

**REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
May 13, 2020**

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 NJ Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board in Borough Hall and was published in the Asbury Park Press and the Beach Haven Times, both newspapers are designated by Mayor and Council to receive such notice. He said that notice of the Zoom meeting was published in the Asbury Park Press on May 6, 2020.

ROLL CALL: Spark, Wellington, Alloway, Reynolds, Foley, and Mikuletzky

Also present: Mayor Larson, Terry Brady, Stuart McGowan, Sponge Washburn, Kathleen Flanagan, Brian Logan, and Brenda Kuhn

Discussion: Councilwoman Reynolds requested to extend the sale of preseason beach badges to June 12th.

Councilwoman Foley said that there was a million more gallons of water used since the coronavirus hit. She said that the meter handout was being postponed due to the inability to go into homes during the pandemic. Mayor Larson suggested that we hand out the meters to owners that were putting them into pits. Councilwoman Foley said that she would have an announcement regarding the meters at the next meeting.

Mayor Larson discussed the request from Debbi Meyer for an additional fitness class. He said that he thought one was enough and with the restrictions we didn't even know if there would be any.

The next topic was the beach tram. The Mayor didn't know if it would be running for this season because of social distancing.

Mayor Larson said that there was a request to have the 35 mph speed limit on Bayview Avenue lowered to 25. He said that the county had a study done and they were not going to do it.

Outside seating at the local restaurants was the next thing discussed. He said that an application would be planned that the restaurants would have to submit and approval would be needed from various departments.

The Mayor mentioned that he was the Emergency Management Coordinator and we will not be closing our beaches.

Councilman Wellington said that there was some negative feedback on the material for the surface of the pickleball courts. He said that this feedback surprised him. He said he would do more investigation on the product and we could delay until next season.

Councilwoman Reynolds raised the concern regarding benches inside the courts. She thought that it was dangerous and Councilman Wellington said he thought they were put in at the request of the players. She said the JIF was coming to inspect all of the parks.

Mayor Larson asked for a motion to close the Caucus. On a motion by Foley seconded by Spark and carried by all the Caucus Meeting was closed.

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. He stated that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the NJ Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board in Borough Hall and was published in the Asbury Park Press and the Beach Haven Times, both newspapers are designated by Mayor and Council to receive such notice. He said that notice of the Zoom meeting was published in the Asbury Park Press on May 6, 2020.

The Municipal Clerk stated that the meeting was being recorded and that a written copy would be available in the Clerk's office.

ROLL CALL: Spark, Wellington, Alloway, Reynolds, Foley, and Mikuletzky

Also present: Mayor Larson, Terry Brady, Stuart McGowan, Sponge Washburn, Kathleen Flanagan, Brian Logan, and Brenda Kuhn

APPROVE MINUTES: Mayor Larson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of April 8, 2020 regular meeting.

Larson	Moved	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Spark	X		X			
Wellington			X			
Alloway			X			
Reynolds			X			
Foley		X	X			
Mikuletzky			X			

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mayor Larson asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Larson	Moved	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Spark	X		X			
Wellington		X	X			
Alloway			X			

Reynolds			X			
Foley			X			
Mikuletzky			X			

BUILDING AND ZONING REPORT: Mayor Larson asked for a motion to approve the Building and Zoning Report.

Larson	Moved	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Spark			X			
Wellington			X			
Alloway			X			
Reynolds	X		X			
Foley			X			
Mikuletzky		X	X			

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Mikuletzky reported that the traffic lights would be on soon and the speed limit was already lowered. He said that people were coming into town quick. He also reported that the state park was going to pave the parking lot at the lighthouse and it wouldn't be open until Memorial Day.

WATER/SEWER: Councilwoman Foley said that the spring hydrant flushing had been completed and that an antenna was installed on our water tower and it was ready for the electrical and programming. She also reported that two hydrants were replaced and there was a water break on Central which was fixed by the DPW staff. The Councilwoman reported that East 23rd Street would be paved curb to curb in one to two weeks. She said that we were postponing the handing out of water meters due to the COVID-19 because we couldn't go inside homes to inspect at this time. She said possibly meters being installed in pits could be done sooner. There would be discussion and she would have more information at the next meeting.

