

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

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 1, 2026 6:30 PM**

Call to Order the September 1. 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:

Roll Call of Officials:

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

Mayor's Report: Read Proclamation for Ovarian Cancer

Deputy Mayor Rubenstein: 911 speech will assemble on September, 11th @8:00am in front of Town Hall. Speakers will be General Lawrence Thomas, Steve Tator, Bill Cox and a representator from American Legion. God Bless America!

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: Al Cirulli

Rosemary Gohd: 62 Black Bear Dr. – Asked to put information on Town Hall sign. Reevaluate your design. Spoke about how money that is raised is used for programs at the library like concerts, cooking for teens, etc. also purchased furniture. The library is the only public place that serves all ages. Next sale is on Oct. 3rd. In 1993 township committee stood with the county Freeholders to support Barnegat Library. Jersey Mikes fundraiser is Oct 7th. September is library card sign up month. Thank you for listening!

Tom Randazzo: 4 Spring Lake Ct. – Grateful for the committee. Barnegat has been #1 in Ocean County and 4th in the State of NJ for safety. Spoke about mid term election. Our Governor is not concerned about the 6,600 illegal voters. In California they found 865,000 non-citizen voters that should have been removed from the election rolls. They are being sued. Our Governor is more concerned by supporting the 300,000 illegal migrants in NJ. They are living in this state on my tax dollars.

Cliff Bartlett: 491 E. Bay Ave. – Ordinance 2023-7 Spoke about the Certificate of Liability Insurance. Charging way too much. Data shows it is not working and recommends to suspend the program. Suggests to waive the fee and also to streamline for bills.

Chris Dasti - Responded that it is a State Law

Justin Lenzo: 5 Belay Ave. – Border of Compass Point. Houses are bombarded with wind because of the clear cut of trees. This week bulldozers are now taking more trees down. Builder needs to be held accountable. Look at Avast Ave. and you will see the dirt hills. Belay Ave. you will see a line of down trees. Wants to know who is responsible?

Kurt Otto - The developer was caught over clearing. They will have to replant.

Chris Dasti - Will look into it.

Amanda Lenzo: 5 Belay Ave. – Lived here since 2012. Spoke about the border of Compass Point. My concern is the safety of my family. Spoke with code enforcement and he said there would be a 50 foot buffer of land. Over the years it has been encroached upon. This week woke up to a bulldozer cutting down trees. I am worried because of the falling of the trees. Who is responsible for the trees that are falling on our property? We are paying to cut the trees down. Who is responsible to make sure the 50 foot buffer stays intact? Hope you can clarify and give us relief. Thank you!

Kurt Otto - Responded that the developer did not notify anyone about the clearing. We will do an inspection. Did reach out to Chris Vernon and manager. Will pull approvals, please give us time.

John Murrin: 38 Pierhead Dr. – His wife is a survivor of ovarian cancer. Questioned how many homes in the Cottages before they do affordable housing? Last resolution, Sea Crest Pines water tower - site clearing? Are there bids for the water tower? Kurt – answered that it's just for the site clearing. Hope it goes quicker than Wawa. He believes there is a state law to support the library. Library is a very important function. Dolly Parton gave 300,000,000 books to children.

Gary Bahr: 22 Ravenwood Blvd. – Wanted to know, what’s the next step on the pavilion? Are there builders lined up?
Kurt answered that they are finishing up the design and the work is being donated by local builders.
Questioned that Ordinance 2026-9 is inaccurate on the website.
Donna – responded that it will be fixed.

Motion to Close Public Session: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Al Cirulli

Old Business:

Ordinance 2026-18

(Second Reading) **SEE ATTACHED**

An Ordinance Authorizing the Township to sell Block 138, Lot 3, also known as 135 Pennsylvania Avenue, Barnegat Township per N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq.

Motion to open Public Comment: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Al Cirulli

Motion to close Public Comment: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Al Cirulli

Motion to adopt Ordinance: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Al Cirulli

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

Formal Action:

Resolution 2026-307

Resolution authorizing payment of Bill List in the amount of \$9,343,269.23

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 2026-308

Resolution authorizing a Chapter 159 in the amount of \$4,480.00 be inserted in the 2026 Municipal Budget, for the *Cops in Shops Summer Shore Initiative 2026 Grant program, (Grant FFY26 #ABC-03-26.)*

Motion to adopt resolution: Fred Rubenstein

Second: Al Cirulli

Roll Call: Committeeman Cirulli: Yes Committeeman Marte: Yes
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New Business:

Approval of the Township Committee minutes from the August 4, 2026 Township Committee meeting

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

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.

