

RESOLUTION 2017-92

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT WITH CHIEF ARTHUR DREXLER

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as the “Township”) has employed Chief Arthur Drexler as a member of the Barnegat Township Police Department for approximately thirty-one (31) years; and

WHEREAS, until recently, the Township and Chief Drexler have had a harmonious employment agreement; and

WHEREAS, difficulties have arisen with regard to the employment of Chief Drexler recently, which has resulted in the Township serving administrative charges on Chief Drexler; and

WHEREAS, the leveling of administrative charges and the suspension without pay of Chief Drexler have resulted in negotiations between representatives of the Township and Chief Drexler; and

WHEREAS, those negotiations have resulted in a Settlement and Release Agreement, a true copy of which is on file at the office of the Township Clerk and can be reviewed during normal business hours; and

WHEREAS, the Township believes that although it would have prevailed with regard to the administrative charges levied against Chief Drexler, it is important and in the long term best interests of the Township taxpayers and the Township Police Department to amicably

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resolve the issues of employment with Chief Drexler, which have resulted in Chief Drexler's resignation effective February 1, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 7th day of February, 2017, by the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township accepts the Settlement and Release Agreement with Chief Arthur Drexler, a true copy of which is on file at the office of the Township Clerk and can be reviewed by the public during normal business hours.

2. The Township authorizes and directs the Mayor, Township Clerk and Township Administrator to execute any and all necessary documents in order to implement the intent of this Resolution.

3. The Township finds and believes that if the administrative charges eventually resulted in a trial, the Township would have prevailed which would have resulted in the termination of employment of Chief Drexler. Nevertheless, the Township believes that it is in the long term best interests of the Township, its taxpayers and the Township Police Department that the employment issues with Chief Drexler be resolved in accordance with the aforesaid Settlement and Release Agreement.

4. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the following:

- (a) Honorable Albert Bille, Mayor;
- (b) Martin Lisella, Township Administrator;
- (c) Jerry J. Dasti, Esquire; and
- (d) Tom Lombarski, CFO, Township of Barnegat.

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CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Barnegat at a meeting held on February 7, 2017, a quorum being present and voting in the majority.

MICHELE RIVERS, RMC, TOWNSHIP CLERK

Prepared by:

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