

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

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
March 5, 2024, 6:30 PM**

**Call to Order the March 5, 2024 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 in the official newspapers of the date, time and location of this meeting more than 48 hours in advance, and
- By posting advance written notice on the official bulletin board in the municipal building, and in the office of the Township Clerk for the purpose of public inspection.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Invocation: by Pastor Joe Faraldi, Bayside Chapel**

**Roll Call of Officials:**

Committeeman Bille - Present  
Committeeman Pipi – Present  
Committeeman Townsend - Present  
Deputy Mayor Cirulli - Present  
Mayor Marte – Present

**PRESENTATION TO THE BARNEGAT VARSITY CHEERLEADERS- 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE STATE WIN**

- Mayor and Deputy Mayor congratulated the cheerleaders

**PROCLAMATION FOR CHARLES A. BIANCO**

- Read into record by the Mayor

**Committee Reports: Bille, Pipi, Townsend, Cirulli**

**Al Bille:** Mentioned that you can use black bags for garbage. Property taxes are lower than Stafford! Recreation – Family night will be in June & July. Outdoor movies will be moved indoors at the recreation center. Had 25 applicants for Snowman contest. Winners will be announced March 11<sup>th</sup>. Pirates Day will be May 4<sup>th</sup>. Congratulated the Chief on his retirement. Congratulated new Chief.

**Pat Pipi:** Code Report – There were 20 rental inspections, 26 letters of no interest, 9 summons and 61 warning stickers issued. Congratulated Chief and the new Chief.

**Jake Townsend:** Gave water report for the month of February. Best Wishes to the Chief and Congratulated the new Chief.

**Al Cirulli:** Read letter from N. Brunswick's Mayor, Francis Womack to our fire department. For the month of February there was 26 calls and for January there was 51 calls. State requires tremendous amount of training for our volunteers. Barnegat First Aid is a tremendous back up for Quality Medical Squad. Quality had 205 calls. Congratulated the Chief on his retirement. Mentioned that the Chief was in his middle school workshop class.

**Chris Dasti:** Gave speech about Chief Germain

**Marty Lisella:** Gave speech about Keith. Developed a relationship with him through the years. Mentioned how he showed lots of loyalty and leadership. Wished Keith the best in his retirement and welcomed Jay in his new position.

**Mayor's Report:** Police Report – Released 2023 Annual Report. There was 19,910 calls for service, 594 MVA, 530 firearms application and 136 carry permits. Crime Reduction Unit - \$125,000 in contraband. Detectives assigned in 400 cases. Was quite a year! Gave speech about Chief Keith Germain. March 13<sup>th</sup> the legend will depart.

## **RECOGNIZING CHIEF GERMAIN'S RETIREMENT**

**Kurt Otto:** Held preconstruction meeting for Spruce St. N. and Spruce St. S. program. Scheduled to begin March 25<sup>th</sup>. Hope to be completed by May.

### **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: Al Cirulli**

**Chris Hanlon:** Attorney for Pinewood Estates – Talked about rent control. Has been involved since 1978. Multimillion dollar property. Only income is from rentals. CPI increases 3 1/2% on rent. We did have a responsible response to the residents. Asking to not to adopt this Ordinance. Lowest rents in the State. Have to maintain this property. Possible partner with the town.

**Al Cirulli:** Suggested for Mr. Hanlon to address the resident's concerns. We have to stand by our people. Can accomplish if you all sit down and work things out.

**Dave:** 186 Chestnut Dr. - Thanked committee for listening. Reinstating is our protection for us. RHP wants to double our lot rent. Told us there will be a loyalty discount. You have a choice, pay us or leave. The committee is the buffer. We had asked last year to reinstate. We respect the RHP rights to a profit. It's a multimillion dollar corporation. Roads are not paved, doesn't matter. Just want an affordable place to live. We don't have protection from greedy landlords!

**Lorraine Ferraro:** 121 Cypress Lane – Communication is lacking. They are taking our privileges away from our clubhouse. They are a corporation. Nothing wrong with making a profit but we need protection. Asking for help! Thank you.

