

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

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 4, 2025, 10:00AM**

Call to Order the February 4, 2025 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 Reverend Dawn Corlew, Pastor of Waretown United Methodist Church

Roll Call of Officials:

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

Mayor Presentation to Vinnies Restaurant
Mayor Presentation to Eric Kramer

Marty Lisella – Wanted to give a special thank you to everyone who has helped us get into our new Town Hall. Thanked our Committee, all our Department Heads. Big shout out to DPW for moving us. Thanked Kurt Otto, Lt. Jeff Ryan, Joe Jennings and our CFO, Tom Lombarski. Deputy Clerk, Andrea Christenson and our Clerk, Donna Manno who went over and beyond. Thank You!

Mayor's Report – Spoke about the new building and thanked everyone for their help.

Al Bille – Read a letter from Committeeman, Joe Marte.

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: Pat Pipi

Carrie Dioni: Old Main Shore Drive – Speaker for Barnegat Pride. Congratulations on the new Town Hall. Congratulated the committee on their win. We represent over 1,000 members in our community. Mentioned that they have made an impact in the last 10 months. Inviting you all to our Pride meeting/festival on May 31st at the former Edwards School field. Shows solidarity for all groups. Hopefully this will stop negativity. Thanked our Police Department. Our safety begins with you. Thank you for your time. Asked if they can have asphalt on Old Shore Drive? Told the committee that they are not looking to fight, looking to make it a better community.

John Murrin: 38 Pierhead Drive – Wow! What a facility! Thanked Donna Manno for always being there when he needed something done. Thanked the Police Department for all they do for this town and their hard work. Thanked Tom Lombarski for coming in at budget. Thanked the committee, you all took a lot on the chin. Thank you all!

Claire Edelstein: 38 Whitewater Drive – Concerned with Mr. Cirulli's comments on how he is going to bring Christen values to his job as Mayor. What specifically did you mean? Nothing specific that says in the Constitution about religion and State. Are Atheist, Muslim, Buddhist not part of our community?

Jeff Sowles: 58 Pine Oak Blvd. - Congratulations on the new building. Thanked Donna for all the hard work she does and for posting agenda online. Thanked Barnegat Police.

Gail Polise: 43 Hidden Lake Circle – Talked about the fires in CA and reminded her of the fire we had in 2007. Asked if we have an evacuation plan.

Al Cirulli mentioned that the Police has an emergency evacuation plan.

Chief explained how it will work.

Asked if it would be helpful if the community had a plan? We are a vulnerable community.

Diane Grockenberg: 108 Redwood Drive – Spoke about how the committee and Donna has done an amazing job throughout the years. Thank You!

Robert Robinson: 92 Deer Field Dr., Manahawkin – Vice President of Barnegat Pride. Congratulations on your new building. Welcome you all to our Pride Festival on May 31st.

Jeff Sowles: 58 Pine Oak Blvd. – He is on the Pheasant Run Firewise committee. Every development should have a Firewise committee and they should have an evacuation plan.

Debbie Sklar: 119 Mirage Blvd. - Wanted to know why we can't have a dog park?

Al Cirulli mentioned that it is a basin and there are too many regulations.

Kurt Otto spoke with DEP and said we can not have a dog park in a basin. It will remain locked. Been in touch with the county parks for Cloverdale and Lochiel Park and the program will not allow a dog park. Since that was last year, they will try to reach out again.

Robert Caprara: 12 Bellwood Court – HOA Board of Pheasant Run. Dog park was not a problem to our residents. We had asked our residents to clean up. It was locked by the township. Asking if they can maintain the basin. It's an eye soar coming in our entrance.

Gary Bahr: 22 Ravenwood Blvd. - Mentioned that there was an incorrect amending Ordinance. What happens to that Ordinance? In May 2024-10, \$4.25 million project then again in Oct. 2024-27. Amending Ordinance 2024-8 instead of 2024-10. Questioned Ordinance 2025-6, why to expand?

Tom Lombarski explained. He also mentioned they have not used a Cap Bank since he has been working in Barnegat.

Marty Lisella mentioned that tax rates are variable. 1 penny in the past 7 years.

Al Bille said you can't compare us to Lacey, they get \$11 million from the plant. Can't compare us to Waretown, they have a very small school district. We always compare to Stafford. Last year the average for Stafford was \$7162, Barnegat was \$7,158. Read the average house tax rate. Average increase was \$24.00

Motion to Close Public Session: Al Bille

Second: Pat Pipi

Old Business:

Ordinance 2025 –1

(Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**

Ordinance Authorizing the sale of Block 223, Lot 1 (70 Frost Road), of the Township Of Barnegat, County Of Ocean and the State Of New Jersey, Pursuant To N.J.S.A.. 40A:12-1 Et Seq.

