

**REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**October 9, 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 February 1, 2024.

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

**Also present:** Mayor Larson, Terry Brady and Brenda Kuhn

**Discussion:** The first topic that was discussed at the caucus meeting was false alarms. LBT recently adopted an ordinance that would provide the Township the ability to charge a violation fee for false fire alarms that exceed a certain number of alarms per calendar year. Councilman Mikuletzky said that he preferred it be a floating or rolling year. Apparently, there are many of these false alarms here in Barnegat Light. There are many reasons that the alarms go off and one example is dust created by contractors. The Council talked about introducing an ordinance for the false alarm fees that are more suited to Barnegat Light. The next topic was affordable housing. This was discussed in length at the September meeting. The Planning Board will discuss this at their next meeting and will come up with a recommendation to present to Council. The Mayor said there was a meeting in LBT. Tat the meeting they talked about the 14' rule changing to 9'. Councilman Spark said that there may be a new law which would require all construction to be 150' from the water.

Mayor Larson asked for a motion to close the Caucus. On a motion by Foley, seconded by Gutowski 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 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 and Brenda Kuhn

**APPROVE MINUTES:** Mayor Larson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of September 11, 2024 Regular meeting.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mayor Larson asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report.

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

**BUILDING AND ZONING REPORT:** Mayor Larson asked for a motion to approve the Building and Zoning Report.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Mikuletzky reported as follows:

- Fire Company had about 140 fire alarms, mostly false alarms
- 5 actual fires, some out of town, brush and trash can fires
- Try to get young people in town to get involved with the Fire Company.

- Definitely need drivers, can be trained in house
- It takes a lot to get certified due to the State mandates
- Was a member of the fire Co. for 66 ½ years
- Gave court report, Barnegat Light kept \$479.50 of the total collected
- Accident at 20<sup>th</sup> street, boat on its side and caused damage to a parked truck

**WATER/SEWER** Councilwoman Foley reported as follows:

- Lawn at Borough Hall looks bad
- Sewer pump station went down and DPW fixed it
- One of the wells went down and they quickly reset it

**BEACHES AND PARKS:** Councilwoman Reynolds reported as follows:

- Reviewed the revenue for beach badges, paw passes and pickleball-all were down from last year
- A temporary volleyball net was installed-Mayor Larson said he didn't think it was in the right place
- Wants to add an addition lifeguard gator for beach transport

**DOCKS AND HARBORS:** Councilman Gutowski reported as follows:

- Revenue from boat ramp and kayaks far surpassed docks payroll
- Flank pier was done on the north side-came out nice
- Contractor wants to do south side
- Season ending- kayak removal- guys will keep an eye on that, schedule now is weekends only
- Save LBI filed lawsuit against Atlantic Shores South project saying they are violating NJ Land Use Law
- October 1, 2024 BOEM approved, the Atlantic Shores South project, they could start at any time. Keep up the fight, this isn't over

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Wellington reported as follows:

- Still cutting grass
- Work at the Post Office continues, west side being shingled, windows are in and the back door ramp is being framed out
- Built a fence to protect a resident's fence at the ball field-plant something along the fence next season
- Mobi mat and rollups are put away

**FINANCE:** Councilman Spark reported as follows:

- Reviewed and approved bills in the amount of \$689,225
- Big ticket items include the regional and local schools and the police contract

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

Motion: Reynolds Second: Gutowski All in favor X

Connie Higgins, 10 E 11<sup>th</sup>, asked if the council would give a fire call report each month. She thought that the residents should know. She said that some of the boards on the 11<sup>th</sup> Street walkway are rotting.

Rich Brodman, 4 E 10<sup>th</sup>, BLTA will be hosting a walkway and town cleanup on October 26<sup>th</sup>. High Bar Harbor will be joining the effort. They will meet at the 29<sup>th</sup> St. porch. Afterward they will have refreshments and grabbers will be the party favors!

Antoninette Murphy, 1702 Central, reported that there were 400 First Aid calls to date. She said that there is one alarm that went off four days in a row that screams, "fire, fire, get out". She personally agrees with a fine for false alarms.

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

Motion: Reynolds Second: Wellington All in favor X

**PROCLAMATION:** National Friends of Libraries Week

Susan Lovell, a board member of Friends of the Island Library, along with the Librarian and branch manager of the LBI branch, Laurence Krupinski, thanked Mayor and Council for supporting the Proclamation for National Friends of Libraries Week. She said that Island Friends was created in 1959. In the 65 years it has grown and thrived due to the unfailing support of Local Government and the citizens of the five towns that it serves. The support is appreciated.

#### PROCLAMATION

##### National Friends of Libraries Week

Whereas, Friends of the Library raise money that enables our library to move from good to great -- providing the resources for additional programming, much needed equipment, support for children's summer reading, and special events throughout the year;

Whereas, the work of the Friends highlights, on an on-going basis, the fact that our library is the cornerstone of the community, providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past to present;

Whereas, the Friends understand the critical importance of well-funded libraries and advocate to ensure that our library gets the resources it needs to provide a wide variety of services to all ages including access to print and electronic materials, along with expert assistance in research, readers' advisory, and children's services;

Whereas, the Friends' gift of their time and commitment to the library sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Kirk O. Larson, Mayor, Borough of Barnegat Light, proclaims October 20-26, 2024, as Friends of Libraries week in Barnegat Light, New Jersey and urges everyone to join the Friends of the Library and thank them for all they do to make our library and community so much better.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

The Mayor explained Resolution 2024-108.

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:

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

RESOLUTION 2024-105

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

WHEREAS, Betty Lou Allen, 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 check shall be made payable and sent to:
 

Betty Lou Allen  
 142 Arnold Blvd.  
 High Bar Harbor, NJ 08008

RESOLUTION 2024-106

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

WHEREAS, Trevor Finch, 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:
 

Trevor Finch  
 603 Devon St.  
 Forked River, NJ 08731

RESOLUTION 2024-107

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF MUNICIPAL BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$689,225.13.

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 \$689,225.13 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 2024-108

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, EMPLOYING A TEMPORARY, PART TIME ASSESSOR CLERK

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a temporary part time Assessor's Clerk to work until the end of 2024; and  
WHEREAS, Ordinance 2024-02 allows for the hiring of an Assessor's Clerk; and  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Barnegat Light that Jim  
Robinson is employed, with title and compensation as listed below:

Assessor's Clerk            Jim Robinson            \$40.00 per hour

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Thank you letter from Judie Putt, Zumba instructor. The Clerk read the letter.

Dear Council Members and Staff,

I want to thank you for another season of Zumba Dance classes at the Pavilion from Spring through early  
Fall this year. It is a wonderful space for the residents and visitors to Barnegat Light to meet, make new  
friends and grow to love your township!

We had between 20 and 31 attendees per class this season, (even more than last year) so as you can see,  
they were appreciated and well attended.

Thank you so very much for approving the request for my class! I also appreciate and thank your helpful  
and competent staff that advertised the class on the post office sign and noted on your activity calendar.  
It was always posted and an accurate advertisement for the Barnegat Light classes at the Pavilion. I wish  
you all a happy and safe Fall and Winter ahead. Sincerely,            Judie Putt

**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