

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETING – July 10, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.**  
**Meeting Location: Neptune Senior Center, 1607 Corlies Ave. Neptune, NJ 07753**

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>
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. (Absent), Katrina Thornton, Acting Municipal Clerk (Alternate)

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. The notice of meeting location was noticed to The Coaster and Asbury Park Press on June 29, 2023. In addition, the meeting agenda is posted on the Township web site ([www.neptunetownship.org](http://www.neptunetownship.org)).

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN OPEN SESSION**

1. Ordinance Amending Neptune Township Code of Ordinances, Volume I, Chapter III, Entitled, “Police Regulations”  
*Explanatory Statement: This ordinance amends the regulations on the Ocean Grove Boardwalk to amend times of enforcement and restricted wheeled vehicle or equipment.*

Mayor Cafferty – Community we have had this on before, we wanted to place it on the agenda again just so that you could view the final draft of the changes request.

Mr. Anthony – I have just a comment on that that he had spoken to the Mayor of Bradley Beach. Coordinated the timing based on the timing of Bradley Beach as requested by the Bradley Beach Mayor.

**2. Committee Calendars**

**Mr. Williams** – I have nothing on Calendar as of yet.

**Mr. Lane**, yes mayor I have two things coming up

1. July 15 it’s a Saturday in conjunction with Asbury and Neptune anyone that in need of food, clothing or services.
2. July 29<sup>th</sup> – 3r Annual Art Fair for the Sea at Volunteer Park always a great turnout

**Mrs. York** – I have nothing on my calendar

**Mayor Cafferty** – I have nothing on my calendar at this time.

**Mayor Cafferty** – Gene there is no executive session at this meeting do we need to vote to end Workshop or do we just end.

**Mr. Anthony** – You can just end Workshop.

**Mayor Cafferty** – at this time workshop is over and our regular meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. Thank You very much.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE – July 10, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.**

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**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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**COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS**

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

**Mr. Williams** spoke regarding a contest the library was conducting and there were also contests for adults. He also discussed OEM and the First Aide Squads. He stated so far, the ANSWER Team has had a bad year. The other night three men went swimming without life guards being present. Two were rescued while one went under for approximately twenty minutes and is currently in critical condition at Jersey Shore Medical Center. He listed other instances where the ANSWER Team has had to rescue children. He urged everyone not to go into the water if life guards were not present.

**Dr. Michael Brantley** was absent.

**Mr. Lane** stated he recently attended a ceremony for Post 266 for the installation of their new officers. He also stated volunteers were needed to deliver meals for the kids with World Changers.

They will be here from July 18 - July 21<sup>st</sup>. He gave an update on Fletcher Lake and stated shredding documents would take place on August 5<sup>th</sup> at Public Works from 9am-1pm. He stated Jersey Shore Dream Center was having an outreach program this Saturday from 11-2 pm. He thanked everyone who would be helping with World Changers. He also discussed the banner program for the veterans and the Senior Center barbeque.

**Deputy Mayor York** stated the kids were out of school for the summer and the graduation was phenomenal. She stated the schools were going through budget problems. The school is looking for ways to keep the funding in Neptune and suggested if anyone had any ideas to contact Dr. Crader to keep the money in the school. She stated if your child goes to a charter school and decides to go to a school in Neptune, the charter school still keeps the money. She stated all other departments such as Code and Construction was going well.

**Mayor Cafferty** stated the Recreation Department was hosting their summer camp and it was doing very well.

### **PROCLAMATION**

Senator Vin Gopal recognized Candace Howe, Valedictorian of Neptune Senior High School Class of 2023. She will be attending Harvard University, who wishes to become an attorney.

