Recreation Center from Nov. 18th – Dec. 28th. Open on Tuesday's, Friday's and Saturday's. Pirate's Day was moved to May 4th. Concerts will start June 15th starting @ 6:30. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a Happy Hanukkah!

AI Cirulli: Congratulated our students, job well done! Gave Fire Report – Answered 49 calls for the month. 540 total calls for the year! Thanked our Fire Department for an outstanding job! First Aid Report- Quality Medical answered 254 calls. Dispatched is 100%. Our First Aid volunteers serves as a back-up and they answered 16 calls. They are at 55% of calls. They do a great job! Wished everyone Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ordinance 2023-30 (Second Reading- Carried from 11-9-2023) **SEE ATTACHED**
An Ordinance repealing Chapter 73 of the Township Code, Entitled, "Vending Machines"

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: Absent
Deputy Mayor Marte: Yes Mayor Pipi: Yes

Ordinance 2023-31 (Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**
An Ordinance repealing Chapter 64 of the Township Code Entitled, "Rent Leveling"

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: Absent
Deputy Mayor Marte: Yes Mayor Pipi: Yes

Ordinance 2023-32 (Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**
An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 36 of the Township Code Entitled "Brush, Weeds, Obnoxious Growth" and specifically Section 36-5 Entitled, "Penalty"

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: Absent
Deputy Mayor Marte: Yes Mayor Pipi: Yes

Ordinance 2023-33 (Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**
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"

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: Absent
Deputy Mayor Marte: Yes Mayor Pipi: Yes

Ordinance 2023-34 (Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**

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”

Motion to open Public Comment: AI Bille Second: Joseph Marte

Gary Barr: 22 Ravenwood Blvd. – Questions on water/sewer. Spoke about how the water tower was supposed to be built in the 1990’s. Explained that United Methodist Church sold to 17 homes, which are now built. Mentioned all development that have been built since the 90’s. Was there on-site approvals in place for all of these developments?

Kurt Otto: Explained the tower update.

Christ Dasti: Also explained the need of the tower

Phil Checchia: 12 Windward Dr. - Spoke about the tower situation. When we approved Board members, did they understand the traffic? The traffic is horrendous! Mentioned that the Boards are the problem! Should have been putting small water towers up all along.

Kurt Otto: Answered Mr. Barr that the Stone Hill facility is not a Township building that he questioned.

Mr. Lisella: Stated that builders go into projects to make money. The town prospers by taxes or homes from development.

Gary Barr: Questioned that seniors are going to be charged \$45 a quarter and how will they be notified?

Nancy Gallagher: 15 Benjamin Court – Mentioned to keep in mind that seniors cannot hear at the meetings and to speak louder.

Motion to close Public Comment: AI Bille Second: Joseph Marte

Motion to adopt ordinance: AI Bille Second: Joseph Marte

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

Ordinance 2023-35

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

Motion to open Public Comment:
Motion to close Public Comment:

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Motion to tabled ordinance: Al Bille

Second: Joseph Marte

Roll Call:

Committeeman Bille: Yes
Committeeman Farmer: Absent
Deputy Mayor Marte: Yes

Committeeman Cirulli: Yes
Mayor Pipi: Yes

Ordinance 2023-36

(Second Reading As Revised) **SEE ATTACHED**

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

Motion to open Public Comment: Al Bille
Motion to close Public Comment: Al Bille

Second: Joseph Marte
Second: Joseph Marte

Motion to adopt ordinance: Al Bille

Second: Joseph Marte

Roll Call:

Committeeman Bille: Yes
Committeeman Farmer: Absent
Deputy Mayor Marte: Yes

Committeeman Cirulli: Yes
Mayor Pipi: Yes

New Business:

Approval of the Township Committee minutes from the November 9, 2023 meeting

Motion to adopt minutes: Al Bille

Second: Joseph Marte

Roll Call:

Committeeman Bille: Yes
Committeeman Farmer: Absent
Deputy Mayor Marte: Yes

Committeeman Cirulli: 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 Merchandise Raffle to American Legion John Wesley Taylor Post 232, on May 11, 2024

Approval of Off Premise Raffle to American Legion John Wesley Taylor Post 232, on March 16, 2024

Approval of membership to Matthew J. Higgins Jr. for the Barnegat Fire Department

Resolution 2023-397

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

Resolution 2023-398

Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid Block 94.01 Lot 144; 8 Cottonwood Dr

Resolution 2023-399

Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid Block 114.39 Lot 11; 51 Georgetown Blvd

Resolution 2023-400

Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid Block 92.09 Lot 28; 9 Wright Road

Resolution 2023-401

Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid Block 54 Lot 6.06; 300 Warren Grove Road

Resolution 2023-402

Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously paid Block 115.09 Lot 17; 169 Sandpiper Road

Resolution 2023-403

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 92.44 Lot 9.01; 15 Staysail Avenue

Resolution 2023-404

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 1; 155 Nautilus Drive

Resolution 2023-405

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 95.31 Lot 25;
14 Shoal Drive

Resolution 2023-406

Resolution authorizing an unpaid Medical Extension to Donna Conto of the Construction Office from November 30th 2023 to February 1, 2024

Resolution 2023-407

Resolution authorizing a paid medical leave for Georgia Shaffery of the Construction Office, effective November 16th to December 31, 2023

Resolution 2023-408

Resolution awarding a contract with Edmunds & Associates, Inc. for Software and Hardware Maintenance for the Tax and Finance Offices for the year 2024 in the amount of \$19,700.36

Resolution 2023-409

Resolution supporting the Rejection of All Automobile Insurance Rate Hikes in the State of New Jersey

Resolution 2023-410

Resolution urging the appointing authority in the State Board of Public Utilities to establish a Hotline for dangerous Cable and Utility Poles

Resolution 2023-411

Resolution authorizing an Employment Separation between the Township and Seth Turnure of the Water/Sewer Department

Resolution 2023-412

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

Resolution 2023-413

Resolution authorizing Change Orders #43 & 44 between the Township and Frankoski Construction Co

Resolution 2023-414

Resolution authorizing progress payment #30 to Frankoski Construction Company for the New Municipal Building and check made payable to Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America in the amount of \$152,763.93

Resolution 2023-415

Resolution accepting a modification of wording to the plans offered in the participation of the New Jersey State Health Benefits Plan for Township Employees with no change in coverage

Resolution 2023-416

Resolution authorizing Release of Site Performance Guarantee in the amount of \$56,302.00, bond #1121 for Merritt Plaza, Phase 1

Resolution 2023-417

Resolution authorizing Release of Site Performance Guarantee in the amount of \$16,800.00 for Merritt Plaza, Phase 2

Resolution 2023-418

Resolution authorizing Payment #3 to Shore Connection Inc. in the amount of \$105,791.00 for the 2022 Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement Project

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda: AI Bille

Second: Joseph Marte

Roll Call:

Committeeman Bille: Yes

Committeeman Cirulli: Yes

Committeeman Farmer: Absent

Deputy Mayor Marte: Yes

Mayor Pipi: Yes

Resolution 2023-419

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: Absent

Deputy Mayor Marte: Yes

Mayor Pipi: Yes

Motion to Adjourn: AI Bille

Second: Joseph Marte

Time__ 10:50 am_____

**Next scheduled meeting
Township Re-Organization Meeting
January 1, 2024 @ 1:00 PM**

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were formally adopted by the Township Committee on January 1, 2024.

Municipal Clerk