

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

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 4, 2026 10:00 AM**

Call to Order the June 4. 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, 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:

Retirement presentation made to CFO Tom Lombarski

Public Session Comment:

Members of the public are invited to address the governing body during the public comment portion of this meeting. Please clearly state your name, address and group affiliation for the record. Comments will be limited to a five (5) minute period per individual.

Motion to Open Public Session: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Joe Marte

Glenn Swank: 598 E. Bay Ave. – Appreciate what Tom has done for us. He said that he saw Tom Lombarski play ball in 1980 in Philly. Thanked Tom and Congratulated him on his retirement.

Tom Randazzo: 4 Spring Lake Ct. – Spoke about how the Governor is housing and taking care of 300,000 illegal aliens on our money. Taxes are going to continue to go up. We already pay the highest taxes in the country. Thanked the committee for having the safest town in Ocean County.

M. Mount: 122 Clifton Rd. – Concerned about the municipal dock and the gazebo. Was part of master plan. Committee is not preserving the waterfront side of town. What is the long term vision? What is the decision on the gazebo?

Kurt Otto – Answered Mrs. Mount and explained that the gazebo structure was deteriorating and had to come down. Township had put money on this project to come up with a solution as well as looking for grants.

Sherise Ritter: 420 E. Bay Ave. – Purchased home in 2018 to have a waterfront view. Concerned about a business at 411 E. Bay Ave. Believes it's a commercial fishing business. It is an eyesore and smells! Has to be a hazard. Has another issue about the noise at night after 10pm. The car radios are loud and they do donuts regularly.

Mr. Dasti – Suggested she reaches out to code enforcement and for the noise to call the police.

Mr. Rubenstein - Thanked her for bringing it to their attention.

Gary Bahr: 22 Ravenwood Blvd. – Asked about why the fireworks are on July 2nd and not July 4th. Questioned about the billing from CME.

Marty Lisella – responded about the fireworks that it is cost effective. It's 3x less and we try to keep the taxes down.

Kurt Otto – Explained that CME did an inspection and that the pavilion was worse structurally than anticipated. Their work is on hold.

Motion to Close Public Session: Al Cirulli

Second: Fred Rubenstein

Old Business:

Ordinance 2026-9 (Second Reading) ****SEE ATTACHED****
An Ordinance establishing Chapter 14 of the Township Code entitled "Barnegat Volunteer Fire Company No. 1."

Motion to open Public Comment: Al Cirulli

Second: Fred Rubenstein

Tim Pizarro: 22 First St. - Questioned section 14, 14.11 of ordinance

Mr. Dasti – Responded that township has never officially established the fire department, this ordinance does that.

Physicals will be required by the State initially for members. The township will reimburse all after that.

Answered Tim's concerns on 14.8 section D.

Gary Bahr: 22 Ravenwood Blvd. – Questioned 14.5 section of ordinance 9. Asked why the township is taking firehouse from fire department. Will we be doing it by eminent domain? Do not need to own building to insure it!

Section 14.6 should say the word "shall" not "may"

Questioned the removal of members. What qualifications does the "Fire Director" need to have?

Mr. Dasti – Replied that we will not be eminent domain. The Fire Department is willfully deeding firehouse to the township. The township will insure. Any member or employee will be at the discretion of the committee.

Motion to close Public Comment: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Al Cirulli

Motion to adopt Ordinance: Al Cirulli

Second: Fred Rubenstein

Roll Call:

Committeeman Cirulli: Yes

Committeeman Marte: Yes

Committeeman Townsend: Yes

Deputy Mayor Rubenstein: Yes Mayor Pipi: Yes

Ordinance 2026-10

(Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**

An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 46 of the Township Code, Entitled "Fire Prevention"

Motion to open Public Comment: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Al Cirulli

Motion to close Public Comment: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Al Cirulli

Motion to adopt Ordinance: Al Cirulli

Second: Fred Rubenstein

Roll Call:

Committeeman Cirulli: Yes

Committeeman Marte: Yes

Committeeman Townsend: Yes

Deputy Mayor Rubenstein: Yes Mayor Pipi: Yes

Ordinance 2026-11 (Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**

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.

Motion to open Public Comment: Fred Rubenstein Second: Al Cirulli

Gary Bahr: 22 Ravenwood Blvd. – Questioned why we are bonding for trucks when the township has money on reserve? (\$9.6 Million)

Fred Rubenstein – Responded that Public Works was in desperate need for new vehicles. The cost of everything is going up. It is a public safety issue.