### **REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR**

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

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- **Update on Homeless Encampment:** On July 12<sup>th</sup> I will be participating in a monthly case conference in conjunction with the Monmouth County Continuum of Care to receive a status update on the residents of the encampment and to see what additional progress has been made since the June case conference hosted by the Township. Additionally, the Police Department has stepped up their monitoring and response efforts in the Cardinal Road neighborhood to address the ancillary public safety concerns related to the encampment, and have received a very positive response from those residents.
- **Library Closure & A/C Repairs:** This past Friday afternoon the library experienced a failure in its air-conditioning system and unfortunately had to close for the health and safety of employees and patrons. Thanks to the outstanding efforts of our DPW Building Maintenance team who came in over the weekend to assess the problem, the library was able to reopen this morning at its normal time. The issue turned out to be a faulty compressor which will be replaced; the A/C is running sufficiently so far on the remaining compressor and we thank the public for their understanding and patience during the closure this weekend.
- **National Night Out - August 1<sup>st</sup>:** On Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup> the Neptune Township Police Department will be hosting its annual "National Night Out" event from 5-8pm at Midtown Community Elementary School. Kids will have the opportunity to receive one of more than twenty brand new bicycles, bicycle helmets and many other fun prizes. Free food and refreshments will be provided as well as fun and games for the whole family!

**Mrs. LaPlaca** thanked Ms. Thornton for stepping in on such short notice to act as the Municipal Clerk and conduct the meeting this evening. She also thanked her assistant April for helping her to get the meeting compiled.

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### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS**

The Mayor will announce additional information regarding Separated Resolutions if necessary.

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 Mayor 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 speaker's time.

Douglas Johnson 1510 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue referred to Resolution # 23-284 and stated he was on the agenda to be terminated and questioned why?

**Mr. Anthony** stated an attorney has already contacted his attorney.

Mr. Johnson stated Mr. Anthony was always ducking his questions.

Mr. Anthony stated he had an attorney and he has already talked to the attorney from the town about this.

Mr. Johnson stated his attorney hasn't because he spoke to his attorney before he came to the meeting. He stated his attorney sent an email.

Mr. Anthony stated his attorney did send an email and there was an exchange.

**Mr. Johnson** questioned what was going on with the grievance he put in.

**Mr. Johnson** questioned where was his grievance he file.

**Mr. Anthony** stated he was not aware of a grievance.

**Mr. Johnson** questioned whether he could be riced again.

**Mr. Anthony** stated the Committee would be acting on the resolution today. He stated he was riced two meetings ago.

**Mr. Johnson** stated nothing came out of it.

**Mr. Anthony** stated he had the opportunity to talk.

**Mr. Johnson** stated he did but he did not receive any answers.

**Mr. Anthony** stated that was why he had the attorneys involved.

**Mr. Johnson** stated he was asking and not his attorney.

**Mr. Anthony** stated now that he had an attorney, he has passed it on to them and he has already exchanged between his attorney and the Township's attorney so it has become a legal matter.

**Mr. Johnson** questioned why his questions couldn't be answered.

**Mr. Anthony** stated it would be a violation of ethics for him to talk to him if he has an attorney.

**Alliza Greenblatt**, 142 Franklin Avenue, Ocean Grove spoke regarding Resolution #23-278 and stated she was aware that the Township subsidized the work of World Changers who is a religious organization but questioned whether they were trying to convert or educate others to their religious beliefs.

Mr. Lane stated it is a unique program that Randy Bishop started. He stated he did not know if the members said anything to anyone while they are doing someone's house. Mr. Lane explained the process.

**Ms. Greenblatt** stated she did not feel they should spread their religious mission.

**Deputy Mayor York** stated they just come in to fix homes and see what is needed in the community. She stated she has never seen them start a ministry. They only come together amongst themselves.

**Cedric Miller** 81 Hwy 35 Neptune stated he's hosted this group before. He stated they are not allowed to proselytize.

**Carol Lanzik**, South Riverside Drive Resolution #23-282 stated she was concerned about the chemicals and how it would be applied.

**Mrs. LaPlaca** stated they are not buying chemicals they are buying equipment.

**Barbara Burns**, 4 Ocean Avenue, Ocean Grove Resolution #23-288 stated at the last meeting there was very little support for this. She suggested the Township clean up the site and preserve it for green and open space.

**Randy Bishop**, 433 West Farms Road, Howell spoke regarding Resolution #23-278 and stated both him and

**Mr. Williams** brought World Changers to the Township 16 years ago. The \$30,000 plus interest is from an old UDAG grant and he helps seniors and people who have a need and would like to stay in their homes but cannot afford the repairs. The kids pay to stay at the schools and the food is donated. He stated he did not care what they talked about if they could help people like Mr. Scott

who recently passed away put screening on his porch so that his wife could finally go sit outside again and listen to the birds, so he wasn't concerned what they talk about because no municipal money goes towards what they do.

