

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

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 7, 2026 10:00 AM**

Call to Order the April 7, 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 Pastor Kris Burke, United Faith Church

Roll Call of Officials:

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

PRESENTATION BY STARVE POVERTY

Sam – We started in Feb. 2022

- Helps as a food pantry
- Home repairs
- Disaster response
- Upcoming launch – vocational training for youth and adults

Michelle O'Brien – Spoke about the Hungry Children Program. In Ocean County there are 22,000 children that live with food insecurities. Schools have a relationship with the families to help the children. Donations go directly to the families.

Ron Fraser – Founder of Starve Poverty. Thanked the Township for their help and support for the last 4 years. Food is given at no cost to the individual. Home repairs at no cost. We are a 501C3 organization. Looking for more storage space. People are vetted for home repairs, not food.

Al Cirulli – Thanked Starve Poverty.

Motion to close Public Comment: Al Cirulli

Second: Joseph Marte

Motion to adopt Ordinance: Al Cirulli

Second: Joseph Marte

Roll Call:

Committeeman Cirulli: Yes

Committeeman Marte: Yes

Committeeman Townsend: Absent

Deputy Mayor Rubenstein: Yes

Mayor Pipi: Yes

Formal Action:

Resolution 2026-139

Resolution authorizing payment of Bill List in the amount of \$8,031,060.26

Motion to adopt resolution: Al Cirulli

Second: Joseph Marte

Roll Call:

Committeeman Cirulli: Yes

Committeeman Marte: Yes

Committeeman Townsend: Absent

Deputy Mayor Rubenstein: Yes

Mayor Pipi: Yes

Resolution 2026-140

Resolution to read the budget by title only at the public hearing

Motion to adopt resolution: Al Cirulli

Second: Joseph Marte

Roll Call:

Committeeman Cirulli: Yes

Committeeman Marte: Yes

Committeeman Townsend: Absent

Deputy Mayor Rubenstein: Yes

Mayor Pipi: Yes

CFO, Thomas Lombarski present Budget Synopsis

2026 Budget - Proud that for his 11 years the budget has been adopted on time. This year the budget is up 2.7%. Tax increase is \$1.97 or approximately \$54.35 per household on a \$275,357 assessment.

Motion to Open to Public on 2026 Budget: Al Cirulli

Second: Joseph Marte

Marty Lisella – Congratulated Tom on his successful term as CFO. Tom is respected and admired by many municipalities in Ocean County. We were very luck to have him the past 11 years.

Chris Velder: 6 Third St. – Thanked Tom for his dedication and professionalism for the past 11 years. Wishing him a Happy Retirement!

Motion to Close to Public on 2026 Budget: Al Cirulli

Second: Joseph Marte

Resolution 2026 –142

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

Resolution 2026 – 143

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to Refund payment erroneously posted for Block 95.44, Lot 57, 8 Whitecaps Terrace in the amount of \$125.35 for the 1st quarter 2026 tax bill.

Resolution 2026-144

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund payment erroneously posted for Block 92.31, Lot 2, 4 Plunder Avenue in the amount of \$115.62 for 2nd quarter 2026 Tax bill.

Resolution 2026-145

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund owners of Block 208, Lot 7.01; 328 Bay Shore Drive for a successful 2025 Tax Court Appeal assessment in the amount of \$5,450.74

Resolution 2026-146

Resolution authorizing the refund of Escrow Deposits to Veebro Venture, LLC in the amount of \$284.05 for *Planning Board Review*, for Block 250, Lot 24, Sweet Jenny’s Restaurant

Resolution 2026-147

Resolution authorizing the transfer of Escrow Deposits from 1490 West Bay Avenue Realty, LLC to 1490 West Bay Properties, LLC for property located at Block 54, Lot 9, 1490 West Bay Avenue

Resolution 2026-148

Resolution creating the Job Description Assistant to the CFO / Bookkeeper / Escrow Coordinator for the Finance Department

Resolution 2026-149

Resolution hiring James Irons as a Per Diem Electrical Inspector for the Construction Department at a rate of \$55.00 per hour.

