

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – NOVEMBER 22, 2021

Mayor Brantley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and requested the Clerk to call the roll. The following members were present: Robert Lane, Jr., Nicholas Williams, Tassie D. York, and Mayor Michael Brantley. (Keith Cafferty arrived during the executive session.

Also present were Richard J. Cuttrell, Municipal Clerk; Vito D. Gadaleta, Business Administrator; Gina LaPlaca, Assistant Business Administrator; and Gene Anthony, Township Attorney;

Mayor Brantley announced that the notice requirements of R.S. 10:4-18 have been satisfied by the publication of the required advertisement in The Coaster and the Asbury Park Press on May 27, 2021, posting the notice on the Board in the Municipal Complex, and filing a copy of said notice with the Municipal Clerk. In addition, the meeting agenda is posted on the Township web site ([www.neptunetownship.org](http://www.neptunetownship.org)) and the meeting is being streamed live via townhallstreams.com.

The following items were discussed in open session:

Discussion on an occupancy tax for hotels and motels was postponed.

Mr. Lane stated that the annual Thanksgiving lunch at the Senior Center will be November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Gadaleta reminded the Committee of the numerous tree lighting ceremonies on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

AUTHORIZE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mr. Williams offered the following resolution, moved and seconded by Ms. York, that it be adopted:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and,

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, County of Monmouth, as follows:

1. The Public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:  
  
Personnel – Recommendations for hiring of SLEOs  
Contract negotiations – American Rescue Plan
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matters will be made public when matters are resolved.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The resolution was adopted on the following vote: Lane, aye; Williams, aye; York, aye; and Brantley, aye.

The Committee entered executive session for discussion on closed session matters.

The Committee discussed the process for posting the job opening and hiring the Supervising Special Law Enforcement Officer. The Committee took action to table the resolution to hire during the regular business portion of the meeting.

The Committee discussed utilizing monies from the American Rescue to provide premium to pay to essential Township workers. The payment will be based on those essential works with an annual salary deemed to be low or moderate and will pay an hourly premium wage up to a maximum number of hours. The Committee will consider resolutions at the next regular meeting to establish this policy.

The Committee returned to the Meeting Room for the regular portion of the meeting.

Mayor Brantley called the regular meeting to order and requested the Clerk to call the roll.

The following members were present: Keith Cafferty, Robert Lane, Jr., Nicholas Williams, Tassie D. York, and Mayor Michael Brantley.

Also present at the dais were Richard J. Cuttrell, Municipal Clerk; Vito D. Gadaleta, Business Administrator; Gina LaPlaca, Assistant Business Administrator; and Gene Anthony, Township Attorney.

After a moment of Silent Prayer and the Flag Salute, the Mayor asked the Clerk to indicate the fire exits.

The Clerk stated, "Fire exits are located in the rear of the room and to my right. In case of fire you will be notified by bell and or public address system, then proceed to the nearest smoke-free exit"

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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Lane offered a motion, seconded by Ms. York, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 8, 2021. All were in favor.

### COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS

Mr. Lane attended a meeting of the Fletcher Lake Commission. Habitat for Humanity installed a new roof and a flag pole at the home of Arden Thorne on Veterans Day. Mr. Arden is a 97 year old Veteran. Mr. Lane thanked Code Enforcement for helping to arrange this event. Small Business Day will be held in Ocean Grove on November 27th. The Jersey Shore Dream Center will have a Christmas toy shop and activities in the parking lot on December 18th. The Senior Center is booking appointments for information on Medicare. The Mocktail event raised \$2,700. The Thanksgiving dinner is sold out and Fulfill is donating the food. Homebound meals will be delivered on November 24th. December at the Senior Center will be very busy with activities. Another Mocktail Party is planned for New Years Eve. Wreaths Across America will be placing over 300 wreaths on veterans graves in Neptune.

Ms. York announced a number of tree lighting events sponsored by the Recreation Department, Jersey Shore Arts Center, Shark River Hills Homeowners, and the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association all on December 4th. MURC will be holding a holiday celebration at Midtown Commons also on December 4th. A Winter Festival is planned for Midtown Commons Park on December 18th.

Mr. Cafferty stated that all parks have been seeded and repaired. All water service and sprinkler systems have been shut off for the winter season.

Mr. Williams reported that in the last two weeks, most of the leaves dropped and the temperature turned much colder. There are only a few boats still in the water at the marina. The Public Works Department is working hard to ensure all leaves and brush are picked up.

