

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – DECEMBER 9, 2019

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

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

Mayor Rizzo 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 3, 2019, 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:

Andy Levine representing the Better Parking Alliance (BPA) gave a presentation on the survey results and recommendations for a pilot residential permit parking plan for the north side of Ocean Grove. The BPA conducted two surveys and received over 600 responses to each. They found that 97% of those surveyed believe there is a parking problem with the majority indicating that the problem is seasonal. 71% responded that the parking situation is important to their quality of life. The proposal calls for a pilot residential parking plan north of Main Avenue on both sides of the street between 6pm and 6am from May 15th to September 15th. One free parking permit would be allotted per residential unit and each bed and breakfast/hotel room. Additional permits (\$90) and visitor permits (\$5 for 6pm to midnight/\$10 for 6pm to 6am) will be available. The plan would provide a visitor parking permit for those attending Camp Meeting Association events. Mr. Levine recommended next steps including asking CME Associates to review this proposal and provide input. He also proposed multiple community participation sessions in January. Mr. McMillan stated that he needs information on the revenue and costs. He wants the plan to be cost neutral. Mr. Levin estimated the cost of Special Law Enforcement Officers at between \$24,000 and \$36,000. There would have to be an estimate prepared for the number of permits sold. Mr. Lane questioned the cost of installing signs. Mr. Levine replied that two signs would be needed on each street and the snow emergency sign poles can be used for one side of the street. Dr. Brantley stated that the Committee has \$8,000 in the budget for CME Associates to review the parking situation and he would like them to review this plan. He also asked for a better cost estimate and indicated he would like to hear from the community. Mr. Williams also would like to hear from the public because there are over 3,000 homes in Ocean Grove. Mayor Rizzo stated that she wants the BPA, the Camp Meeting Association, and the Chamber of Commerce to work together on a compromise solution. If there is no compromise, the situation will be left to the hands of fate.

Mr. Anthony stated that he prepared an ordinance to enact a hospitality tax which includes the new transient accommodations language recently enacted by the State Legislature. The new legislation stated that the tax applies if the owner of a house rents rooms through an agency or space marketplace, or if the owner offers three or more rooms for rent in a calendar year. If a person rents less than three units or rents individually through a classified ad or web site, the tax does not apply. Mr. Williams stated that he wants to look at enforcement before the ordinance is considered. Mr. Gadaleta stated he would have to review this with various departments because it involves inspections and enforcement. Mr. Anthony stated that the 6% tax is already remitted to the state. This ordinance would mean that the state returns half of that to the Township. The Township would also have to provide the state with an annual inventory of establishments that should be remitting the tax. Mr. Lane stated he does not want people to go to other towns because Neptune has this tax. Nearby towns do not have the tax. The Township would collect \$300,000 annually but this would require manpower to identify the AirBNB's. Dr. Brantley asked that all of this information be compiled in a report for his review.

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

Mr. McMillan 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:

Personnel – 2020 appointments

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, aye; Lane, aye; McMillan, aye; Williams, aye; and Rizzo, aye.

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

Dr. Brantley received confirmation that the cost to the Township associated with MOU for ShotSpotter is 40% of \$90,000 in 2021 and 2022.

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

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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"

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Lane offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 25th. All were in favor.

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lane stated there will be a ceremony to at the corner of West Bangs Avenue and Neptune Blvd to add a street sign indicating that West Bangs Avenue was formerly Sand Hill Road. Sharon Davis will be speaking. The ceremony is on December 14th at 12:00 p.m.

The remainder of the Committee members and Mr. Gadaleta did not provide reports in light of the large number of residents desiring to participate at the Privilege of the Floor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

Dianna Harris, Willow Drive, asked if the Memorandum of Understanding is in relation to ShotSpotter. The Mayor responded yes. Ms. Harris stated that she supports the initiative as a deterrent, but this is reactive and not the end solution to gun violence. She asked about the cooperation between Neptune and Asbury Park. Mr. Williams stated that there is a partnership with Asbury Park and the County Prosecutor's Officer. Neptune will pay 40% and Asbury Park will pay 60% of the costs starting in 2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-37 - ADOPTED

Dr. Brantley offered the following ordinance, moved and seconded by Mr. McMillan, that it be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 19-37

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 BROADWAY

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 19-38 - APPROVED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 19-38

