

BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT

Reorganization Meeting Minutes

January 07, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Wellington called the 2026 Reorganization meeting to order on January 7, 2026 at 10:00 am at the Borough Hall, 10 East 7th Street, Barnegat Light, New Jersey. He read the adequate notice.

Pledge of Allegiance

The clerk stated that the meeting was being recorded and a written copy would be available in the Clerk's office.

The Municipal Clerk administered the oaths of Office to James Gutowski and Barry Mescolotto.

The Mayor asked for nominations for Council President. Reynolds nominated Michael Spark for council president. There was a nomination and a second for Michael Spark. The Clerk did roll call and the all were in favor.

Mayor Wellington announced that the resolutions would be voted on by block. The first block was for ADOPTIONS/APPROVALS. He gave a little synopsis of each of the resolutions in that block and asked for a motion, second and roll call. The clerk recorded the votes.

RESOLUTION 2026-001

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SETTING THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF THE MEETINGS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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 all Meetings shall start at 4:30pm.
2. That all meetings shall be held at Borough Hall, 10 East 7th Street, Barnegat Light.
3. That the dates for the 2026 meetings shall be as follows.

January 14	May 13	September 9
February 11	June 10	October 14
March 11	July 8	November 11
April 8	August 12	December 9

4. That the Reorganization Meeting for 2027 shall be held on Wednesday, January 6, 2027 at 10:00am at Borough Hall, 10 E. 7th Street, Barnegat Light.

5. That the 1st Regular Meeting of 2027 shall be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2027 at 4:30pm at Borough Hall, 10 E. 7th Street, Barnegat Light.

The Governing Body may also call Special Meetings on 48 hours' notice, which shall state when and where it is to be held and the matters to be considered at the meeting. The Mayor and three (3) Council members, or in the absence of the Mayor, four (4) Council member shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

RESOLUTION 2026-002

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-19 provides for the making of temporary appropriations for the period January 1, 2026 to the adoption of the 2026 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to provide for the orderly method of paying claims during the period prior to the adoption of the 2026 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriations which do not exceed thirty-five percent (35.00%) of the 2025 appropriations exclusive of Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and Public Assistance, are hereby adopted as the 2026 Temporary Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following appropriations for interest and debt redemption charges are hereby adopted as the 2026 Temporary Debt Service Budget.

CURRENT FUND:	Salaries & Wages	Other Expenses
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:		
Mayor & Council	\$5,000.00	\$315.00
Municipal Clerk	\$32,500.00	\$5,000.00
Advertising		\$400.00
Financial Administration	\$22,500.00	\$4,500.00

Audit Services		\$5,000.00
Tax Collection	\$15,000.00	\$1,500.00
Tax Assessor	\$7,500.00	\$1,750.00
Legal Services		\$5,000.00
Engineering Services and Costs		\$4,750.00
Contribution to Chamber of Commerce		\$25.00
Land Use Administration:		
Planning Board	\$1,250.00	\$1,600.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	\$5,500.00	\$250.00
Insurance:		
Liability Insurance		\$25,000.00
Workers Compensation		\$12,500.00
Employee Group Insurance		\$60,000.00
Public Safety Functions:		
Emergency Management Services	\$1,000.00	\$750.00
Aid to Volunteer Fire Company		\$1,000.00
Aid to Volunteer Ambulance Company		\$1,000.00
Municipal Court	\$6,500.00	\$1,000.00
Public Defender		\$300.00
Municipal Prosecutor		\$1,000.00
Public Works Functions:		
Streets and Roads	\$30,000.00	\$3,500.00
Garbage and Trash Removal		\$80,000.00
Sanitary Landfill Fees		\$7,500.00
Recycling	\$1,250.00	\$500.00
Public Buildings and Grounds	\$17,500.00	\$10,000.00
Health and Human Services:		
Board of Health		\$650.00
Animal Control		\$3,750.00
Aid to Health Care Facility		\$250.00
Mental Health Program		\$25.00
Park and Recreation Functions:		
Contribution to Senior Citizen Center		\$400.00
Parks and Playgrounds	\$7,875.00	\$2,750.00
Lifeguards	\$7,500.00	\$6,000.00
Beachfront Maintenance	\$35,000.00	\$6,000.00
Public Docks	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00
Celebration of Public Events		\$2,500.00
Uniform Construction Code:		
Construction Code Official	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00
Utility Expenses:		
Electricity		\$11,000.00
Street Lighting		\$7,500.00
Telephone		\$5,500.00
Natural Gas		\$5,000.00
Gasoline		\$5,000.00
Statutory Expenditures:		

Contribution to Social Security	\$13,650.00
Contribution to PERS	\$69,500.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$1,000.00
DCRP	\$625.00

Shared Service Agreements:

Construction Code Services-Other Expenses	\$25,000.00
Police-Other Expenses	\$180,000.00
Board of Health-Other Expenses	\$10,000.00

L.O.S.A.P.

