

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

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2024, 10:00 AM**

Call to Order the June 6, 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 Glenn Swank, Barnegat Bay Assembly of God

Roll Call of Officials:

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

Committee Reports: Bille, Pipi, Townsend, Cirulli

Al Bille: Spoke about how the Food Pantry is doing great! Looking to remove the trailer and replace it with a shed, with the help of DPW. Fire Wise meeting at Pinewood and was asked to install deer signs in the area of Brighton and Pinewood. There is a lot of paving going on and Kurt can give update.

Recreation report – Concerts coming up on June 15th and every Saturday night. Family Fun Night at the recreation center on Tuesday's and Thursday's. Sign up on website. Thanked DPW for maintaining the beach. Fireworks on July 5th. Last year had 3,000 people.

Pat Pipi: Mentioned that DPW did a great job cleaning up the docks on June 15th. Code Report for May – There were 23 rental inspections, 6 re-inspections, 41 letter of no interest, 97 zoning permits and 152 warning stickers were issued.

Jake Townsend: Gave water report for the month of May. Total work order for the year is 652. Hydrant flushing is completed.

Al Cirulli: Thanked everyone who participated in Adopt-A-Street. They did a fantastic job! Fire Report – Had 33 incidents in the month of May. On May 25th there was a structure fire on 94 Village Dr. No injuries! Total calls for the year is 211. First Aid Report – Quality answered 100% of calls. Barnegat First Aid is back up and answered 48 calls in May. Barnegat is well covered.

Mayor's Report: Police Report – Answered 1477 calls, responded to 223 medical emergencies, 52 MVA and 95 summons were issued. Crime Reduction Unit made 9 arrest. Mentioned few new businesses that opened in town. Joe Canal's Liquor store at Barnegat 67 and Pick It Plus on W. Bay. Possible UPS Store in Acme shopping center. Thanked businesses for helping with fundraiser for our Barnegat PBA.

Kurt Otto: Gave summary of paving projects. Recently paved Pine Oak Blvd, Spruce Circle N & S, Fairway Drive and Avast Ave. Pennsylvania Ave. is under design. Next is First St. County paved Nautilus to W. Bay and Gunning River. Lighthouse is scheduled for bid this year. Bay Shore Dr. is under preliminary design.

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: Al Bille

Maria Acevedo: 134 Redwood Dr. – Thanked everyone for coming to our Fire Wise meeting.

Ronald Napes: 153 Brighton Rd. – June is LGBTQ Pride month. New organization called Barnegat Pride. June 22nd will be the 1st Pride Celebration. Rent Leveling Law - \$5,000 capital feels it's grossly too low. Need amendment to raise to \$50,000. Time of the essence. Had many conversations, no feedback or input!

Chris Dasti answered Ron that Pinewood was supposed to get information to him. We need documentation to support a number. Made myself available to Pinewood. Need tools to support the amendment.

Ron said that there is a mass confusion for meeting. Brighton is \$100,000.

Mr. Cirulli mentioned that number has to be raised and is willing to get meeting together.

Dianne Grockenberg: 108 Redwood Dr. - Brought information of what Pinewood has been charging. Pictures of septic system. Has testimony on phone from previous maintenance manager. Electrical board are also a problem. Agreed with Al Bille about the food bank and the people are wonderful! Spoke about Starve Poverty. Ordinance 2024-14 – Had question about trees and shrubs, are we exempt? Chris Dasti answered that it's a state wide NJDEP ordinance.

Lorraine Ferraro: 121 Cypress Ln. - Agreed with Dianne on food pantry. Spoke about rent leveling. Mr. Naples brought up the \$5,000 was under the budget back in the beginning. Chris Dasti re-iterated he needs documentation. We agree \$5,000 is low. It's for everyone's benefit to have the break down to support the increase. Thought Pinewood was going to get information.

Lorraine – Don't recall to get documentation. Inflation alone should be enough to raise the amount. Any time frame? Al Cirulli said next meeting.

Genevieve Rubenstein: 4 Hickory Circle – Thanked the Police and First Aid for the quick response. Saved my husband who is in the hospital. So blessed with the superior Police Dept. Officer Duncan was amazing for calming the situation.

Dave Kristick: 186 Chestnut Way – Mr. Dasti is correct. At the March meeting documentations would be provided for the increase. Documentation was supposed to be submitted by June no later than July. The state worked 100% with you. I have nothing to do with the rent leveling agreement. Thank you all for all you do! Yes, we have to supply information!

Frank Belluardo: 196 Chestnut Way - We need changes in this amendment and we were not involved. We have a problem with AC Electric. They are not helping us be safe. We are trying to help ourselves but we need assistance.

Al Cirulli mentioned that the main reason was to get it back on the books.

Frank asked if the RHP is doing any electric repairs? In 2023 11 units were replaced. Now we still have 22 units needing service.

Al Cirulli said to notify us right away for safety. We will follow up with County and State.

Frank mentioned that last year we had 2 septic problems now we have 3 more. People could not even go to a campground.

