

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
September 13, 2023

THE CAUCUS MEETING of the Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Larson at 4:30pm at the Barnegat Light Borough Hall, 10 East 7th Street, Barnegat Light, NJ. 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 Beach Haven Times on January 19, 2023, both newspapers designated by Mayor and Council to receive such notice.

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

Also present: Mayor Larson, Terry Brady, Sponge Washburn, Michele Inman and Kathy Guerrero

Discussion: Mayor Larson asked Councilman Wellington to talk about the playground. He said it was late notice, but he received information about the new playground equipment for the Bay Beach, it is between \$25,000 and \$30,000. He distributed a picture of the piece of equipment for all to see. As discussed at the last meeting the Borough could get a grant for \$62,000 to \$65,000 for recreational/playground use and they had previously committed to getting new equipment for the Bay Beach. He stated the piece of equipment also included a climbing wall, and said it was smaller than it appeared in the picture. It is 9' front to back and there is room to put it 6' back from the bulkhead, the swings will stay and the sand is adequate, no other ground cover is needed. Concrete forms will be needed to hold the foundation which is included in the price and will be done by professional installers. Permission was asked to move ahead, the grant will cover everything and more. Last month he talked about the dog park and upgrading the batting cage. Also new nets are needed for the tennis and pickleball courts along with other recreational stuff that can and should be purchased which could be done with the remainder of the grant money. Mayor Larson asked if there were any loopholes to the grant. Councilman Wellington said Stuart called Frank Little who inquired and the State has grant money so he applied. Councilwoman Reynolds said she agreed, would accepting the grant tie our hands down the road. Wellington said he did not believe so, Frank is pretty good, but he would ask him. Terry Brady said procedurally all grant money has to be placed in the budget, chapter 159 or dedication by rider, to get the money from an account into the budget so when the money is spent there is a line-item appropriation in the budget. Michele Inman said it would have to be added to the budget. Terry Brady said the second thing is if it is over the bid threshold, they would have to go out to bid, Wellington said it is State funded.

Mayor Larson said he wanted to move on to the Dog Park, the little dog park. He said that Cece had an idea, have little dog park passes and big dog park passes, so the big dogs do not go in with the little dogs and there would be no questions. Councilwoman Foley stated that she knows four or five residents who have little dogs who want to go in with the big dogs. There was some discussion and it was agreed to let it be unless there is a complaint, which would be addressed at the time. Councilman Wellington asked Terry Brady to amend the current dog park ordinance to raise the price for the out-of-town fee to \$100. He asked if there was anything else in the ordinance that needed to be changed. Terry said he would have the whole ordinance at the next meeting to go over for first reading.

Councilman Wellington asked Terry Brady about the properties between 9th and 10th St. (referring to Seaview), he was supposed to look into them after the last meeting. Terry said he did and he sent a memo to Brenda, he found the deeds and got copies of them, which he attached to the email. The easement is a private easement, not a right of way. The easement can be used for the second house, for access to their property, but not as a road to go through to the other side. It is clear that it is private and the limitation is within the right of the property owner. Ed clarified, if people want to continue to use the access, they would have to contact the owner. Terry said he would redistribute the email that he had sent out. Sponge Washburn said he also sent it to him and it is what they thought, it is private. Councilwoman Foley asked if that meant that they could technically put up a fence and Terry said if a fence was put up and the owner of interior lot 2 cannot access his property, his easement rights would be violated. Terry said the only way they could put up a fence would be to also have a gate, Sponge said that would not work because there would be no access for emergency vehicles. MaryEllen said that the one owner is parking a vehicle so people do not walk through, is that problematic? Sponge said definitely and they also have to maintain the 20' so emergency services are not delayed.

Mayor Larson said the lifeguards had a save while patrolling the beach the day before. He said we should put up a sign to say beaches are closed, closed to swimming because the conditions are going to get worse over the weekend.

