

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETING – November 28, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.

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

Roll Call	Present/ Absent
Dr. Michael Brantley	<u>Arrived at 6:13PM</u>
Keith Cafferty	<u>Absent</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.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN OPEN SESSION

1. Fletcher Lake Project Update

Sam Avakian presented an update on the Fletcher Lake Project.

Mr. Avakian stated that for the Fletcher Lake Bulkhead, there was a decision to utilize a composite material for a number of reasons including cost, aversion to infestation and water resistance.

Mr. Avakian stated that there is a possibility to prepare and advertise the bid specifications with the stipulation that no work can commence prior to appropriate DEP approvals. This timeline can be addressed for specifically with the Township.

Mr. Avakian stated the existing bulkhead will be notched down to wear it is worn and failing. The composite material will be added to meet seamlessly to rebuild the bulkhead.

The current waiting period on this matter is related to the approvals from DEP. Mr. Avakian indicated that it is preferable to complete this project in the winter, hopefully March.

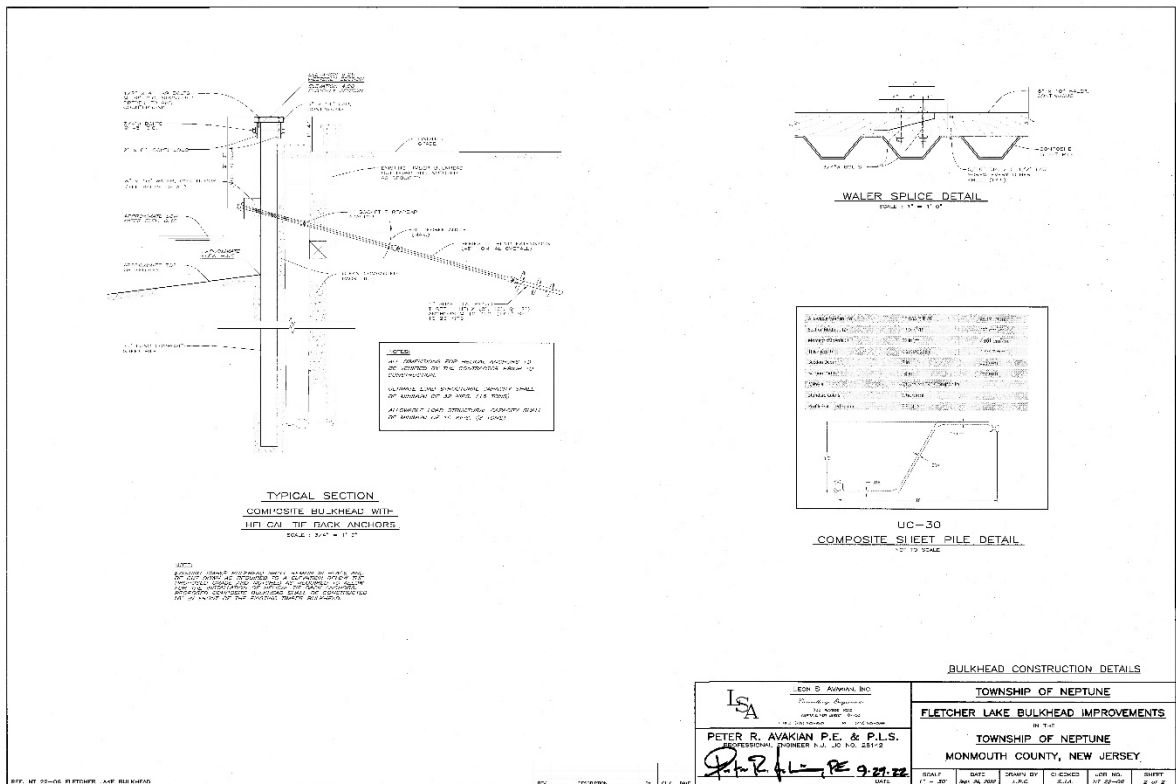
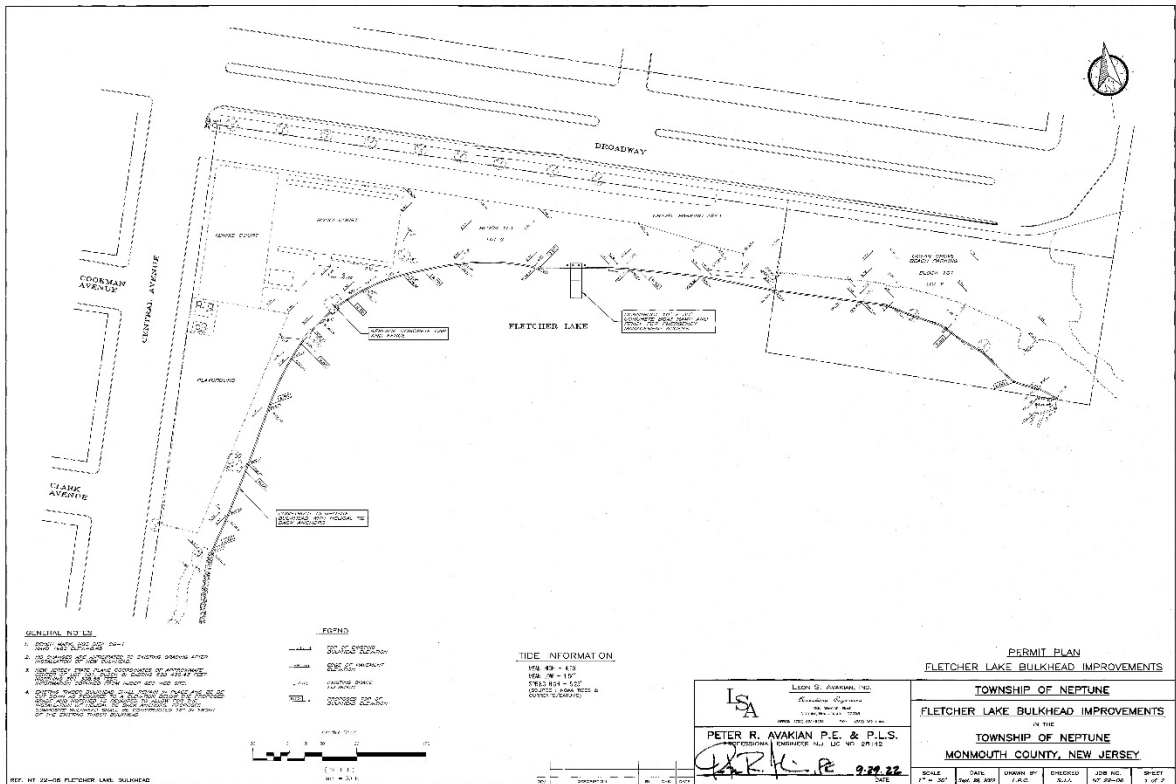
Mayor Williams asked Mr. Avakian to confirm the timeline for the project. Mr. Avakian stated the main concern would be lead time on materials, but the project should take a little over a month.

Mr. Avakian stated there is an anticipated walking path around the bulkhead to be around the lake to the park.

Mr. Anthony asked who is responsible for opening or closing the valve on the Lake. Mr. Lane confirmed with Ms. LaPlaca that Public Works would normally handle this.

2. Committee Calendars

Dr. Michael Brantley	Dr. Brantley had no report.
Keith Cafferty	
Robert Lane, Jr.	Mr. Lane stated that the PBA does Toys for Tots and Mr. Lane collected toys for the Assembly and himself. Any money that you would like to donate to Mr. Lane will be used to purchase toys for the donation to Toys for Tots.
Tassie D. York	Ms. York had no report.
Nicholas Williams	Mayor Williams had not report.



Res # 497 Authorize An Executive Session As Authorized By The Open Public Meetings Act.

Offered by: Lane Seconded by: York

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

Left for executive Session at 6:14PM

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – November 28, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Williams calls the meeting to order at 7:00PM and asks the Clerk to call the roll:

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

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

SILENT PRAYER AND FLAG SALUTE

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

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion offered by Committeeman Lane, seconded by, Committeewoman York, to approve the minutes of meetings of November 14, 2022. All present are in favor of the adoption of the minutes.

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS

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

Committeeman Dr. Brantley	Dr. Brantley reported that he ate too much turkey over the weekend.
Committeeman Lane	Mr. Lane summarized the Fletcher Lake Project update that was presented during the Workshop portion of the meeting.

Jersey Shore Dream Center will be hosting a winter drive on December 17. This is a drive to get toys for children in need. Registration for the event is due on December 15.

The PBA will be collecting for Toys for Tots and donation bins have been placed. The collection will be for Neptune Residents.

Wreaths Across America will be in Neptune again and there will be a service on December 17th at noon and then Wreaths will be laid on veteran’s graves.

The Senior Center had a Thanksgiving dinner. Monmouth County Health Department has asked to continue the Covid Clinic in to 2023. The Senior Center hosted those displaced from the standoff earlier this month.