**Gerard Yosca** 15 Surf Avenue, Ocean Grove commented on Resolution #23-289. He stated he was surprised that they were even bringing this up. He questioned who this was for. He felt if money was tight with the schools, then it should go towards the youth.

**Shane Martins**, 138 Mt. Herman Way, Ocean Grove commented on Resolution #23-289 and questioned whether this was re-noticed in the paper and what type of public outreach did the Committee do after the last meeting since there was no public support for the bocci courts.

**Mayor Cafferty** stated it was not required to be re-noticed.

**Mr. Stuart, Engineer**, responded to questions raised regarding the Welsh Farms property. He discussed the process and what would be included. He stated a second hearing was not required for the submission of the grant application to the Monmouth County Park Improvement Grant Program for the Welsh Farms property. He stated tonight they were seeking the Committee's approval so that they could submit it by the July 13<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**Hank Coakley**, Valley Road stated the Engineer for this evening was better than the gentleman who spoke at the last meeting because no one could hear him.

**Mr. Maly**, Mount Herman Way questioned whether they would be submitting the minutes that voted this idea down. He asked what the next step was in getting input for this.

**Mr. Stuart** stated the minutes would be submitted to Monmouth County because they want input. They could also work with the Recreation Department and potentially send out a mailer to residents that are in a radius of the park. If the Committee doesn't want a bocci court, then they won't be submitting it in the plan. He stated there would be other mixture of uses for this site.

**Richard Williams**, 1 Abbott Avenue, Ocean Grove questioned whether the Township had to put money towards this grant.

**Mr. Stuart** stated there was a 20% match to the grant, but it doesn't necessarily have to be a cash match. 80% was grant funded. You can have the ability to have Township labor go towards the cost.

**Patricia Monroe**, 10 Sarian Drive stated the Veterans Memorial Park Committee were in support of this application. Their concern was that they were not able to give their input. She asked if they could all meet to discuss what needs to be done.

**Annabelle Bisset**, 77 Heck Avenue, was concerned about a park in the summer for the kids to keep them off the street. She stated she envisioned sprinklers with pretty flowers and not bocci courts for the kids.

**Andy 98 Mt. Tabor Way**, Welsh Farms resolution stated this was a lot of money and suggested there be a second public meeting. He did not feel that they did not have the public consensus.

**Mayor Cafferty** – Are there anymore comments on Resolutions? Explained to the resident that comments are only allowed once from the same person on Resolutions. You can speak again during

public comments at the end. No additional comments, closing that portion of the meeting.

**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 23-24** Bond Ordinance Providing for the 2023 Road Improvement Program, By and In the Township of Neptune, In the County of Monmouth, State Of New Jersey; Appropriating \$2,000,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance Of \$1,900,000 Bonds or Notes of The Township to Finance Part of The Cost Thereof

**No Comments from the Public**

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

**Ordinance 23-25** Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Improvements to Bert Willis Fields, By and For the Township of Neptune, In the County of Monmouth, State Of New Jersey; Appropriating \$250,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance Of \$167,200 Bonds or Notes of The Township to Finance Part of The Cost Thereof

**Richard Williams** Abbot Road – Requesting the number of pickle ball courts and night lighting for pickle ball.

**Mayor Cafferty** – Not aware of the number of courts available or whether night lights will be present for play in the evening.

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

**Ordinance 23-26** Bond Ordinance Providing for Improvements to The Wells Brook Sewer Easement, By the Sewer Utility of The Township of Neptune, In the County of Monmouth, State Of New Jersey; Appropriating \$250,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance Of \$237,500 Bonds or Notes of The Township to Finance Part of The Cost Thereof

**Maureen Michaels** – 15 Seaview Ave, what is the interest rate we are paying on all these bonds.

**Mayor Cafferty** – I do not have that answer, but I know we are “Double A” rated. We can find out and let you know after contacting the CFO.

