

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETING – February 13, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Cafferty 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>Absent</u>
Robert Lane, Jr.	<u>Present</u>
Tassie D. York	<u>Present</u>
Nicholas Williams	<u>Present</u>
Keith Cafferty	<u>Present</u>

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

Mayor Cafferty 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 5, 2023, 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.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN OPEN SESSION**

**1. Fletcher Lake Bulkhead Project Update**

Mr. Lane stated NJDEP is still reviewing the application, which is anticipated to return at the end of February. The award of contract will occur after the approval from NJDEP.

**2. Youth Council**

Mr. Anthony stated the proposal is to have a youth council in either Middle or High School. The Township Committee would work with the Board of Education to hold annual elections to have youth representatives who would form an advisory committee to work with the Township Committee. The purpose would be to teach the students about government.

Mr. Williams asked if it would be open to Neptune Middle School or High School. Mr. Williams hoped that it would not exclude youth members who attend private schools, vocational schools, etc. Mr. Anthony stated they would be able to be included.

The Committee agreed this is a great idea and it would be something to bring forth to consider.

**3. Amendment to the Taxi Ordinance**

The reason for the proposed amendment is to ensure compliance with the regulations for Taxi companies in a timely and consistent manner.

Notably the following changes are being proposed:

- Applications for medallion and drivers will be due at the same time.
- If a medallion owner does not supply proper application, medallions can be revoked in 30 days instead of 90.
- A late fee will be instituted at \$25.00 per day. Since the revocation period is only 30 days, this is a maximum total of \$750.00. This monies will not be collected if the medallion is not renewed.
- Driver applications must be submitted at the same time as medallion application and mercantile registration
  - No a driver application provided, a sworn affidavit that there are no drivers for the company at the time.
  - Remains the same that prior to driver operations, the application must be submitted.
- Temporary license changed from \$25.00 to Fifty dollars
- Change penalties to be consistent with the remainder of the Chapter. Township Committee did not pose any questions

#### 4. Discussion on Proposed Special Event Procedure

Ms. Siboni presented the following information to the Township Committee for review:

Type of Event	Definition of Event	Application Process
<b>Block Party</b>	A party for the residents of a block or neighborhood, typically held on a closed-off municipal street, an extension of a residential premise.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated Application from the Clerk’s Office.</li> <li>• Includes Review and Approval from Police Department</li> <li>• Forward to Fire, EMS, DPW and OEM on Approval.</li> <li>• May request barricades; not guaranteed to be provided.</li> <li>• <b>No Application Fee</b></li> </ul>
<b>Temporary Display</b>	<p>Temporary Displays shall include outdoor displays and/or sales of a commercial nature other than those sales covered by Section 4-20 and 4-21 (<i>Garage Sales and Close Out Sales</i>) of the Neptune Township Code.</p> <p><i>This is commercial entities wishing to extend use of their property for an event, temporary sales display, etc.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application with Zoning Officer</li> <li>• <b>Application Fee remains \$100.00</b></li> <li>• Provided list of required permits that may be applicable.</li> <li>• May be issued for 1 day to 2 weeks. May be renewed for one time for up to 2 additional weeks.</li> <li>• Notification sent to Fire, Police, EMS, DPW, OEM</li> </ul>
<b>Parade or Run</b>	<p>A public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event that may include marching bands and floats.</p> <p><i>Any event that traverses the municipality.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This may or may not include the closure of roads.</li> <li>• Resolution may be required</li> <li>• Event Rate Resolution adopted annually</li> <li>• Application submitted to the Clerk’s Office</li> <li>• Would Follow the OEM application for an Event</li> <li>• Clerk would forward to Police and OEM for review and approval</li> <li>• Fees may/ will be assessed based on the fee rates established by resolution and the requirements set forth by the departments</li> <li>• Insurance would be required.</li> <li>• Provided list of required permits that may be applicable.</li> <li>• <b>Application Fee \$250.00</b></li> </ul>
<b>Carnival/ Festival</b>	<p>A planned public or social occasion held on a premises not typically used for stated purposes.</p> <p>a one-time or infrequently occurring event outside normal programs or activities of the sponsoring or organizing body</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This may or may not include the closure of roads.</li> <li>• Resolution may be required</li> <li>• Application submitted to the Clerk’s Office</li> <li>• Would Follow the OEM application for an Event</li> <li>• Clerk would forward to Police and OEM for review and approval</li> <li>• Fees may/ will be assessed based on the fee rates established by resolution and the requirements set forth by the departments</li> <li>• Insurance would be required.</li> </ul>



