

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING BARNEGAT LIGHT NOVEMBER 16, 2011

THE SPECIAL MEETING of the Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Larson at 6:00PM at the Borough Hall, on 10 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, November 10, 2011 and by transmitting a copy of the notice to the Beach Haven Times and Asbury Park Press, newspapers designated by Mayor and Council on January 7, 2011, to receive such notice, and by filing a copy of the notice with the Borough Clerk on, November 10, 2011.

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

ABSENT: BOSSI

ALSO PRESENT: GAIL WETMORE, MAYOR LARSON, AND KATHY FLANAGAN, CFO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE CLERK stated the minutes of the meeting are being recorded and will be on file in the office of the clerk.

Kathy Flanagan gave everyone budget sheets on certain line items. She mentioned she will be asking for some transfers at the next meeting. She spoke to Brian yesterday and did not know Mike Spark would be here today. We have a healthy surplus - but do you want to raise rates. Mike said that Joan said we should do something and it should have been tonight. He wondered where it was. Gail said Joan was waiting to hear back from him. He said he will talk to Joan again. The OCUA bill will be increased by about \$50,000.00. Mike said we over budgeted last year just for this reason. Kat said Health benefits are increasing and we are adding more to them. More members on council are accepting benefits. You might want to decide if you want to offer benefits vs. salary.

Increase in clerk O and E to take care of Kathy G classes. O and E increased in Finance to take care of Jaimie's classes. We won't need the \$5000.00 that went to Bill Antonides to help in the transition in the CFO office. She needs to know about the Tax Collector position. She hadn't heard from Bernie. It is an ongoing project for Bernie to have money in his budget for his assistant. Zoning was discussed next. Construction Official was next. Emergency Management salary was next. Streets and Roads should be increased due to possibility of snow storms. Contract is up for trash at the end of 12. Recycling is a set stipend. O and E is ok too.

General liability is OK. Employee group health is up. We can only budget exactly what it would be after the employee contributions. Board of Health could possibly be taken out of the budget. We don't have our own board any more. Animal control services we got mighty close in 2010. Gail said every other town that uses Stafford Animal Control lets Stafford put the traps out. No one knows why we do it the way we do. We will not do it anymore. We give aide to St. Francis and the hospital. Parks and Playgrounds was next. Ed Sulecki said we may replace fence each year at the dog park. The fence was from the Jetty Project and not in great shape when we got it. Ed thinks we should do a section each year. Lifeguards did an excellent job keeping within their budget this year. Scott Caffrey did a good job. Dottie said more guards stayed later this year. Dottie said there may be 5 senior guards not coming back. We can't count on this. O and E was close in 2011. Mayor said we will get a free truck to use each summer from now on. Mike is concerned about the O and E.

Jaimie said when you get to public buildings and grounds that involves repairs of their house. Dottie said someone will do the basic maintenance if we buy the material. Kat said you must check with Frank before doing anything big in the house. Ed said he is concerned with the roof and the floor. Mayor said if it gets to

be a headache it has to go. Dottie said we should look for a tear down house. Mayor said it would be too costly. \$20,000 to reroof the whole thing. Beach front needs more money for next year. Ed said wood for walkways, poles, etc. We left it at 20. We should get FEMA money back next year sometime. Scott asked for \$15,000 for 2012. Kat put \$16,000 in. O and E, he said we are not going to build any new ramps next year. It was decided to pub \$3,000.00. Celebrations, Scott said we are doing great with the concerts. He would like to have the \$500.00 from the environmental commission that no longer exists and put it in the Celebration line. Gail said we could ask for donations now that we have good entertainment. George Warr said he gets great feedback on the concerts. Scott said there are at least 200 people at every concert. Utilities were next. There is a company out here that can beat our current fees. Scott mentioned clean energy grants and asked Gail to look into them. It would be great to get solar panels at least on the ones that have Christmas Lights. The Snowflakes will be up for Thanksgiving. Ed bought all the clear lights Home Depot had. Telephone is down thanks to Mike Spark. There is one more delivery of gasoline before the end of the year. Kat said there are many splits that she doesn't understand. Unemployment Insurance - we still have some people on it. Compensated absence was discussed next. Mike asked why Kat was proposing \$20,000. Others may be retiring next year. Mike said it could still be \$10,000. Kat said you should have to retire to get a pay out. All agreed. We have an on going labor issue. We have to budget money per Terry Brady. We are having a hard time getting figures from Beach Haven for Construction. Kat will call them tomorrow. They got a 2% increase. Municipal Court was next. Election Day was discussed and we will be doing it different next year.

Mayor discussed the Ordinance that will be coming up regarding 16th Street and the use of the street end. We are going to have to charge for the use. Mayor originally said \$500.00 a week but now he thinks \$250.00. One person is using it 365 days a year. Mike asked what would happen if someone else wants to use it. They both could use it. Right now it is a mess. Mike said it has to state that his permit can't preclude others from using same. Ed said public works needs a lift so they can do repairs in house on the vehicles. He also wants a plow for the front end loader. Also the roof on the octagon building is needed. The Gazebo ramp and stage will be about \$3500.00. The roof in well 4 is needed. The painting of this building is needed. The other building needs to be steam cleaned.

Kat said a copy machine is needed for the other building. There is money in Frank's budget. Dottie spoke of the walkway program. She did not think people would want to pay more than the \$138.00. The town would pay the balance. Dottie doesn't know why nobody wants to spend money on walkways. How do you budget for this the Mayor wanted to know. There was much discussion on this. Dottie said the small sections are much better wood. The 29th Street ramp is not in good condition anymore. Gail said we can apply for block grant. We may be able to find people to donate beach wheels to us. Dottie said we had 60 donations for walkway sections this year. Mike said maybe \$175.00 would go. Frank asked why not \$200.00. All the people who donated are looking for their name to be on something. Dottie said Paul at the State Park would be willing to do some wood burning of names. Scott had one more thing - he wanted to talk about materials for the electric. George said we should not do it until the spring. Scott said Arlene was thinking of doing a fund raiser - like a dinner.

There being no other business on a motion by Reynolds the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED: _____

**GAIL J. WETMORE
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