Motion to open Public Comment: Al Bille

Second: Pat Pipi

Motion to close Public Comment: Al Bille

Second: Pat Pipi

Motion to adopt Ordinance: Al Bille

Second: Pat Pipi

Roll Call:

Committeeman Marte: Absent Committeeman Pipi: Yes

Committeeman Townsend: Yes

Deputy Mayor Bille: Yes Mayor Cirulli: Yes

Ordinance 2025 –2

(Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**

Ordinance Authorizing the sale of Block 119, Lot 4 (71 Cape May Avenue), of the Township Of Barnegat, County Of Ocean and the State Of New Jersey, Pursuant To N.J.S.A.. 40A:12-1 Et Seq.

Motion to open Public Comment: Al Bille

Second: Pat Pipi

Motion to close Public Comment: Al Bille

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Mr. Dasti – Revised RMF Zone to R40 Zone

Motion to adopt Ordinance: Al Bille

Second: Pat Pipi

Roll Call:

Committeeman Marte: Absent Committeeman Pipi: Yes

Committeeman Townsend: Yes

Deputy Mayor Bille: Yes Mayor Cirulli: Yes

Ordinance 2025 –3

(Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**

Ordinance Authorizing the sale of Block 119, Lot 5 (69 Cape May Avenue), of the Township Of Barnegat, County Of Ocean and the State Of New Jersey, Pursuant To N.J.S.A.. 40A:12-1 Et Seq.

Motion to open Public Comment: Al Bille
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Second: Pat Pipi
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Mr. Dasti – Revised RMF Zone to R40 Zone

Motion to adopt Ordinance: Al Bille

Second: Pat Pipi

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

Ordinance 2025 –4

(Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**

Ordinance Authorizing the sale of Block 119, Lot 6 (65 Cape May Avenue), of the Township of Barnegat, County Of Ocean and the State Of New Jersey, Pursuant To N.J.S.A.. 40A:12-1 Et Seq.

Motion to open Public Comment: Al Bille

Second: Pat Pipi

Robert Caprara: 12 Bellwood Court – It doesn't state why they are being sold.
Mr. Dasti said that they don't have a buyer. Has to be authorized. Advertise for public bid.
They are unusable and undersized lots.

Motion to close Public Comment: Al Bille

Second: Pat Pipi

Mr. Dasti – Revised RMF Zone to R40 Zone

Motion to adopt Ordinance: Al Bille

Second: Pat Pipi

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

Formal Action:

Resolution 2025-79

Resolution authorizing payment of Bill List in the amount of \$16,590,756.87

Motion to adopt resolution: Al Bille

Second: Pat Pipi

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

New Business:

Approval of the Township Committee minutes from the January 1, 2025 Re-Org meeting

Motion to adopt minutes: Al Bille

Second: Pat Pipi

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

Ordinance 2025-5

(First Reading)

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2025-5, which was read by title only, as follows:

An Ordinance Vacating portions of Audubon Way, Block 210, Lots 20.10 and 29

Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on March 4, 2025 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached

Motion to introduce ordinance: Al Bille

Second: Pat Pipi

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

Ordinance 2025-6

(First Reading)

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2025-6, which was read by title only, as follows:

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

Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on March 4, 2025 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached

Second: Pat Pipi

Committeeman Marte: Absent Committeeman Pipi: Yes
Committeeman Townsend: Yes
Deputy Mayor Bille: Yes Mayor Cirulli: 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 Off Premise 50/50 Raffle to Mirage Men's Club Foundation on Feb 22, & April 8, 2025

Approval of Off Premise 50/50 to Venue Social Circle Club for Feb 9, 11, 15 – Mar 22, April 5, May 5, 26 – June 21, July 4, Aug 16, Sept 1, Oct 6 and Dec 6, 2025

Approval of On-Premise 50/50 Raffle to Barnegat Pride Inc. on May 31, 2025 with a rain date of June 7, 2025

Approval of Bingo License to Barnegat Pride Inc. on March 7, 2025

Approval of On Premise 50/50 Raffle to Women's Club Mirage on April 7, 2025

Approval of an On-Premise Merchandise Raffle to Women's Club Mirage on April 7, 2025

Approval of Off Premise 50/50 Raffle to Barnegat Sports Boosters Inc. on March 1, 2025

Approval of On-Premise Merchandise Raffle to Barnegat Sports Boosters Inc. on March 1, 2025

Approval of Off Premise 50/50 Raffle to Barnegat Sports Boosters Inc. on April 16, 2025

Approval of Charitable Clothing Bin to Barnegat V.F.C #1 for location of 499 Barnegat Blvd

Resolution 2025-80

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

Resolution 2025-81

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel taxes and authorize a refund due to totally disabled veteran for 2024 taxes paid with no future billing on Block 92.87 Lot 12;
21 Nautilus Drive in the amount of \$195.86

Resolution 2025-82

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund taxes for 2023 and 2024 based on a successful Tax Court Appeal for Block 262, Lot 8, 493 East Bay Avenue in the amount of \$8,832.00