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Robert Lane, Jr.	<u>Present</u>
Nicholas Williams	<u>Present</u>
Tassie D. York	<u>Present</u>
Keith Cafferty	<u>Present</u>

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE 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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**PRESENTATION**

**Black History Month Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, Since the inception of a week celebration of Black History in February 1926, Mayors across the nation began issuing yearly proclamations recognizing Black History as it developed in a month for decades to follow. It remains a powerful symbolic celebration of a time for acknowledgement, reflection, and inspiration. This year’s 2023 Black History Month’s theme, “Black Resistance”, explores how Black Americans have addressed historic and ongoing disadvantages and oppression, as evidenced by recent events. Not just resistance in years past, but resistance today and tomorrow, and;

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month is a time to celebrate the fullness of Black American history and culture. The Village, a philanthropy organization, wrote “This year’s theme for this Black History Month is Black Resistance. Resistance has always been a core feature of the Black experience in America. Black people have resisted historical and contemporary oppression in almost every imaginable form. And Black resistance movements have been studied and analyzed by scholars, organizers, and communities for decades and now serve as the model for social movement organizing across the globe.”, and;

**WHEREAS**, The theme of this year's Black History Month, “Black Resistance,” also serves as a catalyst for power and lifts up the perseverance of Black Americans against entrenched oppression, violence, and discrimination from our nation’s founders to this day. Understanding the need for resistance and how to resist effectively requires knowledge of Black history and its integral role in American history, and;

**WHEREAS**, the recognition of Black History Months’ theme of Resistance is not only a respectful acknowledgment of African American history, it also is a celebration. Strong leaders, such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., prevailed at a time where history was an endurance of discrimination and oppression of the Black American community. America is made rich by Black culture, creativity, innovation, and documented history, and as such deserves to be showcased and celebrated with pride, and;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Keith Cafferty, Mayor of the Township of Neptune, along with the entire Township Committee, do hereby declare this year’s, 2023 Black History Month, as Black Resistance. Not just resistance in years past, but resistance today and tomorrow. Together, it is our responsibility to honor all that this month aims to capture. Let this Black History Month, and every day after, be a time for celebration and remembrance of Black History.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion offered by Lane, seconded by, York, to approve the minutes of meetings of January 23, 2023. All present are in favor of approval.

**COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS**

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

- Williams            Mr. Williams did not have a report tonight.
- Brantley            Dr. Brantley stated the forum at the arts center was informative.
- Lane                 Mr. Lane stated he attended the Ribbon Cutting for Cipriani’s, a new Italian restaurant in Neptune. Members of the committee attended the PBA Steak Bake and was happy to support the organization. Mr. Lane stated the department is still working on the Fletcher Lake Bulkhead and is awaiting approval from the NJDEP.
- York                 Mr. Lane stated the Senior Center is working with FulFill to include a raised bed garden. Rev. York stated that Good Trouble event will be occurring on February 26. Rev York stated that Ocean Grove will be hosting the Girls weekend. Rev. York was impressed with presentations from students from Midtown on kindness. Rev. York recognized noted Students of the Month. Rev. York stated she is working with Mr. Ciccone on updates to the Code and Construction department to streamline the process.
- Cafferty            Mr. Cafferty did not have a report tonight.

**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: The Township will be hosting an informational meeting for members of the public interested in the progress of the Living Shoreline project on February 27th at 7:00pm at the Municipal Marina Building. Representatives of the American Littoral Society and Avakian Engineering will also be on-hand to provide updates and answer any questions that residents may have.
- Ocean Grove – Broadway Tennis Court Repair: The repairs and paving were completed in January. The fencing has now arrived and is due to be installed this Wednesday, February 15th.
- World Changers 2023: The World Changers program is officially coming back to Neptune for 2023. Applications for eligible residents seeking repairs to their homes are now available on the Township website or at the Municipal Building. The deadline to apply is March 24, 2023. Homes must be owner-occupied and applicants must meet the income thresholds set forth by the Council on Affordable Housing.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS**

The Clerk will announce additional information in regard to Separated Resolutions if necessary.