**Maureen Micheals** – I would appreciate hearing the answer

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

**Ordinance 23-27** Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Improvements to The Municipal Complex, By and For the Township of Neptune, In the County of Monmouth, State Of New Jersey; Appropriating \$300,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance Of \$285,000 Bonds or Notes of The Township to Finance Part of The Cost Thereof





**Ordinance 23-30** 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 Heck Ave. And Broadway

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

*Explanatory Statement: This ordinance authorizes a resident only handicapped parking zone in front of 37 Broadway and 135 Heck Ave.*

**Ordinance 23-31** Ordinance Amending Neptune Township Code of Ordinances, Volume I, Chapter III, Entitled, “Police Regulations”

*Explanatory Statement: This ordinance amends the regulations on the Ocean Grove Boardwalk to amend times of enforcement and restricted wheeled vehicle or equipment.*

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

The Clerk announces the public hearing on ordinances listed will be held on August 14, 2023

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Res #23- 276** A Resolution of The Township Committee of The Township of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Police Department
- Res #23- 277** A Resolution of The Township Committee of The Township of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Office of Emergency Management
- Res #23- 278** Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Building Materials and Supplies in Connection with the 2023 World Changers Home Depot USA Under New Jersey State Contract #16-Fleet-00234 For \$30,000.00
- Res #23- 279** Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Firefighter Protective Clothing and Equipment from Firefighter One Under New Jersey State Contract #17-Fleet-00811 For \$24,500.00
- Res #23- 280** Resolution Authorizing Purchase Of 2023 Chevrolet Malibu from Gentilini Motors Under New Jersey State Contract #20-Fleet-01393 For \$53,000.00
- Res#23- 281** Authorizing The Township Committee of The Township of Neptune to Execute Change Order #1 For \$26,803.06 With Agate Construction Co. For “Fletcher Lake Bulkhead” For A New Contract Total Of \$1,030,713.06
- Res#23- 282** Authorizing The Application for Spotted Lanternfly Program 2023 Chemical Control Treatment Grant from The New Jersey Department of Agriculture
- Res#23- 283** Authorize Renewal of Liquor Licenses for the 2023-2024 Licensing Year
- Res#23- 284** Resolution Terminating Employment of Douglas Johnson
- Res#23- 285** Resolution Authorizing the Professional Services Agreement with Leon S. Avakian, Inc. For Engineering Services Relating to Design Proposal for Phase II of The Shark River Municipal Marina Dredging Project in An Amount Not to Exceed \$33,000.00

**Res#23- 286** Authorizing The Payment of Bills

**Res#23- 287** A Resolution of The Township Committee of The Township of Neptune Accepting the Assignment of Surplus Equipment from The Borough of Neptune City

**Res#23- 288** Approving Release of Performance Guarantee Filed By EETTSA, LLC For Site Improvements for Block 4001 Lots 1, 2 And 3 Due to A Change in Ownership

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**\*Note:** Deputy Mayor York “No” from Resolution #23 -284

**SEPARATED RESOLUTION**

**Res#23- 289** A Resolution of The Township Committee of The Township of Neptune Authorizing Submission of Grant Application to Monmouth County Park Improvement Grant Program For “Welsh Farms Property- Park Improvements”

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

**Res#23- 290** Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Recreation

**Mayor Cafferty – Read in the names to the record to update the previous Resolution**

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

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Gerard Yosca** 15 Surf Avenue, Ocean Grove spoke regarding the overgrown vegetation near the parking lot at ShopRite. He asked if it could be trimmed back.

**JP Thompson** 75 Embury Avenue, Ocean Grove stated there was a disconnect within the

Committee as evidenced at the last meeting. She stated she felt they deserved an explanation as to what the problem was and the residents needed them to work together.

**Joyce Klein** 105 Herman Way discussed yard waste being collected once a month and on next door there are comments about it but this needs to be fixed.

**Mr. Lane** stated they will wait to get the feedback from everybody.

**Eileen Michaels**, 15 Seaview Avenue stated she's lived in Ocean Grove for 14 years and across the street from her is a halfway house. She discussed the drug use and behavior that is taking place there. She stated she does not know what to do and she was concerned because there was a pedophile there. She stated the address was 14 Seaview Avenue.

**Mr. Anthony** stated he would talk to Code Enforcement about it.

**Gary Brown**, Cardinal Road discussed the vegetation near ShopRite. He also stated he appreciated the efforts of the Police Department in trying to quell the problems they are having over there. His concern was the drug addicts and the buying of the drugs in and around the area. He stated he wanted to thank the Police Department publicly.