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EMBURY AVENUE/RIDGE AVENUE CORRIDOR, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$530,000 THEREFOR (INCLUSIVE OF A \$336,683 NJDOT TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND GRANT) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$193,317 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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

ORDINANCE NO. 19-39 - APPROVED

Mr. McMillan offered the following ordinance, moved and seconded by Mr. Williams, that it be approved:

ORDINANCE NO. 19-39

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, BY AND IN 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

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

Mr. Cuttrell stated that the Public Hearings on Ordinances 19-38 and 19-39 will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2019.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

AUTHORIZE THE CANCELLATION OF A UDAG MORTGAGE ISSUED TO NICHOLAS GARBARINE D/B/A ALL AMERICAN TURF & MOLE HILL INN 3502 WEST BANGS AVENUE

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune holds a mortgage dated October 16, 2015 in the amount of \$23,910.14 in connection with a UDAG reciprocal loan granted to Nicholas Garbarine d/b/a All American Turf & Mole Hill Inn, 3502 West Bangs Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, the mortgage has been paid in full and the Township desires to cancel said mortgage,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute a cancellation of mortgage in connection with the UDAG reciprocal loan granted to Nicholas Garbarine d/b/a All American Turf & Mole Hill Inn, dated October 16, 2015, in the amount of \$23,910.14; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Grants Coordinator and RCA Attorney.

AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, CITY OF ASBURY PARK AND THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.1 authorizes two or more municipalities to enter into an agreement with each other for mutual police aid in case of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Monmouth County has prepared a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and seeks participation by the City of Asbury Park and the Township of Neptune in order to implement gunfire technology within a 1.25 square mile area of concern involving Asbury Park and Neptune Township, by connecting current camera systems and camera surveillance systems with technology that detects over 90 percent of gun fire incidences and the precise location in less than 60 seconds, in order to help improve law enforcement response time, and to address gunfire and violent crime; and

WHEREAS, Monmouth County agrees to pay all costs necessary to establish the aforesaid technology in Asbury Park and Neptune Township, which shall include all service fees and licensing costs for the calendar year 2020, as well as the costs necessary to connect Asbury Park and Neptune Township's camera systems with the new technology via their current camera service provider. However after year one (2020) Asbury Park and Neptune Township agree to be responsible for the payment of all costs necessary to keep said technology active for a minimum of 2 years (2021 and 2022) for a total estimated cost of \$90,750.00 per year; with Asbury Park paying 60 percent of all costs required to maintain the aforesaid technology on an annual basis; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the aforesaid Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on behalf of the Township of Neptune, a true copy of which is available for review in the Clerk's Office of the Township of Neptune; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Agreement has been reviewed by the Municipal Attorney and it is hereby acknowledged that no funds will be expended by Neptune Township in the year 2020; and,

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

AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT FOR A 2020 FUNDING GRANT FROM THE MONMOUTH COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune has been awarded Title IIIB, State COLA, and SSBG funding for the FY2020, in the amount of \$36,000, from the Monmouth County Office on Aging to provide services to Neptune Seniors through the Neptune Senior Center; and,

WHEREAS, the Senior Center Director has completed the necessary documentation in support of the grant award,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to execute a Grant Agreement in connection with a FY2020 funding grant from the Monmouth County Office on Aging in the amount of \$36,000; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, Grant Coordinator, and Senior Center Director.

EXTEND EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY SEASONAL PERSONNEL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, by adoption of Resolution #19-308 and Resolution #19-347, the Township Committee authorized the employment of seasonal workers in the Department of Public Works until December 15, 2019 for end of summer projects and the leaf collection season; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works and Human Resources Director have recommended that this temporary employment be extended through December 31, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2019 Municipal Budget in the appropriation entitled Solid Waste Collection 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 the employment of the following individuals in the Department of Public Works as temporary seasonal employees be and is hereby extended through December 31, 2019, not to exceed forty (40) hours per week, at a salary of \$15.00 per hour with no health benefits:

Zyaire McKenzie
Thomas Jones
Nathaniel Parkman

Elijah Dennis
Jonathan Cesareo

Anthony Delloiacono
Keven Jean

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 the Director of Public Works.

AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A FUEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THROUGH THE STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Public Works Director has recommended the purchase of a fuel management system for the Public Works Yard through an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program 1-NJCP; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Laws, N.J.S. 40A:11-12; and,

WHEREAS, Independence Constructors has been awarded New Jersey State Contract No. 42270 for this equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that the price reflects a substantial savings; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of the equipment shall not exceed \$26,345.00; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2019 municipal budget in the appropriation entitled Fuel O.E. 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 purchase of a fuel management system in the Public Works Yard through New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract No. 42270 be and is hereby authorized at an amount not to exceed \$26,345.00; and,

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

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

AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Williams offered the following resolution, moved and seconded by Dr. Brantley, 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	1,905,040.34
GRANT FUND	52,527.37
TRUST FUND	63,447.96
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	1,422,915.31
SEWER OPERATING FUND	57,889.76

SEWER CAPITAL FUND	4,564.50
MARINA OPERATING FUND	13,814.83
LIBRARY TRUST	2,983.55
BILL LIST TOTAL	\$3,523,183.62

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, aye; Lane, aye; McMillan, aye, except abstain on the tax refund; Williams, aye; and Rizzo, aye, except abstain on her hotel reimbursement.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cindy Styles, 5 Seaview Avenue, stated there are going to be parking problems with the North End project and this plan will add to the problem. She is against the parking proposal. She suggested that police patrol when intoxicated people return from Asbury Park. The cost of signage will be astronomical and people who live at the north end of Ocean Grove will park at the south end.

Paul Kaplan, 89 Mt. Zion Way, stated that he is a member of the Better Parking Alliance (BPA). Due to the parking situation, his family will not visit on weekends. Sea Bright started a paid parking and residential parking system whereby each resident gets two passes with a charge of \$75 for each additional pass. Residents there embraced the plan after two weeks. Cape May also has paid parking and residential parking and gives one parking permit per household. He spoke to both towns and they recommended permit parking.

Dave Jenkins, 75 Mt. Zion Way, stated that this meeting is déjà vu. He was here in 2017 for a similar proposal. He did not receive of know about a survey. He does not know anyone else that received a survey. When asked, everyone will say that there is a parking problem. Paying for parking is unacceptable and will move the problem to the south side. No one really knows how many people park in Ocean Grove and then walk to Asbury Park. Two years ago, a Committee and a traffic expert said permit parking was not feasible. The Chamber of Commerce already has parking problems because of beach parking and a visitor pass does that guarantee a parking spot.

Jack Bredin, 94 ½ Heck Avenue, asked how many legal parking spots are in Ocean Grove. The Mayor responded 3,400. Mr. Bredin said you cannot park with a certain distance of a stop sign or fire hydrant. The streets are 23 ½ to 25 feet wide which is undersized. Tractor trailers, fire trucks and garbage trucks cannot get through even if people are legally parked within six inches of the curb. He estimated that only 25% of the parking spaces in Ocean Grove are legal. He asked the Committee to reject this proposal.

Michael Badger, 129 Broadway, stated Ocean Grove is very special and we should want to preserve it. This plan will fundamentally change the town. Ocean Grove was founded as a seaside resort and will not be like a Loch Arbour or Spring Lake. The tourism in Neptune Township is located in Ocean Grove. He announced that the Camp Meeting Association will be paying for a comprehensive parking study and assessment through a nationally recognized company. There are multiple problems with the parking plan and implementing the plan will create other problems. The Township should not be exclusive. He knows of people that are not buying beach badges for next season until this matter is resolved. He wants every resident in Neptune Township to be able to attend the many Camp Meeting Association activities and programs.

Val Green, Vice-President of the Ocean Grove Chamber of Commerce, was joined by the owners of Seagrass Restaurant, Purple Zebra, the Emporium, and the Comfort Zone. Ms. Green stated that the majority of the Chamber members want a three hour parking limitation on Main Avenue between New York and Central Avenues from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from May 15th to September 15th. The business owners joined by voicing their support for this initiative.

Joyce Klein, 105 Mt. Hermon Way, applauded the parking proposal. She stated it is hard to come up with a proposal and asked everyone to consider what is good about the idea. We can only try to make things better, not solve the issue. She thanked the Camp Meeting Association for doing a thorough study and expressed the hope that the process be transparent. She also wants to maintain the special character of Ocean Grove. The BPA, Camp Meeting Association and Chamber already reviewed the plan and no compromise was reached. The Township Committee needs to

lead and come up with a solution.