BEACHES AND PARKS: Councilwoman Reynolds reported that beach badge sales were down by \$30,000 and the revenue for paw passes was down \$500. She said that there was only one pair of Piping Plovers and they were in the nesting area.

Docks and Harbors: Councilman Alloway said that there was one more boat slip available. He said we needed fish and good weather.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Wellington said that DPW was very active in town. He said along with the regular maintenance the stone was raked at the tennis courts, a 6x6 walkway was made at the dog park, the bay beach was graded at 24th & 25th and new stones were put down. He said that the shrubs were cut back at beach entrances, new stones were put down at post office, the slab for the new lifeguard storage building was completed and the foundation for the Lightship Barnegat bell stand was finished. The Councilman said that new, better nets were installed at the pickleball courts. He said that DPW was cleaning up the debris that washes up from the boat that ran into the jetty and the pavilion restroom construction was making progress.

FINANCE: Councilman Spark said the big ticket item on the bill list was the Regional School Tax at \$156,727. He said that there would be an open public meeting for the 2020 Municipal Budget.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION: Mayor Larson asked for a motion to open the open public session. There was a motion by Spark and carried by all.

Nancy Manookian, 14 E 10th St, inquired about the protocol for the beach badge checkers. Councilwoman Reynolds explained that we were using VIPLY for badge sales but the checkers would also be doing cash sales. Jim Peavy, 26 W 7th St., thanked Mayor and Council for everything they were doing in town and suggested that they consider not allowing loud speakers at the pavilion events. Dick Manookian, 14 E. 10th Street, asked about inside meter installation and Councilwoman Foley said to wait a month or two until we figure everything out. Tim Brindley, 1404 Central Ave, stated that the town looks great and was concerned if the schools would ever fill up again. He also mentioned that he goes to the bay beach each night for the sunset and the stones look great. Melinda Decker, said it was really good news about the parking lot at the state park because parking has been a "circus". She hoped that the parking and restrooms would be open for Memorial Day. Kathleen Clark, 2702 Bayview Ave., wanted to know why the county doesn't want to lower the speed limit on Bayview and Councilwoman Reynolds said that if the 35 mph speed limit was enforced it would be fine. William Chnelich, 5 W 27th Street, asked if the Bayview speed limit survey was done in the summer or the winter. Connie Higgins, 10 E 11th Street, asked if masks would be required on the beach. Councilman Mikuletzky said that he could see people using a mask while on the walkway and then remove them and the Mayor said that we would go by the Governor's guidelines. Megan Schlosser, 9 E 11th Street, said that there was a lot of debris from the wrecked boat and offered to help with the cleanup. Stuart McGowan said that everyday more debris gets washed up due to the change of wind and tides. He said we would clean everything up from the street ends. Linda Zambito, 2506 Baview Ave., asked when the lifeguards would be on duty. Councilwoman Reynolds said June 13th. Don Carlson, 18 E. 15th Street, asked if 15th and 16th Street beaches would be raked. The council explained that we do not rake our beaches because leaving them natural helps to build up the beaches. He was also told that due to the Piping Plovers nesting season our activity on the beaches is shut down.

CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION: Mayor Larson asked for a motion to close the open public session. There was a motion by Wellington and carried by all.

RESOLUTIONS:

The Clerk said that the resolutions 2020-079-2020-087 would be done by consent agenda with the exception of 2020-085 which was the second reading of the 2020 Municipal Budget. She read each resolution by title and then recorded the votes as follows:

Larson	Moved	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Spark			X			
Sharpless			X			
Foley			X			
Reynolds	X		X			
Wellington		X	X			
Mikuletzky			X			

RESOLUTION 2020-079

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A REFUND FOR A RECREATIONAL USE APPLICATION

WHEREAS, Michael Masefski applied to have a wedding ceremony at the Bay Breeze Park Pavilion on May 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the application was submitted with the \$50.00 application fee; and

WHEREAS, the application was approved by Borough Council on May 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Michael Masefski paid the \$200.00 permit fee and the \$500.00 security deposit; and

WHEREAS, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Masefski has requested a refund of a monies paid; and

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

1. That the Finance Department is authorized to refund the application fee, the permit fee and the security deposit in the amount of \$750.00
2. Certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Barnegat Light Finance Department and to the Recreation Use File
3. That the check be made payable and sent to:

Michael Masefski
93 Smokey Rock Road
Bailey, CO 80421

RESOLUTION 2020-80

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR PAVILION RESTROOM PLUMBING SERVICES TO KEVIN J. SCHUBIGER PLUMBING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,500.00.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light duly advertised for the receipt of bids for plumbing services for the Pavilion restrooms building; and

WHEREAS, on the date set for the receipt of bids, December 5, 2019, formal bids were received by the Borough as follows: No bids

WHEREAS, on the second date set for the receipt of bids, January 20, 2020, formal bids were received by the Borough as follows: No bids

WHEREAS, according to NJSA 40A:11-5(3), a contract which exceeds the bid threshold may be negotiated and awarded by resolution of the 2/3rds vote of the fully authorized membership of the governing body without further advertising for bids if bids have advertised on 2 occasions and no bids were received on both occasions in response to the advertisements; provided that the specifications in the negotiated contract are not substantially different from those where were advertised; and

WHEREAS, in April 2020, the Borough solicited written price quotes, received by the Borough as follows:

Kevin J. Schubiger Plumbing	\$26,500
Montana Mechanical	Did not submit

WHEREAS, said price quotations were solicited by the Borough Superintendent and have been reviewed by the Borough Purchasing Agent and Borough Engineer, and it has been determined that Kevin J. Schubiger Plumbing submitted the lowest price quotation in accordance with the Borough's specifications, said bid being in the amount of \$ 26,500; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light to award a contract for plumbing services for the Pavilion restrooms building to Kevin J. Schubiger Plumbing, who submitted the lowest price quotation for the same.

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. That the Mayor & Borough Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light do hereby award a contract for plumbing services for the Pavilion restrooms building to Kevin J. Schubiger Plumbing at the price of \$26,500.00.

2. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Kevin J. Schubiger Plumbing for said project, said agreement to be in conformance with bid specifications and price quotation submitted by Kevin J. Schubiger Plumbing.

3. That a certificate of availability of funds executed by the Chief Financial Officer is annexed hereto. The following line item appropriations or ordinances constitute the availability of funds for this contract:

Barnegat Light Bond Ordinance 2019-03

4. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Kevin J. Schubiger Plumbing, the Borough Superintendent of Public Works, the Chief Financial Officer and the Borough Engineer.

RESOLUTION 2020-081

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR A POLE BARN STRUCTURE FOR THE STORAGE OF BEACH PATROL EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, The Borough of Barnegat Light has a need to acquire a pole barn for the storage of beach patrol equipment area as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, in March 2020, the Borough solicited written price quotes, received by the Borough as follows:

SPICA Steel, Inc.	\$29,345.11
Crest Construction	\$31,692.36

WHEREAS, said price quotations were solicited by the Borough Superintendent and have been reviewed by the Borough Purchasing Agent, and it has been determined SPICA Steel, Inc. submitted the lowest price quotation in accordance with the Borough's specifications, said bid being in the amount of \$29,345.11; and WHEREAS, SPICA Steel, Inc has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that SPICA Steel, Inc. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Barnegat Light in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit SPICA Steel, Inc. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and 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. That the Mayor & Borough Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light do hereby enter into a contract with SPICA Steel, Inc for a pole barn structure for the storage of beach patrol equipment in the amount of \$29,345.11.
2. That the Business Disclosure Entity Certification be placed on file with this resolution
3. That a certificate of availability of funds executed by the Chief Financial Officer is annexed hereto as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4. The following line item appropriations or ordinances constitute the availability of funds for this contract:
Public Buildings & Grounds OE
4. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to SPICA Steel, Inc, the Borough Superintendent of Public Works, the Chief Financial Officer and the Purchasing Agent.

RESOLUTION 2020-082

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE BUDGET BEING READ BY TITLE ONLY AT THE TIME OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing a complete copy of the approved budget as advertised has been posted in the Borough Hall and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requiring them; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, that the conditions have been met therefore the budget shall be read by title only at the time of the public hearing.