Tom Lombarski - Explained that bonding is the best option. Cost is spread out over time and not to raise taxes.

Motion to close Public Comment: Fred Rubenstein Second: Al Cirulli

Motion to adopt Ordinance: Al Cirulli Second: Fred Rubenstein

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

Ordinance 2026-12 (Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**

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

Motion to open Public Comment: Al Cirulli Second: Fred Rubenstein

Motion to close Public Comment: Fred Rubenstein Second: Al Cirulli

Motion to adopt Ordinance: Al Cirulli Second: Fred Rubenstein

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

Ordinance 2026-13 (Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**

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

Motion to open Public Comment: Fred Rubenstein Second: Al Cirulli

Motion to close Public Comment: Fred Rubenstein Second: Al Cirulli

Motion to adopt Ordinance: Al Cirulli

Second: Fred Rubenstein

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

Formal Action:

Resolution 2026-196

Resolution authorizing payment of Bill List in the amount of \$12,275,527.27

Motion to adopt resolution: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Al Cirulli

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

Resolution 2026-197

Resolution authorizing a Chapter 159 in the amount of \$63,758.21 be inserted in the 2026 Municipal Budget, for the 2026 FY26 Clean Communities Grant Program as a result of funds from the N.J.D,E.P.

Motion to adopt resolution: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Al Cirulli

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

Resolution 2026-198

Resolution authorizing a Chapter 159 in the amount of \$7,000.00 be inserted in the 2026 Municipal Budget, for the 2026 Click it or Ticket program federally funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, for the dates of May 18 through May 31, 2026.

Motion to adopt resolution: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Al Cirulli

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

Resolution 2026-199

Resolution authorizing a Chapter 159 in the amount of \$7,844.16 be inserted in the 2026 Municipal Budget, for the Bullet Proof Vest Partnership fund program, funded by the Federal Department of Justice.

Motion to adopt resolution: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Al Cirulli

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

Resolution 2026-200

Resolution authorizing a Chapter 159 in the amount of \$20,000.00 be inserted in the 2026 Municipal Budget, for the Recreation Opportunities with Disabilities grant program (ROIDS) with a local municipal match of \$4,000.00

Motion to adopt resolution: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Al Cirulli

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

New Business:

Approval of the Township Committee minutes from the May 5, 2026 Township Committee meetings

Motion to adopt minutes: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Al Cirulli

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

Ordinance 2026-14

(First Reading)

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2026-14, which was read by title only, as follows:

An Ordinance Establishing Chapter 73 of the Township Code Entitled "New Jersey Film Ready."

Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on July 7, 2026 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached

Motion to introduce ordinance: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Al Cirulli

Roll Call: Committeeman Cirulli: 1/No 2/Yes Committeeman Marte: 1/Yes /Yes
Committeeman Townsend: 1/Yes 2/Yes
Deputy Mayor Rubenstein: 1/No 2/Yes Mayor Pipi: 1/No 2/Yes

Mr. Dasti – Explained that the committee is not voting on a particular movie but establishing the township ability to allow movies to be filmed in our town.

(After explanation, Ordinance was reintroduced for second vote)

Ordinance 2026-15

(First Reading)

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2026-15, which was read by title only, as follows:

An Ordinance Authorizing the Township to sell Block 174, Lot 46.03, also known as 96 Gunning River Road, Barnegat Township per N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq.

Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on July 7, 2026 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached

Motion to introduce ordinance: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Al Cirulli

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 50/50 Raffle to American Legion #232 John Wesley Taylor on August 16, 2026 and Off Premise 50/50 on September 11, 2026

Approval of Social Affairs Permit for John Wesley Taylor, Post 232, American Legion for September 26, 2026

Approval of membership to Dakota Spader to the Barnegat First Aid Squad

Approval of membership to Megan E. Natale to the Barnegat First Aid Squad

Resolution 2026-201

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

Resolution 2026-202

Authorizing the Tax Collector to Refund payment erroneously posted for Block 92.43, Lot 10, 25 Phoebe Drive in the amount of \$2,329.98.

Resolution 2026-203

Authorizing the Tax Collector to Refund payment erroneously posted for Block 195, Lot 6.03, 79 South Main Street in the amount of \$10,790.50.

Resolution 2026-204

Authorizing the Tax Collector to Refund payment erroneously posted for Block 195, Lot 6.02, 85 South Main Street in the amount of \$21,966.37.

Resolution 2026-205

Resolution authorizing the closing of various Escrow Accounts that have a Bank Balance of \$0.00

Resolution 2026-206

Resolution authorizing the refund of Escrow Deposits to Frank E. Kearney in the amount of \$1,045.05 for Blocks 161.05 & 161.10, Lots 20 & 17.23 – 17.25 & 17.26, 90 Burr Street Subdivision

Resolution 2026-207

Resolution authorizing the refund of Escrow Deposits to J. Esposito Enterprises Inc. in the amount of \$1,988.53 for Block 45, Lot 4, Esposito Auto Transport

Resolution 2026-208

Resolution authorizing the refund of Escrow Deposits to Ernest Ayala. in the amount of \$1,389.35 for Block 114, Lot 62, for a Zoning Board Review Escrow

Resolution 2026-209

Resolution appointing Seasonal Personnel, Russell Cornelius for the 2026 Municipal Dock Season effective, May14, 2026 at a rate of \$15.92 hr.

Resolution 2026-210

Resolution hiring Christopher Fluck as a Part-Time Confidential Records Clerk for the Police Department at a rate of \$25.00 hr., effective May 26, 2026.

Resolution 2026-211

Resolution authorizing a separation agreement between the Township of Barnegat and Thomas Lombarski from his position as Chief Financial Officer, effective August 1,2026.

Resolution 2026-212

Resolution promoting Stephane Marlin as the Acting Chief Financial Officer effective July 1, 2026 at a new rate of pay \$115,000 yr.

Resolution 2026-213

Resolution authorizing Van Cleef Engineering Associates to provide services for the 2026 GIS Stormwater Mapping System in the amount not to exceed, \$17,000.00

Resolution 2026-214

Resolution awarding bid for three (3) 2026 Tahoe Police vehicles to Wild Rose Chevrolet, 2013 US Hwy 59, Shenandoah, IA 51601, at an amount not to exceed \$168,306.00

Resolution 2026-215

Resolution authorizing acceptance of Change Orders #97 in the amount of \$12,574.73 to Frankoski Construction Co. for the New Municipal Building project

Resolution 2026-216

Resolution authorizing progress Payment #54 in amount of \$22,345.84 to Frankoski Construction Co. for the New Municipal Building, check payable to Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America

Resolution 2026-217

Resolution authorizing the Township to Extend the current pricing agreement with Ferguson Waterworks for the supply of Water Meters and related equipment.

Resolution 2026-218

Resolution authorizing approval to submit a Grant Application and execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Brooks Street, Center Street, and Maple Avenue Improvements project.

Resolution 2026-219

Resolution making request to the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services to Change in Title, Text, or amount of Appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:4-85 to the Townships 2026 Budget

Resolution 2026-220

Resolution granting an Active Use Extension of Inactive Plenary Retail Consumption License, #1533-33-011-003, My New Joint LLC, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39

Resolution 2026-221

Resolution authorizing renewal of liquor licenses in the Township of Barnegat for the 2026/2027 term

Resolution 2026-222

Resolution awarding bid for Sale of Portion of Lot 4 in Block 250 otherwise known as 360 North Main Street in Barnegat Township, to April Malek and Elaine Rose for the bid amount of \$750.00.

Resolution 2026-223

Resolution implementing an additional deferred Compensation Plan to Security Benefit to enhance Retirement Security for the Employees of Barnegat Township.

Resolution 2026-224

Resolution requesting the Department of Transportation's approval of the installation of a Traffic Light at the Entrance/Exit of Paramount Escapes Development.

Resolution 2026-225

Resolution urging the New Jersey State Legislature and Governor to repeal the Gas Tax Escalator and restore Accountability to Fuel Tax increases

Resolution 2026-226

Resolution authorizing the release of Performance Bond #PB00459500021 subject to posting a two-year maintenance bond of \$39,342.00 to Walters Development Co. for Barnegat Boulevard and Pennsylvania Avenue improvements project.

Resolution granting an Active Use Extension of Inactive Plenary Retail Consumption License, #1533-33-013-004, Barnegat Brew & Spirits Inc., pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39

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

Motion to adopt resolution: Fred Rubenstein Second: Al Cirulli

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

Motion to Adjourn: Fred Rubenstein **Second: Al Cirulli**

Time: 11:07am

**Next Township Committee meeting,
July 7, 2026 @ 6:30 PM**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were formally adopted by the Township Committee on July 7, 2026.

Municipal Clerk