**Resolution 23-110 Personnel- Reclassification**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPT</u>	<u>PREVIOUS POSITION</u>	<u>RECLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Nathaniel Parkman	Public Works	Seasonal DPW Employee	Laborer	\$31,500.00	2/14/2023
Keven Jean	Public Works	Seasonal DPW Employee	Laborer	\$31,500.00	2/14/2023
Jon Kass	Public Works	Seasonal DPW Employee	Laborer	\$31,500.00	2/14/2023

**Resolution 23-111 Personnel**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Tristan W. Waldron	Police Department	Special Law Enforcement Officer - Class 2	\$23.31	2/27/2023

**Resolution 23-112 Personnel**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Michael E. Ransom	Public Works	Laborer	\$31,500.00	2/17/2023
Robert E. Forbes	Public Works	Laborer	\$31,500.00	2/17/2023

Public comments regarding resolutions presented on this agenda only.

The public comment portion of our meeting is to allow the public to bring to the Committee’s attention their concerns or comments. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10: 4-12(a) and the Neptune Rules of Committee, the Committee asks the public to limit their comments to five minutes or less. The Committee will respect the public’s time by refraining any comment until the speaker has finished with their allotted time. It should be further noted that public comment portion of our meeting is not structured as a question and answer session. If a member of the public has questions they seek answers to, an appointment can be made with the appropriate office, Business Administrator or Township Committee Liaison during regular business hours. The Township Clerk will regulate the time during the comment portion of our meeting. The Committee reserves the right to respond to comments or questions at the conclusion of the speakers time.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Richard Williams, 1 Abbott Ave.	<u>Res. 23-106</u>

**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 23-04** Ordinance To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40a: 4-45.14)

*Explanatory Statement: This ordinance permits the introduction of the annual municipal budget with a maximum increase in total appropriations of 3.5%. This ordinance does not change or negate the 2% tax levy cap.*

No Public Comments

Offered by:	<u>York</u>	Seconded by:	<u>Lane</u>
Vote:	Brantley <u>Yes</u> Lane <u>Yes</u> Williams <u>Yes</u> York <u>Yes</u>		<u>Yes</u> Cafferty <u>Yes</u>

**ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING**

**Ordinance 23-05** An Ordinance To Amend Volume I, Chapter VII, Section 7-11 Of The Code Of The Township Of Neptune By Establishing A Stop Intersection At Monroe Avenue And Neptune Boulevard, Neptune Boulevard Circle (Southeast Section), And Neptune Boulevard Circle (Northeast Section)

*Explanatory Statement: This ordinance is adding stop intersections on Monroe Ave. and Neptune Boulevard Circle.*

Offered by:	<u>Williams</u>	Seconded by:	<u>Brantley</u>
Vote:	Brantley <u>Yes</u> Lane <u>Yes</u> Williams <u>Yes</u> York <u>Yes</u>		<u>Yes</u> Cafferty <u>Yes</u>

**Ordinance 23-06** An Ordinance To Amend Volume I, Chapter 25 Of The Code Of The Township Of Neptune By Amending Fees Under §25-1.2 Vital Statistics

*Explanatory Statement: This ordinance is amending the fees for the issuance of death certificates.*

Offered by:	<u>York</u>	Seconded by:	<u>Lane</u>
Vote:	Brantley <u>Yes</u> Lane <u>Yes</u> Williams <u>Yes</u> York <u>Yes</u>		<u>Yes</u> Cafferty <u>Yes</u>

**Ordinance 23-07** An Ordinance To Amend Volume I, Chapter VII, Section 7-7.5 Of The Code Of The Township Of

Neptune To Add A Parking Time Limitation To A Portion Of Main Avenue

*Explanatory Statement: This ordinance is including a parking limitation on a limited number of parking spaces on Main Ave. of three hours between My 15 and September 15.*

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

**Ordinance 23-08** An Ordinance To Amend And Supplement Chapter Iv, Section 4-34 Entitled “No Knock Registry”

*Explanatory Statement: This ordinance amends Section 4-34 “No Knock Registry” to amend the responsible department and to remove the purchase of stickers.*

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

The Clerk announces the public hearing on ordinances listed will be held on February 27, 2023