Kathleen DeMichele, 17 Atlantic Avenue, stated she has witnessed people park near her home, leave with suitcases, and keep their car parked for days or weeks. She saw someone sleep in their parked van. There as a drunk driver who hit a parked car on her street. There should be paid parking for non-residents and hopes this plan is passed.

Ellie Mathais, stated she is the owner of a new business at 45 Pilgrim Pathway. She asked the Committee to look at the businesses off the beaten path. She is against regulations and restrictions. Ocean Grove is a place to get away from everyday pressures and free parking is an olive branch to tourists. The parking plan would affect the aesthetics and beauty of Ocean Grove. A lot of people come from outside, park, and support the community. A better survey is needed and free parking makes it easier for young families to visit Ocean Grove.

Joan Venezia, 107 Mt. Hermon Way, stated she agrees with the three hour parking idea. The BPA survey was stringent. She suggested permit parking on one side of the street and the existing snow emergency sign poles can be utilized for signage. She also recommended permit parking be in effect between 8pm and 6am. She added that the North End proposal is a monstrosity. She asked when the plan will be reviewed for proper access for fire equipment. Mr. Gadaleta stated the Fire Official and Fire Sub-Code Official review all plans. Ms. Venezia stated that the traffic study submitted with the application does not address fire safety.

Joseph Mady-DeFranco, 136 Heck Avenue, stated that he lived in Asbury Park for six years and Ocean Grove is a wholesome place. He commended the BPA; however, he is not on social media and did not know about this meeting. Asbury Park charges residents \$150 per year. There will be "ghost" vehicles that will move from the north side to his street. There should have been notices about this meeting placed in the businesses and passed out to each home.

Jeffrey Rudell, 112 Main Avenue, stated that he sees event traffic going down his street and has talked to people who have a ticket for a Camp Meeting Association event, but leave because they cannot find parking. He and his neighbors nudge their cars forward to save spots for each other which solves his parking problem, but that is not fair to others so a solution is needed. He is in favor of a pilot program because it will tell us what needs to be done moving forward instead of dealing with hypotheticals. He asked the Township Committee to support the proposal.

Annabelle Bissett, 77 Heck Avenue, stated that the meetings should be televised. She applauded the BPA for their work. If the pilot were to fail, nothing would be done for many years thereafter. She supported the 2017 plan. She stated that this plan is a bit too big, but residents should be given at least a fighting chance for parking. She concluded that there is a dead tree on Main Avenue that could fall and injure someone.

Tony Cusanelli, 24 Pitman Avenue, stated that he is the Head Usher at the Great Auditorium. His concerns with the plan are parking graduation night, Choir Festival rehearsals, and band concerts. The only dates that really need to be addressed are Fridays and Saturdays in July and August.

Ann MacMorris, 15 New York Avenue, stated that the BPA has been meeting with the Camp Meeting Association and the Chamber of Commerce and nothing has been done since 2017. The Township keeps studying the issue, but nothing is tried and it keeps getting worse.

Hank Coakley, Valley Road, asked that the police enforce the clearing of snow from cars. He asked for a highway identifier sign on the Route 18 overpass on Route 33. He is against the banning of plastic bags. It will not stop polluting. He suggested a ban on cigarette filters and stated guns laws do not stop lawbreakers. He concluded by saying that the new Public Works calendar has typos.

Leslie Lewis, 140 Main Avenue, stated that the parking problem is one community with a fixed number of parking spaces. She could not endorse a plan where the majority of residents have not been surveyed. The BPA plan could have been stated in 5 pages rather than over 40 pages. The BPA could have solicited money to mail a survey. The plan is divisive and it is hard get out of a pilot plan once it is done. She believes any plan should involve the entire community, require paid passes for the bed and breakfast establishments, parking meters in the business area and be in effect all day during the summer months. The BPA has very selective goals for a select community.

Ginger Monarch, 102 Asbury Avenue, stated that she has a driveway, but has a problem with parking every day. It is sad to see people focused on their own street. She asked if residences include rentals and also posed several other questions about the plan. She believes the passes are too expensive and thanked the BPA for their hard work.

Naggie Sakowski, 125 Heck Avenue, stated that she has lived on seven different streets in Ocean Grove. She simply deals with the parking. The plan is self-serving to the people living on the north end and will only push the problem to the south. She stated that she opposes the plan 100%, no one should segregate one section of the town, and beach towns will always have parking issues.

Kristen Tito, 24 Pitman Avenue, stated she has lived in multiple places throughout Ocean Grove. She knows that if she leaves her parking spot on any weekend in July, she is not parking anywhere near her house upon returning. She is not hearing people support the plan who have lived in Ocean Grove for a long time. She feels \$90 is too much for a parking pass and there are also logistical issues for people who do not have access to the parking app.

Robert LaMont, 86 Asbury Avenue, stated that his husband is a member of the BPA and this issue is very important. People are desperate over the parking situation. The plan is a beginning. He already has to park on the south side of Ocean Grove because of the lack of parking and the Township Committee needs to lead on this issue. He added that the Planning Board is not addressing some of the issues with the North End plan.

Edward Morrrows, 142 Webb Avenue, stated that he is a long-time resident. No one has a driveway and he knew parking would be a problem. Unless a parking deck is built, nothing will change. He does not want to be penalized and this is simply part of living in a seaside community.

Greg Lotz, 13 Pitman Avenue/9 Ocean Pathway, stated he has been in Ocean Grove for 50 years. The survey is not adequate and is not the way it should have been done. The plan will pit the north versus the sound. Parking has always been a problem and a lot of summer residents do not know about the survey or this meeting. Any further meetings should be held in the summer months. The members of the BPA are recent residents in Ocean Grove and the Township should not do a pilot plan just because that is what the limited survey revealed.

Cynthia Soler, BPA member, stated that she has lived on the south side of Ocean Grove for 30 years. There is hostility over parking from residents who cannot find parking on the north end of the town.

Peter Wolniansky, 82 Mt. Tabor Way, asked if there will be a vote of the town on this issue. Mayor Rizzo responded that everyone needs to be convinced that this plan is workable. She asked the various groups to come together on a solution and stated that a referendum would only include registered voters in Neptune Township.

Chris Page, 141 Mt. Hermon Way, stated that the western end of Mt. Hermon Way is a parking lot for Asbury Park. He understands that that the plan will push the problem to the south. The Township Committee has the power to drive the issue and reach out to bring in more people for input.

Chris Jensen, 90 Mt. Tabor Way, stated that in regards to the Planning Board meeting on the North End plan, he was told that the building location is already set. He also heard that comments from the Historic Preservation Commission cannot be accepted at the Planning Board and the Board can ask for construction bonds. Mr. Anthony stated that the matters regarding the North End plan are addressed by the Planning Board and the Board has the ability to ask for project phasing and other items.

Carolyn Heckman, 65 Pilgrim Pathway, stated that the plan will move the problem to the south side and people who live on the north side of Ocean Grove will park their 2nd car outside of the pilot area. She lives in Hoboken where parking is worse, but still chose to come to Ocean Grove. This plan is taking an elitist attitude and is horrified that this is even a discussion because it is not representative of the community at-large. She added that any illegal activity should be addressed outside of the parking issue.

Doug MacMorris, 15 New York Avenue, stated that no one is trying to be selective. It is not that he does not want visitors, but he wants Ocean Grove visitors.

James McNamara, 86 Asbury Avenue, BPA Member, stated that he would be happy to show that the survey information is statistically reliable. He asked that the plan be presented to CME Engineers for input. He asked the Township Committee to endorse the community participation sessions and is aware of the issue of pushing the parking problem south.

Jack Green, Ocean Grove, stated that he is opposed to the parking plan, but respectful of the BPA's work. He has served on four parking committees in the past. The Chamber of Commerce unanimously voted against this plan. He has been summering in Ocean Grove for 66 years and is fearful that permit parking will affect businesses. He is nervous about the consequences and relationships in Ocean Grove if things are changed.

Andy Levine, 98 Mt. Tabor Way, BPA member, stated that there are two important next steps. First, share the plan with CME Associates for their opinion and; second, instead of a survey get people in a room and discuss. He would be happy to meet with the Chamber and the Camp Meeting Association. He has lived in Ocean Grove for 8 years and loves it just as much as those who have been in Ocean Grove for much longer. He always hears that parking has always been a problem, but he believes the situation can become better.

Dr. Brantley commended the BPA. He sees investment by the three major groups: BPA, Camp Meeting Association and Chamber of Commerce. He is more optimistic about finding a solution and is willing to work with everyone.

Mayor Rizzo stated change happens slowly and we need to take it one step at a time.

Mr. McMillan offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams to adjourn. All were in favor.

Richard J. Cuttrell,
Municipal Clerk