

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: SHARPLESS, WELLINGTON, MIKULETZKY, REYNOLDS

ABSENT: SPARK, WARR

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

The Mayor asked if anyone had anything for caucus. Dottie said the beach train is in and needs to be put together. She does not want to spend the money to put it together. Mayor Larson said the public works are going to put it together. Mayor mentioned a letter he received from the Taxpayer's Association. Everyone had the letter. Mayor said he wants to talk about the Regional School System. The way we pay for the school through taxes. They want to put it on a referendum like Cape May did. The Mayor said his feeling is that Gagliardi has been working on this for at least 10 years minimum and it has not gone anywhere. The judge said they can't do it. Mayor said before he can comment on any of that he needs to know more about what is going on. Terry Brady said the school funding formula has been set by the state for a very long time. He said there is more to it. For instance schools borrow money and for instance when towns pull out there is money that was borrowed when all where in the regional district. What happens now? When a regional school district borrows money part of the issue is the ability to pay. The lenders are not going to be happy. When towns leave the district that really impairs what was in place when the loan was granted in the first place. That is just one of the criteria that state government will apply to the situation. Towns can't just jump in and out of school districts. Mayor said if you only have 10 students you don't have enough to build a school anyway. It would cost a fortune to build your own school. It would cost a lot more than \$150,000 per student to build a school. Terry said what some towns have done is become a sending district. They pay per student. Some school districts have special facilities for Special Ed kids. Not every school has the full range of services. A school district could possibly go into bankruptcy if a town pulls out who pays say 30% of the money. In 1957 or 58 Stafford Township was the place to go buy cheap land. They could not afford to build a school on LBI. There should be some sort of fairness built into the system and not just saying that's what you pay - oh well! There is lots of talk in changing state law. Even with a referendum it may or may not be approved. Dottie said it is the formula that people are not happy with - they do not want to pull out. Mayor wonders if this Gagliardi guy is going to take our money, take us to referendum, we lose. The State Commissioner of Education makes the final decision. He is not the Commissioner of Taxes. Mayor said the Taxpayer's Associations are pushing for this. Mayor said are we going to put a penny in the tax rate to fight for 10 years. Terry said every taxpayer association can they themselves fun it if they think it is worthwhile. Funding litigation is not an easy thing to do. Dottie said North Haledon was partially racial and can't be compared to our situation. Dottie thinks you need the loss in order to go the next step. Mayor said he still wants to see what happens in Cape May before committing to anything and spending one dime. Just by throwing money at an attorney doesn't make sense. Fairness has nothing to do with it said Terry when

Dottie said it is not really fair. Ed Wellington asked how about attacking representation. In our case there are 2 school members for the island. If we had more reps we would have some control over all that money. If you want to change that you have to get the majority who are in it now to change it. That is not an easy thing to do. Terry said he is not saying that is a bad idea. Frank said you can forget about winning the referendum because all the towns involved must vote for it. You can forget about Stafford Township. It is a legal decision. When you spend money do you want to see a result said Terry? If you want to spend the money to make the point fine. Again the mayor said why not watch and see what happens in Cape May and Lower Township. Let them spend the money and see how far they get before we throw money. Our budget is tight. Ed Wellington said he is not ready to do it. Mayor said we already know Seaside Park lost. He wants to see a town win. If the commissioner allows one of the towns to go there is an avalanche waiting to happen. There has to be a different funding formula before anything is going to change. Terry said if there was an easy way out or even a hard way out he knows about a dozen towns that would spend a million dollars just to get it done. The point simply is if it was even hard to win cases it would be something worth pursuing. Terry said he doesn't want to see spending money for no results. Dottie thought the League of Municipalities should be focusing on to try and get the state to do something. Mayor said our expenses are very low. We are very lucky. Stafford Township is living on the edge every day. Mayor said the Association wants him to talk about it on Saturday. Scott said this is true of all resort areas everywhere. If you are going to have a second and third home you are going to be paying taxes. He said he is kind of a unique situation here where he lives in Barnegat Light and his taxes aren't half bad and he is going to be sending kids to the school district. He said he pays almost the same that he pays here for a one bedroom condo in Vermont. Breckenridge is actually more. 70% of it goes to the school district. Mayor said if anyone want to speak on this they can do so when we open to the public. It is gaining ground in Long Beach Township and Harvey Cedars. On a motion by Reynolds, seconded by Mikuletzky and carried by all there was a 2 minute break in the meeting.

