

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – October 24, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Williams calls the meeting to order at 7:14PM and asks the Clerk to call the roll:

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

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

SILENT PRAYER AND FLAG SALUTE

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

Mayor Williams announces that the notice requirements of R.S. 10:4-18 have been satisfied by the publication of the required advertisement in The Coaster and the Asbury Park Press on January 6, 2022, posting the notice on the Board in the Municipal Complex, and filing a copy of said notice with the Municipal Clerk. In addition, the meeting agenda, ordinances, and resolutions are posted on the Township web site (www.neptunetownship.org) and the meeting is being streamed live via townhallstreams.com.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion offered by Deputy Mayor Cafferty, seconded by, Committeewoman York, to approve the minutes of meetings of October 11, 2022. All Present were in favor of approving, Dr. Brantley was absent for the vote.

PRESENTATION

Declaring November as Registered Apprenticeship Month

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune recognizes that registered apprenticeship is a vital component in building a stronger and fairer New Jersey through talent development in high-demand and high-growth sectors and constitutes a priority for the Governor's Administration, especially with the launch of the New Jersey Apprenticeship Network in 2018; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune recognizes that the 21st century economy demands a highly skilled workforce that possesses industry recognized post-secondary degrees and credentials, as well as the ability to respond immediately to changing economic and business needs; and,

WHEREAS, the registered apprenticeship system has been used for more than 85 years to meet the needs of employers seeking a highly skilled workforce and the needs of employees seeking a flexible training model which combines related technical instruction with structured on-the-job learning experiences; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune recognizes USDOL Registered Apprenticeship programs as a viable career pathway for both college bound and non-college bound individuals; and,

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has more than 8,200 registered apprentices (21% net statewide increase) and more than 1,126 registered apprenticeship sponsors (84% statewide increase); and,

WHEREAS, completion of an apprenticeship program leads to an industry-driven, nationally recognized credential that certifies occupational proficiency,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that, I, Nicholas Williams, Mayor of the Township of Neptune, along with the entire Township Committee, do hereby proclaim the month of November as Registered Apprenticeship Month in the Township of Neptune.

Setting Curfew for October 30 and 31

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police of the Township of Neptune has recommended the establishment of extended curfew hours for minors for October 30th and October 31st; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 3, Section 4.1b of the Township Code gives the Mayor of the Township of Neptune the authority to issue a proclamation regulating the hours during which persons shall be prohibited from remaining upon the public streets, ways, and places in the Township of Neptune,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Nicholas Williams, Mayor of the Township of Neptune, do hereby proclaim a curfew prohibiting any persons under the age of 18 from remaining upon the public streets, ways, and places in the Township of Neptune on October 30, 2022, and October 31, 2022, from 9:00 P.M. to 4:00 A.M. unless accompanied by a parent.

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS

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

Committeeman Lane Mr. Lane announced there are a number of Trunk or Treats in Town, Neptune McDonalds, Asbury Wall Elks, Hamilton Church and Cone Zone will be hosting trunk or treats.

Mr. Lane recently hosted a Decade of Dreams with the Dream center and the night raised over \$100,000.

Mr. Lane announced a van is being authorized for purchase tonight which will significantly improve transport for the seniors of Neptune.

Committeewoman York Ms. York stated the Township is currently working on the 2nd Annual Winterfest and there will be boxes at the Township for collection of donations. If there are services or companies that would like to participate, they can reach out to Committeewoman York.

Deputy Mayor Cafferty Deputy Mayor Cafferty stated the Skate Park opening occurred last week and there was great weather for a great event. Mr. Cafferty thanked all those involved including Public Works, Recreation and administration.

Deputy Mayor Cafferty announced a camping event for any residents who may want to experience camping for the first time.

Mayor Williams No additional report.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

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

- **South Riverside Drive/Shark River Hills “Living Shoreline” Project:** Work on the South Riverside Drive Living Shoreline project in Shark River Hills began last week with the Department of Public Works replacing two outfall pipes. The full project will begin in earnest in mid-November, with a target completion date of December 31st (or earlier). Residents interested in learning more about the project can attend the meeting being held tomorrow night, October 25th at 7pm at the Marina Building, in partnership between the Township and the Shark River Hills Property Owners’ Association. Presentations will also be given on flood zones and developments since Superstorm Sandy, flood insurance and

Tidelands claims.

