

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

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
May 7, 2024, 6:30 PM**

**Call to Order the May 7, 2024 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 in the official newspapers of the date, time and location of this meeting more than 48 hours in advance, and
- By posting advance written notice on the official bulletin board in the municipal building, and in the office of the Township Clerk for the purpose of public inspection.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Invocation: by Pastor Rose Cassarino, Holy Spirit Victory Church**

**Roll Call of Officials:**

Committeeman Bille - Present  
Committeeman Pipi – Present  
Committeeman Townsend - Present  
Deputy Mayor Cirulli - Present  
Mayor Marte – Present

***PRESENTATION OF FUNDS FOR TOWNSHIP EVENTS FROM VAN DYKE REALTORS***

**Committee Reports; Bille, Pipi, Townsend, Cirulli**

**Al Bille:** Paving is finally finished on Spruce Circle Run North and South. Paving is done on Gunning River. Nautilus Drive from Barnegat to Stafford is being paved and should be done by end of week.

Recreation Report: Pirate’s Day was 20 degrees below normal. Attendance was larger than last year. Had new addition of the trackless train and petting zoo. It was a big hit! Thanked Barnegat High School for the shuttle buses. Thanked our Police, Fire and First Aid Squad. In June and July will have Family Fun Nights at the Recreation Center. Concerts will be held at the Bay Beach. Replenishment of the sand at beach will take place May 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. Thanked Jean Broadbent our Recreation Director.

**Pat Pipi:** Code Report for the month of April. There was 17 rental inspections, 43 letters of no interest, 55 zoning permits, 14 summons and 82 warning stickers were issued. Thanked DPW on spring clean-up.

**Jake Townsend:** Gave water report. Fire hydrant flushing began in April and will continue until end of May.

**Al Curilli:** Had meeting with Congressman Van Drew on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Spoke about possible grants for infrastructure. Discussed water tower and Fire Department. Can take a year to know if approved. Talked about possible air craft went down, called off search. Adopt-A-Street clean-up will be Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. They do a terrific job!

Fire Report – Had 43 calls, 38 mutual aid for the month. Quality Medical responded to 286 First Aid calls in April. That’s 100%! 981 calls YTD! First Aid Squad – 80% mutual aid calls. Calls from 6pm – midnight responded 100% of Barnegat incidents.

**Mayor’s Report:** Police Report – Had 1429 incidents. Conducted 44 arrests, 95 motor vehicle summons, and 76 traffic warnings. Crime Reduction Unit made 6 arrests and ceased more than \$1000 in drugs. On April 23<sup>rd</sup> Sgt. Boyle, Ptl. Smith and Ptl. Calicchio were honored by Perth Amboy City Council for a life saving effort on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. Great job! Well done by our officers.

Spoke about rumors on Cottages. Project has not been abandoned. Government has not taken over. “No migrate” it’s a rumor! It’s a 10-12 year project.

**Marty Lisella:** Spoke how Vernon is not going broke. Mentioned that it will take 3-4 years before he makes a profit. Had 6 more contracts this weekend. Not expecting to move quickly. June – October should be better months. He said he is here to stay and will complete project!

**Mayor’s Report:** New Chief and Capt. OATH on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Talked about out of 102 cities, Barnegat was in the top 20 of safest cities, ranked #16. PBA Fundraiser on 5/16 from 5-8pm @ SETS. “Honored our Veterans” Thanked all teachers for Teacher’s Appreciation Day. Wished all mother’s a Happy Mother’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 Bille**

**Second: Al Cirulli**

**Paul D’Emilia:** Cornerstone Apts. – Asking for help with ADA. Violation on property. Contacted Fire Marshall. Fire door was not magnetized. Inconvenient for handicap people. Management ignored issue. Asking wisdom on Fire Inspection. Chris Dasti mentioned to contact Department of Community Affairs. Papers were given to attorney for help.

