

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
July 10, 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 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 February 1, 2024.

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

Also present: Mayor Larson, Terry Brady, Sponge Washburn, John Ross and Brenda Kuhn

Discussion:

There was discussion regarding affordable housing, accessory dwellings, the masterplan, hotels and multi-family housing. Two years ago, the Planning Board gave the Council a recommendation to help prevent the new construction of hotels and multifamily development. The council failed to act on this recommendation. The Zoning Officer brought up Mercantile license. He also talked about hurricane season. He said that we are supposed to get 4-7 major storms and 7-25 named storms. He urged everyone to prepare for the bad weather and possible evacuation. Councilwoman Reynolds talked about beach Blanket Bingo, a fundraiser to help fight the windfarm lawsuit.

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 February 1, 2024.

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, Reynolds, Foley and Mikuletzky

Also present: Mayor Larson, Terry Brady, Sponge Washburn, John Ross and Brenda Kuhn

APPROVE MINUTES: Mayor Larson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 12, 2024 Regular meeting.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Spark reported as follows:

- Approved bills in the amount of \$524,724.51

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Wellington reported as follows:

- Installed bay beach fencing
- Regular summer maintenance
- Working on the museum

- Finished LG Gator garage
- Renovation of Old Borough Hall will begin in next 2 weeks (windows & cedar shakes)

DOCKS AND HARBORS: Councilman Gutowski reported as follows:

- New gangway on north side is completed-south side in October
- Boat ramp revenue is up \$3650-price increase could be one factor
- Kayak revenue up \$890
- Going to get the employees to do a count on kayaks and catamarans
- Atlantic Shores project was approved by BOEM

BEACHES AND PARKS: Councilwoman Reynolds reported as follows:

- Beach badge revenue was up \$12,700
- John Ross, interim captain is at the meeting
- Bob Preston was also at the meeting to talk about Ocean Mile Swim & rip currents
- Paw Pass revenue down \$1,000
- Small dog park this year
- Pickleball revenue was down \$910
- Wind screens were installed and cracks in the court

WATER/SEWER Councilwoman Foley reported as follows:

- Going out to bid for water mains & paving for West 21st & 29th Streets
- Preparing to paint the water tower in 2025

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Mikuletzky reported as follows:

- May court report-brought in \$3,922.85
- June court report-brought in \$1616.71

Sponge Washburn said that he spoke with Dan Krupinski, LBI Health Department. He said that the ocean was better but there is a major problem with the bay beach. There's a lot of evidence of dogs being in that area. He urged everyone to not take your dogs to the bay beach and to pick up after them. He said it will end up in the bay and then we will have closures.

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

Motion: Spark Second: Gutowski All in favor X

Bob Preston, 22 West 4th Street, president of the Friends of BLBP and a volunteer with the Marine Mammal Stranding Center. He said that he created a trifold brochure for awareness of rip currents and has distributed them around town. This brochure focuses on how to spot a rip current and what to do if you get in one. he said the Ocean mile swim is going to be held on July 27th. it's back after not being held for two years. Registration began in May, currently 200 participants have registered and he expects that 150 more will sign up. He was concerned about the fundraising but it was successful and some of the money will go to scholarships for some of the guards.

John Ross introduced himself as interim Captain of the Beach Patrol and spoke about the makeup of the beach patrol and the intensive training that is provided to lifeguards.

Rich Brodman, 4 E 10th Street, on behalf of the BLTA, said there would be CPR and AED use demonstrations at the First Aid building on Saturday. On the 20th at the general meeting the speaker will be James Corbisiero, Commander of the US Coast Guard. He will be giving an update on what the Coast Guard does.

Taylor Thorn, Yaatree Bazaar, was at the meeting to speak about the Sunday events that were being held at her business and she was referred to the board.

Linda Gerber, 1702 Central Avenue, said that Operation Summer Santa will be on July 28th. Santa will be coming on a jet ski and then he will go through town and High Bar Harbor giving out goodie bags on a fire truck. She also said that the Auction will be held on August 3rd.