Motion to Close Public Session: Al Bille

Second: Al Cirulli

Old Business:

Ordinance 2024 –8

(Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 55 of the Township Code Entitled "Land Use"

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 –9

(Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**

An Ordinance providing funding for various Water/Sewer capital improvements appropriating \$1,075,000 therefor from the Township’s Water/Sewer Capital Improvement Fund

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 –10

(Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**

An Ordinance providing funding for the cost of the construction of a new Water Tower and appropriating \$4,250,000 therefor from the Township’s Water/Sewer Capital and Grant Funds

Motion to open Public Comment: Al Cirulli

Second: Al Bille

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 –11

(Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**

An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 46B of the Township Code Entitled “Flood Damage Prevention” and Specifically Section 3.1 thereof Entitled “Floodplain Administrator Designation”

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 2024-14 (First Reading)

*Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2024-14, which was read by title only, as follows:
An Ordinance Amending Chapter 55 of the Township Code Entitled "Land Use" and specifically Section 191 Entitled "Trees and Shrubs"*

Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on July 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 2024-15 (First Reading)

*Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2024-15, 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 191.1 Entitled "Division II: 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 July 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 2024-16 (First Reading)

*Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2024-16, which was read by title only, as follows:
An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 66 of the Township Code Entitled "Streets and Sidewalks" and Establishing Article V Thereof Entitled "Repair and Replacement of Sidewalk and Curb"*

Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on July 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 2024-17 (First Reading)

*Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2024-17, which was read by title only, as follows:
An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 66 of the Township Code Entitled
“Streets and Sidewalks” and Establishing Article VI Thereof Entitled “Street Trees”
Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public
hearing to be held on July 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

Ordinance 2024-18 (First Reading)

*Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2024-18, which was read by title only, as follows:
An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 12C of the Township Code Entitled
“Officers and Employees”
Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public
hearing to be held on July 2, 2024 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached*

Motion to introduce ordinance: Al Cirulli Second: Al Bille

Roll Call: Committeeman Bille: Yes Committeeman Pipi: Yes
Committeeman Townsend: Yes
Deputy Mayor Cirulli: Yes Mayor Marte: Yes

Ordinance 2024-19 (First Reading)

*Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2024-19, 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 55-355.5.1 Entitled “Affordable Housing Administration Fees”
Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public
hearing to be held on July 2, 2024 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached*

Motion to introduce ordinance: Al Cirulli Second: Al Bille

Roll Call: Committeeman Bille: Yes Committeeman Pipi: Yes
Committeeman Townsend: Yes
Deputy Mayor Cirulli: Yes Mayor Marte: Yes

Ordinance 2024-20 (First Reading)

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2024-20, which was read by title only, as follows:

An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 18 of the Township Code Entitled "Public Works Department" and Specifically Section 4 thereof Entitled "Powers and Duties"
Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on July 2, 2024 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached

Motion to introduce ordinance: Al Cirulli Second: Al Bille

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 Social Affairs permit to the Forgotten Boardwalk Brewing LLC for events on May 31, June 1, June 2, June 7, June 8, June 9, June 14, June 15, June 16, June 21, June 22, June 23, June 28, June 29 and June 30 ,2024

Approval of On Premise 50/50 on August 23, September 27 and October 25, 2024 to the Italian & American Social Club

**Approval of on Premise 50/50 on September 28, 2024 to Barnegat Sports Boosters Inc.
Approval of On Premise Merchandise Raffle on September 28, 2024 to Barnegat Sports Boosters Inc.
Approval of Pocketbook Bingo on September 28, 2024 to Barnegat Sports Boosters Inc.**

Approval of Charitable Clothing Bin to Turnkey Enterprises LLC for Lillian M. Dunfee School-128 Barnegat Blvd S

Approval of Charitable Clothing Bin to Turnkey Enterprises LLC for Barnegat V.F.C. #2-99 Route 72

Approval of Charitable Clothing Bin to Turnkey Enterprises LLC for Barnegat V.F.C. #1-499 Barnegat Blvd

Approval of Charitable Clothing Bin to Textile Recovery Services Inc. for Yo Buck Landscaping – 308 Route 72

Approval of Charitable Clothing Bin to Textile Recovery Services Inc. for Starve Poverty – 99 Route 72

Approval of Block Party for residents at 125-140 Vivas Drive to be held on Saturday, July 6, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM with a Rain Date of July 13, 2024

Approval of Membership to Andrew Washburn for the Barnegat First Aid Squad
Approval of Membership to Matthew Maguire for the Barnegat First Aid Squad
Approval of Membership to Madison Caputo for the Barnegat First Aid Squad
Approval of Membership to Alexander Boyer for the Barnegat First Aid Squad

Approval of Membership to Joshua Lacey for the Barnegat Fire Department
Approval of Membership to Michael Mascelli for the Barnegat Fire Department
Approval of Membership to Edward Blanchard for the Barnegat Fire Department

Resolution 2024-224

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

Resolution 2024-225

Resolution authorizing the refund of Escrow deposits for Block 113.11, Lot 12 for \$230.80

Resolution 2024-226

Resolution certifying the Governing Body has reviewed the General Comments and Recommendations of the 2023 Audit

Resolution 2024-227

Resolution authorizing approval to submit a Grant Application and execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Improvements to First Street through FY25 Municipal Aid Grant Program

Resolution 2024-228

Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Ocean for Uniform Construction Code Inspections, Building Sub Code Official, Electrical Sub Code and Building Inspections

Resolution 2024-229

Resolution authorizing renewal of liquor licenses in the Township of Barnegat for the 2024/2025 term

Resolution 2024-230

Resolution awarding Mark Anthony Chevrolet the bid to purchase one (1) 2024 Chevy Tahoe 4WD for the Chief Truck for the Barnegat Fire Department

Resolution 2024-231

Resolution Supporting Bill H.R. 7084 "You Earned it, You Keep it Act", raising the base cap on the Social Security payroll tax for higher-earning Americans

Resolution 2024-232

Resolution authorizing acceptance of Change Orders #60-65 in the amount of \$-10,617.56 to Frankoski Construction Co. for the New Municipal Building project