**John Murrin:** 38 Pierhead Dr. - Mentioned that the professionalism of our Police Department is amazing! The accessibility of Police is great! Rent Leveling – Understands what Mr. Hanlon said. Just not for Pinewood, Brighton will benefit as well. Mr. Hanlon can negotiate before board. Hope you approve Ordinance.

**John Gennarelli:** 102 Pine Oak Blvd. – Said that channel 22 is completely black. Any update on building. Kurt answered saying estimate late May. Move in possibly July. Depends on Department of Corrections. Need green light on Police Department side. Questioned on water tower. Kurt said application has been made. Can take several month.

**Ray Lescheck:** 116 Redwood Dr. – Understands everything Mr. Hanlon said. Would like the objectives of RHP. No information to the residents. Asked for accountability on money spent. Need more information. Hope for the rent leveling will go through.

**Tom Randazzo:** 4 Spring Lake Ct. - Spoke about criminals go where the money is. Is the town or Police doing anything?

**Frank Troia:** 117 Redwood Dr. - Questioned what the market value is on our homes? We make our properties nice and RHP gets the benefits of market value.

**Ray Lescheck:** 116 Redwood Dr. - We need Ordinance in place in case we need to go to court. We need protection for the people.

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

**Second: Al Cirulli**

**Old Business:**

**Ordinance 2024-2**

**(Second Reading) \*\*SEE ATTACHED\*\***

An Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation limits and to establish a Cap Bank in accordance with NJSA 40A:4-45.14

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

**Second: Al Cirulli**

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

**Second: Al Cirulli**

**Motion to adopt ordinance: Al Bille**

**Second: Al Cirulli**

**Roll Call:**

Committeeman Bille: Yes

Committeeman Pipi: Yes

Committeeman Townsend: Yes

Deputy Mayor Cirulli: Yes

Mayor Marte: Yes



**Ordinance 2024-4 (First Reading)**

*Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2024-4, which was read by title only, as follows:*

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

*Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on April 2, 2024 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached*

**Motion to introduce ordinance: Al Bille Second: Al Cirulli**

**Roll Call:** Committeeman Bille: Yes Committeeman Papi: Yes  
Committeeman Townsend: Yes  
Deputy Mayor Cirulli: Yes Mayor Marte: Yes

**Ordinance 2024-5 (First Reading)**

*Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2024-5, which was read by title only, as follows:*

An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 63B of the Township Code Entitled "Rental Properties"

*Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on April 2, 2024 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached*

**Motion to introduce ordinance: Al Bille Second: Al Cirulli**

**Roll Call:** Committeeman Bille: Yes Committeeman Papi: Yes  
Committeeman Townsend: Yes  
Deputy Mayor Cirulli: Yes Mayor Marte: Yes

**Ordinance 2024-6 (First Reading)**

*Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2024-6, which was read by title only, as follows:*

An Ordinance amending various sections of Chapter 55-57 of the Township Code Entitled "C-N Neighborhood Commercial Zone West of the Parkway"

*Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on April 2, 2024 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached*

**Motion to introduce ordinance: Al Bille Second: Al Cirulli**

**Roll Call:** Committeeman Bille: Yes Committeeman Papi: Yes  
Committeeman Townsend: Yes  
Deputy Mayor Cirulli: Yes Mayor Marte: Yes

**Ordinance 2024-7**

**(First Reading)**

*Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2024-7, which was read by title only, as follows:*

*An Ordinance Re-establishing 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 April 2, 2024 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached*

**Motion to introduce ordinance: Al Bille**

**Second: Al Cirulli**

**Roll Call:**

Committeeman Bille: Yes

Committeeman Pipi: Yes

Committeeman Townsend: Yes

Deputy Mayor Cirulli: Yes

Mayor Marte: 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 membership to Peter P. Procopio for the Barnegat First Aid Squad**

**Approval of membership to Keith Alexander for the Barnegat First Aid Squad**

**Approval of membership to Ismael R. Amarat for the Barnegat First Aid Squad**

**Approval of membership to Ismael R. Amarat for the Barnegat Fire Department**

**Approval of membership to Ted F. Johnson for the Barnegat Fire Department**

**Approval of membership to Michael R. Jacobs for the Barnegat Fire Department**

**Resolution 2024-114**

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

**Resolution 2024-115**

Resolution certifying the qualified participants in the Length of Services Award Program (LOSAP) for the Fire Department and First Aid Squad for the calendar year 2023

