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

# SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES March 21, 2024 11:00 AM

1. Call to Order the Special Township Committee Meeting of March 21, 2024.

# 2. 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:

- a. By publication in the required newspapers of the date, time and location of this meeting more than 48 hours in advance.
- b. By posting advance written notice on the official Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building.
- c. By filing advance written notice with the Township Clerk for the purpose of Public inspection.

# 3. Roll Call of Officials Present:

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

# 4. Salute to the flag

#### 5. Public Comments:

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 Comment: Al Bille Second: Al Cirulli

**Ray Leschik:** 116 Redwood Dr. - Glad that the Rent Leveling is being considered to be reinstated.

Motion to Close Public Comment: Al Bille Second: Al Curilli

#### 6. Old Business

Ordinance 2024-7 (Second Reading) \*\*SEE ATTACHED\*\*
An Ordinance Re-establishing Chapter 64 of the Township Code Entitled "Rent Leveling"

Motion to open Public Comment: Al Bille Second: Al Cirulli

**Chris Dasti** – Clarified few minor revisions to the Ordinance that will benefit the tenants.

**Joseph Sullivan:** Manufacture Homeowner Association of NJ – Thanked committee for bringing back the protection of Rent Leveling to the residents. Spoke about how money by corporations is being given to investors and not back to the community.

**Lorraine Ferraro:** 121 Cypress Lane – Thank you very much in helping us! I do know the board has the right to sit in to represent Pinewood in regards to Rent Leveling Board. Suggest to let the residents pick who represents us. In future, direct any concerns or questions to Frank, President of our H.O.A.

**Ron Naples:** 153 Brighton Rd. - Thank you for bringing back Ordinance. Have few questions to Mr. Dasti with dates and is Pinewood protected? Mr. Dasti went over dates and yes they are protected. Questioned about law is in effect? Predatory Landlords? Suggest law needs revision. Maybe a committee to make it better. There is a \$5,000 cap that needs to be changed. Bring to 100,000 or 50,000. Too substantial of a change and will be reviewed as per Mr. Dasti. Would like committee to review. Al Cirulli agreed.

**Dave Kristik:** 186 Chestnut Dr. – Thanked the Mayor for last month's meeting. RHP is a multi-billion dollar corporation. Total net worth is almost 20 billion dollars. 3.5 is a great start of protection. Asked to see the loyalty discount. We will never see it in writing. We don't have a means of bargaining.

**Frank Belluardo:** 196 Chestnut Dr. - President of H.O.A. – Thanked the committee and Brighton for their support. We need protection! Managers have been helpful. We have opened a door of communication. Feel that the Township should not be involved. Trying to keep Township out of it. 90% of residents are on social security. Would like to get a system in place and get ideas from the committee. Suggested to try to improve things together so we can accomplish more. Thanks again for your help.

Motion to close Public Comment: Al Bille Second: Al Cirulli

Motion to adopt ordinance as amended: Al Bille Second: Al Cirulli

Roll Call: Committeeman Bille: Yes Committeeman Pipi: Yes

Committeeman Townsend: Yes

Deputy Mayor Cirulli: Yes Mayor Marte: Yes

#### 7. New Business:

# Minutes Approval:

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of the Township Committee Meeting of March 5, 2024

Motion to approve Minutes: Al Bille Second: Al Cirulli

Roll Call: Committeeman Bille: Yes Committeeman Pipi: Yes

Committeeman Townsend: Yes

Deputy Mayor Cirulli: Yes Mayor Marte: Yes

# 8. 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 these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

#### Resolution 2024-144

Resolution calling on the Legislature to approve Assembly Bill A3361 and Senate Bill S2541 to establish limitation on Rent Increases for Modular and Manufactured homes.

# Resolution 2024-145

Resolution authorizing an amendment to the Collective Bargaining agreement with AFSCME District Council 63/Local 3304J/Department Head Employees as approved on Resolution 2024-98

#### Resolution 2024-146

Resolution authorizing an amendment to the Collective Bargaining agreement with Teamsters Local 35/Public Works as approved on Resolution 2024-99

#### Resolution 2024-147

Resolution appointing Jason D. Carroll as Acting Chief of Police for the Barnegat Police Department effective March 13, 2024 to May 1, 2024

#### Resolution 2024-148

Resolution appointing Andrew J. Parsley as Acting Captain of the Barnegat Police Department effective March 13, 2024 to May 1, 2024

**Al Bille:** Mentioned about Assembly Bill A3361 and Senate Bill S2541 to contact the Legislature at State level – will give you added protection. Congratulated the new Chief Police, Jason Carroll and the new Action Captain, Andrew Parsley.

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda: Al Bille Second: Al Cirulli

Roll Call: Committeeman Bille: Yes Committeeman Pipi: Yes

Committeeman Townsend: Yes

Deputy Mayor Cirulli: Yes Mayor Marte: Yes

9. Motion to adjourn: Al Bille Second: Al Cirulli

Time Adjourned: 11:35 am

Next scheduled meeting April 2, 2024 at 10:00 AM

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were formally adopted by the Township Committee on April 2, 2024.

Municipal Clerk