Connie Higgins, 10 E 11 Street, urge the council to consider paying the fitness instructors.

Diane Rama, 8 W 12th, said she had mobility issues and asked to have more mats on 12th Street.

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

Motion: Wellington Second: Gutowski All in favor X

RESOLUTIONS:

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	X			

RESOLUTION 2024-084

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

WHEREAS, Seth Dornisch, paid the \$500 security deposit for a recreational use permit; and WHEREAS, a request has been received to refund the security deposit.

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 security deposit in the amount of \$500.00.
2. Certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Barnegat Light Finance Department and to the Recreation Use File
3. That the checks shall be made payable and sent to:

Seth Dornisch
PO Box 213
Barnegat Light, NJ 08006-0213

RESOLUTION 2024-085

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 2024 season; and WHEREAS, the following is a complete list of 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.

Bassoline, Christopher	1	Lifeguard/EMT	16.25	.75
BEACH BADGES Allen, Kyle		Checker	\$15.75	

RESOLUTION 2024-086

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PLACE-TO-PLACE TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE NUMBER: 1501-33-003-008

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Place-to-Place Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 1501-33-003-008, heretofore issued to Barlight Corp, for the premises located at 7th and Bayview Avenue, Barnegat Light, New Jersey;

WHEREAS, Barlight Corp submitted an application that is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid;

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Barnegat Light Governing Body does hereby approve, effective July 10,2024, the Place-to-Place of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License to Barlight Corp and does hereby direct the Municipal Clerk to endorse the license.

RESOLUTION 2024-087

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF MUNICIPAL BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$524,724.51

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 \$524,724.51 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 2024-088

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, VIGOROUSLY OPPOSING THE INDUSTRIAL OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT

WHEREAS, Governor Phil Murphy continues to push for approval of two massive offshore wind turbine projects at the Jersey Shore (Atlantic Shore Offshore Wind and Offshore Wind 1, LLC) spanning more than 100,000 acres of undeveloped ocean adjacent to and which will be starkly visible from the public’s beaches and coastline (collectively “Industrial Offshore Wind Project”); and

WHEREAS, New Jersey’s Energy Master Plan is the result of only the governor’s executive orders and not a policy debated, examine, approved

WHEREAS, the facts set forth as below establish that the proposed Industrial Offshore Wind Project on public property will industrialize the Atlantic Ocean and New Jersey Shore (“Shore”) in exchange for extreme electricity rate hikes, significant damage to the environment and marine life, the degradation of

the Shore, significant job loss, devastation of the State's fishing and tourism industries, millions in lost State tax revenue, and enormous financial cost to the State's residents.

1. The Industrial Offshore Wind Project turbines include up to 300 massive wind turbine structures, each as high as the Eiffel Tower (1,000ft+) and almost as wide as tall (900ft+). The closest turbine structures will be located approximately 8.5 miles from the coast and clearly visible to residents and tourists who live or travel to the Shore for the environment, unspoiled views, and way of life. The turbines will be among the largest, tallest, and closest-to-a-coastline ever built. In 2006-08, when the areas were designated for offshore wind energy, proposed tower heights were approximately 200 to 400 feet, and rotor diameters were under 328 feet. By analogy, when the plan was hatched essentially 300 single-family houses were to be built at the Shore and it is now a proposal for a cityscape comprised of 300 immense and imposing skyscrapers.

2. An independent analysis concludes that the cost of the Industrial Offshore Wind Project will exceed \$100 billion and raise electric customer rates by 55% for residential customers, 70% for commercial customers, and 85% for industrial customers. For context, in 2024 wholesale power purchase prices are roughly \$55 dollars per megawatt-hour, whereas the Board of Public Utilities recently approved contracts for offshore wind with a price of \$144 per megawatt-hour. In addition, the costs associated with transmission upgrades to distribute the electricity are forecast to increase progressively from \$1 per megawatt-hour to roughly \$40 per megawatt-hour by 2047.

