

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – FEBRUARY 12, 2018

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and requested the Clerk to call the roll. The following members were present: Robert Lane, Jr., Carol Rizzo, and Mayor Nicholas Williams. Absent: Dr. Michael Brantley and Kevin B. McMillan

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

Mayor Williams announced that the notice requirements of R.S. 10:4-18 have been satisfied by the publication of the required advertisement in the Asbury Park Press and The Coaster on January 4, 2018, posting the notice on the Board in the Municipal Complex, and filing a copy of said notice with the Municipal Clerk.

The following items were discussed in open session:

Beth Miller, Shade Tree/Environmental Commission Chairperson, and Judy Soleil and Denise Salles, Commission Members, were present to discuss a proposed amendment to the existing Tree Ordinance. Ms. Miller stated that the Commission recommends the elimination of the clause that exempts single family residential property of less than one acre from the provisions of the ordinance. The existing ordinance provides parameters for which a tree can be removed. The elimination of the exemption clause would mean that the existing parameters would then apply to all properties. Mr. Gadaleta stated there is a provision which allows for payment to the Tree Trust Fund or planting a new tree if an existing tree is removed. The Commission members indicated that they would help educate the public on the ordinance change and indicate that the aggregate of tree loss on small property is affecting the tree canopy in the Township. The Mayor indicated that the proposal will be discussed with the Township Committee members who are absent this evening.

Mr. Lane stated that the Veterans Park Committee requested a status on the former Welsh Farms structure on Township owned property on Old Corlies Avenue. Mr. Gadaleta stated that the intent was to create Veterans Park on the east and consider a recreational purpose for the east end, or upper end. There have been discussions regarding the building. It would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to renovate the structure. It has no function and should be demolished. Then a discussion on the use of the land can occur. The Mayor stated that he was in favor of demolished and then use the property for passive recreation. Ms. Rizzo also was in favor of demolition and suggested the addition of a gazebo.

Mr. Lane discussed a recommendation from Dawn Thompson, Recreation Director to raise the fees for the Summer Recreation Program from \$300 to \$350. Non-residents related to a Neptune camper would pay \$500. There would be a discount for multiple family members and youth in need. The Recreation Trust Fund currently subsidizes the cost of the Program in the amount of about \$13,000. Ms. Rizzo stated that many cannot attend the Program now because of the cost and the Township needs to find a way to give all kids the opportunity to attend. Mr. Lane stated that there is a concern with the minimum wage possibly being raised to \$15 which will increase the Trust Fund subsidy even more. Mr. Gadaleta stated that there are no grants for the costs of running a summer camp. The Mayor suggested that Dawn Thompson attend the next workshop meeting for further discussion.

Bond ordinances for the Skate Park at Sunshine Village Fields, Improvements to Jumping Brook Road, and Improvements to the sanitary sewer system at Heck Avenue and the Tremont Avenue pump station will be on the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting for introduction.

Mr. Lane stated that he toured the new HOPE Tower and the grand opening is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune,

County of Monmouth, as follows:

1. The Public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.

2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

Contract negotiations – West Lake Avenue property acquisition

3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matters will be made public when matters are resolved.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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

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

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order and requested the Clerk to call the roll. The following members were present: Robert Lane, Jr., Carol Rizzo, and Mayor Nicholas Williams. Absent: Dr. Michael Brantley and Kevin B. McMillan

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

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

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

Mayor Williams announced that the notice requirements of R.S. 10:4-18 have been satisfied by the publication of the required advertisement in the Asbury Park Press and The Coaster on January 4, 2018, 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, resolutions and ordinances are posted online at [www.neptunetownship.org](http://www.neptunetownship.org).

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Rizzo offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Lane, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 22th. All were in favor.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS

Mr. Lane thanked the Poseidon Program for the Special Needs Dinner Dance at the Senior Center. The Veterans Park Dinner will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion. The theme will be the 1950s and two World War II veterans will be honored. The Black History Month celebration will be on February 17th at the High School Performing Arts Center. He is assisting with a diaper drive for the Jersey Shore Dream Center. Drop off locations are the Municipal Building, Senior Center and Library.

Ms. Rizzo stated that budget hearings were held with Department Heads. The numbers look good and there will be a slight increase in the budget. She stated that Mike Palermo will be sorely missed on the Ocean Grove Citizens Patrol and the Library Board. She thanked Dorothy Argyros, Connie Holmes, and Derrick Griggs for their help in keeping Winding Ridge as affordable housing. A total of 99 units will remain affordable. She has started meetings in reference to Code Enforcement. A meeting was already held with realtors, next will be contractors and then residents who have experienced specific problems. The Economic Development Corporation is taking a different approach and plans to become more active.

The Mayor has been battling illness. He attended the Dinner Dance at the Senior Center. He received a letter from Pastor Bradley thanking the Township Committee for resolving the issues at Sebastian Villa.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

The Mayor requested public comments on resolutions presented on this agenda. There were no public comments.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-02 - ADOPTED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 18-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME I, CHAPTER VII OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE BY ADDING RESIDENT ONLY HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONES ON MT. TABOR WAY AND SEAVIEW AVENUE AND REMOVING A RESIDENT ONLY HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONE ON BEACH AVENUE

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

The ordinance was adopted on the following vote: Brantley, absent; Lane, aye; McMillan, absent; Rizzo, aye; and Williams, aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-03 - APPROVED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 18-03

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR PURPOSES OF INTRODUCING THE 2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The ordinance was approved on the following vote: Brantley, absent; Lane, aye; McMillan, absent; Rizzo, absent; and Williams, aye.

Mr. Cuttrell stated that the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 18-03 will be held on Monday, February 26, 2018.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Lane offered the following resolutions of the Consent Agenda, moved and seconded by Ms. Rizzo, that they be adopted:

AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF OCEAN AVENUE IN CONNECTION WITH TWO 5KM RUNS

WHEREAS, there are 5km road races planned for the Ocean Grove boardwalk area on both Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>; and,

WHEREAS, due to boardwalk reconstruction, it is necessary to temporarily close a portion of northbound Ocean Avenue to allow runners safe passage; and,

WHEREAS, the Police Department has reviewed and approved these closures,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes the temporary closure of northbound Ocean Avenue between McClintock Street and Seaview Avenue for 5km runs during the following dates and times:

- 1) Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- 2) Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief of Police, Lt. Zarro, Director of Public Works, and Ocean Grove Fire Inspector.

EMPLOY PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER IN THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ON A PART-TIME BASIS

WHEREAS, there is a need for an additional Public Safety Officer on a part-time hourly basis; and,

WHEREAS, the position was duly posted and applicants interviewed; and,

WHEREAS, the EMS Manager and Human Resources Director have made their recommendations; and,

WHEREAS, funds for will be provided for the first three months of 2018 in the 2018 Temporary Budget and funds for the balance of 2018 will be provided in the Budget for the year 2018 in the appropriation entitled Emergency Medical Services S&W, and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that Andrew Caruso be and is hereby employed as a part-time Public Safety Officer, effective February 13, 2018, contingent upon successful completion of a background investigation and medical evaluation, at an hourly rate of \$17.43; and,

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

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF SUSAN TYLER AS A MEMBER OF THE WESLEY LAKE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has received a letter from Susan Tyler resigning as a member of the Wesley Lake Commission effective January 31, 2018,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the resignation of Susan Tyler as a member of the Wesley Lake Commission is hereby accepted effective January 31, 2018; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Wesley Lake Commission.

ACCEPT A FY17 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, the Township received notification from the New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety of a FY17 Emergency Management Performance Grant/EMAA sub-award; and,

WHEREAS, the FY17 Emergency Management Performance Grant/EMAA, Sub-award #FY17-EMPG-EMAA-1335, is for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, the total amount of the award is \$10,000.00 in federal dollars and a required local match of \$13,615.90; and;

WHEREAS, funds for the local match will be provided for in the 2018 municipal budget, when adopted, and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune does hereby accept the that the FY17 Emergency Management Performance Grant/EMAA sub-award; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Neptune is accepting the specific grant of funds for the purpose described in the application; and,

