

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

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 3, 2026 10:00 AM**

Call to Order the February 3, 2026 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 Glenn Swank, Pastor of Barnegat Bay Assembly of God

Roll Call of Officials:

Committeeman Cirulli – Present
Committeeman Marte – Present
Committeeman Townsend – Present
Deputy Mayor Rubenstein – Present
Mayor Pipi – Present

Mayor's Report

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: Joseph Marte

Second: Al Cirulli

Andrew Kalidge: Address Exempt – Spoke about how he has had many solicitors. Would like if Barnegat could have a “No Knock” ordinance. Jackson, Lacey, Brick and other towns have a similar ordinance. He works night shift and this would eliminate solicitors aggressively knocking at all hours. Committee will discuss in closed session.

John Murrin: 38 Pierhead Dr. – Complimented DPW of an excellent job on snow plowing. Christmas decorations on the building were nice and appropriate.

Ray Lezcheck: 116 Redwood Dr. – Questioned Ordinance 2026-5, will it expand or reduced affordable housing?

Christ Dasti explained that it's just an update per state. Will not take away affording housing. There will be new regulations. Updates have to be completed by 3/15/26.

Tim Pizarro: 22 First St. – Asked if the town can increase the Fire Departments budget. Would like to increase it to \$125,000, it is now capped at \$90,000. Other towns are over \$125,000.

Al Cirulli said they will check into it.

Carolyn Zic: 51 Hannah Lee Rd. – Complained about the plowing. Passed her house twice. She is 73 yrs. old and it took her 4 days to get out of her driveway.

Karen Kustek: 12 Hannah Lee Rd. – Had a complaint about the corner of Hannah Lee and Memorial. It needs to be re-plowed. It's a bus stop and the kids couldn't get on the bus. Asking if there is any way that they can get a list from B.O.E. and make sure that the bus stops are plowed better. Could a sign be placed on Burr St. that says "slow down school ahead"?

Austin Pelka: 85 Fawcett Blvd. – Asked if there can be a stop sign placed on Fawcett Blvd. and Cox Rd.

Motion to Close Public Session: Joseph Marte

Second: Al Cirulli

Old Business:

Ordinance 2026-1

(Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**

An Ordinance Establishing Certain Salaries of Certain Officers and Employees of the Township of Barnegat and Repealing any and all other Ordinances inconsistent herewith.

Motion to open Public Comment: Joseph Marte

Second: Al Cirulli

Motion to close Public Comment: Joseph Marte

Second: Al Cirulli

Motion to adopt Ordinance: Joseph Marte

Second: Al Cirulli

Roll Call:

Committeeman Cirulli: Yes

Committeeman Marte: Yes

Committeeman Townsend: Yes

Deputy Mayor Rubenstein: Yes

Mayor Pipi: Yes

Ordinance 2026 –2 (Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**
An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 39-2 of the Township Code Entitled “Construction Codes, Uniform”, Fees”, Specifically Section 1, “Building Subcode Fees” and Section 6, “Certificate of Occupancy Fee and Other Permits”

Motion to open Public Comment: Joseph Marte Second: Al Cirulli
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Motion to adopt Ordinance: Joseph Marte Second: Al Cirulli

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

Formal Action:

Resolution 2026-72
Resolution authorizing payment of Bill List in the amount of \$23,441,141.64

Motion to adopt resolution: Joseph Marte Second: Al Cirulli

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

New Business:

Ordinance 2026-3 (First Reading)
Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2026-3, 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 3, 2026 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached

Motion to introduce ordinance: Joseph Marte Second: Al Cirulli

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

Approval to American Recycling Resources Inc. for clothing bin (2) bins placed at 848 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat Commons

Approval of membership to Alexander Palacio-Valencia to the Barnegat Fire Department

Approval of membership to Erin Pein to the Barnegat First Aid Squad

Approval of membership to Dylan Pein to the Barnegat First Aid Squad

Approval of membership to Julia Cinque to the Barnegat First Aid Squad

Resolution 2026 –73

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

Resolution 2026 - 74

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund taxes to the property owners of 201 route 539, LLC for 2024 and 2025 based on a successful Tax Court Appeal for Block 46, Lot 14, 201 Route 539 in an amount totaling \$23,431.29

Resolution 2026-75

Resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) 2024 Ford F250 and one (1) 2023 Ford F250 vehicles from Gentilini Motors at an amount not to exceed \$138,000.00 on an emergency basis to replenish public works fleet to meet the demands of the Township's needs.