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Res #23- 092** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing The Cancellation And Refunds Of Certain Marina Fees Or Payments
- Res #23- 093** Resolution Supporting Monmouth County’s Federal Funding Application Under The U.S. Department Of Transportation’s FY 2023 Raise Grant For Improvements Along Asbury Avenue Between State Highway 35 And Ocean Avenue North In The Townships Of Neptune And Ocean, And The City Of Asbury Park
- Res #23- 094** Place Lien On Various Properties
- Res #23- 095** Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A Sublease Agreement With The Ocean Grove Chamber Of Commerce To Operate A Tourism Bureau In A Portion Of 81 Main Avenue, Ocean Grove, New Jersey
- Res #23- 096** Approve The Transfer Of Taxi Medallion License No. 11
- Res #23- 097** A Resolution Authorizing The Cancellation Of Taxes
- Res #23- 098** Authorizing The Cancellation Of A Tax Sale Certificate
- Res #23- 099** Authorize The Transfer Of 2022 Budget Appropriations #3
- Res #23- 100** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing The Cancellation And Refunds Of Non-Residential Development Fee
- Res#23- 101** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Acknowledging Mayoral Appointments To The Environmental/ Shade Tree Commission
- Res#23- 102** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Appointing Members To The Recreation Committee
- Res#23- 103** Resolution Authorizing Purchase Of Outdoor 4 Way PTZ Cameras At Four (4) Intersections With Installation And 5 Year Warranty With Let’s Think Wireless Under New Jersey State Contract #89980 For \$20,984.17
- Res#23- 104** Grant Agreement Between Township Of Neptune And The State Of New Jersey By And For The Department Of Environmental Protection Grant Identifier AQ23-040
- Res#23- 105** Resolution Authorizing The Township Of Neptune To Accept A Subgrant Award Of The Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Of Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Program
- Res#23- 106** Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing The Application To The Sustainable Jersey® Grant Funded By PSEG
- Res#23- 107** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Co-Sponsoring The Memorial Day Parade Committee
- Res#23- 108** Authorize Payment of Bills

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**SEPARATED RESOLUTIONS**

**Res #23- 109** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Public Works

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

**Res #23- 110** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Reclassification

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

**Res #23- 111** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Police Department

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

**Res #23- 112** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Public Works

Offered by: Lane Seconded by: York  
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**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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**Name**

**Comment**

Elaine Eldringham, 136 Main Ave.

Ms. Eldringham stated she attended the parking forum on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Eldringham stated that she believed there was acknowledgement that there is a parking issue in Ocean Grove. Ms. Eldringham stated she is in support of the Parking Proposal that was presented at the January 28 meeting. Ms. Eldringham encouraged the committee to choose to do something to help the residents of Ocean Grove. Ms. Eldringham asked that in the future all of Ocean Grove have a permit program.

Peter Lawrence, 113 Asbury Ave.

Mr. Lawrence thought there was a really good discussion on January 28 forum. Mr. Lawrence was concerned that there was not an agenda item on for tonight for the Committee to address. Mr. Lawrence stated he was unsure about the enforcement for 3 hour parking on Main St. will work. Mr. Lawrence questioned how that would be enforced without additional police presence. Mr. Lawrence indicated this has been a



constant issue in Ocean Grove, but this is the first viable proposal.

Mayor Cafferty stated that in regards to 3 hour parking, enforcement will be determined by the Police Department. Mayor Cafferty stated the proposal is being analyzed by the Department Heads

Hank Coakley, Valley Rd.

Mr. Coakley asked if a mobile sign, that could say “wipers on and lights on” and place them in various places in town. Mr. Coakley indicated there was a number of vehicles without lights on during the recent inclement weather. Mr. Coakley asked if there were plans to repaint the road by Neptune Blvd. Mr. Coakley asked why the address is not listed on the public buildings. Mr. Coakley asked if a letter was written to Wall Township Engineering regarding the dangerous intersection on Gully Rd and Brighton Ave.

Regina Hertzik, 94 Mt. Hermon Way

Ms. Hertzik asked the Township Committee to support the proposal for Parking Permits. Ms. Hertzik stated there is no parking in the area and it is a detriment to her and her husband. Ms. Hertzik stated she sees people park in the area that are visiting or working in Asbury Park.