3. Studies establish that the Industrial Offshore Wind Project will convert a pristine public natural and economic resource into a mammoth industrial eyesore in exchange for a catastrophic loss in tourism revenue, jobs, and property values, and, therefore, will be a significant economic burden imposed upon all State residents. A 2024 study prepared by Tourism Economics, an Oxford Economics Company ("Oxford Report"), establishes that the Offshore Wind Project will cause losses for the Long Beach Island municipalities of approximately 835,000 annual visitors, \$450.2 million in tourism spending, a total economic impact (loss) of \$668.2 million, and a total loss of State and local tax revenue of \$80.3 million. Studies further show at least 25% of beachgoers would switch beaches to avoid the visual blight caused by the Industrial Offshore Wind Project. Moreover, as admitted by the federal government, the fishing industry will be diminished by the resultant navigational hazards, habitat conversion, fish aggregation, migration disturbances, and space-use conflicts.

4. Studies establish that the testing, construction, and operation of the Industrial Offshore Wind Project, though sold as green energy, has and will significantly damage the environment. There is little doubt it has and will continue to negatively impact the behavior of marine fish and mammals, including causing confusion, compelling them to swim ashore, and preventing them from diving and feeding (since the start of sonar surveying and seismic testing an unprecedented number of marine mammals have washed ashore and died). There is also no question it will cause significant environmental and wildlife damage onshore.

5. Studies support the conclusion that the Industrial Offshore Wind Project will not reduce global warming or CO2 emissions. In fact, Harvard University found that the installation of scores of wind turbines in concentrated areas will actually raise surface temperature, especially in the immediate area of the turbines. The Harvard researchers concluded, "[t]he direct climate impacts of wind power are instant, while the benefits of reduced emissions accumulate slowly. If your perspective is the next 10 years, wind power actually has – in some respects – more climate impact than coal or gas." Further, the Oxford Report establishes that offshore wind energy production is the most expensive form of renewable energy produced on a large-scale.

6. The Industrial Offshore Wind Project fails to include any ongoing funding for the ultimate removal/decommissioning and/or replacement of the turbines, which means at the end of their useful life the companies could decline to remove them and either go out of business or file for bankruptcy. The State's residents, therefore, will likely be forced to either live with over 200 decaying Eiffel Towers in their ocean off their Shore or pay the costs associated with removing them.

7. The sole conclusion is that the Industrial Offshore Wind Project is designed to be funded by all State residents and businesses, significantly higher electricity rates and significant loss of jobs and tax revenue, will cause environmental and wildlife devastation, will irreparably damage the tourism, fishing industries, and overall State economy in the form of higher overhead energy costs, will not produce actual green energy, and the State's residents will be left to pay for the removal of or live with the massive, decaying turbines. Indeed, if it is built, the State's residents will trade their priceless and pristine natural and hard-earned economic resources for a significantly higher cost of living and significantly lower quality of life and environment, and, incredibly, without the purported green energy benefits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body 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 Borough of Barnegat Light vigorously supports legitimate green and renewable energy projects, but vigorously opposes the non-green Industrial Offshore Wind Project due to its real and present threat to the health, environmental, and financial health, welfare, and safety of all State residents. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Barnegat Light Governing Body will petition the leaders in the state legislature to put a halt to all work on offshore wind projects and will ask the legislative leaders to empanel a body of lawmakers, energy experts, environmentalists and electric generation experts, consumers,

fisherman and other stakeholders to develop a practical, effective, long-term energy plan for New Jersey's future, and;

ALSO, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Barnegat Light Governing Body is encouraging all other municipal and county elected officials to examine the financial and environmental impact of the governor's wind turbine plan and its impact on homeowners and businesses, and to call on the state legislature to put a halt to ALL offshore wind projects until such time as an energy panel, described above is formed and develops a practical, effective, long-term energy plan for New Jersey's future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Senator Carmen F. Amato, Jr., State Assembly Representatives, Brian E. Rumpf and Gregory E. Myhre, Governor Murphy, and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Barnegat Light
Mayor and Council
July 8, 2024

Dear Mayor and Council,

Last year you extended the courtesy of waiving beach badges and Central Avenue parking for a few hours to accommodate the "Hands Across the Beach" event in July 2023, to bring awareness to the fight against offshore wind. Thank you again for that courtesy.