Resolution 2026 - 76

Resolution authorizing the release of a Road Opening Bond to Nicholas Ferraro, 29 Eighth Street for \$2500.00

Resolution 2026-77

Resolution authorizing the Retention of Developer Escrow Interest per Township Code 55-80.3

Resolution 2026-78

Resolution authorizing a release of Performance Guarantees for Site, Water and Sewer to Hovcare of Barnegat in the amount of \$80,848.98

Resolution 2026-79

Resolution authorizing reimbursement payment of \$75.00 to Paula Savona for damage to mailbox by Township vehicle from the December 13, 2025 snowstorm.

Resolution 2026-80

Resolution authorizing progress Payment #53 in amount of \$153,580.90 to Frankoski Construction Co. for the New Municipal Building, check payable to Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America

Resolution 2026-81

Resolution awarding contract to Del Vel Chemical, for total system solution (PEAT) for the Water & Sewer department in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00

Resolution 2026-82

Resolution awarding contract to Kroff Chemical Company for Odor Control for the 4th Street Pump Station in an amount not to exceed \$6,435.00 as of April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027

Resolution 2026-83

Resolution appropriating a transfer within the first three months of a succeeding year.

Resolution 2026-84

Resolution promoting George Sayre V from Laborer to Driver in the Public Works Department effective January 1, 2026 at a rate of pay consistent with the Teamsters Public Work Union contract of \$25.82 hr.

Resolution 2026-85

Resolution promoting Stacey Fahringer to the position of Part-Time Recreation Specialist/Special Needs Program in the Recreation Department effective January 5, 2026 at an hourly rate of \$22.00 hr.

Resolution 2026-86

Resolution updating the Job Description for Senior Tax Clerk for the Tax/Utility Department

Resolution 2026-87

Resolution updating the Job Description for Deputy Tax Collector for the Tax/Utility Department

Resolution 2026-88

Resolution authorizing the Township to submit a grant proposal to the New Jersey Department of Community affairs FY26 Local Recreational Improvement Grant Program by Barnegat Township for pavilion at Barnegat Municipal Dock

Resolution 2026-89

Resolution rescinding Resolution 2026-57 of a Shared Service Agreement with Ocean Township for Recreation Director, effective January 31, 2026 at the request Ocean Township Administration

Resolution 2026-90

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, 2026 through December 31, 2026

Resolution 2026-91

Resolution authorizing the execution of shared service agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutors Office for the Traffic Safety Program (FAST) from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026

Resolution 2026-92

Resolution authorizing a Four (4) year agreement with the Ocean County Board of Health for use of Animal Housing Facilities from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2029.

Resolution 2026-93

Resolution authorizing execution of Developers Agreement with Walters Development Company LLC and Earle Company for Ocean Acres project, Phase 13 and Phase 15, agreeing to a Non-Refundable payment of \$350,000 and the contractor submitting two (2) consecutive five (5) year maintenance bonds for the projects Sanitary Sewer Improvements

Resolution 2026-94

Resolution consenting to an amendment to Long Beach RV Resort, Bock 87, Lot 9 and Block 90, Lot 14.01, for a proposed Water Quality Management Plan in accordance with the NJDEP regulation N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(g)

Resolution 2026-95

Resolution supporting RevolutionNJ as they coordinate the Commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States of America

Resolution 2026-96

Resolution granting preliminary sanitary sewer system facilities approval to Shnitzle Builders for property known as Block 265, Lot 3, 26 South Main Street

Resolution 2026-97

Resolution awarding FY2025 NJDOT Municipal Aid Improvements to First Street to Swift & Son, Inc, for an amount of \$469,924.29

Resolution 2026-98

Resolution rejecting all bid for the Sea Crest Water Tower project that was received on January 27, 2026 and authorizing the Clerk / Engineer to Re-advertise for the project.

Resolution 2026-99

Resolution promoting Joanne Gelato from Planning/Zoning Administrative Assistant to Planning/Zoning Secretary to the Planning & Zoning Department effective January 1, 2026 at a rate of pay consistent with the OPEIU Union Contract

Motion to Adopt Consent Agenda: Joseph Marte

Second: Al Cirulli

Roll Call:

Committeeman Cirulli: Yes Committeeman Marte: Yes
Committeeman Townsend: Yes
Deputy Mayor Rubenstein: Yes Mayor Pipi: Yes

Resolution 2026-100

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

Motion to adopt resolution: Joseph Marte

Second: Al Cirulli

Roll Call:

Committeeman Cirulli: Yes	Committeeman Marte: Yes
Committeeman Townsend: Yes	
Deputy Mayor Rubenstein: Yes	Mayor Pipi: Yes

Motion to Adjourn: Joseph Marte

Second: Al Cirulli

Time: 10:20am

**Next Township Committee meeting,
March 3, 2026 @ 6:30 PM**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were formally adopted by the Township Committee on March 3, 2026.

Municipal Clerk