Resolution 2025-83

Resolution authorizing the Retention of Developers Escrow Interest per 55-80.3 in the Township Land Use Book

Resolution 2025-84

Resolution authorizing the transfer of PB19-03 Escrow Deposits to Township Trust Account for Tax Map Assessments

Resolution 2025-85

Resolution authorizing the transfer of interest and developers escrow and closing sub account for Compass Point PB17-05, Protested Water Pressure Holding Account

Resolution 2025-86

Resolution authorizing the transfer of interest and developers escrow and closing sub account for Compass Point PB17-05, Protested Water Agreement Holding Account

Resolution 2025-87

Resolution authorizing the transfer of interest and developers escrow and closing sub account for Compass Point PB17-05, Protested Sewer Agreement Holding Account

Resolution 2025-88

Resolution authorizing the Transfer of Interest and closing Developers Escrow Sub Account to development known as Barnegat Terrace PB16-04 for Water Facilities Agreement

Resolution 2025-89

Resolution authorizing the refund of Escrow Deposits to Joseph Musanti, Block 113.11, Lot 8, 22 Samuel Drive in the amount of \$172.50

Resolution 2025-90

Resolution providing for appropriation transfers during the first three months of the succeeding year per N.J.S.A 40A:4-59

Resolution 2025-91

Resolution designating primary Grants person and Alternate Grants person for the Ocean County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the 2025 calendar year

Resolution 2025-92

Resolution authorizing submission of a grant proposal to the New Jersey Department of Community affairs FY25 local Recreational Improvement Grant Program by Barnegat Township for pavilion at Barnegat Municipal Dock

Resolution 2025-93

Resolution authorizing the execution of shared service agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutors Office for the Traffic Safety Program (FAST)

Resolution 2025-94

Resolution authorizing the execution of shared service agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutors Office for Police Services Ocean County Narcotics Strike Force, "NSF" from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

Resolution 2025-95

Resolution authorizing a separation agreement between Barnegat Township and Eric Kramer Jr, from his position of Chief Mechanic in the Public Works Department, effective April 1, 2025

Resolution 2025-96

Resolution authorizing acceptance of Change Orders #79 in the amount of \$985.30 to Frankoski Construction Co. for the New Municipal Building project

Resolution 2025-97

Resolution authorizing progress Payment #43 in amount of \$59,181.52 to Frankoski Construction Co. for the New Municipal Building, check payable to Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America

Resolution 2025-98

Resolution authorizing the Township of Barnegat to participate in the Development and Redevelopment Plan Cross Acceptance process.

Resolution 2025-99

Resolution accepting a Deed of Access Easement and Right of Way for Block 210, Lot 20.10

Resolution 2025-100

Resolution accepting a Grant of Access and Utility Easement for Block 210, Lot 20.10 from the New Jersey Institute of Disabilities to the Township of Barnegat

Resolution 2025-101

Resolution accepting a Grant of Sanitary Easement for Block 210, Lot 20.10 from the New Jersey Institute of Disabilities to the Township of Barnegat

Resolution 2025-102

Resolution accepting a Grant of Access and Utility Easement for Block 210, Lot 29 from the New Jersey Institute of Disabilities to the Township of Barnegat

Resolution 2025-103

Resolution approving the request of release of Road Opening Bond to Mr. & Mrs. Fabian for 79 Water Street in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Resolution 2025-104

Resolution authorizing the refund of Escrow Deposits to David Cavalier of Green Thumb Day Care & Nursery School, Block 168, Lots 6 & 7, in the amount of \$180.80

Resolution 2025-105

Resolution accepting the resignation of John Murrin from the Rent Leveling Board Committee as of January 8, 2025

Resolution 2025-106

Resolution authorizing a Shared Service agreement between the Township of Barnegat and the Ocean County Board of Commissioners for the upgrade of the existing eleven (11) Traffic Signals throughout the Township with battery back up and generator bypass switches in the amount not to exceed \$54,432.98.

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda: Al Bille**Second: Pat Pipi****Roll Call**

Committeeman Marte: Absent

Committeeman Pipi: Yes

Committeeman Townsend: Yes

Deputy Mayor Bille: Yes Mayor Cirulli: Yes

Resolution 2025-107

Resolution authorizing the Township Committee to retire into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel and litigation matters

Motion to adopt resolution: Al Bille**Second: Pat Pipi****Roll Call:**

Committeeman Marte: Absent

Committeeman Pipi: Yes

Committeeman Townsend: Yes

Deputy Mayor Bille: Yes Mayor Cirulli: Yes

Motion to Adjourn: Al Bille**Second: Pat Pipi****Time** 11:03 am

Next scheduled meeting
March 4, 2025 at 6:30 PM

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were formally adopted by the Township Committee on March 4, 2025.

Municipal Clerk