

## TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – JULY 26, 2021

Mayor Brantley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and requested the Clerk to call the roll. The following members were present: Keith Cafferty, Robert Lane, Jr., Nicholas Williams, Tassie D. York, and Mayor Michael Brantley.

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

Mayor Brantley announced 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 May 27, 2021, 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](http://www.neptunetownship.org)) and the meeting is being streamed live via townhallstreams.com.

The following items were discussed in open session:

Mr. Anthony met with the Police Department and sent a letter to the Township Committee addressing noise complaints around the Headliner bar. There was some confusion in the Police Department regarding the noise ordinance. Mr. Anthony wants to rework the ordinance to improve the wording and tighten up the language. The Headliner is a bit unique because it is adjacent to a residential area. Mr. Williams stated that he and Mr. Cafferty parked on the block where the Foxs reside (person who commented about the noise at the last meeting). They did not hear anything that particular night but Mr. Williams returned about two weeks later and the music was loud all the way to Albany Road. Mr. Lane stated that at the Ocean Grove Homeowners Association meeting, it was mentioned there is loud music on the boardwalk from groups that show up with drums. Mr. Anthony will review the Ocean Grove/private property aspect of the ordinance. Mr. Gadaleta stated that the Committee can consider a hard stop time for outdoor music.

The Committee reviewed amendments to the mercantile ordinance and a new section specific to mobile food vendors. Mr. Anthony will compare the current ordinance with the proposed amendments. Mr. Gadaleta will provide the existing ordinance to the Committee so they can compare. Ms. York expressed a concern about the changes impacting the Ocean Grove large special events. Mr. Gadaleta responded that there will be language regarding special events. Mr. Cafferty asked if the Township can require proof of maintenance on portable generators used by food vendors because generators are much louder if they are not serviced properly. Mr. Anthony will look into that issue.

The Mayor stated that an ordinance was brought up by a Committee Member regarding employment, but the Committee just received it so it will be held until next meeting. Mr. Anthony stated that the Township has an existing ethics ordinance and how it applies to employment. This would be an amendment to that ordinance.

Ms. York stated that the Chamber of Commerce is looking at the Car Show scheduled in September which may be cancelled.

Mr. Lane mentioned the American Legion Post 346 fund raiser and the church on Fortunato driving holding a community outreach event.

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

Mr. Williams offered the following resolution, moved and seconded by Mr. Cafferty, 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:

Real Estate negotiations – Proposed vacation of a portion of Valetta Place

Contract negotiations – Township’s “conduit” lease with the State for 1828 West Lake Avenue

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: Cafferty, aye; Lane, aye; Williams, aye; York, aye; and Brantley, aye.

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

The Committee reviewed a request for a vacation of part of Valetta Place. Mr. Cafferty indicated that there may be a Planning Board application for a subdivision on the lots near this paper street. Mr. Anthony will speak to the Planning Board Attorney.

Mr. Gadaleta stated that the property owner of the office building at West Lake and Route 35 is seeking to have the Township removed as a party to the lease with the State of New Jersey. The State Division of Taxation is moving to Freehold and the Parole Office is moving in. By having the Township on the original lease, the State did not have to go through a bid process initially. Mr. Anthony sees no reason or benefit for the Township to stay on the lease so he recommends that the lease agreement be terminated and will prepare a resolution for the next regular meeting.

The Committee discussed the reclassification of the Assistant Engineer to Acting Director of Engineering and Planning and took action by resolution during the business portion of the meeting.

An RFP will be issued for in-house Engineer. The City of Long Branch will be sending information to Mr. Gadaleta on the cost on an in-house engineer. He will have the RFP out and due back prior to the next meeting.

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

Mayor Brantley called the regular meeting to order and requested the Clerk to call the roll. The following members were present: Keith Cafferty, Robert Lane, Jr., Nicholas Williams, Tassie D. York, and Mayor Michael Brantley.

Also present at the dais were Richard J. Cuttrel, 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"

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#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Williams offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Lane, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 28, 2021. All were in favor.

Mr. Lane offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Cafferty, to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on July 12, 2021. All were in favor, except Mayor Brantley who abstained due to his absence.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTION TO EMPLOY POLICE OFFICERS

Chief James Hunt introduced the three candidates recommended for employment as police officers. All were present and stood as the Chief provided the background and experience on each candidate.

The Mayor requested public comments regarding the resolution. There were no comments.

Mr. Lane stated that he Police Committee met with the candidates and highly recommend their hiring.

#### AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF THREE POLICE OFFICERS ON A PROBATIONARY BASIS

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

WHEREAS, due to retirements, there are vacancies in the position of Police Officer; and,

WHEREAS, candidates were interviewed by the Police Department Command Staff; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has made his recommendations and the Police Committee has approved said recommendations; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2021 municipal budget in the appropriation entitled Police 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 following individuals be and are hereby employed as probationary Police Officers in the Police Department, pending favorable results of physical and psychological examinations, at an annual base salary of \$40,000.00, and to perform such other duties as prescribed by the Chief of Police effective August 1, 2021:

Vincent Zenna  
Marcus Neal  
Kylee Jazikoff

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief of Police, Chief Financial Officer, Assistant C.F.O, Human Resources Director, and P.B.A. Local #74.