There are tree lightings occurring throughout Town for residents to attend.

Committeewoman York	Ms. York said she is looking forward to Winterfest on December 17 th and is still looking for donations.
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Deputy Mayor Cafferty	Deputy Mayor Cafferty stated there is holiday fun with Santa this Saturday from 10:0AM-Noon.
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There have been keypads installed at the disk golf course so we anticipate being opened this spring.

Mr. Williams stated the Cannabis Committee was formed when Neptune overwhelming voted for legalized cannabis. The Cannabis Committee has already brought in a retail cannabis location and now there are two licenses for consideration on for tonight; a manufacturer and distributor license. Mayor Williams stated on behalf of the Cannabis Committee, he is grateful and believes we are taking care of Neptune Residents. These companies are stand out companies and believe they will be great additions to Neptune Township.

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 focus of the work right now is to create a roadway of sand along the beach that spans the length of the project site. This road will allow for the crane that will be installing the rock and shell “mattresses” to access the project area without interfering with power lines. It is anticipated that the sand road/platform will be completed this week, following which the mattress install will begin. These “mattresses” are used to form marsh sills, which reduce wave energy, trap sediment and create conditions more conducive to wetland plant growth. The sand used for the road/platform will later be spread to create the proper beach slope and elevation once the mattresses are in place.
- Barricaded Subject Incident: As the Committee is well aware, on November 16th, the Neptune Township Police Department, along with several County law enforcement and emergency response agencies, were engaged in an armed standoff with an individual who had previously committed an armed robbery and later barricaded himself in a home here in town. Law enforcement received significant support from Neptune Township OEM and EMS personnel, who also provided assistance to displaced residents in the affected neighborhood. Special thanks also goes out to the Neptune Township Senior Center, who provided meals, coffee, and shelter to approximately 30 displaced individuals, including several small children – who were entertained with cartoons and activities until it was safe for them to return to their homes.
- New Jersey Youth Legislative Council: The office of Senator Vin Gopal is looking for interested individuals between the ages of 15-23 who are residents of the 11th Legislative District to apply for the New Jersey Youth Legislative Council. Established by an act of the Legislature in January of this year, the Council will serve as a forum for New Jersey’s youth to advise the Legislature and all of its committees, commissions, and task forces on how to identify and implement effective policies, programs, and services that the State could provide its youth. Each of New Jersey’s 40 Legislative Districts will appoint one public member – the deadline to apply is December 9th and prospective candidates may email LD11NJLegislativeYouthCouncilApplication@njleg.org to request an application.
- On October 17, 2022, Neptune Township Public Works started its loose leaf collection. The bulk of the leaves fell in the first week of November after a rain and windstorm and Neptune Public Works was out collecting leaves that following weekend. We’ve completed the second pass of Zone A and over the next couple of weeks, the second complete pass will be made to the remaining zones. Since that time, we’ve picked up 3752.15 cu. yds of loose leaves which is equivalent to 125 or more loads with our leaf vacuum trucks that hold up to 30 cu.yds. each. That is enough to cover almost 8 football fields in 3 inches of leaves. This is a true testament to the hard-working staff here at Public Works serving the residents of Neptune Township.

Clerk will announce the personnel resolution information

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Terrence Blaney	Public Works	CDL Class A Driver	\$35,000.00	12/7/2022

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.

Joan Venezia,
107 Mt. Hermon Way

22-499 and 22-500, Ms. Venezia asked the location of the new cannabis businesses locations and asked for clarifications for the limit of licenses for cannabis. Ms. Venezia sought to confirm these would be the last issued. Mayor Williams indicated that the ordinance calls for a limit on number of retail cannabis; other classes of cannabis are not capped at this time.

Richard Williams,
1 Abbott Ave.

Mr. Williams asked if any of the cannabis retailers are minority owned. Mr. Williams stated that one is minority owned.

22-506 and 22-509, Mr. Williams asked if any of the vehicle purchases are electric vehicles and encouraged the consideration to purchase electric vehicles.

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

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION ORDINANCES:

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

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

No Public Comment

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

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

Ordinance 22-51 An Ordinance To Further Amend And Supplement The Land Development Ordinance Of The Township Of Neptune By Defining And Regulating Cannabis Class Uses

Explanatory Statement: This ordinance updates the hours of operation allowed for Cannabis Class 5 Businesses.

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

Ordinance 22-52 Ordinance Amending Neptune Township Code, Chapter Xi, Entitled “Buildings And Housing”

Explanatory Statement: This ordinance establishes the regulations for Lead Paint Hazards and Rental Properties by identifying the scope and purpose, fees, inspection requirements, exceptions, compliance and penalties.