Fire Company	\$6,200.00
Ambulance Company	\$2,000.00

Capital Improvements

Capital Improvement Fund	\$12,500.00
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Totals

\$199,875	\$615,940
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Current Fund Operating Appropriations Grand Total

\$815,815

DEDICATED WATER & SEWER UTILITY

Salaries &
Wages

Other
Expenses

Operating:	\$175,000.00	\$250,000.00
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Statutory Expenditures:

Contribution to Social Security	\$15,000.00
Contribution to PERS	\$69,500.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$5,450.00

Totals

\$150,000.00	\$302,828.00
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Water/Sewer Operating Appropriations Grand Total

\$452,828.00

RESOLUTION 2026-003

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES FOR THE MONIES OF THE BOROUGH

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 provides that the Governing Body shall by resolution, passed by a majority vote of the full membership, designate depositories for its monies, having their places of business in this state or the New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the funds of the Borough of Barnegat Light shall be deposited in the following New Jersey Depositories for 2026: Bank of New York & Ocean First

RESOLUTION 2026-004

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT AND PROVIDING FOR THE POSTING OF LEGAL NOTICES ON THE BOROUGH'S OFFICIAL WEBSITE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW LAW

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Barnegat Light is required by law to designate one or more newspapers for the publication of legal notices and other official advertisements; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that the following newspapers meet the statutory requirements for designation as official newspapers:

The Atlantic City Press, Beach Haven Times, Asbury Park Press

WHEREAS, recent changes in State law permit or require municipalities to post legal notices on the municipality's official website as an alternative or supplement to newspaper publication; and
 WHEREAS, P.L. 2025, c. 72 requires that starting March 1, 2026, municipalities are required to publish their public notices on the municipal website, in compliance with P.L. 2025, c. 72 ;
 WHEREAS, all legal notices shall be available at <https://barnegatlight.org/public-notices/>; and
 WHEREAS, from January 1, 2026—to December 31, 2026, the Municipal Clerk shall post, not less than twice monthly, the link to the legal notices in a print publication; and
 WHEREAS, the governing body finds that posting legal notices on the Borough's official website promotes transparency, accessibility, and timely public notice;
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The following newspapers are hereby designated as the official newspapers required by law: Atlantic City Press, Beach Haven Times & Asbury Park Press
2. In accordance with applicable State law, all legal notices required or permitted to be published by the Borough shall also be posted on the Borough's official website at <https://barnegatlight.org/public-notices/>, for the duration and in the manner required by law.
3. The Borough Clerk or other authorized official is hereby directed to ensure that such legal notices are posted and maintained on the Borough's website in compliance with all statutory requirements.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

RESOLUTION 2026-005

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF CHECKS AND WITHDRAW SLIPS FOR THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey that the following Municipal Officials are hereby authorized to sign checks or withdrawal slips where a combination of three principal signatures are required for 2026.

Mayor, Finance Committee, Borough Clerk & Chief Financial Officer

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature cards with the signatures of the persons authorized to sign be forwarded to all Borough Depositories.

RESOLUTION 2026-006

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ORGANIZING COUNCIL MEMBERS INTO COMMITTEES DEEMED NECESSARY

BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with Resolution 87-95, adopted by a two-thirds majority of the Governing Body, in September 1987 that Council members shall organize into Committees deemed necessary. Each Committee shall have its own chairperson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following committees are formed for 2026:

	Chairperson	Member	Member
Finance	Spark	Foley	Gutowski
Water/Sewer	Foley	Spark	Mescolotto
Public Works	Gutowski	Mescolotto	Reynolds
Beaches & Parks	Reynolds	Gutowski	Saburn
Docks & Harbors	Saburn	Foley	Spark
Public Safety	Mescolotto	Reynolds	Saburn
Personnel	Spark	Saburn	Gutowski

RESOLUTION 2026-007

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS AND WATER\SEWER

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Barnegat Light set the rate of interest to be charged on delinquent water and sewer accounts and delinquent taxes at 8% per annum on the first \$1500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1500.00 and 6% to be collected against a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 on properties that fail to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year. A 10-day grace period shall be permitted as provided by NJSA 54:4-67.

RESOLUTION 2026-008

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REGARDING THE TAX ASSESSOR, REGARDING APPEALS FOR THE TAX YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, from time to time the Tax Assessor discovers an error in calculation, transposing, measurement, or typographical errors, in the tax assessments on the tax list after the time the County Board of Taxation has certified the tax rates for the tax year or a property becomes subject to a roll-back assessment, and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Taxing District of the Borough of Barnegat Light is desirous that every taxpayer pays his fair share of taxes; and

WHEREAS, if the above discovered errors are not corrected or a rollback assessment not applied, the taxpayers affected would not be paying their fair share of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the method for correcting such errors is to file a Petition of Appeal or complaint with the Ocean County Board of Taxation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the taxing District of the Borough of Barnegat Light, county of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the Tax Assessor or Municipal Attorney is hereby authorized to act as the agent for the taxing District during the year of 2026 and file a Petition of Appeal or Complaint with the Ocean County Board of Taxation to correct such assessment to the proper value and that a copy of any Petition of Appeal or Complaint filed with the Ocean County Board of Taxation under this Resolution be filed with the Municipal Clerk.
2. That the Tax Assessor or Municipal Attorney is hereby authorized to execute stipulations of settlement on any tax appeal or complaint filed by the taxing district or by a taxpayer in the tax year 2026.
3. That the Tax Assessor will deliver the list of tax appeals to the Chief Financial Officer and the Governing Body on or before June 1st each year.
4. That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the CFO, Tax Assessor, and the Ocean County Board of Taxation.

RESOLUTION 2026-009

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CONCERNING THE MANNER IN WHICH CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX OR WATER SEWER REFUNDS OR DELINQUENCIES ARE PROCESSED.

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 1981, concerning the manner in which certain property tax or water/sewer refunds or delinquencies are processed by municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Section 1 of P.L. 1983 C. 568 is amended so as to allow the governing Body of a municipality to adopt resolution authorizing the Tax/Utility Collector of a municipality, without further action on the part of the Governing Body, to cancel any tax or water/sewer refund or delinquency of less than \$3.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that section 1 of P.L. 1983, C.568 as amended provides the authorization for the Tax/Utility Collector to cancel any property tax or water/sewer refund or delinquency of less than \$3.00.

RESOLUTION 2026-010

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Barnegat Light to earn additional revenue through the investment and prudent management of its cash receipts; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 1983, Chapter 8, approved January 18, 1983 is an act concerning the Local Fiscal Affairs Law and amends N.J.S.A. 40A:5-2 and N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14; and

WHEREAS, this law requires that each local unit shall adopt a cash management plan,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following shall constitute the Cash Management Plan for the Borough of Barnegat Light and the Chief Financial Officer shall deposit and manage its funds pursuant to this plan:

Definitions

Chief Financial Officer shall mean the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Barnegat Light.

Fiscal Year shall mean the twelve month period ending December 31st.

Cash Management Plan shall mean that plan as approved by resolution.

Designation of Depositories

At least once each fiscal year the governing body shall by resolution designate the depositories for the Borough of Barnegat Light in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14.

Audit Requirement

The Cash Management Plan shall be subject to the annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4.

Authority to Invest

The governing body shall pass a resolution at its first meeting of the fiscal year designating the Borough of Barnegat Light official(s) who shall make and be responsible for municipal deposits and investments.

Investment Instruments

The Chief Financial Officer shall invest at her discretion in any investment instrument as approved by the State of New Jersey in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15I.

Records and Reports

The Chief Financial Officer shall report all investments in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.2.

At a minimum the Chief Financial Officer shall:

Keep a record of all investments.

Keep a cash position record which reveals, on a daily basis, the status of the cash in its bank accounts.

Confirm investments with the governing body at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Report monthly to the governing body as to the status of cash balances in bank accounts, revenue collection, interest rates and interest earned.

Cash Flow

The Chief Financial Officer shall ensure that the accounting system provides regular information concerning the cash position and investment performance.

All moneys shall be turned over to the Chief Financial Officer and deposited in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.

The Chief Financial Officer is authorized and directed to invest surplus funds of the Borough of Barnegat Light as the availability of the funds permit. In addition, it shall be the responsibility of the Chief Financial Officer to minimize the possibility of idle cash by depositing the monies in interest bearing accounts wherever practical and in the best interest of the Borough of Barnegat Light.

The Chief Financial Officer shall ensure that funds are borrowed for Capital Projects in a timely fashion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Borough Auditor and Borough Chief Financial Officer.

RESOLUTION 2026-011

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING CHANGE FUNDS IN VARIOUS BOROUGH DEPARTMENTS

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to establish change funds in several areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey that the total change fund in the amount of \$2,500 be distributed as needed between: Beach Badge Booth/Tennis, Beach Badge Checkers and Dock Master

RESOLUTION 2026-012

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH IRS REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Borough of Barnegat Light to reimburse Borough officers and employees for travel expenses related to Borough business; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Internal Revenue Service establishes the rate of reimbursement, in accordance with federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, according to NJSA 40A:5-16.1, the governing body of any local unit may, by resolution, provide for and authorize payment for authorized official travel expenses for officers and employees of the local unit, provided that such resolution shall provide for the verification of such expenses by means of a certification which shall be submitted quarterly after the completion of the travel for which reimbursement is sought; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Borough of Barnegat Light to provide for the reimbursement of mileage expenses for Borough officers and employees for authorized travel expenses, upon a quarterly submission of a certification detailing the same and in accordance with the reimbursement rate per mile established by the IRS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Borough of Barnegat Light hereby authorizes the reimbursement of mileage expenses for Borough officers and employees for authorized travel expenses, upon submission of a certification detailing the same, each quarter after the travel date, in accordance with the reimbursement rate per mile currently established by the IRS. (2026-.725cents)
2. That said reimbursement rate shall adjust with any future adjustment of the same by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.
3. A copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer.

RESOLUTION 2026-013

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SETTING HOLIDAYS FOR 2026

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council, the Governing Body of the Borough of Barnegat Light, declared that the holidays for the year 2026 are as follows:

Date	Holiday
Thursday, January 1, 2026	New Year's Day
Friday, January 2, 2026	New Year falls on Thursday

Monday, January 19, 2026	Martin Luther King Day
Monday, February 16, 2026	President's Day
Friday, April 3, 2026	Good Friday
Monday, May 25, 2026	Memorial Day
Friday, July 3, 2026	Independence Day
Monday, September 7, 2026	Labor Day
Monday, October 12, 2026	Columbus Day
Friday, November 13, 2025	Veteran's Day (Friday after)
Thursday, November 26, 2026	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 27, 2026	Black Friday
Thursday, December 24, 2026	Christmas Floater (election)
Friday, December 25, 2026	Christmas Day
Friday, January 1, 2027	New Year's Day 2027

RESOLUTION 2026-014

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AFFIRMING THE BOROUGH'S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Borough of Barnegat Light to treat the public, employees, prospective employees, appointees, volunteers and contractors in a manner consistent with all applicable civil rights laws and regulations including, but not limited to the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 as subsequently amended, the New Jersey Law against Discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Conscientious Employee Protection Act, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light have determined that certain procedures need to be established to accomplish this policy; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light to affirm the Borough's civil rights policy with respect to all officials, appointees, employees, prospective employees, volunteers, independent contractors, and members of the public that come municipal employees, officials and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements and model procedures of the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Borough of Barnegat Light hereby affirms the Borough's civil rights policy with respect to all officials, appointees, employees, prospective employees, volunteers, independent contractors, and members of the public that come municipal employees, officials and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements and model procedures of the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund.

2. No official, employee, appointee or volunteer of the Borough by whatever title known, or any entity that is in any way a part of the Borough shall engage, either directly or indirectly in any act including the failure to act that constitutes discrimination, harassment or a violation of any person's constitutional rights while such official, employee, appointee volunteer, or entity is engaged in or acting on behalf of the Borough's business or using the facilities or property of the Borough.

3. The prohibitions and requirements of this resolution shall extend to any person or entity, including but not limited to any volunteer organization or inter-local organization, whether structured as a governmental entity or a private entity, that receives authorization or support in any way from the Borough to provide services that otherwise could be performed by the Borough.

4. Discrimination, harassment and civil rights shall be defined for purposes of this resolution using the latest definitions contained in the applicable Federal and State laws concerning discrimination, harassment and civil rights.

5. The Mayor and Borough Council shall establish written procedures for any person to report alleged discrimination, harassment and violations of civil rights prohibited by this resolution. Such procedures shall include alternate ways to report a complaint so that the person making the complaint need not communicate with the alleged violator in the event the alleged violator would be the normal contact for such complaints.

6. No person shall retaliate against any person who reports any alleged discrimination, harassment or violation of civil rights, provided however, that any person who reports alleged violations in bad faith shall be subject to appropriate discipline.

7. The Mayor and Borough Council shall establish written procedures that require all officials, employees, appointees and volunteers of the Borough as well as all other entities subject to this resolution to periodically complete training concerning their duties, responsibilities and rights pursuant to this resolution.

8. The Mayor and Borough Council shall establish a system to monitor compliance and shall report at least annually to the governing body the results of the monitoring.

9. At least annually, the Mayor and Borough Council shall cause a summary of this resolution and the procedures established pursuant to this resolution to be communicated within the Borough. This

communication shall include a statement from the governing body expressing its unequivocal commitment to enforce this resolution. This summary shall also be posted on the Borough's web site.
 10. A copy of this resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough in order for the public to be made aware of this policy and the Borough's commitment to the implementation and enforcement of this policy.
 11. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2026-015

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING A MEETING POLICY FOR THE GOVERNING BODY

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has declared that it is the public policy of this State to insure the right of the public to be present at all meetings of public bodies, and to witness in full detail all phases of the deliberation, policy formulation and decision making of public bodies, as set forth in the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, in order for the public to be effectively present and witness the governmental process, it is imperative that members of the governing body be physically present in order to participate as a member thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act further describes a meeting at which the public right to present exists constitutes gatherings whether corporeal or by means of communications equipment; and WHEREAS, conducting governing body meetings by means of communications equipment impairs the ability of the public to be present and witness the governmental process, and it also impairs the ability of members of the governing body to effectively prepare and participate in a public meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, that all meetings of the governing body will require the physical presence of all members thereof who wish to participate in the same; attendance and participation by the Mayor and/or any member of the Borough Council via telephone, zoom or other communications equipment shall not be permitted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that attendance and participation via electronic means shall only be permitted during periods of a declared state of emergency, public health emergency or local disaster emergency, as set forth in NJSA 10:4-9.3 & 52:27D-18.11 or in certain circumstances, this shall be at the discretion of the Mayor.

RESOLUTIONS 2026-001-2026-015

Wellington	Moved	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Spark	X		X			
Reynolds			X			
Foley			X			
Gutowski			X			
Saburn			X			
Mescolotto		X	X			

The next block was for APPOINTMENTS. Again, the Mayor gave a little summary of each of the resolutions in that block and asked for a motion, second and roll call. The clerk recorded the votes.

RESOLUTION 2026-016

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING A ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light desires to appoint Jeffrey Washburn as the Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer for the Borough of Barnegat Light.

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 Mayor and Council do hereby appoint Jeffrey Washburn as Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer.
2. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Borough Treasurer and Jeffrey Washburn.

RESOLUTION 2026-017

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING A LIAISON BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT AND THE LONG BEACH ISLAND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a liaison between the Borough of Barnegat Light and the Long Beach Island Health Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Brenda L. Kuhn be appointed liaison between the Long Beach Island Health Department and the Borough of Barnegat Light for 2026.

RESOLUTION 2026-018

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY EMPLOYING PUBLIC WORKS & WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE BOROUGH.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light desires to appoint Stuart McGowan as Superintendent of Public Works/Water-Sewer for the Borough of Barnegat Light.

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 Mayor and Council do hereby appoint Stuart McGowan as Public Works/ Water-Sewer Superintendent for the year 2026.

2. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Borough Treasurer and Stuart McGowan.

RESOLUTION 2026-019

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY EMPLOYING PUBLIC WORKS/WATER SEWER ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE BOROUGH.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light desires to appoint Albert Morison as Assistant Superintendent of Public Works/Water-Sewer for the Borough of Barnegat Light.

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 Mayor and Council do hereby appoint Albert Morison as the Assistant Superintendent of Public Works/ Water-Sewer for the year 2026.

2. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Borough Treasurer and Albert Morison.

RESOLUTION 2026-020

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE FROM BARNEGAT LIGHT TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Planning Board has requested pursuant to the Cooperative Agreement between the County of Ocean and the Borough of Barnegat Light that a representative and/or alternate be appointed to serve on the Community Development Committee:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following are appointed for 2026:

Representative:	Brenda L. Kuhn PO Box 576 Barnegat Light, NJ 08006
Alternate:	Kathleen Flanagan PO Box 576 Barnegat Light, NJ 08006

RESOLUTION 2026-021

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING RECREATION COORDINATOR FOR THE BOROUGH

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light desires to appoint a Recreation Coordinator for the Borough; and WHEREAS, the Recreation Coordinator serves as liaison between the Committee for the Celebration of Public Events, Organizes Youth Activities, produces the annual Calendar of Events, and supervises many other recreational activities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council that Cecile U. Mattina shall serve as Recreation Coordinator for the Borough of Barnegat Light for the year 2026.

RESOLUTION 2026-022

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING BOROUGH SAFETY COORDINATOR

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey desires to appoint a "Safety Coordinator" by order of the Ocean County Municipal Joint Insurance; and

WHEREAS, Stuart McGowan has the necessary qualifications and desire to be so appointed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Stuart McGowan is hereby appointed Safety Coordinator of the Borough of Barnegat Light and shall serve at the pleasure of Mayor and Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that he will perform all the required duties of the Safety Coordinator as from time to time directed by the Ocean Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

RESOLUTION 2026-023

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTING RECYCLING COORDINATOR

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light has created the position of Recycling Coordinator by Ordinance 88-15; and

WHEREAS, the Recycling Coordinator shall be appointed by the Mayor and Council and shall serve at the pleasure of same; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Guerrero possesses the necessary qualifications to serve in this position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Kathy Guerrero be and is hereby appointed to the position of Recycling Coordinator for 2026.

RESOLUTION 2026-024

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING SUPPLEMENTAL FIRE SERVICES PROGRAM COORDINATOR

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs has been designated to effect implementation of P.L. 1985, c.295 which created the Supplemental Fire Services Program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light is eligible to receive funding under said program; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Borough of Barnegat Light to apply for funding, it is necessary to submit to the Division of Local Government Services the Utilization Report, approved by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Borough of Barnegat Light to apply for funding it is necessary to designate an individual as the Supplemental Fire Service Program Coordinator.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body that the Utilization Report as prepared be and is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Fred Grimste, Chief, Barnegat Light Volunteer Fire Company, is hereby designated Program Coordinator for the calendar year 2026.

RESOLUTION 2026-025

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING CLEAN COMMUNITIES' COORDINATOR

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey intends to participate in the 2026 Clean Communities Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, a coordinator must be appointed by each municipality; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, that Stuart McGowan has been appointed as Clean Communities Coordinator for 2026.

RESOLUTION 2026-026

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey has created the position of Deputy Municipal Clerk by Ordinance, in accordance with NJSA 40A:9-135; and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Municipal Clerk shall be appointed by the Borough Council and shall serve at the pleasure of Council; and

WHEREAS, Cecile U. Mattina possesses the necessary qualifications to serve in this position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Cecile U. Mattina be and is hereby appointed to the position of Deputy Municipal Clerk for the Borough of Barnegat Light and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the Municipal Clerk during such times and for such specific periods as the Municipal Clerk is absent, disabled, or otherwise unable to perform the duties of Municipal Clerk.

RESOLUTION 2026-027

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light desire to appoint an Emergency Management Coordinator for a term of three (3) years from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2028.

WHEREAS, Section 16-2 of the Borough Code of the Borough of Barnegat Light provides that the Mayor shall appoint an Emergency Management Coordinator from among the residents of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, Borough Code Section 16-2 provides that the Emergency Management Coordinator shall appoint the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators with the approval of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light to confirm the appointment to the position of Emergency Management Coordinator, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator and Emergency Management Service Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Borough Council do hereby appoint Jeffrey Washburn as Emergency Management Coordinator-term ending December 31, 2028.
2. That Ed Wellington, Mayor, shall be appointed as Deputy Emergency Coordinator.
3. That the Emergency Management Service Council shall consist of Jeffrey Washburn, Ed Wellington, James Gutowski, Stuart McGowan, Fred Grimste and Mark Pojednic
4. That certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Jeffrey Washburn, Ed Wellington, James Gutowski, Stuart McGowan, Fred Grimste, Mark Pojednic and the Ocean County Office of Emergency Management.

RESOLUTION 2026-028

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING BOARD.

WHEREAS, NJSA 40:55D-23 provides for the creation of municipal Planning Boards and for the appointment members thereto; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 21 Article 1 of the Borough Code further provides for the establishment of a Planning Board in the Borough of Barnegat Light; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board consists of seven members consisting of the following four classes & 2 alternate members:

- Class I The Mayor or the Mayor's designee in the absence of the Mayor
- Class II. One of the officials of the municipality other than a member of the governing body
- Class III. A member of the governing body
- Class IV. Four other citizens of the municipality. The members of Class IV shall hold no other municipal office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light as follows:

1. The terms of the Planning Board of the Borough of Barnegat Light as follows:

Class I	Ed Wellington	Term as Mayor	12/31/26
Class II	Jeffrey Washburn	1 year	12/31/26
Class III	Barry Mescolotto	1 year	12/31/26
Class IV	Richard Manookian	4 years	12/31/28
Class IV	Chris Patterson	4 years	12/31/27
Class IV	Paul Sulock	4 years	12/31/26
Class IV	Peter Snieckus	4 years	12/31/29
2. The terms of the alternate membership of the Barnegat Light Planning Board as follows:

Alternate #1	Timothy Brindley	2 years	12/31/27
Alternate #2	_____	2 years	12/31/27
3. That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Barnegat Light Planning Board.

RESOLUTION 2026-029

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light desires to appoint a Planning Board Secretary for the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Cecile U. Mattina has the necessary qualifications for said position; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council that Cecile U. Mattina shall serve as Planning Board Secretary for the Borough of Barnegat Light for the year 2026.

RESOLUTION 2026-030

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF MUNICIPAL ZONING BOARDS OF ADJUSTMENT AND FOR THE APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS THERETO

WHEREAS, NJSA 40:55D-1 et seq, provides for the creation of municipal Zoning Boards of Adjustment and for the appointment of members thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Adjustment consists of a seven (7) member board and two (2) alternates; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light as follows:

1. The four (4) year terms of the regular membership of the Barnegat Light Zoning Board of Adjustments as follows:

Kathryn Esposito	term – to expire December 31, 2026
Lee-Anne Oros	term – to expire December 31, 2026
Nancy Spark	term – to expire December 31, 2027
Kathleen Clark	term – to expire December 31, 2027
Nancy Manookian	term – to expire December 31, 2028

Linda Passaro term – to expire December 31, 2029
Mark Finelli term – to expire December 31, 2029

1. The two (2) year terms of the alternate membership of the Barnegat Light Zoning Board of Adjustments as follows:

Alternate #1 Brian Raughter term – to expire December 31, 2027
Alternate #2 Michael Dolan term – to expire December 31, 2026

RESOLUTION 2026-031

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING ZONING BOARD SECRETARY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light desires to appoint a Zoning Board Secretary for the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Cecile U. Mattina has the necessary qualifications for said position; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council that Cecile U. Mattina shall serve as Zoning Board Secretary for the Borough of Barnegat Light for the year 2026.

RESOLUTION 2026-032

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING A FUND COMMISSIONER AND ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND AND EXCESS FUND

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light that Brenda L. Kuhn is hereby appointed Fund Commissioner for the Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, and Kathleen Flanagan is appointed as alternate. These appointments are made at the pleasure of the Mayor and Council.

RESOLUTION 2026-033

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, there has been established an Open Space Advisory Committee of the Borough of Barnegat Light to administer the Open Space Conservation Trust Fund approved by the voters in the November 2008 general election; and

WHEREAS, Barnegat Light Borough Code Section 33-2 provides that the Open Space Advisory Committee shall be composed of seven regular members, plus two alternates, who shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Borough Council, consisting of the Mayor (or the Mayor's designee in the Mayor's absence), a member of the Barnegat Light Taxpayers' Association, a member of the Barnegat Light Historical Society, the Barnegat Light Zoning Officer, and three at-large members, who need not be residents of the Borough of Barnegat Light.; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Borough Council to make the appointments to the Open Space Advisory Committee as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light do hereby make the following one-year appointments for 2026 to the Open Space Advisory Committee:

Ed Wellington, Mayor
Rich Brodman, President Taxpayers Association
Karen Larson, President of the Historical Society
Jeffrey Washburn, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer
John Tennyson, at-large member
Peter Snieckus, at-large member
James Gutowski, at-large
John Alchus, Alternate
Timothy Brindley, Alternate
Brenda L. Kuhn, Committee Secretary

2. That certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the individuals appointed above.

RESOLUTION 2026-034

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING THE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION RULES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light is required by N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5 to designate an employee as its public agency compliance officer to ensure that the Borough complies with the rules and regulations of the State Office of Affirmative Action; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light to appoint and designate Brenda L. Kuhn, as its public agency compliance officer for the calendar year 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Borough of Barnegat Light does hereby designate Brenda L. Kuhn as the Borough Compliance Officer to ensure that it complies with the rules and regulations of the New Jersey State Office of Affirmative Action.
2. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Brenda L. Kuhn and the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Office of Affirmative Action.

RESOLUTION 2026-035

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM COORDINATOR FOR THE BOROUGH

WHEREAS, Barnegat Light participates in the National Flood Insurance Program’s (NFIP) Community Rating system (CRS) which is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements.

WHEREAS, as a result, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community actions meeting the three goals of the CRS:

1. Reduce flood damage to insurable property;
2. Strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the NFIP, and
3. Encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management.

WHEREAS, Barnegat Light is currently rated as a Class 7 which entitles all homeowners to a 15% discount on flood insurance; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light desires to appoint a Community Rating System Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the CRS Coordinator is a person designated to be the official point of contact between the community and the program staff of the Community Rating System and must be familiar with the NFIP and the community’s floodplain management activities; and

WHEREAS, the CRS Coordinator is responsible to assemble, coordinate, and maintain the documentation for the community’s CRS application, modifications, cycle verification visits, and annual recertification.

WHEREAS, the CRS Coordinator attends Ocean County CRS sponsored quarterly meetings, Island wide CRS coordinator meetings, training by the Jacque Cousteau Institute and participates in public outreach events; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Washburn., is fully qualified to serve as the Community Rating System Coordinator and shall be part of Frank Little’s contract for Professional Services-Engineer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council that Jeffrey Washburn is hereby appointed as the Community Rating System Coordinator for the Borough of Barnegat Light for a term of one year, expiring December 31, 2026.

RESOLUTION 2026-036

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Barnegat Light must appoint a Storm Water Management Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light wish to have said position in the Department of Public Works/Water Sewer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, that Stuart McGowan is hereby appointed as the Stormwater Management Coordinator for the Borough of Barnegat Light for a term of one (1) year, expiring December 31, 2026.

RESOLUTIONS 2026-016-2026-036

Wellington	Moved	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Spark			X			
Reynolds		X	X			
Foley	X		X			
Gutowski			X			
Saburn			X			
Mescolotto			X			

The final block of resolutions was titled AWARD PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTS. The last resolution was an exception; it was to approve the updated employee handbook. Mayor Wellington talked a little about each one of these resolutions and asked for a motion, second and roll call. The clerk recorded the votes.

RESOLUTION 2026-037

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARDED OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING OR FAIR & OPEN ADVERTISING- MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the services of a Municipal Attorney for a one-year term; and
WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light has determined that its professional services contractors do not make reportable political contributions to municipal candidates so as to otherwise require fair and open contract advertising pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 19:44A-20.5; and
WHEREAS, the Borough Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of this contract may exceed \$17,500; and
WHEREAS, Terry F. Brady Esq., has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that his law firm has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Barnegat Light in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the making of any reportable contributions throughout the term thereof.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That Terry F. Brady, Esq., is hereby appointed Borough Attorney for the Borough of Barnegat Light for the year 2026. This contract for professional services is awarded without competitive bidding or advertising under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law and the NJ Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Reporting Act.

2. That the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

3. That a certificate of availability of funds executed by the Chief Financial Officer is annexed hereto. The following are the line-item appropriations or ordinances which constitute the availability of funds for this contract:

Legal O & E
W/S OE Legal

4. That a Notice of Contract Award shall be published in accordance with NJSA 40A:11-5(1)(a).

5. That certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Terry F. Brady, Esq., and the Borough Treasurer.

RESOLUTION 2026-038

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARDING OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING OR FAIR & OPEN ADVERTISING - MUNICIPAL AUDITOR

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the services of a Municipal Auditor for a one-year term; and
WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light has determined that its professional services contractors do not make reportable political contributions to municipal candidates so as to otherwise require fair and open contract advertising pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 19:44A-20.5; and
WHEREAS, the Borough Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of this contract may exceed \$17,500; and
WHEREAS, Brian K. Logan, RMA of Suplee, Clooney & Company, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that his firm has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Barnegat Light in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the making of any reportable contributions throughout the term thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That Brian Logan, RMA is hereby appointed Borough Auditor for the Borough of Barnegat Light for the year 2026. This contract for professional services is awarded without competitive bidding or advertising under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law and the NJ Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Reporting Act.

2. That the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

3. That a certificate of availability of funds executed by the Chief Financial Officer is annexed hereto. The following are the line-item appropriations or ordinances which constitute the availability of funds for this contract:

Audit OE
Audit W/S OE

4. That a Notice of Contract Award shall be published in accordance with NJSA 40A:11-5(1)(a)

5. That certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Suplee, Clooney & Company, and the Borough Treasurer.

RESOLUTION 2026-039

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARDING OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING OR FAIR & OPEN ADVERTISING - BOND COUNSEL

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the services of Bond Counsel in connection with Ordinance 2013-005; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that its professional services contractors do not make reportable political contributions to municipal candidates so as to otherwise require fair and open contract advertising pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of this contract may exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, Michael H. Gluck Esq., has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that his law firm has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Barnegat Light in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the making of any reportable contributions throughout the term thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That Michael H. Gluck Esq., is hereby appointed as Bond Counsel for the Borough of Barnegat Light for the 2026 calendar year, to expire December 31, 2026. This contract for professional services is awarded without competitive bidding or advertising under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law and the NJ Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Reporting Act.

2. That the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

3. That a certificate of availability of funds executed by the Chief Financial Officer is annexed hereto. The following are the line-item appropriations or ordinances which constitute the availability of funds for this contract:

Legal OE

Legal W/S OE

4. That a Notice of Contract Award shall be published in accordance with NJSA 40A:11-5(1)(a).

5. That certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Michael H. Gluck Esq., and the Borough Treasurer.

RESOLUTION 2026-040

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARDED OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING OR FAIR & OPEN ADVERTISING - MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the services of a Municipal Engineer for a one-year term; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light has determined that its professional services contractors do not make reportable political contributions to municipal candidates so as to otherwise require fair and open contract advertising pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of this contract may exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, Frank Little, PE, of Owen, Little & Associates, Inc., has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that his firm has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Barnegat Light in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the making of any reportable contributions throughout the term thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That Frank Little, PE, is hereby appointed Borough Engineer for the Borough of Barnegat Light for the year 2026. This contract for professional services is awarded without competitive bidding or advertising under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law and the NJ Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Reporting Act.

2. That the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

3. That a certificate of availability of funds executed by the Chief Financial Officer is annexed hereto. The following are the line item appropriations or ordinances which constitute the availability of funds for this contract:

Engineering OE

W/S Engineering OE

4. That a Notice of Contract Award shall be published in accordance with NJSA 40A:11-5(1)(a).

5. That certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Frank Little, PE, and the Borough Treasurer.

RESOLUTION 2026-041

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING OR FAIR & OPEN ADVERTISING-LABOR ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, there exists within the Borough of Barnegat Light a need for the services of a Labor Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that its professional services contractors do not make reportable political contributions to municipal candidates so as to otherwise require fair and open contract advertising pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the Labor Attorney contract will not exceed \$17,500 for 2026; and

WHEREAS, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that his firm has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Barnegat Light in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the making of any reportable contributions throughout the term thereof; and

WHEREAS, Bruce W. Padula, Padula Law Group, LLC, 1151 Broad Street, Suite 112

Shrewsbury, New Jersey 07702, is appointed as labor attorney for the Borough for one year, beginning on January 1, 2026 and terminating on December 31, 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That Bruce W. Padula is hereby appointed Borough Labor Attorney for the Borough of Barnegat Light for the 2026 calendar year, to expire on December 31, 2026. This contract for professional services is awarded without competitive bidding or advertising under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law and the NJ Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Reporting Act.

2. That the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

3. That a certificate of availability of funds executed by the Chief Financial Officer is annexed hereto. The following are the line-item appropriations or ordinances which constitute the availability of funds for this contract:

Labor Legal OE

4. That a Notice of Contract Award shall be published in accordance with NJSA 40A:11-5(1)(a).

5. That certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Bruce W. Padula and the Borough Treasurer.

6. That the Labor Attorney shall perform all legal services only as determined and authorized by the Borough Council or other authorized official of the Borough in accordance with the terms hereof. The total amount charged by the Labor Attorney shall not exceed the amount appropriated in the municipal budget.

RESOLUTION 2026-042

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARDING OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING OR FAIR & OPEN ADVERTISING – SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING LAW COMPLIANCE

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the services of special legal counsel for the purposes of counseling the Borough of Barnegat Light regarding compliance with the new Affordable Housing Laws, Public Law 2024, chapter 2, adopted by the State Legislature as “An Act concerning affordable housing, including administration and municipal obligations, amending, supplementing, and repealing variance parts of the statutory law, and making an appropriation,”; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light has determined that its professional services contractors do not make reportable political contributions to municipal candidates so as to otherwise require fair and open contract advertising pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of this contract will not exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, Cameron W. MacLeod Esq. is qualified to represent the interests of the Borough regarding affordable housing compliance issues, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-5(1)(a), and the NJ Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Reporting Act, NJSA 19:44A-20.5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Cameron W. MacLeod Esq. is hereby appointed as of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 as special legal counsel for the purposes of counseling and representing the Borough of Barnegat Light, regarding compliance with the new Affordable Housing Laws, Public Law 2024, chapter 2. This contract for professional services is awarded without competitive bidding or advertising under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law and the NJ Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Reporting Act. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to enter into a contract for the same in accordance with the terms of this resolution.

2. That a certificate of availability of funds executed by the Chief Financial Officer is annexed hereto. The following are the line-item appropriations or ordinances which constitute the availability of funds for this contract:

Legal OE, Planning OE, Zoning OE

3. That a Notice of Contract Award shall be published in accordance with NJSA 40A:11-5(1)(a).

That certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Cameron W. MacLeod Esq., and the Borough Treasurer.

RESOLUTION 2026-043

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARDING OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING OR FAIR & OPEN ADVERTISING - MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR & ALTERNATE PROSECUTOR

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the services of a Municipal Prosecutor and an alternate Municipal Prosecutor for one-year terms; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light has determined that its professional services contractors do not make reportable political contributions to municipal candidates so as to otherwise require fair and open contract advertising pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of these contracts will not exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, Joseph D. Coronato Sr., Esq., is qualified to hold the position of Borough Prosecutor, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-5(1)(a), and the NJ Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Reporting Act, NJSA 19:44A-20.5.

WHEREAS, Kim Pascarella Esq. is qualified to hold the position of Alternate Municipal Prosecutor for the Borough of Barnegat Light, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-5(1)(a), and the NJ Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Reporting Act, NJSA 19:44A-20.5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Joseph D. Coronato, Esq., is hereby appointed Prosecutor for the Borough of Barnegat Light for the year 2026.
2. Kim Pascarella Esq., is hereby appointed Alternate Prosecutor for the Borough of Barnegat Light for the year 2026.
3. These contracts for professional services are awarded without competitive bidding or advertising under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law and the NJ Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Reporting Act.
4. That the Determination of Value shall be placed on file with this resolution.
5. That a certificate of availability of funds executed by the Chief Financial Officer is annexed hereto. The following are the line item appropriations or ordinances which constitute the availability of funds for this contract:

Prosecutor OE

6. That a Notice of Contract Award shall be published in accordance with NJSA 40A:11-5(1)(a).
7. That certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Joseph D. Coronato, Esq., Kim Pascarella and the Borough Treasurer.

RESOLUTION 2026-044

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARDING OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING OR FAIR & OPEN ADVERTISING - MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the services of a Municipal Public Defender for a one-year term; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light has determined that its professional services contractors do not make reportable political contributions to municipal candidates so as to otherwise require fair and open contract advertising pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of this contract will not exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, Robin La Bue, Esq., is qualified to hold the position of Borough Public Defender, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-5(1)(a), and the NJ Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Reporting Act, NJSA 19:44A-20.5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That Robin La Bue, Esq. is hereby appointed Borough Public Defender for the Borough of Barnegat Light for the year 2026. This contract for professional services is awarded without competitive bidding or advertising under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law and the NJ Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Reporting Act.

2. That the Determination of Value shall be placed on file with this resolution.

3. That a certificate of availability of funds executed by the Chief Financial Officer is annexed hereto. The following are the line-item appropriations or ordinances which constitute the availability of funds for this contract:

Public Defender OE

4. That a Notice of Contract Award shall be published in accordance with NJSA 40A:11-5(1)(a).

5. That certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Robin La Bue, Esq. and the Borough Treasurer.

RESOLUTION 2026-045

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARDING OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING OR FAIR & OPEN ADVERTISING - MUNICIPAL CONFLICTS PUBLIC DEFENDER

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the services of a Municipal Conflict Public Defender for a one-year term; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barnegat Light has determined that its professional services contractors do not make reportable political contributions to municipal candidates so as to otherwise require fair and open contract advertising pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of this contract will not exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, Debra H. Rumpf Esq., is qualified to hold the position of Borough Conflict Public Defender, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-5(1)(a), and the NJ Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Reporting Act, NJSA 19:44A-20.5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That Debra H. Rumpf, Esq. is hereby appointed Borough Conflicts Public Defender for the Borough of Barnegat Light for the year 2026. This contract for professional services is awarded without competitive bidding or advertising under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law and the NJ Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Reporting Act.

2. That the Determination of Value shall be placed on file with this resolution.

3. That a certificate of availability of funds executed by the Chief Financial Officer is annexed hereto. The following are the line item appropriations or ordinances which constitute the availability of funds for this contract:

Public Defender OE

4. That a Notice of Contract Award shall be published in accordance with NJSA 40A:11-5(1)(a).

5. That certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Debra H. Rumpf, Esq., and the Borough Treasurer.

RESOLUTION 2026-046

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING THE 2026 UPDATED PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

WHEREAS, as part of the requirements to be eligible for Insurance Coverage as a member of the Ocean County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund, it is necessary for the Borough of Barnegat Light to review and/or update its Personnel Policy annually; and

WHEREAS, various changes to the EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL POLICY are needed as a result of collective bargaining negotiations and other employee practice changes; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Borough Council to make an annual review and update of its EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL POLICY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Borough Council do hereby adopt the Borough of Barnegat Light 2026 EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL POLICY, copies of which are on file in the Borough Clerk's Office.

2. That copies of the Borough of Barnegat 2026 EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL POLICY shall be made available to all officers and employees of the Borough of Barnegat Light, and to the Ocean County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund.

RESOLUTIONS 2026-037-2026-046

Wellington	Moved	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Spark		X	X			
Reynolds	X		X			
Foley			X			
Gutowski			X			
Saburn			X			
Mescolotto			X			

ADJOURNMENT