**Resolution 2024-116**

Resolution providing for appropriation transfers during the first three months of the succeeding year

**Resolution 2024-117**

Resolution hiring Anthony Neibert as a Part-Time Electrical Inspector for the Building Department as of March 11, 2024

**Resolution 2024-118**

Resolution hiring Patricia Tomer as a Part-Time Confidential Records Clerk to the Police Department effective March 6, 2024

**Resolution 2024-119**

Resolution hiring Nicole Kanko as a Part-Time Confidential Records Clerk to the Police Department effective March 6, 2024

**Resolution 2024-120**

Resolution hiring Bryan Snowden as a Full-Time Laborer for the Water Sewer Department effective February 20, 2024

**Resolution 2024-121**

Resolution accepting resignation from Charles Ellis from his position as Confidential Aide to the Chief of Police effective February 23, 2024

**Resolution 2024-122**

Resolution accepting resignation from Donna Conto from her position as Technical Assistant to the Construction Official for the Construction Office as of March 1, 2024

**Resolution 2024-123**

Resolution accepting resignation from John Ewert from his position as Building Inspector for the Construction Office as of March 1, 2024

**Resolution 2024-124**

Resolution hiring Ioanie Alleman as Full-time Confidential Aide to the Chief of Police effective February 26, 2024

**Resolution 2024-125**

Resolution re-appointing Donna M. Manno, as Barnegat Township Municipal Clerk effective March 1, 2024.

**Resolution 2024-126**

Resolution authorizing Condo Services Reimbursements

**Resolution 2024-127**

Resolution authorizing submission of a grant proposal to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs FY4 Local Recreation Improvement Grant program by Barnegat Township for Softball field lighting installation and improvements, Phase II

**Resolution 2024-128**

Resolution authorizing Morgan Engineering to provide construction administration and inspection for the Spruce Circle South and Spruce Court roadway resurfacing project for an amount not to exceed \$21,000.

**Resolution 2024-129**

Resolution authorizing Bristol Environmental to perform Environmental Abatement work at Meadowedge Park

**Resolution 2024-130**

Resolution authorizing Environmental Connection (ECI) to perform Air Monitoring / Final Air Clearance work at Meadowedge Park

**Resolution 2024-131**

Resolution authorizing reduction of Performance Guarantee for Walters Development for a project known as Barnegat Boulevard and Pennsylvania Avenue

**Resolution 2024-132**

Resolution denying release of Monument Bond to Forestar Developers for project known as Seacrest Pines, Section 4

**Resolution 2024-133**

Resolution denying release of a Site Performance Guarantee to Walters Development Co. for Whispering Hills project, Phase 2

**Resolution 2024-134**

Resolution denying release of a Site Performance Guarantee to Walters Development Co. for Whispering Hills project, Phase 3

**Resolution 2024-135**

Resolution amending Job Description for Heavy Equipment Operator to include knowledge of operating a Jet Vac and Street Sweeper

**Resolution 2024-136**

Resolution acknowledging Robert Borris as Acting Construction Official, effective January 9, 2024.

**Resolution 2024-137**

Resolution endorsing Revolution NJ to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate Commemoration of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States and New Jersey's pivotal role in the American Revolution

**Resolution 2024-138**

Resolution authorizing an extended paid medical leave to Louis Fischer from March 6, 2024 to April 15, 2024

**Resolution 2024-139**

Resolution authorizing acceptance of Change Orders #52-53 in the amount of \$- 4,067.97 to Frankoski Construction Co. for the New Municipal Building project

**Resolution 2024-140**

Resolution authorizing progress Payment #33 in amount of \$31,126.44 to Frankoski Construction Co. for the New Municipal Building, check payable to Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America

**Resolution 2024-141**

Resolution authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers to perform survey services to create and update Township GIS As-Built Storm water mapping System

**Resolution 2024-142**

Resolution authorizing Morgan Engineering to provide construction administration and inspection for the Spruce Circle North roadway resurfacing project for an amount not to exceed \$23,000.