This year we are happy to be holding the "Second Annual "Hands Across the Beach" event on Sunday July 14 on 25th Street beach. Again, we are hoping that Council will extend those same courtesies for this event.

Our videographer will be returning for this event – last year's video was shared around the world, as we had one of the highest numbers of participants right here in Barnegat Light.

We invite everyone to participate in demonstrating our love for the ocean and our town.

Sincerely,
Melinda Decker
Jean Scult
Jennifer Guerino
Co-Organizers

CYCLE4AWARENESS
111 KENSINGTON DRIVE
SMITHVILLE, NJ 08205
609.709.8541

June 13, 2024

Borough of Barnegat Light
Town Clerk
10 B 7th Street
Barnegat Light, NJ 08006

Attn: Mayor & Town Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are respectfully requesting your approval for a charity bicycling ride thru your town to take place on September 29, 2024 from 9am to 2pm.

The bike ride will be starting in Barnegat Light to Holgate and returning back to Barnegat Light.

We are expecting 100 to 150 rides and the charity will be for a special needs child and their family.

Please let me know if this is acceptable, I can be reached at 609.709.8541, ask for Cathy Moeller.

If you need any further information please feel free to contact me.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Cathy Moeller
609.709.8541

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ARLENE MORRISON 1950@gmail.com
609-290-9112



Turn The Towns Teal®

A National Awareness Campaign for Ovarian Cancer

Dear Administrator:

Turn The Towns Teal® is a national campaign to create awareness of Ovarian Cancer, its often subtle symptoms and risk factors. Our ribbons are made in the USA, and our volunteers tie them primarily in town centers and provide stores, churches, health clubs, spas, libraries, etc. with symptom cards and information pertaining to Ovarian Cancer. We do this in September, which is National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Our volunteers - across the USA - put the ribbons up on or about September 1st and take them down no later than September 30th. This will be our 18th successful year of raising awareness and saving women's lives. Please do visit our website at www.turnthetownsteal.org to see our campaign at work.

We are pleased and proud of the fact that literally thousands of women, men and children across the USA "Tied" their towns and neighborhoods creating awareness of Ovarian Cancer.

There is **NO** early detection test for Ovarian Cancer which is why we **NEED** women and men to be aware of the known symptoms and risk factors. If detected in the early stages, the survival rate for Ovarian Cancer is 90 to 95%, which is why this awareness campaign is so very, very critical.

Thanks to the support of towns and cities like yours, we **KNOW** for a fact that women's lives **ARE** being saved through this campaign!

Your signature on the bottom of this letter will indicate your permission for our campaign. **Kindly return the signed letter back to the volunteer whose name and contact information is below.** If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email us at info@turnthetownsteal.org.

Most sincerely,

Jane MacNeil
President, Turn The Towns Teal

Borough of Barreget Light

MAYOR/TOWN OFFICIAL

TOWN/STATE

Please return the signed letter to the volunteer listed below. She/he is responsible for the campaign in your town.

ARLENE MORRISON
VOLUNTEER NAME

ARLENE MORRISON 1950@gmail.com
EMAIL/CONTACT #

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info@turnthetownsteal.org
www.turnthetownsteal.org

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Mayor Larson asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Wellington Second: Reynolds All in Favor X

APPROVED:

KIRK O. LARSON, MAYOR

BRENDA L. KUHN, MUNICIPAL CLERK