

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

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
July 7, 2026 6:30 PM**

Call to Order the July 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 Rose Cassarino, Holy Spirit Victory Church Glory Hub

Roll Call of Officials:

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

Mayor's Report

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: Joseph Marte

Tom Randazzo: 4 Spring Lake Dr. – Mentioned that we are a Sanctuary State. 300,000 illegal migrants collecting housing, education and medical benefits at our expense. We pay the highest property taxes. Spoke about our governor.

Marge Altman: 114 Cedar Bridge Lane, Little Egg – President, Friends of Barnegat Library. Sponsored 30 programs this year. We have 2 book sales a year and wants to know why the town will not advertise on the sign for them.

Mayor: said that he will call her

Ray Leszczek: 116 Redwood Dr. – Asked about the basin on Rt. 72

Gary Barr: 22 Ravenwood Blvd. – Questioned the Pavilion reconstruction

Kurt Otto: Town reached out to businesses to rebuild at no cost to the town. No plan for a roof at this time.

Wants to know who owns the Wooden Jetty (379 Bay Shore Dr.)

Kurt: Could be shared by the town and property owner. He is researching
Questioned, when the town replenished the beach, did they get DEP approval?

Kurt: responded that there was no replenishment in 2-3 years. DPW only groomed the beach.

Motion to Close Public Session: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Joseph Marte

Old Business:

Ordinance 2026-14

(Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**

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

Motion to open Public Comment: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Joseph Marte

Motion to close Public Comment: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Joseph Marte

Motion to adopt Ordinance: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Joseph Marte

Roll Call:

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

Ordinance 2026-15

(Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**

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.

Motion to open Public Comment: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Joseph Marte

Motion to close Public Comment: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Joseph Marte

Motion to adopt Ordinance: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Joseph Marte

Roll Call:

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

Formal Action:

Resolution 2026-229

Resolution authorizing payment of Bill List in the amount of \$5,380,641.02

Motion to adopt resolution: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Joseph Marte

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

Resolution 2026-230

Resolution authorizing progress Payment #55 in amount of \$75,134.42 to Frankoski Construction Co. for the New Municipal Building, check payable to Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America

Motion to table resolution: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Joseph Marte

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

Resolution 2026-231

Resolution authorizing a Chapter 159 in the amount of \$33,292.57 be inserted in the 2026 Municipal Budget, for the State Recycling Tonnage Grant Program

Motion to adopt resolution: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Joseph Marte

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

Resolution 2026-232

Resolution authorizing a Chapter 159 in the amount of \$5,553.43 be inserted in the 2026 Municipal Budget, for the NJ Courts, Alcohol Education Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund

Motion to adopt resolution: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Joseph Marte

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

New Business:

Approval of the Township Committee minutes from the June 4, 2026 Township Committee meetings

Motion to adopt minutes: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Joseph Marte

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

Ordinance 2026-16

(First Reading)

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2026-16, which was read by title only, as follows:

An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 55-141 of the Township Code entitled "Applications requiring Site Plan approval."

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

Motion to introduce ordinance: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Joseph Marte

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

Ordinance 2026-17

(First Reading)

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2026-17, which was read by title only, as follows:

An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 46B of the Township code entitled "Flood Damage Prevention" and specifically Section 4.2A thereof entitled "Application for Permit."

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

Motion to introduce ordinance: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Joseph Marte

Roll Call: Committeeman Cirulli: Absent 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 Pocketbook Bingo, On-Premise 5050 Raffle and On-Premise Merchandise Raffle to Barnegat Sports Boosters Inc. on October 10, 2026

Approval of On-Premise 50/50 Raffle to Venue at Lighthouse Station Social Circle Club on September 7, October 9, October 31, November 14, December 5, 2026

Approval of On-Premise 50/50 Raffle to Horizons at Barnegat Womens Club on September 14, October 5, November 2, December 7, 2026 and January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 5 and June 7, 2027

Approval of On Premise 50/50 Raffle to American Legion #232 John Wesley Taylor on August 20, September 12 and October 15, 2026

Approval of membership to Sofia Bruscella to the Barnegat First Aid Squad
Approval of membership to Kazimierz Kotlow to the Barnegat First Aid Squad

Resolution 2026-233

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

Resolution 2026-234

Authorizing the Tax Collector to Refund payment erroneously posted for Block 114.34, Lot 13, 27 Capstan Street in the amount of \$1,360.00

Resolution 2026-235

Resolution authorizing a paid medical leave to Michael Degregorio, Laborer of Public Works Department from June 1, 2026 to July 13, 2026.

Resolution 2026-236

Resolution promoting Christine Roessner from Assistant to the CFO/Bookkeeper/Escrow Coordinator to full time Deputy CFO in the Finance office, effective July 1, 2026, at an annual salary of \$58,638.93.

Resolution 2026-237

Resolution authorizing a Separation Agreement between the Township of Barnegat and Richard Cassidy, Sergeant of the Barnegat Police Department, effective July 1, 2026

Resolution 2026-238

Resolution promoting Julie Moore to the rank of Sergeant in the Barnegat Police Department as of July 1, 2026 with salary in accordance with the current Superior Officers Collective Bargaining Agreement

Resolution 2026-239

Resolution promoting Gregory Martinez to the rank of Sergeant in the Barnegat Police Department as of July 1, 2026 with salary in accordance with the current Superior Officers Collective Bargaining Agreement

Resolution 2026-240

Resolution promoting Vincent Damiano to the rank of Lieutenant in the Barnegat Police Department as of July 1, 2026 with salary in accordance with the current Superior Officers Collective Bargaining Agreement

Resolution 2026-241

Resolution authorizing Stephanie Marlin as Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and Excess Fund for the 2026 calendar year as of July 1, 2026

Resolution 2026-242

Resolution authorizing Stephanie Marlin to execute Corporate Resolution Forms and Signature Cards required by Depositories.

Resolution 2026-243

Resolution certifying the Governing Body has reviewed the General Comments and Recommendations of the 2025 Audit

Resolution 2026-244

Resolution authorizing reimbursement to resident for damage to vehicle side window caused by Township Grass Trimmer in the amount of \$536.82

Resolution 2026-245

Resolution authorizing Uniform Supply and Cleaning for the Public Works, Water Sewer and Code Enforcement personnel through the Hunterdon County Cooperative Pricing System, Membership #34HUNCCP for an amount not to exceed \$35,000 per year for a 24 month period.

Resolution 2026-246

Resolution awarding bid to Uni-Tech Drilling Co., Inc. for the Well #4 Redevelopment project for an amount not to exceed \$143,150.00.

Resolution 2026-247

Resolution awarding a contract to Turn-Key Technologies Inc. for equipment, service and licensing to replace and correct the Camera System in the New Town Hall Police Department through ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing #ESCNJ22/23-38 for an amount not to exceed \$151,843.00.

Resolution 2026-248

Resolution authorizing the execution of a Shared Service Agreement with the Ocean County Board of Commissioners for the Installation of Automated License Plate Readers at the Intersections of West Bay Avenue / Lighthouse Drive and West Bay Avenue / Barnegat Boulevard

Resolution 2026-257

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

Motion to adopt resolution: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Joseph Marte

Roll Call:

Committeeman Cirulli: Absent

Committeeman Marte: Yes

Committeeman Townsend: Yes

Deputy Mayor Rubenstein: Yes

Mayor Pipi: Yes

Motion to Adjourn: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Joseph Marte

Time: 6:47pm

**Next Township Committee meeting,
August 4, 2026 @ 10:00 AM**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were formally adopted by the Township Committee on August 4, 2026.

Municipal Clerk