

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING BARNEGAT LIGHT AUGUST 13, 2014

THE CAUCUS MEETING of the Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Larson at 4:30pm at the Borough Hall, on East 7th Street. He stated that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act by posting a copy of the notice of this meeting on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall on January 7, 2014 and by mailing a copy of the notice to the Beach Haven Times and Asbury Park Press, newspapers designated by Mayor and Council on January 7, 2014, to receive such notice, and by filing a copy of the notice with the Borough Clerk on January 7, 2014.

ROLL CALL: SPARK, SHARPLESS, WELLINGTON, MIKULETZKY, REYNOLDS, WARR

ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: MAYOR LARSON, GAIL WETMORE, TERRY F. BRADY, ESQ AND ASSISTANT TREASURER PAULA BASTIAN

The Mayor asked if anyone had anything for caucus. Mayor said he is going to a meeting tomorrow at the EJ grade school with other Island Mayors except Beach Haven to discuss selling the old school and consolidate the new school. Get rid of Ship Bottom LBI, Have one principal, one special ed, Cafeteria, library. That is what the Mayor is thinking of. Apparently some of the board members do not want to do this. A lot of them do not want their kids going into trailers. George Warr asked what are they planning on doing and the mayor doesn't know at this point. He is going to a meeting tomorrow as he said. George said they just spent 4 million and change on the Ship Bottom School. Mayor said that is the cost of doing business. That is educating kids. You don't want to keep the building just because do you? Ed Wellington said he understands Surf City offered to buy the E.J. Property back for 2.5 million. Frank said they are looking out for their pockets. Mayor said that is because of the deed restriction. It says they automatically get it back if that school were to go. There is also a piece of vacant land that Ship Bottom gave and they would want that back. Mayor said he will find out more tomorrow. Mayor said they (School Board) want to put it on a referendum for the fall for the entire Island to vote on it. Mayor wondered how much FEMA money went for the LBI School. Frank Mikuletzky said to get rid of the Ship Bottom School was the original plan. That's what he would go for. We now have 20 minutes to talk about buses.

He asked for comments on the Island Bus. Dottie said she has gotten some very good feedback. People with teenagers love it. She said she knows several people who were here on vacation and they loved it. They were a bit worried about kids alone on the bus but so far so good. Mayor said we have businesses in town that are afraid of this thing. He has seen people from the South end take the bus to Barnegat Light. Frank said people go to Kubel's for dinner. Gail said she sees people waiting to come north when she is on her way home. Mayor said he is not so sure of giving them \$10,000, he thought maybe we could advertise on the bus. It would be nice to have businesses put their names on the bus and have a Barnegat Light bus. Scott said the concerts that we have been having people have been going on and off the bus. Ed said he was vocally against it when it started for several reasons. Most of the feedback that he has received has been positive. Kids are definitely using it. He still is concerned with the inequity of the \$10,000 per town. Mayor again mentioned advertising on the bus. Ed said that is another option we should explore. He did a bit of homework on what the impact of the \$10,000 is. If you break it out by town by the numbers of residences Beach Haven has 28% of the total properties. They would pay \$14,000. Ship Bottom has 21% and would pay almost \$11,000. Surf City has 23% and they would pay \$12,000 and Harvey Cedars and Barnegat Light both have about the same amount. They would pay 65 or 6700 dollars. His one issue is if it is a one year \$10,000 he would pay it, but if