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: SHARPLESS, WELLINGTON, MIKULETZKY, REYNOLDS

ABSENT: SPARK AND WARR

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 June 11, 2014 regular meeting. On a motion by Sharpless, seconded by Mikuletzky the minutes were approved.

MOTION: SHARPLESS

SECOND: MIKULETZKY

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

NAYS: NONE ABSENT: SPARK AND WARR ABSTAIN: NONE

BUILDING AND ZONING REPORTS FOR JUNE:

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

MOTION: REYNOLDS

SECOND: MIKULETZKY

VOTE: AYES: SHARPLESS, WELLINGTON, REYNOLDS, MIKULETZKY

NAYS: NONE ABSENT: SPARK AND WARR ABSTAIN: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WATER/SEWER: Michael Spark was absent so the Mayor asked that the water/sewer report be made a part of the minutes.

PUBLIC WORKS: Scott Sharpless said Public Works has been busy getting ready for the summer. They are toiling away at anything and everything that they can get their hands on. Beach Olympics are tomorrow with registration at 9:30am on 24th Street. Start at 10:00am K -6th grade. He said they had a long debate on whether it means you are graduating or going into the grade level. Monday there is a concert at the Gazebo at 8th and Bayview. It is the Lighthouse band. Hope everyone can make it out. The fourth of July Parade was a pretty big success on Saturday. We had upwards of 200 people. Kids had a good time and it was sunny and nice. He said he didn't know if it would be that way on Monday.

DOCKS AND HARBORS: Ed Wellington said we are running ahead still.

BEACHES AND PARKS: Dottie Reynolds said our beaches opened on June 14 and she read from the lifeguard report on rescues. She said last Friday a young boy was swept out on a rip tide and there were 3 guards who went after them and they called the Fire Co. water rescue team who went out on their Jet Ski to pull him in. That was an actual save - he was really heading out to sea. The Volunteer Fire Co. also has a rescue team that train and are on duty all year. They are also credited with the Lifeguards with the save at 15th Street. They train every Thursday night.

Beach badge fees - we are finally in the black. \$4,077.00 ahead. We have excellent Beach Badge Checkers this year out on the beach and of course the Booth Workers. Tennis we have a \$73.00 gain. She said she is disappointed that the courts have not been resurfaced as promised. Part of the problem is the bad weather and the Company fell behind. The Skate Park we have earned \$114.00 and the dog park has the pictures hanging. The children's playground also has art work. The beach train is in but needs to be put together. She hopes everyone is enjoying the beach.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Frank Mikuletzky said there is not a lot going on this month other than water rescues. The police received a pedestrian safety grant for \$28,000 from the division of Highway and Traffic Safety. The Grant will be used for the Township and Barnegat Light. Megan Keller is going to be attending the BLTP meeting to give a presentation on the police department. The only other thing he knows is there is a scam now about easy pass. It is coming in on your internet. If you happen to receive one do not open it. Disregard it. Call EZ Pass and tell them about it. It's all over the State. It will mess up your computer if you open it up. Fire Company is having their Fresh Fish Feast this Saturday. \$25.00 for anyone. Get their early - avoid the lines. Mayor

said somebody stole 4 cones from the corner of Eight Street. Mayor also said Eddie has nine of them over there now.

FINANCE: George Warr was absent.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