**Fred Rubenstein:** 4 Hickory Circle - Where are the people that complain about the Cottages? Nowhere to be found. Mentioned how Mirage had problems. Spoke about how he put a deposit down on a house on Deer Run Dr. and went belly up. Ed Walter’s operated out of a pick-up truck in the beginning. Facebook is a playground. We have a good town! Thanks to dedicated people. Pleasure to live here.

**Motion to Close Public Session: Al Bille**

**Second: Al Cirulli**

**Formal Action:**

**Resolution 2024-193**

Resolution authorizing payment of Bill List in the amount of \$9,257,566.19

**Motion to adopt resolution: AI Bille**

**Second: AI Cirulli**

**Roll Call:**

Committeeman Bille: Yes

Committeeman Pipi: Yes

Committeeman Townsend: Yes

Deputy Mayor Cirulli: Yes

Mayor Marte: Yes

**Resolution 2024-194**

Resolution authorizing a Chapter 159 in the amount of \$33,165.92 be inserted in the 2024 Municipal Budget, for the *State Recycling Tonnage Grant program*.

**Motion to adopt resolution: AI Bille**

**Second: AI Cirulli**

**Roll Call:**

Committeeman Bille: Yes

Committeeman Pipi: Yes

Committeeman Townsend: Yes

Deputy Mayor Cirulli: Yes

Mayor Marte: **Yes**

**Resolution 2024-195**

Resolution authorizing a Chapter 159 in the amount of \$960.00 be inserted in the 2024 Municipal Budget, for the *Cops in Shops Summer Shore Initiative Grant program, (Grant FY24 #ABC-02-04.)*

**Motion to adopt resolution: AI Bille**

**Second: AI Cirulli**

**Roll Call:**

Committeeman Bille: Yes

Committeeman Pipi: Yes

Committeeman Townsend: Yes

Deputy Mayor Cirulli: Yes

Mayor Marte: **Yes**

**New Business:**

**Approval of the Township Committee minutes from Meeting of April 2, 2024**

**Motion to adopt minutes: AI Bille**

**Second: AI Cirulli**

**Roll Call:**

Committeeman Bille: Yes

Committeeman Pipi: Yes

Committeeman Townsend: Yes

Deputy Mayor Cirulli: Yes

Mayor Marte: Yes

**Ordinance 2024-8 (First Reading)**

*Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2024-8, which was read by title only, as follows:  
An Ordinance Amending Chapter 55 of the Township Code Entitled "Land Use"  
Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on June 6, 2024 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached*

**Motion to introduce ordinance: Al Bille Second: Al Cirulli**

**Roll Call:** Committeeman Bille: Yes Committeeman Pipi: Yes  
Committeeman Townsend: Yes  
Deputy Mayor Cirulli: Yes Mayor Marte: Yes

**Ordinance 2024-9 (First Reading)**

*Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2024-9, which was read by title only, as follows:  
An Ordinance providing funding for various Water/Sewer capital improvements appropriating \$1,075,000 therefor from the Township's Water/Sewer Capital Improvement Fund  
Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on June 6, 2024 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached*

**Motion to introduce ordinance: Al Bille Second: Al Cirulli**

**Roll Call:** Committeeman Bille: Yes Committeeman Pipi: Yes  
Committeeman Townsend: Yes  
Deputy Mayor Cirulli: Yes Mayor Marte: Yes

**Ordinance 2024-10 (First Reading)**

*Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2024-10, which was read by title only, as follows:  
An Ordinance providing funding for the cost of the construction of a new Water Tower and appropriating \$4,250,000 therefor from the Township's Water/Sewer Capital and Grant Funds  
Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on June 6, 2024 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached*

**Motion to introduce ordinance: Al Bille Second: Al Cirulli**

**Roll Call:** Committeeman Bille: Yes Committeeman Pipi: Yes  
Committeeman Townsend: Yes  
Deputy Mayor Cirulli: Yes Mayor Marte: Yes

