

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

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MAY 5, 2026 6:30 PM**

Call to Order the May 5, 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:

National Anthem sung by: Sierra Brockington-Gray

Invocation: by Pastor Rose Cassarino, Holy Spirit Victory Church

Roll Call of Officials:

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

Mayor's Report

Committeeman Cirulli – reads a proclamation on what a National Family is into record. National family activities should be from Mother's Day to Father's Day

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: Joseph Marte

Chris Velders: 6 Third St. – Feels disrespected by Ordinance 2026-9. This ordinance was introduced without any prior noticed. Was off guard. Always had an open relationship. When questioning it with the township, he was told he was inappropriate to contact Township Liaison by our attorney, Chris Dasti. Not expecting any hand outs but the building means something to the members. We are the ones getting up at 2:00am for calls, not you Mr. Dasti! This entire process we tried to be professional and willing to work together, our members leave their family, their personal lives to serve the community. State Statute being violated. We are asking for the ordinance to be withdrawn tonight and to have another meeting to fix ordinance. Filing an ethics complaint against Mr. Dasti.

Mr. Dasti – Responded to Chris Velders. Mentioned that the ordinance was discussed at a meeting that you were at. All issues have been explained to you. All members can still do a 5 year form for physicals. This Ordinance just codifies what you have always done. We all need to work together.

Chris Velders – Rebutted as to why rush the Ordinance, it violates State Statute. Would like to meet again before next township meeting.

Motion to Close Public Session: Al Cirulli

Second: Joseph Marte

Old Business:

Ordinance 2026-8 (Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**

An Ordinance authorizing the sale of a portion of Lot 4 in Block 250 (360 North Main Street) Barnegat Township per N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq.

Motion to open Public Comment: Al Cirulli

Second: Joseph Marte

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: Yes
Deputy Mayor Rubenstein: Yes Mayor Pipi: Yes

Formal Action:

Resolution 2026-175

Resolution authorizing payment of Bill List in the amount of \$12,123,663.95

Motion to adopt resolution: Al Cirulli

Second: Joseph Marte

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

Ordinance 2026-11

(First Reading)

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2026-11, which was read by title only, as follows:

A Bond Ordinance Providing the Acquisition of Various Vehicles & Equipment for the Townships Public Works Department, appropriating \$450,000.00 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$427,500.00 Bonds and Notes to finance a portion of costs thereof.

Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on June 4, 2026 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached

Tom Lombarski – States that on page 2 of Ordinance should be changed from \$50,000 to \$22,500.

Motion to amend ordinance: Al Cirulli Second: Joseph Marte

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

Ordinance 2026-12

(First Reading)

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2026-12, which was read by title only, as follows:

An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Chapter 55-126.3 of the Township Code, Entitled “Bulkheading”

Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on June 4, 2026 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached

Motion to introduce ordinance: Al Cirulli Second: Joseph Marte

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

Ordinance 2026-13

(First Reading)

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2026-13, which was read by title only, as follows:

An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 15 of the Township Code Entitled “Police Department”, Specifically Subsection 9, Entitled “Rules and Regulations”

Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on June 4, 2026 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached

Motion to introduce ordinance: Al Cirulli Second: Joseph Marte

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

Consent Agenda:

The below listed items are considered to be routine business and will be enacted by one motion. If discussion is desired of individual items, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

Approval of On Premise Merchandise Raffle to American Legion #232 John Wesley Taylor on March 29 2026

Approval of On Premise 50/50 Raffle to American Legion #232 John Wesley Taylor on July 4, 2026

Approval for On Premise 50/50 to Italian & American Social Club on August 28, September 25 and October 23, 2026

Approval for On Premise 50/50 to Italian American Cultural Club on July 21, August 18, September 19, October 20, November 17, December 6, 2026 and January 19, February 17, March 16, April 20, May 18 and June 15, 2027

Approval of Social Affairs Permit for John Wesley Taylor, Post 232, American Legion for May 9, May 16 and August 16, 2026

Approval of Barnegat Fire Company, Station 11 annual 5K-10K Fundraiser event on September 5, 2026

Resolution 2026 –176

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

Resolution 2026-177

Resolution modifying the title of Albert Bille from Part-Time Assistant Recreation Director to Recreation Aide, with no changes to effective date of January 1, 2026 and salary rate of \$20.00 hr.

Resolution 2026-178

Resolution hiring Kelly Juba as a full-time Assistant to the CFO/Bookkeeper/Escrow Coordinator effective April 27, 2026 with a starting yearly salary of \$45,000.00

Resolution 2026-179

Resolution appointing Quality Production Assistant for the year 2026

Resolution 2026-180

Resolution amending Appendix “A” of the Collective Bargaining Agreement AFSCME District County 63/Local 3304J/Department Head Employees

Resolution 2026-181

Resolution authorizing the Finance office to reimburse the listed residents \$75.00 each, for plow damage to their mailbox from storm of January 25, 2026

Resolution 2026-182

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 2026-183

Resolution authorizing the QPA to execute a contract with Forked River Diesel for an annual Generator Service Contract for the year 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$17,400.00.

Resolution 2026-184

Resolution awarding a contract to New Tech Bio for Bacteria Supplement for Odor Control and degreasing of the 4th Street Pump Station for an amount not to exceed \$11,200.00.

Resolution 2026-185

Resolution authorizing a refund in the amount of \$100.00 to Neil Rispler for Zoning Application fee for a project at Block 113.11, Lot 4, cancelled by the homeowner.

Resolution 2026-186

Resolution authorizing payment to Pacetalk for the purchase of seven (7) ALPR Intersection cameras for the purpose of public safety through the Law Enforcement Trust Account for an amount not to exceed \$84,000.00.

Resolution 2026-187

Resolution authorizing payment to Shore Connection Inc for an Emergency Repair service of a broken water main located at 21 Tara Lane in the amount of \$79,815.00.

Resolution 2026-188

Resolution awarding Ciocca FMFL Inc. the bid, through a fair and open bid request, for the Water & Sewer Department to purchase one (1) 2025 Ford Ranger XLT Crew Cab 4x4 at an amount not to exceed \$36,895.00.

Resolution 2026-189

Resolution awarding the purchase of two (2) 2026 Ford F250 Regular Cab 4x4 Utility Trucks for the Water & Sewer Department under State Contract Number T2100/24-Fleet-103122 for an amount not to exceed \$144,715.00 to Ciocca Ford of Flemington.

Resolution 2026-190

Resolution authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with the Ocean County Sheriff's Department for the FY26 Traffic Enforcement Program Grant

Resolution 2026-191

Resolution opposing the New Jersey Governors' budget cuts to the Stay NJ Property Tax Relief Program for New Jersey's Senior Citizens

Resolution 2026-192

Resolution supporting the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act.