Mayor Brantley welcomed Gina LaPlaca to the dais and congratulated her on her appointment as Assistant Business Administrator. He attended an affair at Veterans Post 266 to honor veterans on Veterans Day. He attended a hearing on the redistricting of Neptune's state legislative district. He offered comments on how to do what is best for Neptune.

### BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gadaleta provided an update on Township projects as follows:

He introduced our new Assistant Business Administrator, Gina LaPlaca. Gina will take over the reins as our new Business Administrator on New Year's Day.

He visited with Solar Landscape at the League of Municipalities Convention last week. We discussed the two current Neptune projects and potentially new projects moving forward. One of the two projects will commence construction in December of this year with the second project commencing 60 days thereafter. Solar Landscape will be looking at early to mid-January of 2022 for the kick-off event for the Neptune projects. More information will follow

Please mark Saturday, December 18, 12:00pm, on your calendar. Wreaths Across America will kick-off there 2021 Veterans Wreath Project at our Veterans Memorial Park. Further information will be forthcoming on our website and Facebook.

At the last meeting a resident raised concerns about property issues at 63 Cookman Avenue. I had Code Enforcement look into the matter and they provided me with their report: A violation notice was issued and then a summons after failure to comply. The case is currently with the court after the defendant failed to appear on the court date. HPC advises the property owner filed an incomplete application and has not filed a new one. Inspector Sheldon Reynolds is assigned and will follow up.

After tonight, Mr. Gadaleta has two more Township Committee meetings

RESOLUTION TO EMPLOY SUPERVISING SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON A PART-TIME BASIS – TABLED

Ms. York offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, to table a resolution to “Employ Supervising Special Law Enforcement Officer in the Police Department on a part-time basis”. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Brantley asked for public comments regarding resolutions presented on this agenda only. The public was permitted to speak one time with a limit of five minutes.

There were no public comments.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-47 - ADOPTED

Mr. Williams offered the following ordinance, moved and seconded by Ms. York, that it be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-47

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME I, CHAPTER VII OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE BY ADDING RESIDENT ONLY HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONES ON PILGRIM PATHWAY AND WEBB AVENUE AND REMOVING RESIDENT ONLY HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONES ON ATLANTIC AVENUE, BEACH AVENUE AND INSKIP AVENUE

The Mayor requested comments on the above ordinance. There being no comments, he closed the public hearing.

The ordinance was adopted on the following vote: Cafferty, aye; Lane, aye; Williams, aye; York, aye; and Brantley, aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-48 - ADOPTED

Mr. Lane offered the following ordinance, moved and seconded by Mr. Cafferty, that it be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-48

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME I, CHAPTER VII OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE BY REMOVING THE NO PARKING ZONE ON THE EAST SIDE OF BENSON AVENUE BETWEEN MAIN AVENUE AND BROADWAY

The Mayor requested comments on the above ordinance. There being no comments, he closed the public hearing.

The ordinance was adopted on the following vote: Cafferty, aye; Lane, aye; Williams, aye; York, aye; and Brantley, aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-50 - APPROVED

Mr. Cafferty offered the following ordinance, moved and seconded by Ms. York, that it be approved:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-50

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME I, CHAPTER IV, SECTION 4-4 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE ENTITLED "SOLICITOR, CANVASSER, PEDDLER, HAWKER, ITINERANT MERCHANT OR TRANSIENT VENDOR"

The ordinance was approved on the following vote: Cafferty, aye; Lane, aye; Williams, aye; York, aye; and Brantley, aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-51 - APPROVED

Mr. Cafferty offered the following ordinance, moved and seconded by Mr. Lane, that it be approved:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-51

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME I, CHAPTER IV, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE TO ADD SECTION 4-5 TO BE ENTITLED "MOBILE FOOD VENDORS"

The ordinance was approved on the following vote: Cafferty, aye; Lane, aye; Williams, aye; York, aye; and Brantley, aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-52 - APPROVED

Ms. York offered the following ordinance, moved and seconded by Mr. Cafferty, that it be approved:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-52

CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWNSHIP'S MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$360,000 FROM THE TOWNSHIP'S RECEIPT OF FUNDS FROM THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF

The ordinance was approved on the following vote: Cafferty, aye; Lane, aye; Williams, aye; York, aye; and Brantley, aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-53 - APPROVED

Mr. Cafferty offered the following ordinance, moved and seconded by Ms. York, that it be approved:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-53

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME I, CHAPTER IX OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE TO IDENTIFY WORK HOURS AND CONDITIONS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE TECHNICIANS

The ordinance was approved on the following vote: Cafferty, aye; Lane, aye; Williams, aye; York, aye; and Brantley, aye.



WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration authorized funding for Preliminary Engineering Design through New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Local Aid in the amount of \$202,514.58; and,

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2020, the Township Committee adopted Resolution #20-339 which authorized execution of an Agreement with the NJDOT to provide Preliminary Engineering Design services for the Federal Aid project Safety, Accessibility, and Mobility Improvements to the Jumping Brook Corridor in the amount of in the amount of \$202,514.58; and,

WHEREAS, the NJDOT has authorized additional funding in the amount of \$25,741.68 for additional preliminary engineering costs associated with this project and has submitted an Agreement Modification for execution; and,

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator has reviewed the Agreement Modification, prepared by the NJDOT, and has recommended authorization of said Agreement Modification,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The execution of Agreement Modification #1 of the Agreement with the NJDOT to provide Preliminary Engineering Design services for the Federal Aid project Safety, Accessibility, and Mobility Improvements to the Jumping Brook Corridor, is hereby authorized.

2. The Agreement Modification provides for an additional \$25,741.68 in funding which modifies the total amount of the Agreement to \$228,256.26, which the NJDOT will process through the Township of Neptune as reimbursement under Section 7 of the Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township Engineer, Chief Financial Officer, Assistant C.F.O. and Auditor.

**RESCIND RESOLUTION #21-388 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE CANCELLATION OF A GRANT RESERVE AND RECEIVABLE**

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2021, the Township Committee adopted Resolution #21-388 which cancelled a USDOJ Bulletproof Vest Fund grant reserve and grant receivable; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Office has advised that this cancellation is not needed and should be rescinded,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that Resolution #21-388, which authorized the cancellation of a grant receivable and reserve in the amount of \$19,126.80 from the USDOJ Bulletproof Vest Fund, be and is hereby rescinded; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, Assistant C.F.O., and Auditor.

**EMPLOY SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – CLASS II IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON A PART-TIME BASIS**

WHEREAS, there is a need for a Special Law Enforcement Officer – Class II in the Police Department on a part-time hourly basis; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and Police Committee have made their recommendation to employ a current Special Law Enforcement Officer – Class I in this position; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be provided in the 2022 municipal budget, in the appropriation entitled Police S&W, when adopted, and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that Ryan Gallagher be and is hereby employed as a part-time Special Law Enforcement Officer - Class II as of January 1, 2022, and to perform such other duties as prescribed by the Chief of Police, contingent upon successful completion of a background investigation and medical evaluation, and effective upon successful completion of the Special Law Enforcement Officer – Class II training at the Monmouth County Police Academy at an hourly rate as established by Resolution of the Township Committee; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief of Police, Police Committee, Chief Financial Officer, Assistant C.F.O., and Human Resources Director.

EMPLOY PART-TIME SEASONAL/ON-CALL DRIVERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR SNOW PLOWING

WHEREAS, the Township desires to create a pool of individuals with commercial drivers license who would be called upon during major snowfalls to operate snow plows as a supplement to the full-time Public Works staff; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has forwarded his recommendations to employ workers for this purpose; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be provided in the 2021 municipal budget in the appropriation entitled Streets & Roads S&W, and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the following individuals be and are hereby employed in the Department of Public Works as part-time employees on an on-call basis only for snow plowing during major snow/ice events during the 2021-2022 winter season at an hourly rate of \$25.00; and,

Greg E. LaFrance	William Burge
Sidney Chasey	Frank Martuscelli, Sr.
John Matthews	Dennis Jemaly
John Fritz	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, Assistant C.F.O., Human Resource Director, and the Director of Public Works.

AUTHORIZE TOWNSHIP ENGINEERING CONSULTANT TO PERFORM ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO PORTIONS OF MYRTLE AVENUE

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune desires to initiate a project to make improvements to portions of Myrtle Avenue including milling, paving, drainage, and pedestrian accessibility improvements; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary for a Township Engineer Consultant to perform professional engineering services including preparation of plans and specifications, surveying, permitting, bidding and construction/administration services in connection with this project; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer solicited proposals for said services from engineering firms in the 2021 engineering pool; and,

WHEREAS, Leon S. Avakian, Inc. submitted the lowest quote and has experience in this type of work; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be provided in Ordinance No. 21-14, and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes Leon S. Avakian, Inc. to perform the services as stated herein as Township Engineering Consultant, said proposal on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk, at an amount not to exceed \$43,000.00 for improvements to portions of Myrtle Avenue; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, Assistant C.F.O., and Township Engineering Department.

REFER A PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR AREAS ALONG ROUTE 66 IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 3903, LOTS 12 and 13 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE, HAVING BEEN MERGED INTO A SINGLE LOT KNOWN AS LOT 12, TO THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE PLANNING BOARD FOR REVIEW AND REPORT PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2021, the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune (the "Township Committee") adopted Resolution #21-144 which designated the areas along Route 66 identified as Block 3903, Lots 12 and 13 on the Tax Map of the Township of Neptune, having been merged into a single Lot known as Lot 12, as a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment; and,

WHEREAS, thereafter, a Redevelopment Plan was prepared by Leon S. Avakian Inc. Consulting Engineers entitled "Amended Block 3903 Redevelopment Plan" (the "Redevelopment Plan" or the "Plan") which Plan was posted on the Township's website on or about October 11, 2021 for the purpose of soliciting comments from the public as to the nature and effect of the Plan; and,

WHEREAS, on November 22, 2021, the Township Committee introduced on first reading an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR AREAS ALONG ROUTE 66 IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 3903, LOTS 12 and 13 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE, HAVING BEEN MERGED INTO A SINGLE LOT KNOWN AS LOT 12, LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY" (the "Ordinance"), proposing the adoption of the Redevelopment Plan; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7, the Township Committee shall refer all proposed redevelopment plans, or revisions or amendments thereto, to the Neptune Township Planning Board prior to final adoption of same for review and recommendations to be issued in a report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, as follows:

1. A copy of the proposed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR AREAS ALONG ROUTE 66 IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 3903, LOTS 12 and 13 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE, HAVING BEEN MERGED INTO A SINGLE LOT KNOWN AS LOT 12, LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY" shall be transmitted to the Neptune Township Planning Board for its review and recommendations to be issued in a report pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7.
2. Township Staff and consultants are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions to implement this Resolution as are necessary or appropriate to accomplish its goals and intent.
3. This Resolution shall be effective immediately in accordance with the law.

AUTHORIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO REALIZE MONIES FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and,

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2021 in the sum of \$30,000.00 which is now available from the American Rescue Plan – Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the amount of \$30,000.00; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$30,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of American Rescue Plan LFRF – Covid-19 Testing Kits; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of funds from the United States Department of the Treasury Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$30,000.00; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk forward three certified copies of this resolution to the Chief Financial Officer and one copy to the Assistant C.F.O., and Auditor.

The resolutions of the Consent Agenda were adopted on the following vote: Cafferty, aye; Lane, aye; Williams, aye; York, aye; and Brantley, aye.

AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A WHEEL LOADER THROUGH THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY PURCHASING PROGRAM

Mr. Williams offered the following resolution, moved and seconded by Ms. York, that it be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has requested the purchase of a John Deere 624P Wheel Loader through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Purchasing Program; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Laws, N.J.S. 40A:11-12; and,

WHEREAS, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Purchasing Program has awarded Contract ESCNJ 18/19-25 to Jesco for this vehicle; and,

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent and Chief Financial Officer recommend the utilization of this contract on the grounds that the price reflects a substantial savings; and,

WHEREAS, the cost to purchase this equipment shall not exceed \$208,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Ordinance No. 21-35 (\$180,000.00) and a Recycling Tonnage Grant (\$28,000.00) and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the purchase of a John Deere 624P Wheel Loader for the Department of Public Works be and is hereby authorized through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Purchasing Program Contract ESCNJ 18/19-25, Jesco, at an amount not to exceed \$208,000.00; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, Assistant C.F.O., Director of Public Works, and Auditor.

The resolution was adopted on the following vote: Cafferty, aye; Lane, aye; Williams, aye; York, aye; and Brantley, aye.

AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF THREE FORD BRONCOS THROUGH THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY PURCHASING PROGRAM

Mr. Cafferty offered the following resolution, moved and seconded by Mr. Lane, that it be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator has requested the purchase of three 2022 Ford Bronco 4x4 for the Administration and Code Enforcement Departments through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Purchasing Program; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Laws, N.J.S. 40A:11-12; and,

WHEREAS, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Purchasing Program has awarded Contract ESCNJ 20/21-09 to Beyer Ford for these vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent and Chief Financial Officer recommend the utilization of this contract on the grounds that the price reflects a substantial savings; and,

WHEREAS, the cost to purchase these three vehicles shall not exceed \$26,604.92 per vehicle for a total of \$79,814.76; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Ordinance No. 21-35 and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the purchase of three 2022 Ford Bronco 4x4 for the Administration and Code Enforcement Departments be and is hereby authorized through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Purchasing Program Contract ESCNJ 20/21-09, Beyer Ford, at an amount not to exceed \$79,814.76; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, Assistant C.F.O., Director of Code Enforcement, and Auditor.

The resolution was adopted on the following vote: Cafferty, aye; Lane, aye; Williams, aye; York, aye; and Brantley, aye.

AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Ms. York offered the following resolution, moved and seconded by Mr. Cafferty, that it be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the following bills be paid if properly certified:

CURRENT FUND	8,344,441.97
TRUST FUND	51,751.13
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	31,300.86
SEWER OPERATING FUND	459,711.99
SEWER CAPITAL FUND	4,157.78
MARINA OPERATING FUND	186,562.01
DOG TRUST	7,125.00
LIBRARY TRUST	855.86
BILL LIST TOTAL	\$9,085,906.60

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Assistant C.F.O.

The resolution was adopted on the following vote: Cafferty, aye; Lane, aye; Williams, aye; York, aye; and Brantley, aye.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Brantley asked for public comments. The public was permitted to speak one time with a limit of five minutes. Comments were as follows:

David Kennington, 103 Central Avenue, stated that he met in Boswell Park with Mr. Gadaleta and has since met with local homeowners to put together an action plan to address the issues in the park. He distributed copies of the action plan. Mr. Gadaleta stated that some of the priority items have been started and he will discuss signs with the Camp Meeting Association. Mr. Kennington stated that a Friends of Boswell Park group has been created with 30 members. The group wants to work with the Township on improvements. Mr. Gadaleta stated that capital items take a bit more time, but cleaning up, addressing dead trees and installing a railing are all in progress. Mr. Kennington asked about donating funds to assist with the repairs. Mr. Gadaleta replied that it is difficult to raise funds and donate to the Township unless you incorporate as a 401c3 non-profit. Mr. Gadaleta also stated that the process to prepare the 2022 municipal budget goes through the first quarter of the year so improvements can still be discussed for 2022.

Joan Venezia, 107 Mt. Hermon Way, stated that she is happy that the Township is following up on the code issues with the property on Cookman Avenue. She stated that the Planning Board approval for the North End site expired in February of next year and the CAFRA approvals expire in 2025. She reported lights out in Firemen’s Park in April and July and was told by the Public Works Department that the Township is waiting on the electrician from Asbury Park to do the work. The Township has a shared service agreement with Asbury Park for the electrician so she feels the Township is not get a good deal. Mr. Gadaleta stated the Township does not pay anything unless the Electrician actually does work. Ms. Venezia stated that Blogfinger organized a donation program for trees to be planted in Firemen’s Park, so people are able to donate even if they are not a recognized not for profit.

Ellis Jones, 1926 West Lake Avenue, distributed and read a letter issued by MURC which urges the Township Committee to review the traffic pattern resulting from the development at the Asbury Circle. There are concerns about increased traffic.

Richard Williams, 1 Abbott Avenue, asked for clarification on the Township’s responsibility

for parks in Ocean Grove. Mr. Gadaleta referenced a court ruling that set forth the responsibility of the Township for maintenance although the Camp Meeting Association still owns the parks. Mr. Anthony expressed his concern about the Township paying for capital improvements on private property. Mr. Williams asked what the changes are in the mobile food vendor ordinance. Mr. Cafferty replied that the ordinance removes regulations that are in conflict with state statute.

Barbara Burns, 4 Ocean Avenue, asked for a copy of the court ruling regarding responsibility of the parks in Ocean Grove. Mr. Cafferty provided the docket number and Mr. Cuttrell offered to send her the ruling via email.

Ms. York offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Lane, to adjourn. All were in favor.

Richard J. Cuttrell,  
Municipal Clerk