**Ordinance 2024-11 (First Reading)**

*Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2024-11, 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 3.1 thereof Entitled “Floodplain Administrator Designation”

*Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on June 6, 2024 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached*

**Motion to introduce ordinance: Al Bille Second: Al Cirulli**

**Roll Call:** Committeeman Bille: Yes Committeeman Pipi: Yes  
Committeeman Townsend: Yes  
Deputy Mayor Cirulli: Yes Mayor Marte: Yes

**Ordinance 2024-12 (First Reading)**

*Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2024-12, which was read by title only, as follows:*

An Ordinance Authorizing the sale of Block 210.01, Lot 9 (46 Bay View Blvd), pursuant to NJSA 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 June 6, 2024 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached*

**Motion to introduce ordinance: Al Bille Second: Al Cirulli**

**Roll Call:** Committeeman Bille: Yes Committeeman Pipi: Yes  
Committeeman Townsend: Yes  
Deputy Mayor Cirulli: Yes Mayor Marte: Yes

**Ordinance 2024-13 (First Reading)**

*Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2024-13, which was read by title only, as follows:*

An Amending and Supplementing Chapter 55 of the Township Code Entitled “Land Use” and specifically Section 329 thereof Entitled “Stormwater Management Plan for Non-Pinelands property”

*Was introduced and passed on first reading and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held on June 6, 2024 or as soon thereafter the matter may be reached*

**Motion to introduce ordinance: Al Bille Second: Al Cirulli**

**Roll Call:** Committeeman Bille: Yes Committeeman Pipi: Yes  
Committeeman Townsend: Yes  
Deputy Mayor Cirulli: Yes Mayor Marte: Yes

**Consent Agenda:**

The below listed items are considered to be routine by the Township of Barnegat and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of individual items. If discussion is desired, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

**Approval of an On Premise 50/50 on June 10, 2024 to the Women's Club Mirage.**

**Approval of Block Party on Cannonball Drive on August 24, 2024 from 9AM to 9PM, Rain date of August 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**Approval of Social Affairs Permit to the John Wesley Taylor Post 232 American Legion on June 22 and July 27, 2024**

**Approval of Social Affairs permit to the Manafirkin Brewing Inc for event on May 16, 2024**

**Approval of Social Affairs permit to the Forgotten Boardwalk Brewing LLC for events on May 24, May 25 & May 26, 2024**

**Approval of membership to Ashley M. Glynn for the Barnegat Fire Department  
Approval of membership to Jose Martinez for the Barnegat Fire Department**

**Resolution 2024-196**

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

**Resolution 2024-197**

Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Refund payment to D.R. Horton of \$4,320.00 for water meter upgrade that was later retracted by the builder, D.R. Horton.

**Resolution 2024-198**

Resolution authorizing the refund of Escrow deposits to Phoenix Pinelands Corporation for \$922.58

**Resolution 2024-199**

Resolution authorizing the refund of Escrow deposits to AT&T Wireless for \$388.75

**Resolution 2024-200**

Resolution authorizing reduction of Site Performance Bond to Barnegat Terrace for Block 162.01, Lot 1.02

**Resolution 2024-201**

Resolution authorizing recording of a Storm Water Basin Easement between the Township of Barnegat and Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group Inc. for Block 90.34, Lot 29

**Resolution 2024-202**

Resolution approving the Purchase of Block 165, Lots 22.02 and 22.03, by the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Fund

**Resolution 2024-203**

Resolution authorizing Morgan Engineering to provide Engineering Service and Construction Administration for the Pennsylvania Avenue improvements

**Resolution 2024-204**

Resolution strongly opposing the state's increase to another gasoline tax

**Resolution 2024-205**

Resolution authorizing settlement and amending the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) Superior Officers' Association (SOA)

**Resolution 2024-206**

Resolution authorizing execution of an Employment Agreement with the Chief of Police, Jason D. Carroll from May 1, 2024 through December 31, 2029