**Roger Winzeck**, 507 South Riverside Drive, stated he wanted to discuss the paving project for road improvements. He stated they needed to get to the area of West Bangs Avenue and Shoprite.

**Mr. Lane** stated that was in the works with the engineers.

**Mr. Stuart** stated it was funded with the DOT and should begin in late 2023.

**Mr. Winzeck** stated he heard there was a problem with Public Works and the employees. He stated in the past the County and the Townships in the whole area would hire people without CDL's and have them trained and it appears Neptune is not taking advantage of it.

**Mayor Cafferty** stated they did do that, and it is a great program.

**Cedric Miller**, 81 Highway 35, stated he came to the meeting because he received some comments about concerns and stated he needed clarity. He stated he felt they were attempting to fulfill an obligation to get public comment, but there is nothing indicating they really care. He has heard several people speak about why a project shouldn't be or how there are better ways to spend Township money and the response appears as though you will allow them to speak but decide otherwise how it will be.

**Annabelle Bisset**, 77 Heck Avenue, discussed traffic safety in Ocean Grove. She stated people are constantly going through stop signs. She suggested Ocean Grove have a speed limit of 20 miles per hour or less. She stated other towns are dropping their speed limit as well.

**Mr. Anthony** stated the normal procedure is to contact the Police Department to see if they can enforce that.

**Mayor Cafferty** stated he would bring it to the Deputy Chief and the Police Committee.

**Paul Kaplan** 81 Mt. Zion questioned who maintained the Parks.

**Mr. Anthony** stated there was a court order from the late Judge McGann which says that the parks are owned by the Camp Meeting Association and maintained by the Township. Recently he spoke with the Camp Meeting Association and they are coming up with an agreement that will delineate what that means because there's a difference between maintaining something and improving on it but Judge McGann did not delineate.

**Dianna Harris**, 17 Willow Drive, questioned the capital improvements on the park and if it was for equipment only or trees that were dead and needed to be removed from the parks because she doesn't hear anything about Liberty Park. She also discussed the lack of response from Administrators, one of whom is not here tonight. She stated they need supplies and they need them now. She also questioned when they were getting rid of the dead trees on Neptune Boulevard.

**Mayor Cafferty** stated they are restricted as to what they can do as far as capital improvements.

**Mrs. LaPlaca** stated in terms of whether tree replacement can be included in that she would check on it but tonight is just appropriating the money and modification can be made to the proposed plans on how that money is going to be spent.

**Mayor Cafferty** asked Mr. Lane to check with Public Works regarding Liberty Park. Steve Roberts, 16 Waterview Court, stated he lives on Seaview Island. He thanked Mayor Cafferty and Mrs. LaPlaca for meeting with them. He read a letter discussing the problems at Neptune Motor Lodge which was deemed uninhabitable and is an eyesore and an embarrassment. He stated the building has gang graffiti on it. He questioned the status of the permits.

**Mrs. LaPlaca** stated that she had hoped that she could tell them the permits were issued for the construction work that the owner wanted to do but they are not ready yet. She will speak with the Code Official in the morning. The owner has indicated that his intent is to fix up the building and to operate it as a motel.

**Mayor Cafferty** asked Deputy Mayor York to get in touch with her department.

**Sean McCafferty**, 18 Waterview Court stated the motel was full of mold and has a blue tarp on the roof that's falling into the ocean. The parking lot was filled with mattresses and thrown away a week later. He stated he did not think it could be repaired but should be torn down and rebuilt.

**Kilt Piotrowski** operates Zappa Food truck and stated Township regulations terminates his business. He stated he cannot prepare and deliver food within five minutes as regulated. He asked them to at least consider 30 minutes and asked the residents to talk to him if they had a concern.

**Janice Bassano**, 313 Woodmere Avenue stated she felt very strongly about the yard waste removal. She stated it was the talk of the town on the next-door website. She felt this change was ruining the appearance of the Township. She urged the Township to go back to the way that it was. She stated she heard that this was brought about due to short staff and money.

**Mr. Lane** stated he did receive her email and forwarded it to the Director of Public Works. He stated they are allowing residents to get paper bags and put them on the street as well.

**Paul Martin**, 148 Cookman Avenue requested an explanation as to why the mayor walked out of the meeting two weeks ago uttering profanity.