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

SUPPORT A LEFT TURN PROHIBITION FROM EASTBOUND ROUTE 33 TO THE DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE TO AMDUR AMBULTORY CARE CENTER AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) recently completed a traffic investigation in connection with a request for a Mid-Block Crosswalk along Route NJ 33 (Corlies Avenue) at the Amdur Ambulatory Care Center driveway of Jersey Shore University Medical Center; and,

WHEREAS, this investigation revealed an existing Left Turn Prohibition signing from Route NJ 33 eastbound into the entrance/exit driveway of the Amdur Ambulatory Care Center's driveway of Jersey Shore University Medical Center; and,

WHEREAS, NJDOT Regulation files reveals no record of a Traffic Regulation Order establishing this Left Turn prohibition; and,

WHEREAS, the NJDOT traffic investigation determined that this Left Turn prohibition appears warranted and can be recommended for approval,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that it supports the establishment of a Left Turn Prohibition of Route NJ 33 in Neptune Township as recommended by NJDOT as follows:

Route NJ 33

Turn Prohibitions:

No person shall turn at the below described location as indicated:

<u>Intersection</u>	<u>Turn Prohibited</u>	<u>Movement Prohibited</u>
Route NJ 33 (Corlies Avenue) And driveway entrance to Amdur Ambulatory Care Center (Block 3000, Lot 1.02) MP 40.65	Left Turns	Eastbound Route NJ 33 to northbound into driveway entrance to Amdur Ambulatory Care Center

Repealer Clause: The Township of Neptune concurs that any approved regulation(s) in conflict with or are inconsistent with the provision of the Resolution be rescinded upon approval of the Traffic Regulation Order.

AUTHORIZE THE CLOSING OF STREETS AND TEMPORARY NO PARKING IN CONNECTION WITH THE OCEAN GROVE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVALS

WHEREAS, the Ocean Grove Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a Spring Fling Arts & Crafts Festival on May 5, 2018 and a Fall Harvest Festival and Craft Show on October 6, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to close portions of Main Avenue and Pilgrim Pathway and designate no parking during the event; and,

WHEREAS, the Police Department has reviewed and approved this closure,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby designates temporary street closures and no parking on the following streets:

Saturday, May 5, 2018 & Saturday October 6, 2018 - 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

- 1) Main Avenue from New York Avenue to Central Avenue
- 2) Pilgrim Pathway from Heck Avenue to Pitman Avenue

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Works shall provide barricades at the intersections of Main and New York; Main and Central and Pitman Avenue and Pilgrim Pathway; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief of Police, Lt. Zarro, Director of Public Works, Ocean Grove Fire Inspector, and Ocean Grove Chamber of Commerce.

AUTHORIZE THE CLOSING OF STREETS IN CONNECTION WITH THE OCEAN GROVE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VINTAGE AUTO DISPLAYS

WHEREAS, the Ocean Grove Chamber of Commerce has scheduled two vintage auto displays for Saturday, May 19, 2018 and Saturday, September 15, 2018, on Main Avenue in Ocean Grove; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to designate temporary no parking and close two blocks of Main Avenue and two blocks of Pilgrim Pathway prior to and during the events; and,

WHEREAS, the Police Department has reviewed and approved these closures,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby designates temporary closure and posting of temporary no parking on Main Avenue between New York Avenue and Central Avenue and Pilgrim Pathway between Heck Avenue and Olin Street from 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 19, 2018 and Saturday, September 15, 2018; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief of Police, Lt. Zarro, Director of Public Works, Ocean Grove Fire Inspector, and Ocean Grove Chamber of Commerce.

