

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETING – November 14, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Williams calls the workshop meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asks the Clerk to call the roll:

Roll Call	Present/ Absent
Dr. Michael Brantley	<u>Present</u>
Keith Cafferty	<u>Present</u>
Robert Lane, Jr.	<u>Present</u>
Tassie D. York	<u>Arrived at 6:09PM</u>
Nicholas Williams	<u>Present</u>

Also present: Gina M. LaPlaca, Business Administrator; Gene Anthony, Township Attorney; Gabriella Siboni, Municipal Clerk.

Mayor Williams announces 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 January 6, 2022, 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) and the meeting is being streamed live via townhallstreams.com.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN OPEN SESSION

1. Discussion On The Proposed Procedure To Address Parking Concerns in Ocean Grove

Mayor Williams stated that there is a proposal to meet with members of the committee individually with members of the Parking Subcommittee. The Township Committee indicated the preference would be a presentation to the full committee. Deputy Mayor Cafferty proposed an open forum as a separate meeting where the presentation would be presented to the Township Committee and the public. This would offer a transparent option to review the proposal. Dr. Brantley agreed with Mr. Cafferty but suggested that the forum occur in a larger facility to allow for more attendance. Mr. Lane agreed with Mr. Cafferty and Dr. Brantley on having a public forum and in a location that will offer a larger capacity for attendance. Mr. Williams stated that prior to the meeting, the administration and departments should be able to review the presentation and provide feedback for the Township Committee. Mr. Williams also stated he would like to receive feedback from the businesses in the area prior to final consideration. Ms. York stated the Parking Subcommittee has previously met to create the proposal and have met with Ms. York. Ms. York also indicated the subcommittee had met with administration and affected departments. The Committee discussed potential timeline to host the forum and stated they would like to look at the calendar and make sure the responsive departments have reports in prior to a final date scheduled.

2. Committee Calendars

Mr. Lane stated that the Dream Center Thanksgiving Outreach will be on Tuesday November 22 at 6:00PM at the Trinity Church in Asbury Park.

Ms. York stated the Township is collecting donations for the upcoming Winterfest and encouraged sponsorship and participation from the community.

Res # 476 Authorize An Executive Session As Authorized By The Open Public Meetings Act.

Offered by: Lane Seconded by: Cafferty

Vote: Brantley Yes Cafferty Yes Lane Yes York Yes Williams Yes

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – November 14, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Williams calls the meeting to order at 7:03PM and asks the Clerk to call the roll:

Roll Call	Present/ Absent
Dr. Michael Brantley	<u>Present</u>
Keith Cafferty	<u>Present</u>
Robert Lane, Jr.	<u>Present</u>
Tassie D. York	<u>Present</u>
Nicholas Williams	<u>Present</u>

Also present: Gina M. LaPlaca, Business Administrator; Gene Anthony, Township Attorney; Gabriella Siboni, Municipal Clerk.

SILENT PRAYER AND FLAG SALUTE

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

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion offered by Lane, seconded by, Cafferty, to approve the minutes of meetings of October 24, 2022. All in favor, none opposed.

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS

Comments from the Dais regarding business on this agenda or any reports on recent events in their respective departments.

Dr. Brantley Dr. Brantley attended the wreath laying at the Neptune Memorial Park and is happy and honored that Neptune Township and its residents are honoring veterans and Dr. Brantley was proud to be a part of the event. Dr. Brantley also attended the veteran’s memorial at Post 266 and there was recognition of veterans and women in the military and Dr. Brantley liked that there was a focus on the service of women in the military.

Mr. Lane Mr. Lane continued what Dr. Brantley said and stated it was an honor to speak at that event. Mr. Lane is working with the veterans committee to plan their Hometown Hero dinner for next year. Mr. Lane recognized Mr. Eric Houghtaling for his words at the Post 266 event. Mr. Lane is hoping to coordinate quarterly meetings between the post Commanders.