they are going to keep coming back year after year for another fee than he says it should be equitable. He had never thought of the idea of advertising in lieu off. Ed said we should talk to the businesses in town before we make a final decision. Mayor said we have until November. They want the money this year so they can anticipate it in their budget. Ed said the last thing he saw in writing (and knows it is not effective anymore) in the agreement they originally wanted \$10,000 a year for 5 years. Apparently that has been rescinded and they are only asking for \$10,000 this year. Mayor said buses are not going to quit running. In the meantime talk to the businesses and see if there is enough interest to advertise a bus. Mayor said just to cover the bus is \$24,000. That is for 2 years. Mike said all things are usually prorated. Mayor said he was going to talk to Joe. Mike said we don't have as much here to offer, so why should we be paying the same amount as a town with much more to offer. The way it stands now we would be paying \$7.75 per houses. Prorated it would be \$5.23. Mayor wondered if Ed had spoken with Arlene Morrison (Kubel's). He had not. What does the business Alliance think? Ed said they have not talked about it since before Barnegat Light Day. They meet again September 15. Mayor said if we can work out a deal to advertise next year we can have a Barnegat Light bus before they are all covered with something else and we don't get that chance. He said he would rather get something out of it than just giving them the cash. It was said all the businesses are not in the Alliance yet. Some of them have a wait to see attitude. Dottie said a suggestion that was made to her is for benches. Two or three places in town that had a bench. She said the trouble is you have to stand. Mayor wished there was a way you could see where the bus is while you are waiting. Mayor mentioned the taxi people that were here a couple months ago said they are doing more business now after 10:00pm than they have ever done. Ed Wellington said they have been very accommodating. They've let dogs on, surfboards, bicycles. Mayor said you have to look at the citizens who want to ride it and the businesses who don't want to lose any money either. Frank said it makes sense about the Taxi cabs because people can go free one way. Scott said he will never use it but he is sure his kids will. Mayor said the busses could be used for evacuations. Maybe to get employees of towns to work. Gail mentioned the Township had a 2 hour delayed opening today because of the flooding and bridge situation.

Mayor asked if there were anything else. Scott Sharpless said how about dog poop in the dog park. We have a lot of complaints. Dottie disagreed. She spoke to someone who was down here for 2 weeks. Had his dog there twice a day. She asked him to tell her the condition of the park. He said it was the cleanest one he ever took his dog too. Winnie sends picture every time he mows and there are loads of poop. Dottie said people are telling her differently. Scott said we need to do something. Better signage or something down there. Ed said what happens when you get a few dogs the owners stand around shooting the breeze and the dogs go off and play with each other. This dog park is in danger of being closed because of people not cleaning up after their dogs. Mayor said maybe the First Aide would let us put a camera on their building. Mayor said there is another dog park that opened up down south somewhere. Mystic Island in Tuckerton and now they don't come here anymore. Definitely put up the sign. George said if that doesn't work close it for a week or two. Scott said this is also on the heels of 25th Street bay beach being on a list of one of the dirtiest beaches in New Jersey. He can't help but think this waste is coming from people not picking up after their dogs. All along Bayview. Mike disagreed.

THE MEETING of the Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Larson, at 5:00pm at the Borough Hall, on East 7th Street. The Clerk stated that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in

accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act by transmitting notice of same to the Beach Haven Times and the Atlantic City Press on January 4, 2014 and by posting a copy of the notice of this meeting on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall on January 7, 2014 Said news papers were designated by Mayor and Council on January 7, 2014, to receive such notice, and by filing a copy of the notice with the Borough Clerk on January 7, 2014.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: SPARK, SHARPLESS, WELLINGTON, MIKULETZKY, REYNOLDS, WARR

ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: MAYOR LARSON, GAIL WETMORE, AND TERRY BRADY, ESQ AND PAULA BASTIAN, ASST. TREASURER.

THE MAYOR asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2014 regular meeting. On a motion by Spark, seconded by Reynolds the minutes were approved.

MOTION: SHARPLESS

SECOND: REYNOLDS

**VOTE: AYES: SHARPLESS, WELLINGTON, REYNOLDS, MIKULETZKY
NAYS: NONE ABSENT NONE ABSTAIN: SPARK AND WARR**

TREASURER'S REPORT: On a motion by Reynolds, seconded by Sharpless and carried by all the report was approved.

MOTION: REYNOLDS

SECOND: SHARPLESS

**AYES: SPARK, SHARPLESS, WELLINGTON, REYNOLDS, MIKULETZKY, WARR
NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE**

BUILDING AND ZONING REPORTS FOR JULY:

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the reports. Warr so moved, seconded by Reynolds.

MOTION: WARR

SECOND: REYNOLDS

**VOTE: AYES: SPARK, SHARPLESS, WELLINGTON, REYNOLDS, MIKULETZKY, WARR
NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE**

At this point in the meeting the Lifeguards were to present the trophy. Only Scott Caffrey was here so Dottie asked if more people were coming. Scott said he was not sure it was really rough up there today. It was decided to start the Committee reports and see if any other guards could make it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WATER/SEWER: Michael Spark was absent so the Mayor asked that the water/sewer report be made a part of the minutes. It is that time of the year when we are using a lot of water.

PUBLIC WORKS: Scott Sharpless said the guys are working hard. 300 plus hours have been dedicated to the beach. The beach train is in, the tennis courts are done, Winnie worked really hard on the beach train. Mayor said the beach train looks good. Looks better on the beach than it did in the garage. Kids really seem to love it. The Bulls eye band is the last concert coming up on Monday. It will be at 7:00pm. Mayor said he loved the Matt Avery Concert. Scott said he was the lowest count. People were confused with the idea of a one man band. Scott said someone from the audience suggested we do a movie night down there.

DOCKS AND HARBORS: Ed Wellington said as far as the boat ramp goes we area about a thousand dollars behind last year. Last month we were

higher. No fish! We will see what happens when we see what kind of a striper season we have. Thanks to Scott and Ed Sulecki for getting half the trap rock up against the bulkhead. The north side of the place looks really great. They intend to do the second half later on this season. We had erosion at the South end of the ramp where the beach is. Took a section of the fence down as well. The PDW already picked that up.

BEACHES AND PARKS: **Dottie Reynolds** said the Tennis Court fees are down. In the beginning of the season the courts were not in good shape and there were closed for a week because of resurfacing and they have been redone and are beautiful. Everyone who plays tennis is really praising them and the man who did them did his best to move right along. Skate Park fees are up \$116.00. The Dog Park she was going to say how clean it was, but that was mistaken. The Dog Park portraits are up and a lot of people that use the dog park like them. She hasn't heard anything negative about them this year now that they have been hung differently. If anyone hears anything negative please let Dottie know. Mayor said it would be nice if we didn't have any more. Dottie noticed that Scott was back and asked him to come it. She said there was serious erosion at the bay beach. Our badge total is up almost \$1000.00. Biggest gain in the daily badges. This is the first year we can actually praise our beach badge checkers. She asked that the tram drivers do not wear headphones. Someone on the tram dropped his beach chair and the driver could not hear him yelling. She read from the beach patrol report. The Ocean has been very bad this summer with a lot of riptides. We are lucky we have several EMT's. Scott Caffrey and Matt Jones are here to present the Long Beach Island Trophy. They won 12 out of 18 first place positions. Scott presented the trophy and said it is the 6th year in a row we have won. Jon Schultz could not be here but we had a great turn out for the mile swim. We raise money for the beach patrol. Thank everyone for coming and the council for supporting us. Applause followed. Mayor asked Scott to take the trophies with him.

PUBLIC SAFETY: **Frank Mikuletzky** asked that the court reports for June and July be made part of the minutes. We did make a few bucks. July was a better month. Mike Bradley contacted him about the bike rodeo this Sunday at 10:00am until Noon. They want as many small kids as possible. They are giving away 6 bikes and helmets. Please put it on the sign. Make sure you swim on guarded beaches. Today was very rough. The other thing is bike safety. There was a person hit in Surf City. He sees bikers doing some crazy things. They don't obey the laws. Scott said people do not stop at crosswalks for people. Franks said last week he encountered 3 different people crossing at lights when the lights are green for the traffic. He said he actually pulled over and gave one guy the devil. Frank cares about safety!

FINANCE: **George Warr** this month we have an interesting month with bills being paid. School tax and quarterly taxes due at the same time. We are paying out a million four hundred and 79 thousand dollars in bills this month. Of that 286 thousand is the regional schools and a million 627 is the County taxes. So 91% of the money paid out this month is going out of Barnegat Light this month. Generally 75% is a fairly common number.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

On a motion by Spark, seconded by Sharpless and carried by all the public session was opened. Albert Paglialunga said his teen age son has used the Shuttle at least 20 times. He goes with a lot of his friends. His son wishes it was later than 10:00pm. His son is 14. Mayor said it saves a parent from a lot of driving. It is a fantastic idea. Joe Hogan said he and his wife use it all the time and thinks it is great.

Keeps cars off the road. He highly recommends it. He has gone to Holgate on it. Mayor again said the businesses in town are afraid it is taking business out of Barnegat Light. Dan Malay said he had two things to point out. Last month the Sandpaper reported the ridership and 83% of the people riding the bus are south of the bridge. When we talk about the inequity in the funding that is very important. Only 3% of the riders were from Barnegat Light. Secondly he said that Tina Hamilton is the woman that was here from Express Taxi and she said her business is far worse than she expected. She said although the bus says it will stop running at 10:00 - it runs to 10-11, 12 o'clock. Her comment to him on the phone was it has impacted her business far more than she expected. Mayor said that kind of means that maybe the Island really wanted something like this as opposed to paying a taxi. Dave Bossi asked about the Web Site. It is all ready and should be up and running this week. There being no further comment, on a motion by Spark, seconded by Reynolds and carried by all the public session was closed.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 14-096

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
REFUNDING LIT SESSION # 2**

WHEREAS, the fee for the use of Barnegat Light's LIT program is \$100.00 for one session and an additional \$75 for the second if the child is participating in both sessions; and

WHEREAS, a participant has registered for both sessions and cannot attend the second session.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that \$75.00 should be refunded to:
Sarah Walsh Mercurio
2 Linda Lane
Summit, NJ 07901

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Treasurer will issue this check.

DATED: AUGUST 13, 2014

MOTION: REYNOLDS

SECOND: SHARPLESS

VOTE:

AYES: SPARK, SHARPLESS, WELLINGTON, REYNOLDS, MIKULETZKY, WARR

NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE

RESOLUTION 14-097

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
EMPLOYING LIFEGUARDS FOR SUMMER '14**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light is in need of lifeguards for summer '14; and

WHEREAS, the following person is employed as noted with the compensation listed below:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing Body of the Borough of Barnegat Light approve the following:

LIFEGUARDS:

William Derrickson \$360.00/wk
Tori Holzberg \$360.00/wk Q

DATED: AUGUST 13, 2014

MOTION: REYNOLDS

SECOND: SHARPLESS

VOTE: AYES: SPARK, SHARPLESS, WELLINGTON, REYNOLDS, MIKULETZKY, WARR

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

RESOLUTION 2014-098

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING PROPOSAL OF SEISMIC AIR GUN USE OFF NEW JERSEY COAST

WHEREAS, the proposed seismic air gun blasting is utilized to search for oil and gas reserves deep beneath the seafloor; and

WHEREAS, such blasting is proposed for the East Coast; and

WHEREAS, the seismic air guns use extremely loud blasts of air, 100,000times more intense than a jet engine and repeated every 10 seconds, 24 hours a day, for days to months on end; and

WHEREAS, the blasting can cause permanent hearing loss, injury and even death to whales, dolphins, and larval fish when used at short distances; and

WHEREAS, the air gun noise has been shown to decrease the catch rates within certain fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the commercial and recreational fishing in New Jersey supports over 63,000 jobs, all of which would be threatened by seismic blasting and the off shore drilling that would follow; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean-based tourism and recreation generates nearly \$3.1 billion in GDP for the state and sustains over 79,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Obama Administration could decide in the next few weeks to allow companies to use seismic air guns to search for oil and gas deposits in the Atlantic Ocean within the next few weeks; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light urge Governor Christie to oppose the seismic air gun blasting off the coast of New Jersey; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Barnegat Light that it offers its plea to New Jersey State Governor Chris Christie to oppose the seismic air gun blasting off the coast of New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, all Ocean County Municipalities, and the Honorable Governor Chris Christie.

DATED: AUGUST 13, 2014

MOTION: SHARPLESS SECOND: MIKULETZKY

VOTE: AYES: SPARK, SHARPLESS, WELLINGTON, REYNOLDS, MIKULETZKY, WARR

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

RESOLUTION 14-099

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
REFUNDING LIT SESSION # 2**

WHEREAS, the fee for the use of Barnegat Light's LIT program is \$100.00 for one session and an additional \$75 for the second if the child is participating in both sessions; and

WHEREAS, a participant has registered for both sessions and cannot attend the second session.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that \$75.00 should be refunded to:
Maria Palma
7543 Andover Way
Hudson, OH 44236

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Treasurer will issue this check.

DATED: AUGUST 13, 2014

MOTION: SPARK

SECOND: REYNOLDS

VOTE:

AYES: SPARK, SHARPLESS, WELLINGTON, REYNOLDS, MIKULETZKY, WARR

NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE

RESOLUTION 14-100

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF MUNICIPAL BILLS
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,478,979.52**

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the Borough of Barnegat Light has examined the vouchers presented for payment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the approved vouchers amounting to \$1,478,979.52 be authorized to be paid upon verification of the Treasurer that there is sufficient money in the appropriated accounts, subject to adequate signatures and funding.

DATED: AUGUST 13, 2014

MOTION: WARR

SECOND: SHARPLESS

VOTE:

**AYES: SPARK, SHARPLESS, WELLINGTON, REYNOLDS, MIKULETZKY,
WARR**

NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE

RESOLUTION 2014-101

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY
OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
REFUNDING CERTAIN TENNIS COURT FEES**

WHEREAS, the Barnegat Light Tennis Courts were recently redone and as a result there was a period that people who had already paid for a certain type of pass could not play; and

WHEREAS, most of the people involved were able to reschedule; and

WHEREAS, two of the parties was not able to play any other time and have requested a refund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Sue Fitzsimmons is to receive a refund of \$12.50.
2. Cornelius Fitzsimmons is to receive a refund of \$12.50.

DATED: AUGUST 13, 2014

MOTION: SPARK

SECOND: REYNOLDS

VOTE: AYES: SPARK, SHARPLESS, WELLINGTON, REYNOLDS, MIKULETZKY, WARR

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2014-005

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF WEST 11th STREET AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND APPROPRIATING \$250,000.00 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$237,500.00 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT TO FINANCE THE SAME.

The Clerk read the above by title and number and the Mayor asked for a motion to introduce on first reading and publish according to law. Reynolds so moved, seconded by Warr and carried by all.

MOTION: REYNOLDS

SECOND: WARR

VOTE: AYES: SPARK, SHARPLESS, WELLINGTON, REYNOLDS, MIKULETZKY, WARR

NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE:

Gail said that Wildflowers is having their dog show today from 3:30 to 5:30pm today and the request did not reach a meeting to ask to have the Street closed. Gail said she called the Police and let them know. Cricket is in the hospital. Request from 25th Street neighbors for the closing of West 25th Street for their 5th Annual Block Party. On a motion by Reynolds, seconded by Warr and carried by all permission was granted. Thank you from the Southern Ocean Chamber of Commerce for our donation of \$100.00. Request from Kip Wasilewski asking to shield the Street light in front of his property at 20th and Bayview. Sharpless moved to ok, seconded by Mikuletzky and carried by all.

THERE WAS NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL SO ON A MOTION BY WELLINGTON THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

APPROVED: _____

**_____
GAIL J. WETMORE
MUNICIPAL CLERK**