Paul Kaplan, 81 Mt. Zion Way

Mr. Kaplan stated there is an undeniable parking problem in Ocean Grove. Mr. Kaplan has stated there is not an experience unless you are on the northwest section of Ocean Grove. Mr. Kaplan stated there is finally a program that has gotten support in the community. Mr. Kaplan stated we will not know if the parking proposal works unless we try it. Mr. Kaplan thanked those who were a part of the subcommittee that prepared the proposed pilot program.

Joyce Klein, 105 Mt. Hermon Way.

Ms. Klein thanked everyone for their patience on January 28. Ms. Klein stated it is now time to do something with the information and feedback that was presented at the January 28 meeting. Ms. Klein stated there was an informal offer made to Camp Meeting to extend the zones to include the tents and to make the rental period less to include the tents. Ms. Klein read a correspondence between Committeewoman York and the Camp Meeting Association.

James McNamara, 86 Asbury Ave.

Ms. York indicated that she had received a response. Ms. York stated Mr. Badger indicated that they do not believe a parking permit program is appropriate. Mr. McNamara stated he spoke on the January 28 meeting and spoke to the requirement that permit programs would require more research. Mr. McNamara believes that there is more than enough information to make progress on a workshop and eventual ordinance. Mr. McNamara stated there is a lot of discussion regarding “spill over”. Mr. McNamara stated the intent of the proposal is to remove Asbury Park goes from parking in Ocean Grove to avoid fee parking. This would open available spaces in the zones to avoid spill over. Mr. McNamara posed a question to the Township Committee to address their views on the quality of life issues.

Robert Lamont, 86 Asbury Ave.

Mr. Lamont expressed support for the statements made by Ms. Hertzik. Mr. Lamont stated the parking is exacerbated by people going to Asbury Park. Mr. Lamont encouraged the Township Committee to take action on this proposal.

Anne MacMorris, 15 New York Ave.

Ms. MacMorris expresses support for the Parking Proposal. Ms. MacMorris wanted to inquire about feedback the committee is receiving. Ms. MacMorris indicated there is a number of people who believe the parking proposal is already approved to be in place. Ms. MacMorris indicated that there is a petition circulating online to oppose the Parking Proposal. The petition does not request an address.

Karen Mason, 105 Cardinal Rd.

Ms. Mason expressed support for those who have shown up for Ocean Grove Parking issues. Ms. Mason stated everyone in Ocean Grove and Neptune Township want a quality of life. Ms. Mason wants community awareness and to help resolve issues in the community. Ms. Mason indicated there is a growing issue with the homeless population near her home. Ms. Mason stated there was a video taken that shows all of the garbage that is accumulating behind the ShopRite. Ms. Mason stated it is time to stop it. Ms. Mason indicated she believes there are children living in the encampment. Ms. Mason stated this needs to be addressed now. Ms. Mason stated there is a man who is exposing himself to use the bathroom on the side of the road.

Robert Egato, 7 Seaview Ave.

Mr. Egato expressed his support for the Parking Proposal. Mr. Egato stated that after rejection from HPC, the OGNED development sued the Township. The Township has filed an adjournment. Mr. Egato stated he believes that means the agreement is under settlement.

Mr. Anthony stated that the adjournments were court activated. Mr. Anthony is not representing the Township on this matter. Mr. Anthony stated the matter is in court. Mr. Anthony stated the HPC Attorney is representing the Township.

Gary Brown, Cardinal Rd. Mr. Brown echoed the thoughts of his neighbor Ms. Mason. Mr. Brown stated the issues with the homeless encampment have been reported for years. The problems have just escalated through the years. Mr. Brown indicated there was a death in the woods. There is an issue with excessive garbage and human waste. There are a number of organizations that are trying to assist those living in the encampment. Mr. Brown also indicated there is an access road for the easement which allows for more access for the encampment. Mr. Brown spoke to a supervisor to resolve some issues. The resolutions included additional greenery and a fence. Mr. Brown asked for an update regarding the meeting with the property owner. Mr. Brown indicated there is drug and alcohol abuse from those at the encampment.

Elizabeth Marcalin, 112 Cardinal Rd. Ms. Marcalin stated she has a camera that can see the encampment that is behind her home. Ms. Marcalin stated she lives on a dead end street and there is only one place that the gentleman could have been coming from. Ms. Marcalin stated she is concerned for her safety. Ms. Marcalin expressed compassion for what the homeless community is facing but is seeking assistance and resolution from the Township Committee.