- **Ocean Grove Tennis Courts/Sinkhole:** Pending approval by the Committee this evening, a contractor has been identified and authorized to begin making repairs to the tennis courts at Broadway and Central Avenue in Ocean Grove. I have also asked the Department of Public Works to coordinate with OGCMA on the proposed work schedule and any necessary easements the Township needs to obtain.
- **Wreaths Across America:** Neptune Township will once again be hosting a ceremony for National Wreaths Across America Day on December 17th. The ceremony will take place at 12:00pm at Veterans Memorial Park. Following the program, volunteers will proceed to Mount Calvary Cemetery to place remembrance wreaths on the graves of more than 400 veterans. This is done in partnership with the Rotary Club of Asbury Park, and we thank them for their annual efforts to remember our fallen heroes.
- **Early Voting:** Early voting will begin on Saturday October 29 and all voters may go to then Neptune Senior

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

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

Michael Badger, 129 Broadway Resolution 22-463, Mr. Badger asked if the proposal can be removed and voiced concerns. There was a gate There was a collapse identified when the scope was done. Mr. Badger voiced concern over the integrity of the box culvert.

Beverly Holland, 56 North Taylor Ave. Apt. 37 Ms. Holland stated that resolution 22-461, appointment to the housing authority. Ms. Holland has served for 11 years. Ms. Holland was saddened to receive the resignation from Rev. Wright. Ms. Holland stated that Mr. Williams is the proposed appointment and Mr. Williams was appointed and served for years prior to Ms. Holland. Ms. Holland expressed her support for the appointment of Mayor Williams to the Housing Authority.

Joan Venezia, 107 Mt. Hermon Way Ms. Venezia stated the contractors may be delayed. Ms. LaPlaca stated the contractor that stated they were too busy was not one of the responsive quotes. Ms. Venezia asked if there was a determination of whether the ground would be dug

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

Dr. Brantley was reached by phone to participate in the actions of the meeting.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

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

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

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

The Clerk announces that the Public Hearings on Ordinances will be held at the next Township Committee meeting on November 14, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Res # 459** Resolution Acknowledging Discussion Of Best Practice Inventory And Authorizing Submission Of Public Meeting Certification
- Res # 460** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Accepting Resignations
- Res # 461** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Appointing Members To The Housing Authority
- Res # 462** Resolution Authorizing Issuance Of Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate Pursuant To Chapter 99 Of Public Laws Of 1997
- Res # 463** Authorize Agreement For Broadway And Central Avenue Tennis Court Repairs With L&L Paving In An Amount Not To Exceed \$35,000.00
- Res # 464** Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Refuse And Recycling Carts For Department Of Public Works From Otto Environmental Systems Under Houston Galveston Area Cooperative- HGACBUY Co-Op, Contract # RC01-21 In An Amount Not To Exceed \$22,170
- Res # 465** Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of 2023 Ford Transit 350 From Creative Bus Sales Under Houston Galveston Area Cooperative- HGACBUY Co-Op, Contract # BT01-21 In An Amount Not To Exceed \$83,000
- Res # 466** Resolution Authorizing Agreement For Purchase Of Furniture And Accessories From Creative Library Concepts Under New Jersey State Co-Op #65mcesccps, Contract # ESCNJ 22/23-08 In An Amount Not To Exceed \$55,000.00
- Res # 467** Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Awarding Earle Asphalt Company Contract “Beverly Way Force Main Replacement” In An Amount Not To Exceed \$485,813.13
- Res # 468** Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Awarding Earle Asphalt Company Contract “Clinton Place Force Main Replacement” In An Amount Not To Exceed \$458,313.13
- Res # 469** Resolution Authorizing The Professional Services Agreement With ARH Associates For Engineering Services Relating To Bradley Park Sewer Main Replacement In An Amount Not To Exceed \$51,930.00
- Res # 470** Resolution Authorizing The Professional Services Agreement With ARH Associates For Engineering Services Relating To North Island Pole Barn In An Amount Not To Exceed \$36,240.00
- Res # 471** Resolution Authorizing Agreement Between Neptune Township And Interfaith Neighbors, Inc. For Participation In The Senior Congregate Meals Program
- Res # 472** Resolution Authorizing Neptune Township To Accept A Subgrant Award Of The Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Of Emergency Management Performance Grant And Emergency Management Agency Assistance
- Res # 473** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Accepting The It Pays To Plug In Grant For \$75,000.00 From The NJDEP
- Res # 474** Authorize The Payment Of Bills