AUTHORIZE THE CLOSING OF STREETS IN CONNECTION WITH THE OCEAN GROVE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FLEA MARKETS

WHEREAS, the Ocean Grove Chamber of Commerce has scheduled two annual flea markets for Saturday, June 2, 2018 and Saturday, September 8, 2018, on Ocean Pathway in Ocean Grove; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to designate no parking areas and close certain streets prior to and during the events; and,

WHEREAS, the Police Department has reviewed and approved these closures,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby designates temporary no parking on the following streets:

- 1) Both sides of west bound and east bound Ocean Pathway from 9:00 P.M. on Friday, June 1, 2018 until 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, June 2, 2018 and from 9:00 P.M. on Friday, September 7, 2018 until 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 8, 2018.
- 2) Both sides of Beach Avenue between east bound and west bound Ocean Pathway from 9:00 P.M. on Friday, June 1, 2018 until 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, June 2, 2018 and from 9:00 P.M. on Friday, September 7, 2018 until 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 8, 2018.
- 3) Both sides of Central Avenue between McClintock Avenue and the west bound side of Ocean Pathway from 9:00 P.M. on Friday, June 1, 2018 until 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, June 2, 2018 and from 9:00 P.M. on Friday, September 7, 2018 until 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 8, 2018.
- 4) South bound side of Ocean Avenue between west bound Ocean Pathway and east bound Ocean Pathway from 9:00 P.M. on Friday, June 1, 2018 until 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, June 2, 2018 and from 9:00 P.M. on Friday, September 7, 2018 until 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 8, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that both sides of Ocean Pathway as stated in Section 1 and Beach Avenue as stated in Section 2 will also be closed to vehicular traffic from 5:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, June 2, 2018 and Saturday, September 8, 2018; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief of Police, Lt. Zarro, Director of Public Works, Ocean Grove Fire Official and Ocean Grove Chamber of Commerce.

EMPLOY PART-TIME TEMPORARY TOURISM REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2018 SUMMER SEASON

WHEREAS, there is a need to employ four part-time temporary Tourism Representatives to

operate the Tourism Bureau for the 2018 Summer Season; and,

WHEREAS, the four representatives who worked in 2017 have expressed an interest in returning in this capacity; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be provided for the first three months of 2018 in the 2018 Temporary Budget and funds for the balance of 2018 will be provided in the Budget for the year 2018 in the appropriation entitled Publicity & Tourism S&W, and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that Catherine Goslee, Carol Bernard, Danielle Daly and Jacqueline Lyon be and are hereby employed as part-time temporary Tourism Representatives in the Tourism Bureau not to exceed an average of 25 hours per week per employee or an average of 40 hours per week in total staffing beginning April 16, 2018 and ending October 1, 2018, at an hourly rate of \$15.38; and,

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

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE RECREATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Neptune Township Recreation Department has relationships with various organizations to organize and provide various recreational activities and programs in the Township of Neptune; and,

WHEREAS, in some instances, the Township of Neptune provides either sponsorship or funding to said organizations to provide these programs; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township to renew the annual contracts with these organizations,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute contracts with various organizations and groups that are supported by the Township's Recreation Department and that provide recreational services and programs to Township residents for the year 2018; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Recreation Director, Chief Financial Officer, and Township Attorney.

CORRECT RESOLUTION #17-269 WHICH AUTHORIZED A CHANGE ORDER IN CONNECTION WITH THE UPGRADE TO HEATING HOT WATER PLANT AT THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2016, a contract was awarded to Midcoast Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$618,123.00 in connection with the upgrade to the heating hot water plant at the Neptune Municipal Complex; and,

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2017, the Township Committee adopted Resolution #17-172 which authorized Change Order #1 to increase the contract by \$4,730.00 resulting in a total contract amount of \$622,853.00; and,

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2017, the Township Committee adopted Resolution #17-269 which authorized an additional Change Order; however, the Resolution reflects this as Change Order #1 rather than Change Order #2,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that Resolution #17-269, adopted on June 12, 2017, which authorized a Change Order in the contract with Midcoast Mechanical, Inc. in connection with the upgrade to the heating hot water plant at the Municipal Complex be and is corrected to reflect this as Change Order #2 resulting in a net decrease of \$2,767.00 revising the total contract amount to \$620,086.00; and,

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

AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER #3 (FINAL) IN CONNECTION WITH UPGRADE TO HEATING HOT WATER PLANT AT THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2016, a contract was awarded to Midcoast Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$618,123.00 in connection with the upgrade to the heating hot water plant at the Neptune Municipal Complex; and,