Resolution 2026-150 – NOT USED

Resolution 2026-151

Resolution appointing Seasonal Personnel for the 2026 Municipal Dock Season beginning April 28, 2026

Resolution 2026-152

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 2025

Resolution 2026-153

Resolution proclaiming the week of April 19 – April 25, 2026 as National Service Recognition Day and so proclaimed as National Volunteer Week in conjunction with the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) sponsored by the Ocean County Board of Social Services

Resolution 2026-154

Resolution authorizing acceptance with the State of NJ Department of Law & Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General for Grant CFDA #20.600 to enhance Cops in Shops, Summer Shore Initiative 2026 in the amount of \$4,480.00

Resolution 2026-155

Resolution authorizing the membership participation in an Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Pricing system between the Township of Barnegat and Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission, #34HUNCCP

Resolution 2026-156

Resolution awarding Lawn and Golf Supply Co. Inc. for purchase of one (1) Gravely OVIS 40RC Mower for an amount not to exceed \$33,000.00

Resolution 2026-157

Resolution authorizing the Finance office to reimburse the listed residents \$75.00 each, for plow damage to their mailbox from storm of February 22, 2026

Resolution 2026-158

Resolution authorizing CME Associates to provide an Engineering Professional Services Contract for the Rehabilitation of the Townships Well #4 for an amount not to exceed \$13,343.00

Resolution 2026-159

Resolution authorizing the Administrator to sign a contract with Energy Transfer Solutions LLC for a three year period for HVAC Maintenance Plan serviced by sub-contractor, Klima New Jersey LLC, for a total not to exceed \$14,964.00

Resolution 2026-160

Resolution awarding bid for sale of Block 223, Lot 2 known as 69 Bayview Blvd to Michael and Dorothy Esposito for a bid amount of \$2,000.00

Resolution 2026-161

Resolution granting Final Sanitary sewer system facilities approval to Del Corp Holdings, LLC for Block 265, Lot 4.01, 20 South Main Street

Resolution 2026-162

Resolution granting Final Water system facilities approval to Del Corp Holdings, LLC for Block 265, Lot 4.01, 20 South Main Street

Resolution 2026-163

Resolution granting Final Sanitary sewer system facilities approval for Phase 1 to Cardinale and Barnegat Crossing Associates, Block 92.112, Lot 42.07, 795 Lighthouse Drive

Resolution 2026-164

Resolution granting Final Water system facilities approval for Phase 1 to Cardinale and Barnegat Crossing Associates, Block 92.112, Lot 42.07, 795 Lighthouse Drive

Resolution 2026-165

Resolution authorizing the release of Performance Guarantee Bond #PB00459500174 to Walters Development Co. for Ocean Acres Phase 12 for Safety and Stabilization Improvements

Resolution 2026-166

Resolution denying the release of Performance Guarantee Bond #PB00459500177 to Walters Development Co. for Ocean Acres Phase 12 for Sanitary Sewer System Improvements

Resolution 2026-167

Resolution denying the release of Performance Guarantee Bond #PB00459500178 to Walters Development Co. for Ocean Acres Phase 12 for Water System Improvements

Resolution 2026-168

Resolution denying the release of Performance Guarantee Bond #PB00459500179 to Walters Development Co. for Ocean Acres Phase 12 for Site Improvements

Resolution 2026-169

Resolution granting Preliminary and Final Sanitary sewer system facilities approval to Public Storage Inc, Block 263, Lot 1.01, 220 South Main Street (Route 9)

Resolution 2026-170

Resolution granting Preliminary and Final Water system facilities approval to Public Storage Inc, Block 263, Lot 1.01, 220 South Main Street (Route 9)

Resolution 2026-171

Resolution accepting Shade Tree and Utility Easement from Hovchild Partnership LLC pursuant to approval granted by the Township Planning Board on October 28, 2025 for Block 114, Lot 14.05

Resolution 2026-172

Resolution authorizing the Municipal Clerk to advertised for the receipt of bids for the Townships Well #4 Rehabilitation

Resolution 2026-173

Resolution authorizing the Municipal Clerk to advertised for the receipt of bids for the Itron ERT Meter Reading Apparatus for the Water Sewer Department