Summer Shine, NJ 33 Ms. Shine stated she is a real estate agent that is representing a developer. Ms. Shine is hoping to put it on the record to make progress on the purchase of Township Owned Property. Ms. Shine read a letter that was submitted to the Township Clerk's office regarding the purchase of a Township Owned Property.

Eileen Michael, 15 Seaview Ave. Ms. Michael stated she is here to support the Parking Proposal. Ms. Michael stated that there are resident handicap spots on the street. Ms. Michael stated that with developments on the North End, it will be impossible to park. Ms. Michael stated that for all the taxes contributed, the residents be acknowledged for what they are seeking. Ms. Michael stated it would be necessary to try the program and then if it does not work, it can be pulled back. Ms. Michael stated the petition being circulated may not include residents of Ocean Grove.

Katie Resley, 66 Cookman Ave. Ms. Resley stated she lives on the South Side of Town and does not experience the same parking issues as the North Side. Ms. Resley is in support of the parking proposal and encouraged the Township Committee to move the parking proposal forward. Ms. Resley acknowledged Ms. Mason and stated the Township should take action to assist her as well.

JP Thompson, 75 Embury Ave. Ms. Thompson asked the Township Committee to seriously consider the parking proposal.

Pam Remler, 113 Asbury Ave. Ms. Remler asked the Township Committee to consider the Ocean Grove residents and tax payers and encouraged the Township Committee to consider and move the parking proposal forward. Ms. Remler stated other matters are brought quickly to the Township Committee, but this matter has not moved forward. Ms. Remler expressed frustration that the Committee is ignoring the plight of the residents.

Nancy Clarke, 47 Embury Ave. Ms. Clarke stated frustration to the sentiment that if you don't like it, leave. Ms. Clarke expressed support for the parking permit program. Ms. Clarke asked why the Camp Meeting Association is allowed to throw their weight around and make an impact. Ms. Clarke indicated she does not believe the parking proposal will impact the Camp Meeting and their events.

Richard Williams, 1 Abbott Ave. Mr. Williams asked Ms. LaPlaca for an update on the pickleball courts. Mr. Williams stated there has been a question raised as to why communication with Asbury Park is not being included in the resolution. Asbury Park has indicated that a parking problem in Ocean Grove is not an issue for Asbury Park. Mr. Williams encouraged the Township to take a more proactive approach.

Barbara Burns, 4 Ocean Ave. Ms. Burns indicated the Township Committee has been hesitant to implement a parking proposal. Ms. Burns indicated there is already an ordinance in place that allows for resident parking permits. Ms. Burns stated there is routinely an ordinance to amend the Township Code to include a resident handicap permit. Ms. Burns stated that in 1970, a supreme court decision noted that parking permits are not discriminatory. Ms. Burns also indicated that the Public Trust Doctrine does not apply to the Parking Permit Proposal. Ms. Burns stated this is a test for a limited time, to provide information for the Township Committee to consider.

Daniel Mally 138 Mt.  
Hermon Way.

Mr. Mally summarized statements from Dr. Brantley in previous meetings. Mr. Mally inquired for Dr. Brantley's input on parking. Mr. Mally indicated the Township Committee needs to do something. Mr. Mally stated the Mr. Williams participated in a parking committee and was not ready at the time to move on the proposal. The concerns presented by Mr. Williams have been addressed in the new proposal. Mr. Mally stated that Mr. Lane was concerned over the potential spill over regarding parking and Mr. Mally stated that the information provided by the Parking Proposal has addressed those concerns.

Shane Martins, 138 Mt.  
Hermon Way.

Mr. Martins stated he is here as a district leader of District 3 and a member of the parking committee. Mr. Martins stated he will be at every meeting until this permit pilot is workshopped and on the agenda. Mr. Martins indicated that an e-mail was sent to set a meeting with the Mayor and Committee to address some changes to the pilot to address the concerns. Mr. Martins stated the message from Mr. Badger that this would take away from the historic value of the town, but Camp meeting has multiple infringements of the historic value. Mr. Martins stated that discussions with the Police Department and the issue would not detract from life saving efforts. Mr. Martins stated the Parking Subcommittee reached out to extend Zone 2 to Central Ave and include the tenters in the proposal.

Bryan Lavender, 103 Beverly  
Way  
Paul Martin, Franklin Ave.

Mr. Lavender stated he is here to address the proposal for Beverly Way. Ms. LaPlaca stated he can speak to her and can grab a business card.