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2017, the Township Committee adopted Resolution #17-172 which authorized Change Order #1 to increase the contract by \$4,730.00 resulting in a total contract amount of \$622,853.00; and,

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2017, the Township Committee adopted Resolution #17-269, as amended by Resolution #18-93, which authorized Change Order #2 to decrease the contract by \$2,767.00 resulting in a total contract amount of \$620,086.00; and,

WHEREAS, changes to the contract has been experienced as a result of additional blocking and bleeding of the pipes as well as final as built quantities; and,

WHEREAS, these changes has been approved by the Township Engineer; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Ordinance No. 13-39 and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute Change Order #3 (final) in the contract with Midcoast Mechanical, Inc. in connection with the project to upgrade the heating hot water plant at the Municipal Complex resulting in a net increase of \$8,453.00 revising the total contract amount to \$628,539.00; and,

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

AUTHORIZE THE REFUND OF TAXES AS A RESULT OF AN OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, the properties listed below reflect overpayments; and,

WHEREAS, they have furnished the necessary documentation and have requested a refund; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to refund the taxes as stated herein; and,

<b>BLOCK</b>	<b>LOT</b>	<b>ASSESSED TO</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
3001	19	Bauernschmitt	721 Old Corlies Ave	2017	2,130.34
248	3	Collan	58 Broadway	2018	2,975.60
118	14	Yogabby	14 New York Road	2017	2,325.33
2301	79	Golden	11 N Chaphagen Road	2017	1,410.99
5604	6	Husserl	35 Waterview Court	2018	4,871.54

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

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JOSH TIRADO AS A DRIVER IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Assistant Director of Public Works has received a letter from Josh Tirado resigning as a Driver in the Public Works Department effective February 9, 2018,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the resignation of Josh Tirado as a Driver in the Public Works Department is hereby accepted effective February 9, 2018, not in good standing; and,

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

AUTHORIZE OCEAN GROVE CAMP MEETING ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

WHEREAS, the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association coordinates and sponsors an



annual Independence Day Parade through the streets of the Ocean Grove Historic District that attracts thousands of residents and visitors each year; and,

WHEREAS, the Township participates in the parade as well as providing traffic support and a contribution toward parade expenses,

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

1. Permission is hereby granted for Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association to hold their annual Independence Day Parade on Wednesday, July 4, 2018.

2. Temporary no parking will be designated from 7:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on July 4, 2018 on the following streets:

Both sides of Whitefield Avenue from Stockton Avenue to Main Avenue  
Both sides of westbound Ocean Pathway from Central Avenue to Ocean Avenue  
West side of Central Avenue from westbound Ocean Pathway to McClintock Street

3. A contribution in the amount of \$1,000.00 toward expenses incurred in connection with the parade is hereby authorized and funds for this purpose will be available in the 2018 budget in the appropriation entitled Celebration of Public Events and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, Director of Public Works and the Chief of Police.

AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE AND THE NEPTUNE JOINT VETERANS ASSOCIATION TO CO-SPONSOR A MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to continue the tradition of co-sponsoring a Memorial Day parade with the Neptune Joint Veterans Association to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our Nation,

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

1. Permission is hereby granted to conduct the annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28, 2018.

2. Temporary no parking will be designated the north side of Surf Avenue between Central Avenue and Ocean Avenue from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on May 28, 2018

3. A contribution in the amount of \$1,500.00 toward expenses incurred in connection with the parade is hereby authorized and funds for this purpose will be available in the 2018 budget in the appropriation entitled Celebration of Public Events and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Parade/Special Events Committee, Director of Public Works and the Chief of Police.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF COSTANT SARAISON AS A CUSTODIAN IN THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Human Relations Director has received a letter from Costant Saraison resigning as a Custodian in the Building Maintenance Department effective March 2, 2018,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the resignation of Costant Saraison as a Custodian in the Building Maintenance Department is hereby accepted effective March 2, 2018; and,

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

AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER #1 (FINAL) IN CONNECTION WITH WEST LAKE AVENUE STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE II

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2016, a contract was awarded to S. Batata Construction in the amount of \$608,525.00 in connection with West Lake Avenue Streetscape Improvements – Phase II; and,