Councilman Mikuletzky asked if they wanted to talk about the ballpark. Mayor Larson said he spoke to Councilman Wellington about it earlier and most of the kids in town are between three and six years-old, not of age to use the field. The outside fence is going and the original baseball field was not designed properly to begin with, maybe it can be talked about at a later date when some of the kids get a little bigger.

Councilman Spark said he and Councilwoman Foley sat down with Kathleen Flanagan the day before, she would like the council as a whole to work on budgetary items and salaries before the end of the year. Mayor Larson spoke about the fishing season and asked if the ramp is breaking even. Maybe just have someone working in the summer and only weekends in the spring and fall.

Mayor Larson asked for a motion to close the Caucus. On a motion by Spark, seconded by Wellington 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 Borough Hall, 10 East 7th Street, Barnegat Light, NJ. He stated that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in

accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board in Borough Hall and was advertised in the Asbury Park Press and Beach Haven Times on January 19, 2023

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, Kathy Guerrero, Sponge Washburn, and Michele Inman

APPROVE MINUTES: Mayor Larson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of August, 9 2023 regular meeting

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Mikuletzky reported as follows:

- Make the court report a part of the meeting minutes
- Reported on the revenue from the court, \$7481.81, Barnegat Light got \$1456.50
- Mayor Larson added that the bike rodeo was a success
- Be aware, people are still crossing the roads without looking, especially when it gets dark

WATER/SEWER: Councilwoman Foley reported as follows:

- West 8th St. has been set for new drainage next year
- West 23rd St. & West 27th St. will be paved in November
- Finally, the water tower will be getting cleaned in October

BEACHES AND PARKS: Councilwoman Reynolds reported as follows:

- Brought in \$215,500 in beach badge revenue, and an additional \$19,000 from Vibly for a total of \$234,215, increase of almost \$20,000 from last year.
- The dog park brought in over \$8000, \$90 less than last year
- Pickleball brought in over \$9000, \$1000 more than last year
- The town did well on all of the recreational revenues
- Lifeguard Report- there were 35 rescues last month, the most were on 25th St., followed by 22nd & 30th St., the guards did a good job. Also, two lost 13 year-olds and one dislocated hip
- The Mayor asked if dogs were allowed on the beach on Friday, no it is September 30th
- There is going to be a fundraiser on Tuesday at 6:00PM at the Sea Shell in Beach Haven, "The True Cost of Wind Turbines" by Save LBI

DOCKS AND HARBORS: Councilman Alloway reported as follows:

- Ramp is \$500 ahead of last year at this same time, \$24,629
- The committee has to meet over the winter about the kayaks, DPW took 20 kayaks and 17 are still there
- Mayor Larson- all the recreational revenue is from out of town, we are not looking to make money, it is just a service, but it is nice to make a little money to offset the cost.
- Councilman Spark- nobody is using the kayaks, just using it as boat storage. There is nothing in the ordinance to charge people to pick up their kayaks that have been removed.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Wellington reported as follows:

- Purchased a hedgehog, used once or twice on 13th St., it does a great job. It will be used next year to clear out some of the beach entrances.
- New steps were built at the Municipal docks up to the bulkhead as the old ones were rotting
- Mats are being taken off of the beaches because of the expected hurricane winds over the weekend

- With the exception of a few, the lifeguard stands and the storage boxes have been taken off of the beach
- The new beach badge office is complete, just waiting for electric
- The beaches were cleaned after the hightides about a week ago
- The parking lots by the pickleball area where the handicap parking was added has been graded
- Construction at the dog park should start next week
- Mayor Larson added, the park at the pavilion was immaculate for every concert
- Councilman Wellington added- as part of the dog park project, they are going to build a 40' long by 6' high plastic wall on the east side of the batting cage and put a lacrosse net and a soccer net there, this will be another public recreation area

FINANCE: Councilman Spark reported as follows:

- The bills this month were \$719,968.83, the two biggest were the regional and local schools

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION: Mayor Larson asked for a motion to open the open public session.