**Mayor Cafferty** stated he was not in a good mood and apologized for any bad words he used.

**Mr. Martin** stated he taught school and he did not expect that behavior from a sixth grader.

**Shane Martin** 138 Mt. Herman Way, Ocean Grove, he stated what gives him hope is that all of the residents come here to advocate for their community and voice their concern but for the past couple of months the mayor has made it crystal clear that he is either unwilling or unable to listen to the needs of the residents. He stated they could see that by the fact that people have to come to meeting after meeting and say the same things. He stated he felt the mayor has lost the confidence of his constituents. He thanked the rest of the Committee for their behavior but stated the mayor cursed in front of kids that were present at the last meeting and proceeded to repeat those words to six employees who were in the parking lot. He stated he was a Democratic District Leader and was embarrassed that the mayor has not resigned. He stated he's a Democrat and has never voted Republican but this is not about politics, it is about respect. He urged the rest of the Committee to address this publicly and vote no confidence in the mayor.

**Ellen Kublaick** 15 Waterview Court, questioned whether the building has been inspected by a structural engineer. She had a problem with the Business Administrator stating the owner's intent as far as the motel. She stated she would rather a promise or a guarantee. She stated that he was behind on his taxes. She also stated there was pornographic graffiti on the building and the area looks like a slum now.

**Daniel Malley**, 138 Mt. Herman Way, thanked Mr. Lane for getting the streets cleaned in Ocean Grove. He informed Mayor Cafferty that he had lost confidence in him and would like the rest of the Committee to consider the confidence they have in him as well.

**Donna Yasser**, 21 Waterview Court, stated she hates to invite guest to her home because of the eyesore which is also dangerous. She invited the Committee to come over and see what they have to look at. She stated when the permits are issued, when will they get to see what will happen.

**Mr. Anthony** stated they have to have structural plans and show how it will hold up and be habitable. If it's not satisfactory it will be held up because there's a very thorough review that must take place.

**Nancy Clarke**, 47 Embury Avenue, Ocean Grove stated she was happy to see so many people out this evening and to be educated as to what is going on in other areas of the town. She questioned the ordinance pertaining to the boardwalk and no bikes between 9am-midnight. she questioned whether the time match Bradley Beach.

**Mr. Anthony** stated that he was asked to compare it with Bradley Beach and he looked up their ordinance and they had changed it. It was originally 10am and they changed it to 9am to midnight. He talked to the **Mayor of Bradley Beach** and he seemed to be satisfied with that.

**Ms. Clarke** urged that there should be appropriate signage about the bikes.

**Ms. LaPlaca** stated the signs are not on the Township.

**Ms. Clarke** was happy to hear about the electrical vehicles and bikes are now allowed from winter

and spring.

**Mr. Anthony** stated bikes are allowed after the summer season.

**Ms. Clarke** stated she supported the comments of her colleagues about the behavior of Mayor Cafferty. She stated she felt it was unprofessional and that he owned the rest of the Committee and apology.

**Richard Williams**, 1 Abbott Avenue, Ocean Grove, stated he felt Neptune was a well ran town. He felt the last meeting was very dysfunctional. He asked if this matter has been addressed internally and if the mayor planned on telling them what happened.

**Joyce Keller**, 319 Wilson Road, discussed how she tried to get rid of her garden waste and was informed by her neighbor that she was supposed to dump it on the street and all of the waste goes into the storm drainage. She stated it was insane what people were doing to get rid of their yard waste and it was too heavy for her to try and lift it so her neighbor brings it to the public works yard for her. She commented what was being said on next door.

**Debbie Mundorff**, 17 Waterview Court, stated it doesn't sound like the owner of the motel was anywhere near starting. She stated on the property was a pool with standing water and no cover. She mentioned the condition of the fence and questioned whether the building was salvageable.

**Mrs. LaPlaca** stated as of last week that the owner was close to being complete and submitting the documents to the Township. Once they are complete the project can start within three weeks. They can issue the permits any day now.

**Ms. Mundorff** felt the inspector should go out and take a look at the pool and start issuing fines and the weeds need to be cut.

**Hank Coakley**, Valley Road, questioned why they didn't put a sign on the Township door stating that the meeting was here. He also stated the only good thing about the last meeting was that the mayor left.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Offered by: Lane Seconded by: Williams

Time adjourned: 9:30 PM

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