WHEREAS, changes to the contract has been experienced as a result of final as-built quantities; and,

WHEREAS, these changes has been approved by the Township Engineer,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute Change Order #1 (final) in the contract with S. Batata Construction in connection with West Lake Avenue Streetscape Improvements – Phase II resulting in a net decrease of \$15,351.00 revising the total contract amount to \$593,174.00; and,

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

AUTHORIZE THE CANCELLATION OF SEWER RENT (2100 WEST LAKE AVENUE AND 232 VALLEY ROAD)

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has requested the cancellation of sewer rent to the property listed below,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector be and hereby is authorized to cancel Sewer Rent as stated herein; and,

BLOCK/LOT	ASSESSED TO	ADDRESS	YEAR	AMOUNT
909/7	James L. Lawson	2100 West Lake Ave	2017 & 2018	460.00/per year

**REASON:** Property subdivided as of 1/1/17. New lots billed.

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BLOCK/LOT	ASSESSED TO	ADDRESS	YEAR	AMOUNT
5351/2	Edwin F. Kelly	232 Valley Road	2018	460.00

**REASON:** Building disconnected

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

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

AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

CURRENT FUND	2,280,984.01
GRANT FUND	50,648.01
TRUST FUND	105,427.10
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	501,059.56
SEWER OPERATING FUND	74,289.34
SEWER CAPITAL FUND	7,602.50

MARINA OPERATING FUND	15,895.69
MARINA CAPITAL FUND	599,187.00
LIBRARY TRUST	477.99
BILL LIST TOTAL	\$3,635,571.20

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

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pastor Johnnie Wright, 14 Summerfield Place, stated that he is the pastor of Union Baptist Church. The church was renovated in 2016 which required that the church be torn down to its basement. In December, 2017, he received a tax bill. When he went to get his mercantile license in January, he was told that since the church was torn down, it is now taxed because they are not using it as a church. He talked to Mr. Gadaleta and Mr. Haney in mid-January about the matter, but this was past the appeal deadline. Mr. Gadaleta stated that the Assessor said that once the church was torn down, it is no longer a tax exempt use, so the land is being taxed. Ms. Rizzo stated that the Assessor is an employee of the State and we cannot go to him and change it. She's willing to meet with Pastor Wright and Mr. Haney to see if anything can be done.

Teretha Jones, Hill Drive, stated that taxing the church is a ridiculous decision and needs to be corrected. She stated the building was not total raised and the stairs were still there and the use has not changed. She stated common sense dictates that the use has not changed.

Marcelle Bridgeman, 610 Mayfair Lane, stated that the Pastor should have been advised that the church was going to be taxed. The foundation of the church is still there and this is not right. Mr. Anthony stated that the Tax Assessor is an independent position. The Township Committee is sympathetic and will try their best to see if something can be done.

Bishop Paul Brown, 603 Mayfair Lane, stated that First Pentecostal Church was in the same situation from 2000 to 2004 and did not receive a tax bill.

Bishop Charles Harris, Tinton Falls, stated that he had a building that was vacant for two years in Bloomfield and did not receive a tax bill. The Tax Assessor should be able to correct this and there should be some guidelines.

Tracey Stewart, 3036 West Bangs Avenue, stated that the members of the church just want to bring people into the church and save souls. They want to stay out of government's way and help people.

Elizabeth Markulin, 112 Cardinal Road, asked for a status on the homeless encampment near Shop-Rite. The Mayor stated that there was a meeting with Reverend Lee and agencies from Monmouth County. They are doing everything possible to get them permanent housing. Ms. Markulin asked if there have been any fire and sanitary inspections. The Mayor responded no because this is private property. Mr. Gadaleta stated that he met with the property owner and he does not want the police to go in and remove the homeless. The Township is following the Code Blue procedure of making notifications of assistance available to the homeless when temperatures are low.

Carlos Santiago, resident of the encampment behind Shop-Rite, stated that they have fire extinguishers. He spoke to the Mayor after the last meeting about the offer from the person from Lakewood to build 15 tiny homes at no cost to the Township. He asked for a status. The Mayor stated that the gentleman from Lakewood never reached out to him. If homes were built, there is no guarantee as to who would get the homes. There are a lot of legalities involved. Mr. Anthony outlined the many steps and legal issues that would have to be addressed before micro homes could be built.

