

**REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JANUARY 13, 2021**

THE CAUCUS MEETING of the Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Larson at 4:30pm. Mayor Larson said 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 on January 16, 2020, both newspapers are designated by Mayor and Council to receive such notice. This meeting is being conducted remotely by electronic means, during the COVID-19 State of Emergency and State of Public Health Emergency, as provided by NJSA 10:4-9.3 & 52:27D-18.11. The change from an in person meeting to a ZOOM meeting was posted in the Asbury Park Press on December 17, 2020, posted in the Post Office and on the mailbox outside of the Municipal Building. Log in information was posted on the Borough website.

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

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

Discussion: There was a discussion about the tram and setting the amount that we should charge if the public wanted to use it for weddings, etc. Mayor Larson said that it should cover the cost of overtime for DPW, the wear and tear on the tractor and tram and fuel. The CFO said that she would do a full calculation which would include soft costs.

The next topic of discussion was Tiki tours that Jeff Kline at Van’s Boats wanted to offer. The attorney, Terry Brady said that Mr. Kline should submit his proposed operation in writing and come before the full council for discussion at a meeting.

Council President, Michael Spark said that we should have a Budget Workshop on a Tuesday or Thursday, via Zoom.

Mayor Larson began a discussion about windfarms and the effects on commercial and recreational fishing.

Mayor Larson asked for a motion to close the Caucus. On a motion by Foley, seconded by Reynolds 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. Mayor Larson said 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 on January 16, 2020, both newspapers are designated by Mayor and Council to receive such notice. This meeting is being conducted remotely by electronic means, during the COVID-19 State of Emergency and State of Public Health Emergency, as provided by NJSA 10:4-9.3 & 52:27D-18.11. The change from an in person meeting to a ZOOM meeting was posted in the Asbury Park Press on December 17, 2020, posted in the Post Office and on the mailbox outside of the Municipal Building. Log in information was posted on the Borough website.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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, Sponge Washburn, Stuart McGowan, Kathleen Flanagan and Brenda Kuhn

APPROVE MINUTES: Mayor Larson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of December 9, 2020 regular meeting.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Spark said that we finished the year. He reported on the bills that were paid and he mentioned the budget workshop again.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Wellington said that DPW continued beach cleanup and Stuart graded the trails. He said that DPW helped with the whale on the beach. He said the lifeguard house would be moved on Monday and that the courtroom was done. He added that the technical work would begin tomorrow. He stated that all the Christmas decorations were down and the water was shut off at the ramps.

DOCKS AND HARBORS: Councilman Alloway said he didn't have anything. He said they already talked about Jeff Kline's request.

BEACHES AND PARKS: Councilwoman Reynolds reported on the beach badge sales and she added that we sold a lot more holiday badges for 2021. She also reported on the dog park passes. She said that she would suggest improvements to the children's playground.

WATER/SEWER: Councilwoman Foley reported that there was an upgrade to the monitoring of the wells and sewer system. She said that the employees could access them remotely. She also talked about the treatment plant upgrades. She said that over 600 accounts had been activated and there were approximately 22 meters left to hand out and that most of those were either empty lots or under construction.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Mikuletzky said that he would like to make the court report a part of the meeting minutes. He reported that the court took in \$1446.65, the Borough kept \$762.50 and Fish & Game received \$ 525.00. He warned everyone not to leave their keys in their cars because the Township has had a lot of car break ins and theft. He added, stay safe.

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

Jeff Kline, Van's Boats, talked about his proposal to add Tiki Barges to his business. He said the boat would be decorated, they would go out for 2-3 hour tour and he would provide a captain. He said that he would just update one of the pontoons that he already owned. He would start with just one. The Mayor and council said it was fine with them.

Nancy Manookian, talked about the COVID vaccine. She said there is a State website to register, appointments were being made at the LBI health Dept. and they were administering them in Surf City at the Fire House.

Dick Feehan, said that you could get the vaccine at Shoprite. He said you had to sign up at Shoprite.com.

Michael Gulotta, 14 East 29th Street, asked if you could go to the Health Department.

Nate Kirby, 25 West 9th Street, talked about a car from Pennsylvania that drove on the beach and got stuck. He asked if we could put a sign up to let people know that they couldn't drive on the beach in Barnegat Light. Councilwoman Reynolds said that it was a good idea and Councilman Wellington suggested a chain. Sponge Washburn said it wouldn't bother the Fire Company to have the chain.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

The clerk said that the resolution 2021-044 through 2021-046 would be done by consent agenda. She read each resolution by title and then recorded the votes as follows:

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

RESOLUTION 2021-044

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AS SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG BEACH FOR THE PROVISION OF POLICE SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Shared Services Act, NJSA 40A:65-1 et. seq. authorizes two or more municipalities to enter into a Shared Services agreement for the provision of certain governmental services; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of P.L. 1973, c. 208(C.40:8A-4) has been amended and approved a Chapter 356, on January 5, 1996 to authorize that such agreements can be adopted by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light has requested the Township of Long Beach to provide Police services; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in public interest for the Borough of Barnegat Light to execute such an agreement with the Township of Long Beach for the Police Services in accordance to the terms set forth in the said agreement for the term January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Long Beach for Police Services, a copy of which is attached hereto, in accordance with the provision of the law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect January 1, 2021.

RESOLUTION 2021-045

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR THE LEASING OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PROPERTY (SPACE FOR CELL ANTENNA CONTROL PANEL).

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light owns certain properties as set forth on the Notice To Bidders attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference; and the Mayor and Borough Council have determined that these properties are not needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14 provides that a municipality may lease any lands or buildings or portions thereof not presently needed for public use to the person who will pay the highest rent therefor; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has set a certain price as being the minimum acceptable bid for the leasing of said property, as set forth on the Notice To Bidders attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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 properties set forth on the attached Notice To Bidders shall be offered for a lease term commensurate with the cell antenna leases for water tower space at public auction to the highest bidder thereon. The minimum bid that shall be accepted shall be as set forth on the Notice To Bidders in regard to said lease. The lease auction shall take place at the time, date and place set forth in the published Notice to Bidders. The proposed Lease forms are attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.
2. That the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light reserve the right to reject any and all bids on said properties.
3. That a notice of said lease auction shall be published in the official newspaper of the municipality by two (2) insertions, at least once a week during two consecutive weeks, the last publication to be not earlier than seven (7) days prior to such auction.

RESOLUTION 2021-046

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF MUNICIPAL BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,553,582.01

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 \$1,553,582.01 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.

ORDINANCES:

INTRODUCTION:

First Reading:

The Clerk read Ordinance 2021-01 by title and recorded the votes.

ORDINANCE OF THE BOUROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

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

INTRODUCTION:

First Reading:

The Clerk read Ordinance 2021-02 by title.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE BOROUGH CODE TO INCREASE THE 4TH, 7TH & 16TH STREET WEEKLY USE PERMIT FEE.

No votes were recorded. The Mayor and Council decided that this ordinance should be discussed more thoroughly before voting on it.

INTRODUCTION:

First Reading:

The Clerk read Ordinance 2021-03 by title and recorded the votes.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 167 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED “STORMWATER CONTROL,” TO REVISE ARTICLE I, ENTITLED “STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS AND CONTROLS.”

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Mayor Larson asked for a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Spark, seconded by Alloway and carried by all, the Meeting of the Borough Council was closed.

APPROVED:

KIRK O. LARSON, MAYOR

BRENDA L. KUHN, MUNICIPAL CLERK