**Resolution 2024-207**

Resolution appointing Robert Borris as Construction Official for the Construction Office effective May 1, 2024

**Resolution 2024-208**

Resolution appointing Jesse Gerard as a Full Time Sub-Code Electrical Inspector for the Construction Office effective May 7, 2024

**Resolution 2024-209**

Resolution appointing Part Time Plumbing Inspector, Richard Barlet to Plumbing Sub-Code Inspector for the Construction Office

**Resolution 2024-210**

Resolution authorizing acceptance of Change Orders #58-59 in the amount of \$2,877.81 to Frankoski Construction Co. for the New Municipal Building project

**Resolution 2024-211**

Resolution authorizing progress Payment #35 in amount of \$94,279.13 to Frankoski Construction Co. for the New Municipal Building, check payable to Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America

**Resolution 2024-212**

Resolution approving the release of Road Opening Bond to K. Sarama LLC in the amount of \$2,500.00 for Block 100, Lot 7, 10 Eighth Street

**Resolution 2024-213**

Resolution hiring Kelly Kantewein to a Non Union Recreation position of Recreation Aide effective April 22, 2024 at \$16.00 per hour

**Resolution 2024-214**

Resolution authorizing purchase of (1) Stock Elgin Broom Bear, Belt-Mounted on 2025 Freightliner M2 Chassis Street Sweeper from GranTurk Equipment Co. through Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing Contract #093021-ELG for a price not to exceed \$363,593.23

**Resolution 2024-215**

Resolution authorizing purchase of (1) 2024 Dodge Durango from Nielsen of Morristown for the Water & Sewer Department through NJ State Contract # 23-FLEET-34933 & # 17-FLEET-00761 for a price not to exceed \$46,740.15

**Resolution 2024-216**

Resolution authorizing purchase of (1) 2023 Ford Transit 250 MR Cargo RWD Modified Van From All American Ford of Paramus for the Water & Sewer Department through Bid ESCNJ 23/24-11, CO-OP #65MCESSCCPS for an amount not to exceed \$65,599.10

**Resolution 2024-217**

Resolution approving place-to-place transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License #1533-44-005-005, issued to Sree Krishna Incorporated trading as Super Saver; located at 362 North Main Street as of May 9, 2024

**Resolution 2024-218**

Resolution approving a place-to-place transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License #1533-44-010-005, issued to Sri Vaidhika Inc., trading as Barnegat Wine & Spirits LLC, located at 912 W. Bay Avenue, Unit 160 as of May 16, 2024

**Resolution 2024-219**

Resolution calling for the modernization of the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) and the swift passage of S-2930 / A-4045

**Resolution 2024-220**

Resolution hiring Hunter K. Docherty as a Full Time Laborer for the Public Works Department effective May 20, 2024.

**Resolution 2024-221**

Resolution authorizing a Shared Service agreement between the Township of Barnegat and the Township of Plumsted for CFO Services, effective May 8, 2024

**Motion to adopt Consent Agenda: Al Cirulli**

**Second: Al Bille**

**Roll Call:**

Committeeman Bille: Yes

Committeeman Pipi: Yes

Committeeman Townsend: Yes

Deputy Mayor Cirulli: Yes

Mayor Marte: Yes



**Resolution 2024-222**

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

**Motion to adopt resolution: Al Bille**

**Second: Al Cirulli**

**Roll Call:**

Committeeman Bille: Yes

Committeeman Pipi: Yes

Committeeman Townsend: Yes

Deputy Mayor Cirulli: Yes

Mayor Marte: Yes

**Motion to Adjourn: Al Bille**

**Second: Al Cirulli**

**Time: 7:00 pm**

**Next scheduled meeting  
June 6, 2024 at 10:00 AM**

**I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were formally adopted by the Township Committee on June 6, 2024.**

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**Municipal Clerk**