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

Ordinance 22-53 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.

Motion to Table Ordinance 22-53

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

Ordinance 22-54 An Ordinance To Amend And Supplement Chapter Iv, Section 4-20 Entitled “Garage Sales”

Explanatory Statement: This ordinance amends Section 4-20 “Garage Sales” to amend the limits to number of permits issued to a calendar year rather than calculated by “within twelve months”.

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

Ordinance 22-55 An Ordinance To Amend And Supplement Chapter Iv, Section 4-3 Entitled “General Requirements For Mercantile Registration”

Explanatory Statement: This ordinance amends Section 4-3 “General Requirements for Mercantile Registration” to add “Business Insurance Registry” which requires filing proof of insurance with mercantile registration applications pursuant to the requirements of S-1368

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

The Clerk announces that the Public Hearings on Ordinance 22-51 will be held on December 22, 2022. Public Hearings on Ordinance 22-52, 22-54 and 22-55 will be held at the next Township Committee meeting on December 12, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Res # 498** Resolution Of The Township Of Neptune Approving GDBS Distributors LLC For A Cannabis Business License To Operate As Recreational Use Cannabis Establishment Within The Township Of Neptune
- Res # 499** Resolution Of The Township Of Neptune Approving Jersey Shore Ventures Group, Llc For A Cannabis Business License To Operate As A Recreational Use Cannabis Establishment Within The Township Of Neptune
- Res # 500** Resolution Providing For The Combination Of Certain Issues Of Not Exceeding \$10,810,597 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022, Consisting Of \$5,765,597 General Improvement Bonds, Series 2022 And \$5,045,000 Sewer Utility Bonds, Series 2022, Of The Township Of Neptune, In The County Of Monmouth, State Of New Jersey, Determining The Form And Other Details Of Such Bonds, And Providing For The Sale Of Such Bonds To The Monmouth County Improvement Authority Pursuant To The Authority’s 2022b And 2022c Pooled Governmental Loan Program
- Res # 501** Authorizing Discharge Of Mortgage Held By Neptune Township On Property Located At 105 Hemlock Drive, Neptune Township, New Jersey, Owned By Richard F. Kuchen
- Res # 502** Authorize The Execution Of A Right Of Access Agreement With Ironbound Property Group LLC
- Res # 503** Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Submission Of An Application For DHMAS Grant Funding For Neptune Municipal Alliance Grant Term 9/1/2023 To 9/30/2025
- Res # 504** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing The Submission Of A Strategic Plan For The Neptune Municipal Alliance Grant For Fiscal Year 2024 (Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2020-June 2025)
- Res # 505** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Cancellation Of Mortgages In Connection With Façade Improvement Program Loans
- Res # 506** Resolution Authorizing The Agreement For 2023 Ford F350 Super Duty 4wd Crew Cab To National Auto Fleet Group Under National Joint Powers Alliance Purchasing Program, Sourcewell Contract #091521-NAF In An Amount Not To Exceed \$70,580.00
- Res # 507** Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Awarding Mazza Recycling Services Contract “Disposal Of Bulky Waste”
- Res # 508** Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Awarding Mazza Mulch Inc. Contract “Removal Of Leaves”
- Res # 509** Resolution Authorizing Agreement For Purchase Of Two (2) 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe Pursuit 4wd From Mall Chevrolet Under New Jersey State Co-Op #65MCECCPS, Contract # ESCNJ 20/21-09 In An Amount Not To Exceed \$91,000.00

- Res # 510** Resolution Authorizing Agreement For Codification Updates To The Land Development Ordinance From GenCode LLC In An Amount Not To Exceed \$14,980.00
- Res # 511** Authorize Change In Title And Text In 2022 Municipal Budget To Provide Matching Funds For A It Pays To Plug In: NJ’s Electric Vehicle Charging Grant
- Res # 512** Authorize The Transfer Of 2022 Budget Appropriations #1
- Res # 513** Extend Offer Of Employment For Seasonal/On-Call Drivers In The Department Of Public Works For Snow Plowing
- Res # 514** Authorize The Payment Of Bills
- Res # 515** A Resolution Authorizing The Cancellation Of Taxes

CONSENT AGENDA

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

SEPARATED RESOLUTIONS

- Res # 516** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Public Works

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Terrence Blaney	Public Works	CDL Class A Driver	\$35,000.00	12/7/2022

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Jason Fay
Cliffwood Dr. Shark
River Hills

Mr. Fay stated if he pays for a slip for the season, he should have access to the ramp free of charge. If there is a named storm, it is required to have the boat removed. Mr. Fay could not access the ramp after hours and “tricked” the ramp gate so that he could remove his boat.