Mr. Martin states this is a perpetual problem and there is no action taken. Mr. Martin stated the residents are seeking a commitment from the Township Committee that action will be taken in the near future

Elysia Green, 142 Franklin.

Ms. Green stated she is in support of the 3 hour limitation on Main Ave. Ms. Green stated where she lives, there is not a parking problem, but she cares about her friends who live in the area where there is a parking issue. Ms. Green stated she does not understand why the parking permit proposal is not moving forward.

82 Broadway 8:37PM

Expressed support for the parking permit proposal. Asked the Township Committee to support the residents when they are seeking a resolution to an issue they have brought to your attention. Camp Meeting is not concerned with the residents of Ocean Grove. It was reiterated that this is a pilot program.

**\*\*Missing speaker\*\***

Thea Bowers

Ms. Bowers stated there are condominiums that have parking permits in Ocean Grove. Ms. Bowers does not know why it cannot be expanded

Kathleen DiMichelle, 17  
Atlantic Ave.

Ms. DiMichelle is in support of the parking proposal. Ms. DiMichelle stated vehicles cannot be moved for fear of not being able to find spots upon return. Ms. DiMichelle stated the petition being circulated is misinformed and includes people who are not residents of Ocean Grove. Ms. DiMichelle expressed a want to have zone 2 expanded to Central Ave.

Gerard Vaska, Ocean Grove

Mr. Vaska stated that by not workshopping or voting on it, is actually a vote on the matter. Camp Meeting has circulated a petition that notes this is a liberal cause. Mr. Vaska asked who will be verifying the petitioner's information.

Mark Gildenham, Broadway  
Ave.

Mr. Gildenham is in support of the pilot parking program and encouraged the Township Committee to take action.

Jenny Schaffer, 90 Mt. Tabor  
Ginger Monarch, 102 Mt.  
Carmel

Ms. Schaffer expressed support for the parking program.

Ms. Monarch stated there were no parking spaces available today on her street. Ms. Monarch stated there are no residents living on this street and Ms. Monarch asked who is taking up these spaces. Ms. Monarch stated she canvassed for this parking proposal. Ms. Monarch stated that people inquired to people parking for the reasons they are parking and there was indication that they were from Asbury

Mark Cory, 11 Seaview

Mr. Cory stated he is in support of the Parking Program. Mr. Cory stated that at this meeting, people who are in support of the proposal are Ocean Grove Addresses. Many of those who were opposed at the forum, did not state their address.

Mark Mitchell, 46 Surf Ave.

Mr. Mitchell stated he is in opposition to the parking pilot program. Mr. Mitchell stated there is not much of a parking problem in Ocean Grove. Mr. Mitchell has not had to park outside of Ocean Grove. Mr. Mitchell stated the hardest day to park is Saturday morning. Mr. Mitchell is frustrated that the framing of the issue is the residents verse Camp Meeting. The petition includes comments and over 700 signatures. There are zip codes included with the petition. Mr. Mitchell indicated about half of the zip codes

were Ocean Grove. Mr. Mitchell stated he has concerns about the rubrics to measure failure or success and it will never be able to be rescinded.

Peter Herr, 13 Ocean Ave. Mr. Herr stated he is opposed to the pilot program. Mr. Herr has a business in Ocean Grove. This proposal will be detrimental to business, tourism, and the Township. Mr. Herr stated there are issues with permit parking access to the beach. Mr. Herr asked if someone who has a permit for a zone if they can park outside of their zone without repercussions. Mr. Herr asked the committee to consider the facts about the pilot, not the feelings regarding the issue. Mr. Herr stated there will be spillover regardless of what is being stated by those in support. Mr. Herr stated that the summer is the time where the area is full. It would be a terrible time to test and give exclusive privileges to a select few.

Robert Knifer, 98 Mt. Carmel Way. Mr. Knifer stated in the past he had not had an issue with parking. That has changed since the developments in Asbury Park and the events from Camp Meeting Association. Mr. Knifer stated it has become known that Ocean Grove is the free parking lot for Asbury Park. Mr. Knifer asked the Township Committee to support the Ocean Grove Homeowners and implement a parking permit program.