Motion: Wellington Second: Spark All in favor X

Tim Brindley, 1404 Bayview Avenue, said the Fire Co. had a party over the weekend, they came up with the amount of money that was raised at their annual auction, about \$40,000. It was said that it is the most that they have ever raised. The Mayor asked what the tram ride went for, Councilwoman Foley said it was \$1800.

Connie Higgins, 10 East 11th St., suggested that it be put in the budget to pay all of the instructors that teach the free classes at the pavilion. They all do a wonderful job. Councilwomen Foley and Reynolds agreed that it should be discussed. They would need to be set up as vendors.

Rich Brodman, 4 East 10th St., spoke on behalf of the BLTA. They had a townwide clean-up the previous Saturday and they had 35 volunteers. The town was in pretty good condition, the bulk of the items were picked up from East 14th St. The last general meeting of the BLTA is set for September 23rd at 9:30AM at the pavilion with one speaker who will talk about the history of the fishing industry and another to talk about postal scams. Also, on September 30th they are going to do the showing of the movie Drift in the evening at the pavilion, sponsored by BLTA and the taxpayers' associations of High Bar Harbor and Harvey Cedars. It should start around 7:15 and it is about one hour and 20 minutes long. It is a documentary of the history of Barnegat Bay.

Linda Zambito, 2506 Bayview Avenue, asked if the kayaks are allowed in the area south of the boat ramp. Yes, it is an allocated area with a chain.

CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION: Mayor Larson asked for a motion to close the open public session.

Motion: Wellington Second: Spark All in favor X

RESOLUTIONS:

The Mayor asked if anyone had a problem with going through all of the resolutions, no. The Deputy Clerk said that the resolutions 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		X			
Alloway			X			
Reynolds			X			
Foley			X			
Mikuletzky			X			

RESOLUTION 2023-085

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AN ADJUSTMENT OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES WEEKLY COMPENSATION AND RETROACTIVE PAY OF SAME

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light employed lifeguards for summer 2023; and

WHEREAS, years of service was used for the rate of compensation, and

WHEREAS, the years of service was not correct for certain employees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Barnegat Light that:

1. The CFO shall adjust the salaries of certain employees.
2. The employees shall be paid retroactively for the season.
3. A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the CFO.

Hannah Balla	\$18.00	Caroline Pley	\$16.50
Christian DiAntonio	\$20.64	John Joseph Salamy	\$16.50
Jacklyn R. Narleski	\$17.50	Gavin Schulze	\$16.50
Julie A. Narleski	\$16.50	Theodore Slahetka	\$19.00
Kathryn L. Naughton	\$16.50	Stephen C. Walsh	\$17.50
Kady R. Patterson	\$18.00		
Laura T. Patterson	\$18.64		

RESOLUTION 2023-086

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A BACKHOE AND FRONT-END LOADER THROUGH THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light (“Borough”) is a party to a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing System, a cooperative purchasing program organized pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law authorizes a municipality to acquire goods and services through a duly formed cooperative purchasing system without advertising for bids; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is in need of purchasing heavy equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing System has awarded a contract to Jesco, for the acquisition of backhoe and front-end loader; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Barnegat Light has certified that the adequate funds for such contracts are available, and are designated to line item appropriation of the official budget no. C-04-55-802-927 and C-04-55-011-141. A copy of the said certification is attached hereto and made part hereof and the finds to be expended herein are assigned to line item no. C-04-55-802-927 and C-04-55-011-141. A copy of the resolution and certification shall be certified by the Municipal Clerk

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, and in accordance with the foregoing Recitals, which are incorporated herein by reference, that the purchase of a backhoe and front-end loader pursuant to contract no. 0104876 and 011723-JDC be and is hereby ratified.

RESOLUTION 2023-087

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF MUNICIPAL BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$719,968.83

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 **\$719,968.83** authorized to be paid upon verification of the Treasurer that there is sufficient money in the appropriated accounts, subject to adequate signatures and funding.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence on the agenda

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Mayor Larson asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Alloway Second: Foley All in Favor X

APPROVED:

KIRK O. LARSON, MAYOR

KATHY J. GUERRERO,
DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK