

**MEETING MINUTES**

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN  
COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
OCEAN COUNTY**

**JOINT MEETING WITH TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT AND TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN  
MEETING AGENDA**

**SPECIAL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
December 27, 2012, 5:00 PM**

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** At this time we ask everyone to please turn all cell phones or pages to either **OFF** or **VIBRATE**

**Call to Order**

**Salute to the Flag**

**Township of Barnegat**

**Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law:**

Pursuant to the requirements of the OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW, adequate Public Notice of this meeting has been given:

- a. By publication in the required newspapers of the date, time and location of this meeting more than 48 hours in advance.
- b. By posting advance written notice on the official Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building.
- c. By filing advance written notice with the Township Clerk for the purpose of Public inspection.

**Roll Call of Officials Present - Barnegat:**

Committeeman Lisella	_____	X
Committeeman Morano	_____	X
Committeeman Melchiondo	_____	X
Deputy Mayor Bille	_____	X
Mayor Cirulli	_____	X

**Township of Ocean**

**Township of Ocean – Open Public Meeting Statement**

STATEMENT: Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, adequate notice of this meeting was properly provided by sending a copy of the Notice of Meeting to two newspapers, The Asbury Park Press and the Press of Atlantic City. The Notice was posted at the office of the Township Clerk

**Roll Call of Officials Present - Ocean**

LACHAWIEC	<u>    Absent    </u>
WETTER	<u>        X        </u>
TREDY	<u>        X        </u>

Mayor Cirulli introduced Michelle Lombardi, a graduate of Barnegat High School. Ms. Lombardi will be singing a tribute in memory of the 26 innocent lives taken on December 14, 2012 at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut. Michelle wrote the song herself the day after the tragedy. Michelle will be singing this song at three venues in Connecticut.

Township Administrator Breeden discussed the purpose of tonight’s meeting is to approve a Shared Services Agreement between the Townships of Ocean and Barnegat for Construction Official services.

Under the Shared Services Agreement, the Barnegat Construction Official, Louis “Rico” Fisher, will also become the Construction Official for Waretown. Mr. Fisher will cover both Barnegat and Ocean Townships as Construction Official.

As discussed for many years, Barnegat and Waretown have many far-reaching and meaningful shared service agreements that provide both operational and financial benefits to both communities.

The Shared Service Agreements started in 2010 with the sharing of an Administrator, in 2011 with UCC Inspectors, Public Works, Water/Sewer and Emergency Management, in 2012 with Recreation, Planning/Zoning, Tax Collection and at the end of 2012 with the Construction Official.

This arrangement has been discussed over the past several months. It makes sense from a managerial perspective that the supervision and oversight of the UCC Inspectors be under one person. The consolidation of the Construction Official has been discussed for several months. Hurricane Sandy delayed any formal action. During Hurricane Sandy, Mr. Fisher was responsible for UCC building inspections and recovery efforts in both Barnegat and Waretown. Mr. Fisher did a commendable job under very stressful conditions. This shared service agreement will be handled like any other that is in place with the Township of Ocean. Payment will be made based on actual hours worked. Township of Ocean will reimburse the Township of Barnegat based on the number of hours worked. There will be no additional compensation for Mr. Fisher. Mr. Fisher is assuming these duties and responsibilities for the same amount of pay.

Approving this Shared Services Agreement prior to the end of the year provides financial benefits to the Township of Ocean. Certain obligations would have kicked in on January 1, 2013. Termination of personnel is a very sensitive issue. Township Administrator Breeden had the unpleasant task of informing a productive employee of Waretown that, as a result of a shared services agreement, their

services would no longer be needed. These types of agreements are kept confidential until the last moment to prevent the spreading of rumors and uneasy feelings. The purpose of tonight's meeting is to adopt and execute a shared services agreement between the Townships of Barnegat and the Township of Ocean in which the Construction Official of Barnegat will become the Construction Official of the Township of Ocean and supervise and oversee all UCC Building Inspectors in both towns.

**Motion to open Public Comment for Barnegat** was moved by Committeeman Melchiondo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bille. All in favor: Aye.

**Motion to open Public Comment for Ocean** was moved by Deputy Mayor Wetter, seconded by Mayor Tredy.

Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

James Goldstein inquired what portion of the salary and compensation will be handled via Waretown versus what is now being paid out of Barnegat.

Township Administrator Breeden discussed the compensation will be based on actual hours worked in Waretown. The Township of Barnegat will use a total position value rate per hour. If the employee works 50 hours in Waretown, Waretown will pay Barnegat the 50 hours of pay.

Carl Chadwick, 145 Brook Street, Barnegat, inquired if an employee was hired in the Barnegat Construction Department to work in Waretown.

Township Administrator Breeden discussed the Township of Barnegat hired some temporary building inspectors as a result of Hurricane Sandy.

Mr. Chadwick discussed if the age of the inspector in Waretown will open the Township up for an age discrimination suit.

Township Administrator Breeden discussed the Township of Barnegat is not hiring anybody. Two inspectors were hired to help with the Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts. Their main focus is Hurricane Sandy.

Elaine Taylor, 147 Spruce Circle North, Barnegat, introduced herself as a newly elected member of the Barnegat Township Committee and discussed being bound to an agreement that is being made without seeing any documentation. Why could it not wait until Tuesday?

Mayor Cirulli discussed the two Committees have worked on this for months. Ms. Taylor does not take office until January 1, 2013. Both Townships can cancel the agreement at any time. Both Townships are benefitting by the tune of \$40,000. As soon as Ms. Taylor steps in office, the matter can be brought up before the public.

Mayor Tredy discussed that either party may terminate this agreement without cause.

Jake Taylor, 106 Newark Road, Barnegat, inquired if there is not enough work in Barnegat for the Barnegat Building Inspector.

Township Administrator Breeden discussed Mr. Fisher is the Construction Official. Mr. Fisher does perform some inspections but a lot of his time is spent in plan review and management of the office. UCC Inspectors are already in Waretown. It makes sense for Mr. Fisher to oversee both operations since UCC Inspectors from Barnegat are working in Waretown.

Mr. Taylor inquired about the Barnegat Construction Official's salary and his vehicle use.

Township Administrator Breeden discussed the Barnegat Construction Official's total position value is \$115,000 - \$120,000, which includes salary, pension, health care and other benefits. Mr. Fisher's Barnegat vehicle is sometimes used for Waretown work and the Waretown vehicle is sometimes used for Barnegat work. Both vehicles are insured by the Ocean County Joint Insurance Fund.

Mr. Taylor inquired the residents' benefit to this agreement.

Township Administrator Breeden discussed the benefit would be the Township of Barnegat generates revenue to offset this cost. It is estimated that Mr. Fisher spends 50% of the hours in Waretown and 50% in Barnegat. The actual hours worked will be based on the workload.

Mr. Taylor would like to see the agreement.

Mayor Cirulli will get a copy of the agreement to Mr. Taylor.

Phil Checcia, 12 Windward Drive, Barnegat, inquired how long the terminated employee worked for Waretown.

Mayor Tredy discussed the terminated employee worked in different positions in Waretown for approximately 6 years.

Mr. Checcia inquired if the terminated employee received severance pay.

Mayor Tredy discussed the terminated employee will receive everything he is entitled to.

Mr. Checcia suggested he be able to read the agreement prior to voting on it and suggested the Committee wait until after the holiday to vote on this.

Frank Pecci, 11 Hemlock Drive, Barnegat, discussed it is not necessary to have a joint meeting to vote on this agreement and suggested the agreement be made public before voting on it.

Chris, 26 Longboat Avenue, Barnegat, discussed requested a detailed explanation of the financial benefit of voting on this agreement so quickly as opposed to five days from now.

Township Administrator Breeden discussed that five days from now the new year begins and certain obligations kick in such as various types of leave time accumulation. The savings for both towns would be roughly \$30,000-\$60,000. The terminated employee's salary was basically in the low \$60,000 range.

**Motion to close Public Comment for Barnegat** was moved by Committeeman Melchiondo, seconded by Committeeman Lisella. All in favor: Aye

**Motion to close Public Comment for Ocean** was moved by Deputy Mayor Wetter, seconded by Mayor Tredy.

Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes.

***Barnegat - Resolution 2012-640***

Resolution authorizing execution of a Shared Services Agreement for the sharing of Construction Official with the Township of Ocean.

Motion to approve moved by Committeeman Lisella, seconded by

Roll Call: Lisella: Yes, Morano: Abstain, Melchiondo: Yes, Bille: Yes, Cirulli: Yes

***Ocean - Resolution 2012-394***

Resolution authorizing execution of a Shared Services Agreement for the sharing of Construction Official with the Township of Ocean.

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor Wetter, seconded by Mayor Tredy.

Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

**Public Comment - Ocean**

Mayor Tredy discussed the Barnegat residents have made public comment and inquired if any Township of Ocean residents would like to speak. No residents requested comment.

**Motion to Adjourn- Ocean** was moved by Deputy Mayor Wetter, seconded by Mayor Tredy.

Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

Signed and Submitted:

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Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC  
Township Clerk

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Date