Mr. Fay stated he does not believe he should have to power wash the dock he is renting for the season as it should be included in the seasonal rental. Mr. Fay stated there is significant revenue at the Marina and he is asking where the money is going. There are bulk heading falling down and other maintenance issues at the building.

Mr. Fay stated he believes there should be a return of the Harbor Commission as paying customers need to have a voice. Mr. Fay stated there should be more transparency for policies, spending, and protocols. Mr. Fay believes there should be a self-serve ice machine.

Mr. Fay stated he pays an exorbitant cost to have his boat at the marina, but something must change. The ramp should be able to be accessed free of charge to slip rentals. Mayor Williams stated he is going to agree to disagree, and he has spoken to Mr. Fay multiple times so there is a voice to the customers at the Marina.

Mr. Fay stated that there was not an employee present at 11:15 today available to pay his bills.

Mayor Williams stated that the requirement for removal of boat is required when

Jason Poffrey
4 North Benton Place.

wind is sustained at 50 miles per hour, but Mayor stated this is something that can be reviewed and addressed.

The contracts for the marina state that all slips will have electric and water. Pier 8, where he is located has water, but there is not electric on the pier. The Marina agreement clearly states that the pier should have access. There are water leaks at pier 8 and there are not electrical stanchions

Joan Venezia, 107 Mt.
Hermon Way

The Marina has not had any improvements for the past three years and there should be improvements made. There are multiple employees who work at the marina and there is resistance to criticism from the customers.

Ms. Venezia stated the residents of Ocean Grove would like a schedule of Leaf pick up.

Ms. Venezia brought up constant contact.

Ms. Venezia stated that 4 Boardwalk is not maintained, and the property needs to be cleaned up and usable.

Ms. Venezia asked who is responsible for the repairs to the Pickleball court. Ms. LaPlaca stated the damage has been referred to the Joint Insurance Fund to determine if there is coverage.

Ms. Venezia asked if the shuffleboard pipe should be placed underground.

Ms. Venezia asked if the Fletcher Lake Bulkhead project if the path will only go to the park.

Ms. Venezia stated Neptune Township has the highest homicide in Monmouth County and Ms. Venezia stated we should be doing something about it like having a place for people to go to help resolve some of the issues.

Mayor Williams stated all homicides have been gang related, known criminals, etc. There were 6 homicides in Neptune and the Police Department is doing the best they can. Mayor Williams stated we have invested in ShotSpotter and worked with the prosecutor's office to do the best they can.

Diana Harris, 17
Willow Dr.

Ms. Harris stated the article had information that was inaccurate. This is an issue that is present all over. The Prosecutor's office will work with local areas to get alarm systems installed in homes in high crime areas. The caveat would be that the police department would be granted access to a certain amount of data and feed.

Catherine Clearly 45
Abbott Ave.

Ms. Harris asked about the lease on the garden for MURC. The contract will be pulled for review and will be in touch with Ms. Harris.

Ms. Clearly is here to represent the preservation committee that was formed in the summer to address some of the homes in disarray. There was a list of homes that were structurally in bad shape from outside viewpoints. Ms. Clearly wanted to introduce herself and the preservation committee and is hoping to bring to light some of the issues with poorly maintained properties. Ms. Clearly asked for a status of 4 Boardwalk, the property that was damaged by the Fire. Ms. Clearly is hoping the Committee will be able to assist the Township in being more assertive for enforcement and identifying properties in need of improvements or maintenance.

Richard Williams
1 Abbott Ave.

Mr. Williams asked Ms. LaPlaca to clarify the Joint Insurance Fund and their involvement in pickleball court replacement.

Mr. Williams asked when the public parking meeting is scheduled or what is necessary to move forward.

Hank Coakley

Mr. Williams invited all to the Homeowners Holiday Breakfast on December 10 at 10:00AM

Mr. Coakley asked if a letter was ever written to the Township of Wall regarding

Valley Road

Gully Road conditions.

Congratulations to the Township Committee for not putting a marker on Neptune Blvd to make it clearer for traffic.

Mr. Coakley stated that he likes the design of the pier in Ocean Grove and believes it will be an asset to Ocean Grove and Neptune Township.

ADJOURNMENT

Offered by: Lane

Seconded by: York

Time adjourned: 8:15PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Gabriella Siboni
Township Clerk