Mr. Lane stated the Jersey Shore Dream Center is having their Thanksgiving Dinner this year and the cost is \$5.00, but donations will also help cover those who cannot afford the dinner. November 22 at 6:00PM.

Mr. Lane stated there was a very successful crafts fair for the senior trust fund and has raised \$2,700. There was a COVID Clinic and Flu Vaccine on November 9. This will continue into 2023 for the Neptune residents. Senior Center was busy for Early voting, and it was a testament to the community benefits of the senior center.

Ms. York Ms. York stated she also attended the Veterans Day Ceremony and was able to attend the VFW event honoring veterans. Ms. York stated her brother is a 3-

time Vietnam Veteran and her son fought in Iraq. Ms. York stated the events were very beautiful.

Ms. York attended a benefit for St. Augustine recognizing 137 years. Ms. York attended the craft fair and the senior center. United Fellowship church in Asbury Park opened a Food Bank and encouraged others to donate and participate.

Deputy Mayor Cafferty Deputy mayor Cafferty congratulated Ms. York and Mr. Lane on their election win and looks forward to working with them in the coming years.

Mayor Williams Holiday Fun with Santa at Summerfield will be on December 3. Mayor Williams congratulated Ms. York and Mr. Lane on their election victory and is looking forward to more successful years on Committee with them. Mayor Williams wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving since our next committee meeting is not occurring until after the holiday.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

The Business Administrator will report on capital projects and matters of general interest.

- **South Riverside Drive/Shark River Hills “Living Shoreline” Project:** Work on the South Riverside Drive Living Shoreline project in Shark River Hills continues and residents who are interested in following along with the progress can now do so online. A special website has been set up thanks to the American Littoral Society: <https://www.littoralsociety.org/south-riverside-drive.html> and signs have been placed in the area around the project that display a QR Code that will take you directly to the website as well. Neptune Township will also be periodically providing drone footage of the construction that will be uploaded to the website.
- **Ocean Grove Tennis Courts/Sinkhole:** Repair and installation of the tops of the damaged tennis courts was scheduled to be completed today, with paving taking place this week over the repaired box culvert. Public Works confirmed today that we are still on the same schedule and completing the same scope of work that was provided to OGCMA in our discussion last week.
- **Veterans Day:** In recognition of Veterans Day, representatives of VFW Post 1333, accompanied by Chief Larry Fisher and members of the Neptune Township Police Department, placed flags in front of the municipal complex on Thursday, November 10th to honor our veterans. Eight current members of our Police Department are veterans of various branches of the military – some of them were among the officers who assisted in setting up the display. We thank them and all veterans for their service to our country and continued service to our community:
 - Capt. Anthony Gualario, U.S. Army
 - Capt. Michael D'Amico, U.S. Marine Corps
 - Lt. Jose Arce, U.S. Marine Corps
 - Sgt. Robert O'Heney, U.S. Navy
 - Sgt. Thomas Blewitt, U.S. Coast Guard
 - P.O. Joshua Jenkins, N.J. Army National Guard
 - P.O. Owen Rosenthal, U.S. Coast Guard
 - P.O. Matthew Simpson, U.S. Marine Corps

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

Public comments regarding resolutions presented on this agenda only. The public will be permitted one visit to the microphone with a limit of five minutes.

Township Clerk Announces Personnel For Separated Resolutions:

For Resolution 22-494

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Chris McLean	Code and Construction	Customer Service Representative	\$28,000.00	11/28/2022

For Resolution 22-495

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Kyle Bascom	Police Department	Police Support Systems Manager	\$65,550.41	11/15/2022

For Resolution 22-496

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Natasha Johnson	Municipal Court	Senior Violations Clerk	\$38,606.26	11/15/2022

Richard Williams, 1 Abbott Ave. Res. 477. Mr. Williams asked what this grant was, and Ms. Siboni indicated this grant has been addressed in other resolutions and this resolution is adding the grant to the Municipal Budget.

ORDINANCES - For each ordinance with a public hearing, the public is permitted one visit to the microphone with a limit of five minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 22-49 An Ordinance To Amend Volume I, Chapter Vii Of The Code Of The Township Of Neptune By Adding A Resident Only Handicapped Parking Zone On Mt. Hermon Way

Explanatory Statement: This ordinance authorizes a resident only handicapped parking zone in front of 41 Pilgrim Pathway

Offered by: Lane Seconded by: Brantley
Vote: Brantley Yes Cafferty Yes Lane Yes York Yes Williams Yes

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

Ordinance 22-50 Ordinance Authorizing Acceptance Of Deed Of Dedication With Regard To Block 5303, Lots 2, 3 And 4 On The Tax Map Of The Township Of Neptune, South Riverside Drive, From Shark River Hills Estates To Township Of Neptune

Explanatory Statement: This ordinance authorizes acceptance of Deed of Dedication of property located at Block 5303 Lots 2, 3 and 4 on South Riverside Dr.

Offered by: Cafferty Seconded by: Lane
Vote: Brantley Yes Cafferty Yes Lane Yes York Yes Williams Yes

The Clerk announces that the Public Hearings on Ordinances will be held at the next Township Committee meeting on November 28, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

Res # 477 A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing A Chapter 159 Budget Amendment To Insert Revenue Received For The It Pays To Plug In Grant

- Res # 478** Resolution Authorizing Lawsuit Against Shimron LLC % Coforge BPS Of 2005 Stratford Avenue, Block 904, Lot 20, Neptune Township, New Jersey For Trespass And Encroachment Upon Neptune Township Right-Of-Way And Public Road
- Res # 479** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Accepting Resignations
- Res # 480** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Granting Leave Of Absence To Teresa Richard Under The Family Medical Leave Act
- Res # 481** Confirm Action Of The Business Administrator To Suspend Employee
- Res # 482** Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Extension Of Bid Award For Removal Of Brush To Mazza Mulch
- Res # 483** Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing The Release A Performance Bond Filed By All County Exteriors, Llc For Dumpster Permit At Block 702 Lot 22
- Res # 484** Place Lien On Various Properties
- Res # 485** Resolution Of Support For H.R. 8994 Referred To As The “Supporting Our First Responders Act”
- Res # 486** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing The Cancellation And Refunds Of Certain Marina Fees Or Payments
- Res # 487** Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Shared Service Agreement With Neptune Township Fire District #1 Under The Neptune Board Of Fire Commissioners For Fit Testing, Repair And Calibration Of Equipment And Use Of Training Facility
- Res # 488** Resolution Authorizing The Award Of A Non-Fair And Open Contract For Consulting Services With Monmouth Conservation Foundation To Assist In The Donation Of Land As Part Of Its Land Trust
- Res # 489** Authorize Agreement For Municipal Complex- Exterior Masonry With MTB, LLC In An Amount Not To Exceed \$25,308.00
- Res # 490** Resolution Authorizing The Professional Services Agreement With T&M Associates For Engineering Services Relating To Remedial Action In Regard To Former Welsh Farms Block 7013 Lot 11, 703 Old Corlies Ave. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$428,765.00
- Res # 491** Resolution Authorizing Steven R. Tombalakian, Esq. And Ronald D. Cucchiaro, Esq. Of The Werner Law Group To Represent The Township Of Neptune And George Waterman In His Official Capacity As Zoning Officer Of Neptune Township And All Other Relevant Defendants In The Of OG North End Development, LLC V. Neptune Township And George Waterman Filed In The Superior Court Of New Jersey, Law Division, Monmouth County, Under Docket No. Mon-L-2916-22
- Res # 492** Resolution Authorizing Michael Burns, Esq. Of The Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello Law Firm To Represent The Township Of Neptune In The Third Party Complaint In The Case Of Savage V. Kezmarsky V. Neptune Township Filed In The Superior Court Of New Jersey, Law Division, Monmouth County, Under Docket No. Mon-L-2588-21
- Res # 493** Authorize Payment of Bills

CONSENT AGENDA

Offered by: Cafferty Seconded by: Brantley
Vote: Brantley Yes Cafferty Yes Lane Yes York Yes Williams Yes

SEPARATED RESOLUTIONS

Res # 494 A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune
 Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Code And Construction

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Chris McLean	Code and Construction	Customer Service Representative	\$28,000.00	11/28/2022

Offered by: Lane Seconded by: Cafferty
Vote: Brantley Yes Cafferty Yes Lane Yes York Yes Williams Yes

Res # 495 A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune
 Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Police Department

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Kyle Bascom	Police Department	Police Support Systems Manager	\$65,550.41	11/15/2022

Offered by: Cafferty Seconded by: Brantley
Vote: Brantley Yes Cafferty Yes Lane Yes York Yes Williams Yes

Res # 496 Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Municipal Court

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Natasha Johnson	Municipal Court	Senior Violations Clerk	\$38,606.26	11/15/2022

Offered by: Lane Seconded by: Brantley
Vote: Brantley Yes Cafferty Yes Lane Yes York Yes Williams Yes

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address any concern relating to the Township. The public will be permitted one visit to the microphone with a limit of five minutes.

Carlos DelGado 407 Robbins Road Mr. Delgado had previously attended a meeting and stated the property fence is too high. Ms. LaPlaca stated the zoning officer reviewed the property and the fence is in compliance. Ms. LaPlaca confirmed that in June of 2022, Mr. Waterman reviewed the property and the zoning approval, and the property is in compliance with the zoning approval of the property.

Mayor Williams stated there is an issue of the trailer on the property and whether that is a representation of a change of use of the property. If there are issues with the site triangle due to the parking, there can be additional review.

Renella Cobb, 547 Myrtle Ave. Ms. Cobb has been to Township Committee in the past to address her neighbor's property issues and nuisance. Ms. Cobb stated she has not seen police or code violations out to the property again. This is in reference to

538 Myrtle Ave. Ms. LaPlaca stated there was a summons issued on September 15. Ms. Cobb stated the issues are just getting worse. The house is in disarray and there are continued issues with noise from the property as well.

Rich Williams, 1
Abbott Ave.

Ms. Cobb also indicated that the children are not going to school, there are issues with noise over the weekends. Mayor Williams asked to have the police department notified so they can include the Board of Education. Mr. Williams congratulated Mr. Lane and Ms. York on their election win and thanked them for their presence at the Ocean Grove Homeowners Meeting. Mr. Williams stated it was great to hear about the Pickleball court. There was water build up on the court and wanted to see if there is a problem that is being addressed with the damaged box culvert. Ms. LaPlaca stated she will confirm with Public Works if that was an issue and if it is abated during this project.

Mr. Williams stated he wants the parking proposal to be viewed as a trial program to test its viability.

Paul Kaplan

Invited all to attend the Ocean Grove Homeowners Holiday event on December 10

Mr. Kaplan stated that it seems that Social Services would need to be involved on the matter brought up by Mr. Cobb.

Joyce Klein
105 Mt. Hermon
Way

Mr. Kaplan stated that the parking proposal is not intended to cut off Neptune Residents or Ocean Grove residents from parking, the intent is to reduce the free parking from Asbury Park.

Ms. Klein wanted to clarify the proposed procedure. Ms. Klein referenced that Ms. Monica Kowalski threatened a lawsuit during the 2017 parking forum because at the time committeewoman Rizzo was a resident of the area and Ms. Kowalski stated she believed it was an ethical issue. Ms. Klein stated the parking proposal does not include permits near businesses. The parking subcommittee is working with the funeral home to address their parking concerns with the funeral homes. Ms. Klein stated that Committeewoman York was present and coordinated the parking committee meeting. Ms. Klein looks forward to presenting the plan to the committee and the efforts are to limit the parking from Asbury Park.

Reverend Lee
12 Patricia Dr.

Mr. Lee congratulated Mr. Lane and Ms. York on their election victory. Mr. Lee stated there have been issues in the past regarding new neighbors in the area and operations of business in the neighborhood including a fencing and portapotty business. These matters have been resolved in the past. Now, there has been a gazebo built in the back where parties were hosted and causing noise issue. These were pre-pandemic issues that the Township has been able to assist and resolve.