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mayor Williams Recused himself from the vote on resolution 22-461

SEPARATED RESOLUTIONS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Edward Ferraiolo	Code and Construction	Building Sub-Code Official	\$75,211.93	October 27, 2022
Edward Ferraiolo	Code and Construction	Fire Sub-Code Official	\$19,788.07	October 27, 2022
Michael A. Purazzo	Code and Construction	Part-Time Electrical Inspector	\$44.57/hour	October 27, 2022

Res # 475 A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions-Code and Construction

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Ronald Goldfaden,

Mr. Goldfaden is the new director of the Ocean Grove Preservation Committee. Mr. Goldfaden thanked Mr. Ciccone, Ms. Siboni and Mr. Anthony for their work in addressing the questions for updates on property statuses.

Erin O’Connell, 35 Embury Ave.

32 Embury Ave. is a blight on the property. There is bulk trash littering the street, residents urinate from the balcony, trash cans at Serenity Inn do not follow the size of the cans. Randy Evangelista is a slum lord. A realtor notified Ms. O’Connell that a registered sex offender is now living at Serenity Inn. The police have been to this site multiple times. Ms. O’Connell has sent multiple e-mails to the Township Committee and has not received an answer. Ms. O’Connell stated she is very concerned about a registered sex offender living 50 feet from her home. Ms. O’Connell expressed concern over the amount of resources dedicated to the issues of this property, its occupants and the landlord.

Mr. Anthony stated there has been oversight from the Code Enforcement on violations at the property and the other matters are police matters. Mayor Williams stated this matter will be placed on the agenda

Mozelle Philpart
1802 Bradford.

Ms. Philpart stated she has lived in the neighborhood for 20+ years. There are violations of commercial vehicles and dumpsters being parked in front of residences. The

607 Sayre and 1806 Odin are the properties in question that are parking multiple commercial vehicles and dumpsters that have trash in them.

Many times, the issue is that vehicles are parked at night so code enforcement is not available. Mayor Williams asked if the police

Barbara Burns, 4 Ocean Ave.

department may be able to enforce it as well. Ms. Burns asked what the plan is for patrolling for Halloween. Last year there were issues with vandalism.

Julie Hecker, 113 Pilgrim Pathway

Mayor Williams stated he will ask the Chief of Police about the types and amount of patrol assigned on Halloween. Ms. Hecker asked about an update for cross walks and speed limits, how is the public advised that the public is aware that the issues are addressed.

Beverly Holland, 56 N. Taylor Ave. Apt. 37

Ms. Hecker had requested additional signage in Ocean Grove for speed limits and additional signage and painted lines in Ocean Grove. Ms. Holland thanked the Committee for their work to have the roads in the Gables.

Joan Venezia, 107 Mt. Hermon Way

Ms. Holland asked about a neighbor who has a small box truck which is used to collect scrap metals. Ms. Holland asked if there were an ordinance that would not allow such a vehicle on the street. Mr. Anthony stated there is an ordinance that addresses the tonnage of vehicles and whether they are allowed to be parked in specific areas as well as commercial vehicles are not allowed to be parked in residential zones. Ms. Venezia stated there were 2 occurrences of 18+ years old groups on Halloween who took things from porches and even took from the hands of a resident. It was also noted that a car was stolen that night as well. Ms. Venezia expressed concerns about groups of young adults.

Ms. Venezia asked about the procedure for the Historic Preservation Committee Special Meeting. Mr. Anthony stated he is not the attorney for this board to advise on that matter.

Is 63 Cookman a multifamily unit and has it had State inspections. There is not a banister on the concrete porch.

ADJOURNMENT

Offered by: _____ Lane _____ York _____
Seconded by: _____

Time adjourned: 8:00PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Gabriella Siboni
Township Clerk