

**REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**February 14, 2024**

THE CAUCUS MEETING of the Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Larson at 4:30pm at the at the Barnegat Light Borough Hall, 10 East 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ROLL CALL:** Spark, Wellington, Gutowski was absent, Reynolds, Foley was absent and Mikuletzky  
**Also present:** Mayor Larson, Terry Brady, Sponge Washburn, Michele Inman and Brenda Kuhn

**Discussion:**

The kayak area was discussed. Raising or lowering price of registration, stickers and enforcement were some of the topics. Councilman Spark said most of the people don't use their kayaks, it was just a place to park them. Councilman Spark said that the registration was good because we would have contact information. Councilman Gutowski said that he was going to have a committee meeting to come up with ideas for how to proceed with the kayak area.

The Kubel's deck improvements inspired a discussion on the parking issue on West 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Mayor Larson said it could be a dangerous situation during concerts at the pavilion.

Councilman Mikuletzky brought up the Police contract. He said it was a 3-year contract with a 3% increase. He said that it's expensive but it would cost a lot more to have our own force.

Kathleen Flangan arrived at 4:45pm. She wanted to discuss the Corrective Action Report. She said there were 3 findings in the 2022 Annual Audit. She explained each item. She asked if there were any question about the Cap Bank Ordinance.

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 7<sup>th</sup> 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, Gutowski was absent, Reynolds, Foley was absent and Mikuletzky  
**Also present:** Mayor Larson, Terry Brady, Sponge Washburn, Michele Inman and Brenda Kuhn

**APPROVE MINUTES:** Mayor Larson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of January 10, 2024 Regular meeting.

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

**APPROVE MINUTES:** Mayor Larson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of January 26, 2024

Special Meeting

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

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			
Gutowski						X
Reynolds			X			
Foley	X		X			
Mikuletzky			X			

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Mikuletzky reported as follows:

- The court brought in \$1,971.50. Traffic fines \$502, criminal fines \$1304, Fish & game \$1500 and the Borough kept \$43.50

WATER/SEWER Councilwoman Foley reported as follows:

- One hydrant was installed this week and another is scheduled for tomorrow
- Hydrants will be flushed next month
- There was an emergency replacement of a valve
- There will be painting of the pipes and well houses to meet OSHA standards

BEACHES AND PARKS: Councilwoman Reynolds reported as follows:

- Beach badge revenue is \$9,800 which is up from last year
- Dog park revenue is \$480 which is down from last year
- There are cracks in the pickleball courts-will be fixed by the middle of April
- Asked to get another estimate on a windbreak for the pickleball courts
- There will be a Beaches and Parks committee meeting as soon as it can be scheduled

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Wellington reported as follows:

- Plows were installed for snow removal, just in case
- Regular maintenance on vehicles to prepare for summer
- Backstop in front of the batting cage was completed and painted

- Heat was installed in the pole barn that is shared with the Fire Company
- New LED light will be installed at the Post Office
- A new trail was cut and graded from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to the mast on the beach
- Handicap spots were repainted in most of the public areas

FINANCE: Councilman Spark reported as follows:

- Approved \$1,666,000 in municipal bills
- The big bills were the first quarter for Ocean County and Southern Regional HS

DOCKS AND HARBORS: Councilman Gutowski was absent.

MAYOR LARSON said that, Maria Scandale passed away. He said she wrote for the Sandpaper for many years and never wrote a bad word about Barnegat Light. He added that we will really miss her.

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

Motion: Spark                      Second: Reynolds                      All in favor

Tim Brindley, 1404 Bayview Avenue, said that there was an estate sale at 3 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and he thought it would be East 3<sup>rd</sup>. The mayor said it was west of Central Avenue.

Tracey Cameron, 13 W 5<sup>th</sup> Street, said she wanted to follow up on last months discussion regarding the beach boardwalks. She talked to Rich Brodman, Barnegat Light Taxpayers Association, and he would like to help form an Advisory Committee. On another topic, she asked if the kayaks left could be sold at the yard sale in May. The mayor said no. he added maybe the owners of the kayaks could write their name on them.

Tim Brindley, 1404 Bayview Avenue, said that he walks at Wells Mills and the County cuts back the trails every year to keep the overgrowth from coming in.

CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION: Councilman Spark asked for a motion to close the open public session.

Motion: Wellington                      Second: Reynolds                      All in favor X

RESOLUTIONS:

The mayor asked if anyone had issues with any of the resolution. Councilman Spark asked about the resolution regarding the Central Jersey Health Insurance Fund and the Clerk said it was for Delta Dental.

Councilwoman Foley asked about the resolution regarding the Recreation grant. The Clerk explained that the Borough applied last year and received a grant to purchase playground equipment for the bay beach and this year we were applying again. This time it would be for pavers and landscaping at the pavilion. Councilman Wellington asked if we could add something to the application to replace walkways on both sides of the ramp.

The clerk said that the resolution 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			
Wellington			X			
Gutowski					X	
Reynolds		X	X			
Foley	X		X			
Mikuletzky			X			

**ORDINANCES:**

**SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION:**

Ordinance 2024-01 was read by title and the Clerk.

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Larson asked for a motion to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2024-01

Motion: Spark Second: Reynolds All in favor X

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Larson asked for a motion to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2024-01

Motion: Spark Second: Reynolds All in favor X

ORDINANCE 2024-01

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			
Gutowski						X
Reynolds			X			
Foley			X			
Mikuletzky			X			

**FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION:**

ORDINANCE 2024-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND DETERMINING THE ANNUAL SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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

ORDINANCE 2024-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 67 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED "BOATING" TO REVISE THE PERSONAL WATERCRAFT AND BOAT RAMP FEES.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Zumba request from Judie Putt-approved  
Beach Bonfire request from Seth Dornisch  
Free skateboard clinic-request to use skatepark-approved  
1/8 Mile Fun Run-LBI Rotary Club-approved

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Mayor Larson asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Wellington    Second: Reynolds    All in Favor X

APPROVED:

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KIRK O. LARSON, MAYOR

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BRENDA L. KUHN, MUNICIPAL CLERK