On a motion by Reynolds, seconded by Wellington and carried by all the public session was opened. Julia Fenwick and her Mother came to ask for advice on getting her mom to the beach. They live on 19th Street and have been there over 30 years. Her mom suffered a stroke about 5 years ago at the age of 59. They have been very lucky and grateful that BL has provided the handicap beach wheels. However she said she is not always here and it is hard for her mom to find someone reliable to push her down to the beach. You can get over the path relatively easily but once you are in the soft sand it does take some effort to get through the sand to the hard sand where she can walk on the beach. Her dad has been doing most of the work. He is going to be 65 and his knee is punking out on him and he is just worried about not being able to get her down or getting her down and not being able to get her back. The safety of it. The path on 19th Street is great but it is a little narrow and getting warped. There are the handicap accesses on 9th as well as 29th. They are not happy with either of them. They are thinking of getting a cart of some sort that her mom could drive down to 9th and drive down to 19th Street. They need approval to access the beach. She showed pictures. They are looking for some kind of solution. There are also motorized beach wheels but they are not comfortable. Mayor said we do not want people driving on the beach. Could you adjust the path at 19th Street? She said her mom has a disabled license not a sticker. Scott suggested 22nd Street. The lifeguards access the beach there. It is a wide path where you can drive a vehicle. Frank Mikuletzky said they should test something on our beach before buying one. He said the Fire Co. has tried all kinds of equipment and they won't go through the sand. A golf cart would not do it said Frank. The First Aide Squad bought a cart but it does not work. They said they will check out 22nd Street. Mayor said our walkways are 4 foot wide. Gail said that they have been pretty lucky so far and have had one of our beach wheels every weekend. We can't always guarantee that because many people need them. Mary Ellen Foley asked about the Lifeguards picking her up? No was the answer. Maybe we can do something with Block Grant money. Walkways are really expensive. Mayor mentioned a law suit and the fact that if we put another boardwalk in it has to go all the way to the ocean. Sarah Lambert was interested in what Terry was saying about school districts and has a couple questions. The Taxpayer's Association did an analogy some time ago. Barnegat Light has something like 27 students. She thought she heard Kirk say we had about 10 going. Kirk said no - 30 something. If Barnegat Light got down to 0 students it would make no difference. We are still obligated to pay whatever. The other one is the issue of if a boro got out of a district and there were bond obligations seems to Sarah they would somehow still be obligated to pay their share of the bond. Terry said the state formula is when you are in that's it. The point Terry tried to make was it is just more than just the students. Where would we send our kids if us and all the island pulled out. Steve Donato said he still wanted the Mayor to speak and summarize this at the meeting of the Taxpayer's. Mayor Larson said he would. Mayor also said parents whose kids go there love the school. There being no further comment, on a motion by Reynolds, seconded by Mikuletzky and carried by all the public session was closed.

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 2014-004

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF EAST 8th STREET AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND APPROPRIATING \$150,000.00 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$142,500.00 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 announced it is time to consider same for passage on second reading according to law. Reynolds moved to open public hearing, seconded by Wellington and carried by all. Dave Bossi asked about the two culverts that were left over from 5th Street and are by the mini golf. Can they be used for the next street? On a motion by Sharpless, seconded by Reynolds and carried by all the public hearing was closed. Reynolds moved to adopt, seconded by Mikuletzky and carried by all.

MOTION: REYNOLDS

SECOND: MIKULETZKY

VOTE: AYES: SHARPLESS, WELLINGTON, REYNOLDS, MIKULETZKY

NAYS: NONE ABSENT: WARR AND SPARK ABSTAIN: NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 14-093

**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:

Andrew Caldwell \$470.00/wk as of 6/23/14

DATED: JULY 9, 2014

MOTION: REYNOLDS

SECOND: WELLINGTON

VOTE: AYES: SHARPLESS, WELLINGTON, REYNOLDS, MIKULETZKY

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SPARK AND WARR ABSTAIN: NONE

RESOLUTION 14-094

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF MUNICIPAL BILLS
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$515,577.33**

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 \$515,577.33 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: JULY 9, 2014

MOTION: MIKKULETZKY

SECOND: SHARPLESS

VOTE:

AYES: SHARPLESS, WELLINGTON, REYNOLDS, MIKULETZKY

NAYS: NONE ABSENT: SPARK AND WARR ABSTAIN: NONE

RESOLUTION 14-095

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
ACCEPTING APPLICATION OF LARSON PUSKAS FISHERIES EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP
TO HOLD RAFFLES IN THE BOROUGH ON JULY 14, 2014 AND WAIVING FEE PAYABLE
TO BOROUGH FOR SAME**

WHEREAS, Larson Puskas Fisheries Educational Partnership has made application to conduct raffles in accordance with the Act and Rules and Regulations of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission; and

WHEREAS, there is satisfactory proof that the prizes are of the nature and amount allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NJAC 13:47-4.3, fees payable by law, upon findings and determination of the governing body of the Borough of Barnegat Light; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Barnegat Light that upon acceptance of said application to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission, the application fee for license payable to the Borough of Barnegat Light be and is hereby waived.

DATED: JULY 14, 2014

MOTION: REYNOLDS

SECOND: MIKULETZKY

VOTE: AYES: SHARPLESS, WELLINGTON, REYNOLDS, MIKULETZKY

NAYS: NONE ABSENT: SPARK AND WARR ABSTAIN: NONE

Mayor Larson asked if anyone had anything they wanted to put on referendum. He said he had thought of putting the Coast Guard Property on but the more he thought of it thinks the judgment of the Council and the Mayor and the Open Lands Committee is enough to decide what we are going to do. Dottie asked if we heard anything on that Seismic Testing - Mayor said they are almost done. It started the day after the rally. Mayor said the Governor got the wrong judge. Judges get assigned.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

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

APPROVED: _____

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GAIL J. WETMORE
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