Maria, 131 Robin Rd. Maria stated she lived at a dead end street and all she sees when she looks out her window is homeless tents. Maria stated she does not believe anyone is doing anything to address the problem. There have been car break ins and there has not been a resolution. Maria stated she would offer support to relocate people to shelters. Dr. Brantley requested that Mr. Anthony address actions taken in regards to the encampment.

Mr. Anthony stated that there have been services and information provided regarding relocation. There was housing offered in the past and not all agreed to moving. The encampment is on private property. The relocation must be consented to by those being offered relocation housing.

Tim Harris, 13 Roberta Dr. Ms. Harris stated he owns 10 Heck Ave. Mr. Harris stated there is an issue with a tenant with Mental health issues. Mr. Harris stated he has concerns about safety with the tenants. Mr. Harris stated there has been emotional distress, other tenants have left because of this tenant's actions. The police have been very helpful and responsive. The tenant has become a hoarder. Mr. Harris has tried to work with Section 8 to address the issues in the unit.

Diana Harris, 17 Ridge Ave. Ms. Harris is here in support of her brother Mr. Tim Harris. Ms. Harris stated there are a number of issues that are being brought to the attention of the Township Committee tonight and something needs to be done. This is a continued issue of affordable housing. The Police Department needs to be more proactive in managing people who are in dislocated areas and offer the assistance and offer sufficient housing. Ms. Harris requested a public update on the West Lake Development.

Ms. LaPlaca asked the status of West Lake Ave. Development stated the Development Committee is still review the progress and it is not in the status to provide to the Committee or the public.

Dan Harris, 17 Ridge Ave. Asbury Park Mr. Harris stated he is here in support of his siblings regarding a difficult tenant and seeking assistance or guidance from the Township in how to manage the continuing and growing issue. Mr. Harris encouraged the Township to pay more attention when issuing certificates of occupancy to determine if the tenant is mentally ill.

Cindy Williams, 140 Mt. Hermon Way Ms. Williams expressed frustration that the agenda did not include the pilot program. Ms. Williams stated the pilot parking is needed. Ms. Williams stated she believes the Township Committee is ignoring the comments and requests of the residents. Ms. Williams stated that a review from the Township Attorney did not reveal any legal implications. Ms. Williams did not believe that the Township was reviewing the plan. Ms. Williams indicated the residents would continue to attend meetings until action is taken.

Elizabeth Mendes, 66 Embury Ave. Ms. Mendes stated that even though there is permit parking available for the condominium, there are not enough parking spaces. Ms. Mendes stated that the pilot will create spillover. The parking program should include the whole town.

Annabelle Bisset, 77 Heck Ave. Ms. Bisset stated she does not believe there is a parking problem but is in support of those who are requesting a parking permit program. Ms. Bisset stated the Township Committee has already made a decision to not enact the program and it is visible by the committee's demeanor. Ms. Bisset stated there is no proposal that will please everyone.

Kelsey, Former Resident of Ocean Grove

Kelsey stated she is a former resident of Ocean Grove. Kelsey expressed frustration that the parking pilot program is not on the agenda. Kelsey encouraged the Township Committee to place the item on the agenda for consideration. Kelsey suggested that the Camp Meeting Association utilize their time and money on Mental health outreach and Christian outreach.

Karen Lesto, 106 Cardinal Rd.

Ms. Lesto stated that she is here to express concern over the homeless encampment. Ms. Lesto stated there may have been efforts to resolve the issues at the property, but there has also been an increase in people who are staying there and an increase in trash. Ms. Lesto stated the efforts of the Township are helping the encampment grow rather than alleviate the issue.

Andy Levine, 98 Mt. Tabor Way.

Mr. Levine thanked the residents for coming out to share their views. Mr. Levine stated he does not want to hurt tourism in the area and the area was selected for permit parking program did not include hotels. Mr. Levine stated the survey being circulated from Camp Meeting is not getting genuine good information. Mr. Levine acknowledged that the Committee is in the middle of passionate views on this matter. Mr. Levine suggested an additional meeting of the parking subcommittee and requested Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Business Administrator to attend. Mr. Levine stated the pilot program can be amended to include tenters, address transferability of permits and extension of the zone. Mr. Levine stated he would like to have the meeting occur within the next 2 weeks and have a workshop on February 27. Mr. Levine is requesting that the Committee at least take a vote on this matter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Offered by: Lane

Seconded by: York

Time Adjourned: 9:42PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Gabriella Siboni  
Township Clerk