There are still lingering issues with people who drive down the street and throw garbage and litter down the street. Mr. Lee stated the residents are consistently having to clean up the garbage in the area. Mr. Lee asked if surveillance can be used to help find the people who are littering.

Mayor Williams stated this can be taken up with the Police Committee to see if there is a way to mitigate this issue.

Dr. Brantley stated that the Chief can charge Mr. Kyle Bascom to send the drones in the area to see if that can collect information on the area.

Barbara Burns,
4 Ocean Ave.

Mr. Cafferty stated to reach out to neighbors to see if any have a ring camera to help narrow down the times when issues are occurring. Ms. Burns stated the piling on the pier caught on fire and had to be taken down. Ms. Burns asked where the supervision is on this project from the Township. Ms. Burns does not understand how the fire could occur. Ms. Burns asked what the Township is doing to ensure this doesn't happen again. Ms. Burns stated there is no oversight to the building of this pier. Ms. Burns does not have the confidence in the ability of this project to occur safely. Ms. Burns urged the committee to exert oversight to the construction of the pier.

Lynn Antonoub, 61
Cookman Ave.

Mr. Anthony states that the Township does not have the legal ability to intervene.

Ms. Antonoub asked for an update on the repainting of the lines in Ocean Grove. Ms. Antonoub stated that Ocean Grove is really dark and in the past the residents complained that the streetlights were too bright, so they were dimmed. Ms. Antonoub stated that the darkness also makes it unsafe to drive.

Mayor Williams asked where in Ocean Grove is it too dark. Ms. Antonoub stated it is very dark all over Ocean Grove unless the private residence has lights. Mr. Anthony stated it may be a Police Committee matter for public safety.

Andy Levine
98 Mt. Tabor way

Ms. LaPlaca stated at the last meeting, the concerns about the crosswalks, and speed signs; DPW and police have been coordinating on this matter and we will get an update.

Mr. Levine stated the parking committee had 6 meetings and there was discussion that led to the draft proposal. The parking committee met with Administration, Police, Finance and Legal and incorporated those comments into the proposal.

Mr. Levine stated the access to Neptune Residents who would like to access the beach, there is no change to their experience. Mr. Levine is looking forward to a special meeting so that all can have their voice shared. Mr. Levine asked the committee to come to the special meeting with an open mind.

Michael Badger,
129 Broadway

Mr. Cafferty asked the parking committee asked the parking committee to state their measure of success.

Mr. Badger congratulated Mr. Lane and Ms. York. There are lights on Broadway that are out, and they have tried to reach out to JCP&L to have them fixed.

Mr. Badger stated that there are new lines on Cookman Ave.

Mr. Badger asked for a copy of this proposal and has not received this record yet. Mr. Badger also indicated that this proposal is a "start" and would potentially expand.

Camp Meeting expressed concern that only a portion of the box culvert was going to be replaced. The area referred to by Mr. Williams was in a location where a water pipe burst. Mr. Badger indicated that the integrity of the paving of the court is intact to not have a tripping hazard or similar.

Mr. Badger indicated the pier is being overseen by an engineer and is insured.

Mr. Badger would like the Township to consider an event for the Sharing Network 5k.

Ms. York stated that Mr. Badger did not attend the past two meetings, but the representatives were provided the document at the meeting.

Nancy Clark, 47 Embury Ave.

Ms. Clark stated that Mr. Badger can OPRA request the parking proposal.

Ms. Clark stated there was a fire on the pier and if there is a strong wind, the concern for the town is substantial. Ms. Clark stated she does not want to lose her house because someone is not doing their job. The project may be supervised by an engineer, but there are issues at the site where people are not doing their job because a fire occurred.

ADJOURNMENT

Offered by: Cafferty _____

Seconded by: Lane _____

Time adjourned: 8:13PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Gabriella Siboni
Township Clerk