Dorothy Argyros, 2100 Rutherford Avenue, stated that in the United States, we do everything for the rich and nothing for the poor. We have the will to build a marina, dredge the river, and pay out large settlements. Winding Ridge is a story of government working with people to save lives, but

the Township is doing nothing to help the homeless. Mr. Anthony stated that Neptune is the first town in Monmouth County to receive certification of its affordable housing plan.

Jack Bredin, 94 ½ Heck Avenue, stated that the North End was declared an area in need of redevelopment. The Redevelopment Plan is double the standard density. Concrete pilings will have to be drilled deep into the ground to build this. The project cannot be done and Camp Meeting Association knows it. At the last Ocean Grove Homeowners Association meeting, the Camp Meeting Association indicated that they are back to the reduced plan that Randy Bishop presented but was never approved by the Township. Mr. Anthony confirmed that the only approved plan is the original North End Redevelopment Plan. There have been no amendments.

Reverend Edmund Lee, stated that he is sure that Reverend Wright's problem will be rectified. He has held three meetings with the Affordable Housing Alliance, Monmouth County Social Services and state representatives regarding the homeless near Shop-Rite. He believes the Township could have made these phone calls and should come up with a plan on how to deal with the homeless. He needs assistance and should not have to be the lead person on this issue. There will always be homeless people so the Township needs a plan.

Hank Coakley, Valley Road, asked if Reverend can cut off the ankle monitor of a felon and can Lakewood provide busing to private schools. He does not like the road configuration on Neptune Boulevard. The parks are full of manure from the Canadian geese and something should be done. Vehicles should have their front and rear lights on when wipers are in use. Mr. Anthony stated that it is illegal for anyone to remove a monitor off of a person.

Dianna Harris, 17 Willow Drive, asked for an explanation of the affordable housing certification. Mr. Anthony explained that the state decided that each County court would establish affordable housing figures since COAH was not doing its job. Neptune filed its plan of affordable housing and its rehabilitation plan. Fair Share Housing in Trenton also was involved. Neptune Township will be the first town to be certified as meeting its affordable housing obligation. Ms. Harris stated that Neptune needs to come up with a plan for the homeless because they will continue to get pushed into Neptune. She added that the taxi stand near Alpha Liquors has junk cars on the premises. Mr. Gadaleta will notify Code Enforcement.

Joyce Klein, 105 Mt. Hermon Way, asked if the Committee has met with Asbury Park regarding parking. The Mayor stated that he spoke to John Moor and had a meeting last Friday with Asbury Park representatives. They indicated that they had no problem with closing the bridges earlier. They do not encourage people to park in Ocean Grove and offer an employee parking permit. They are talking about building a large parking garage on the south side and suggested that the Township use the Camp Meeting Association lot for parking. The Asbury Park representatives indicated that they have some problems with enforcement and use Class I Special Officers for enforcement. The Mayor concluded that Asbury Park indicated that there is not much that they can do to help the Ocean Grove parking problem. Ms. Klein urged the Committee to hire a parking professional to look at the situation. The Mayor stated that the full Committee will discuss possible next steps.

Lynn Cremona, South Riverside Drive, stated if there has been any discussion on more restrictions on the removal of trees. Mr. Anthony stated that the matter was discussion the removal of the residential exemption is being considered.

Nancy Clarke, 47 Embury Avenue, thanked Mr. Gadaleta for the Historic Preservation Architect RFQ which is on-line with a March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. She stated that information was sent to the State Historic Preservation Office for review in regards to Certified Local Government status. There has been no response from the state and asked what can be done to get the process moving. Mr. Gadaleta stated that Bernard Haney contacted the state and was informed that they will review the material on their schedule. The Committee asked Mr. Gadaleta to take over the responsibility for follow-up. Ms. Clarke urged the Committee to move forward with hiring a parking consultant.

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

Richard J. Cuttrel,  
Municipal Clerk