Proclamation for Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month for September 2026, will be mailed to Rachel Sackett, a 6 year survivor, Thriver and Advocate

Approval of Block Party for residents at 12-26 Fullrigger Avenue on September 12, 2026 from 1:00PM to 9:00 PM

Approval of On Premise 50/50 Raffle and Off-Premise Reverse Raffle to Rotary Club of Barnegat NJ Charitable FDN on November 20, 2026

Approval of On Premise 50/50 Raffle and Bingo game to Barnegat Pride Inc. on September 26, 2026

Approval of On Premise 50/50 Raffle to Barnegat Sports Boosters Inc. on November 1, 2026, February 26, 2027 and May 7, 2027

Approval of On Premise Merchandise Raffle to Barnegat Sports Boosters Inc. on May 7, 2027

Approval of On Premise 50/50 to the Mirage Men's Club Foundation Inc. on October 6, 2026

Approval to The Ashley Lauren Foundation to hold a 2 mile Fun-Run/Walk on East Bay Avenue on November 7, 2026

Approval of membership to Joseph P. Cajzer to the Barnegat Fire Department

Resolution 2026-309

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

Resolution 2026-310

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel taxes and authorize a refund in the amount of \$2,662.99 due to totally disabled veteran for 2026 taxes paid with no future billing on Block 90.38 Lot 14; 8 Garden Path

Resolution 2026-311

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel taxes and authorize a refund in the amount of \$990.60 due to totally disabled veteran for 2026 taxes paid with no future billing on Block 116.27 Lot 8; 12 Aspen Circle

Resolution 2026-312

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel taxes and authorize a refund in the amount of \$2,492.27 due to totally disabled veteran for 2026 taxes paid with no future billing on Block 95.44 Lot 110; 20 Five Bridges Court

Resolution 2026-313

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel taxes and authorize a refund in the amount of \$1,413.67 due to totally disabled veteran for 2026 taxes paid with no future billing on Block 113.06 Lot 7; 4 Biddeford Court

Resolution 2026-314

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel taxes and authorize a refund in the amount of \$1,518.57 due to totally disabled veteran for 2026 taxes paid with no future billing on Block 114.07 Lot 26; 70 Bayside Avenue

Resolution 2026-315

Authorizing the Tax Collector to Refund Various properties for tax payments that were erroneously posted. Refund overpayments will be paid to Core Logic, 3001 Hackberry Drive, Irving, TX 75063

Resolution 2026-316

Resolution authorizing the refund of Escrow Deposits to Gerard and Marilyn Dooley in the amount of \$1941.35 for Block 199, Lots 65, ZB 25-07

Resolution 2026-317

Resolution authorizing an extended leave of absence to Kathy Herring of the Water/Sewer Department from September 1, 2026, to September 14, 2026

Resolution 2026-318

Resolution authorizing a Leave of Absence to Kevin Lombarski, Laborer in the Public Works Department as of August 25, 2026 to November 23, 2026.

Resolution 2026-319

Resolution hiring Christian Dugan as a Certified Full Time Patrolman for the Barnegat Police Department, effective September 1, 2026 at a salary reflective of the P.B.A. Contract

Resolution 2026-320

Resolution hiring Joseph Fiorello as a Certified Full Time Patrolman for the Barnegat Police Department, effective September 1, 2026 at a salary reflective of the P.B.A. Contract

Resolution 2026-321

Resolution authorizing reimbursement payment in the amount of \$360.50 to resident for damaged rear car window caused by Township Lawn Mower

Resolution 2026-322

Resolution authorizing reimbursement for Zoning application fee to Block 116.01, Lot 1.01 in the amount of \$200.00 for "feather flags" that are not permitted

Resolution 2026-323

Resolution authorizing a Municipal contribution to the Barnegat Jr. Bengals Youth Sports Organization in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Resolution 2026-324

Resolution authorizing the Municipal Clerk to advertise for RFP's for Professional Office Cleaning for the Town Hall Complex

Resolution 2026-325

Resolution authorizing the Municipal Clerk to advertise for RFP's for 2027 Professional services

Resolution 2026-326

Resolution urging a comprehensive independent investigation and performance audit of the New Jersey Electric Utilities

Resolution 2026-327

Resolution Supporting Law Enforcement in New Jersey and across the nation through Assembly Bill #AR149

Resolution awarding bid for Site Clearing of the New Sea Crest Water Tower project to Clean Earth Matters LLC, in the amount not to exceed \$115,725.00.

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Municipal Clerk