RESOLUTION 2020-083

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, EMPLOYING A CONSTRUCTION WORKER-ELECTRICIAN

WHEREAS, there exists a need for an electrician on a temporary basis; and WHEREAS, Ordinance 2020-08 allows for the hiring of Electricians; and NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Barnegat Light that the following person is employed, with the title and compensation as listed below:

Electrician	Stephen Scott	\$100.00 per hour
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RESOLUTION 2020-084

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF MUNICIPAL BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$646,644.52

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 \$646,644.52 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.

RESOLUTION 2020-086

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, EMPLOYING SEASONAL WORKERS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light is in need of seasonal employees for the 2020 season; and
WHEREAS, the following people are employed as noted with the compensation listed below:
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Barnegat Light approves the list of seasonal employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following Borough employees are actively employed by the Borough of Barnegat Light and shall receive the amount specified and set forth below:

Beach Badge Checkers

Klase Britton	\$12.00	hr.
James Fastenau	\$12.00	hr.
John Fastenau	\$12.00	hr.
Sarah Fastenau	\$12.00	hr.

Booth Attendants

Kay Giberson	\$16.00	hr.
William Tomlinson	\$10.30	hr.

Tram Drivers

Al DiAntonio	\$16.25	hr.
Reginald (Curt) Kane	\$15.75	hr.
Marc Peimer	\$15.25	hr.

Dock Master

Ed Kenny	\$14.25	hr.
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Dock Ramp Attendants

Stanley Madsen	\$11.50	hr.
Rafael Martinez	\$10.30	hr.
Merrill Thim	\$10.30	hr.

RESOLUTION 2020-087

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SETTING THE 2020 SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light that the following rates of compensation shall be within the scale of limits set forth in Section I of Salary Ordinances 08-03, 09-02, 10-09, 10-10, 12-11, 16-02 and 2020-2020-08; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following Borough employees are actively employed by the Borough of Barnegat Light and shall receive the amount specified and set forth below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>2020</u>
Kirk O. Larson	Mayor	4,000.00
Michael Spark	Council President	2,800.00
Samuel Alloway	Councilperson	2,500.00
Dorothy Reynolds	Councilperson	2,500.00

Edwin Wellington	Councilperson	2,500.00
Frank Mikuletzky	Councilperson	2,500.00
Mary Ellen Foley	Councilperson	2,500.00
Ashley Darmon	Assistant Treasurer	81,200.00
Brenda Kuhn	Municipal Clerk	76,805.30
Brenda Kuhn	Tax Collector/Water/Sewer	64,357.85
Kathy Guerrero	Deputy Municipal Clerk/Tax Clerk	73,400.52
Kathy Guerrero	Recycling Coordinator	3,000.00
Elaine Tollison	Administrative Clerk/Tax Clerk	54,308.11
Elaine Tollison	Planning Board Secretary	3,000.00
Elaine Tollison	Open Space Secretary	1,000.00
Elaine Tollison	Zoning Board Secretary	2,000.00
Elaine Tollison	Recreation Coordinator	1,500.00
Kathleen Flanagan	Chief Financial Officer	32,240.46
Kathleen Flanagan	Payroll Clerk	5,000.00
Bernard Haney	Tax Assessor	19,709.01
Maureen Daniels	Court Administrator	7,465.96
James Liguori	Municipal Court Judge	6,874.15
Stuart McGowan	Supt. Water/Sewer	57,500.00
Stuart McGowan	Supt. Public Works	57,500.00
Albert Morison	Assistant Supt. Water/Sewer	41,412.00
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Jeffrey Washburn	Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement	35.53 hr

2020 Municipal Budget:

Public Hearing.

The CFO said that the budget reflected a ½ cent increase or \$39.68 on an average home valued at \$793,500. She said that it was hard work to get it down to that rate increase. She said that the Covid-19 had some impact on some line items.

Brian Logan, Auditor, said that last year the municipal rate was .226 and this year it will be .231. He said that this increase is asking the taxpayers to come up with an additional \$46,696 to support the municipal portion of the budget. He stated that it has undergone review by the state and was approved.

Larson	Moved	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Spark	X		X			
Sharpless			X			
Foley			X			
Reynolds		X	X			
Wellington			X			
Mikuletzky			X			

Brian Logan read the resolution 2020-085 amounts from sheets 41 and 42 of the budget and there was a motion to adopt by Spark, seconded by Reynolds. The clerk recorded the unanimous votes to approve.