The resolution was adopted on the following vote: Cafferty, aye; Lane, aye; Williams, aye, adding congratulations to each officer; York, aye, adding her thanks to each new officer and commenting that she is proud of each one; and Brantley, aye.

Mayor Brantley administered the Oath of Office to each police officer.

After a short recess for photographs, the meeting resumed.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS

Mr. Lane attended the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. He stated that World Changers made their annual visit with about 40 participants. He and Ms. York attended the closing ceremony. American Legion Post 346 is holding a fund raiser in August. The World of Faith Church will be holding their annual community outreach. At the Senior Center, the computer lab is being updated and Wifi service will be improved. This is being paid through a grant and the Trust Fund. Indoor fitness and the legal aid service has started back up. The Center plans to be fully open in September. He congratulated the new officers of American Legion Post 266.

Ms. York attended the Ocean Grove Chamber of Commerce meeting. Multiple events are upcoming, but there may be a cancellation of the car show. There was discussion about the Neptune community coming together as a whole. She attended the World Changer work sites and the closing ceremony. She attended the installation ceremony at Post 266 where Beverly Holland was installed as President. The Post almost lost out on grant funding, but Mr. Lane and Assemblyman Houghtaling helped them out. She attended the Shark River Hills First Aid benefit where it was great to meet so many people who care about the Township. She congratulated the new police officers and is very grateful to them.

Mr. Cafferty attended the Touch-a-Truck event. The Summer Recreation Program is going well with full attendance. He mentioned the Neptune Music Program at the Middle School is a great program. He attended a meeting at Sunshine Village Park and made notes of improvements that are needed. A meeting on parking in Ocean Grove was held and this initiative will continue. He attended a Disk Golf tournament at Thompson Park and he looks forward to seeing the course planned in Neptune.

Mr. Williams stated that World Changers was started 14 years ago by Randy Bishop,

Richard Allen and himself. This year the number of participants was reduced because of covid, but there were four crews of 10 kids and they all worked hard. It continues to be a great program that is coordinated effort by the Township and businesses. The participants always comment how well they are treated here in Neptune. He reminded everyone that Ajee Wilson will be running in the Olympics. She is the US record holder in the 800 meters.

Mayor Brantley stated he was on vacation and does not have anything to report.

#### BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gadaleta provided an update on Township projects as follows:

Seaview Island Living Shoreline Project began on July 6 and is progressing according to plan. Protective mattresses have been put into place.

South Riverside Drive Living Shoreline Project is currently on hold as we process the ACOE permit. We will be requesting a further extension from FEMA through 12/21/2022.

Bikeway/Vista Project in Shark River Hills will be resubmitted to NJDEP for re-permitting after faulty notice.

Gateway Redevelopment Area in Need (Routes 33 & 35) was approved by the Township Committee last evening. Our Planner has been authorized to begin working on the redevelopment plan for this area.

M&M Properties, former Coca Cola Site, at Asbury Circle, will be before the Planning Board this Wednesday, July 28, 7:00pm, Zoom, for a new Aldi Supermarket and three commercial pad sites.

Administration and Engineering met with representatives of ARH Engineering to assess four projects; Municipal Complex stairs and sidewalks, SRHFAS and NFAS driveway improvements and improvements to Ocean Grove Veterans Memorial Park.

The Personnel Committee met today to discuss a number of personnel related matters.

Application for Green Acres funding has been submitted to NJDEP for development of two, synthetic turf, multi-purpose fields and equipment building at Loffredo Fields on West Bangs Avenue.

Township has been advised by Monmouth County Parks that Open Space grant opportunities have now opened. This might be a possible funding source to address issues at Sunshine Village Park as raised by Committeeman Cafferty this evening.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Brantley asked for public comments regarding resolutions presented on this agenda only. The public was permitted to speak one time with a limit of five minutes.

There were no public comments.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 21-34 - ADOPTED

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

#### ORDINANCE NO. 21-34

AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE BY DEFINING AND REGULATING CANNABIS CLASS USES

The Mayor requested comments on the above ordinance as they were as follows:

Mark Britman, Owner of West Grove Square, asked the Committee to expand cannabis use to the B-1 zone which includes West Grove Square. This would generate a lot of income to the Township.

There being no further comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21-35 - ADOPTED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21-35

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASING OF CERTAIN CAPITAL EQUIPMENT BY THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE, NEW JERSEY FROM THE MONMOUTH COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AND THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AND AGREEMENT RELATING THERETO

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: Cafferty, aye; Lane, aye; Williams, aye; York, aye; and Brantley, aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-36 - ADOPTED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21-36

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 MAIN 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: Cafferty, aye; Lane, aye; Williams, aye; York, aye; and Brantley, aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-37 - ADOPTED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21-37

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20-35 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE CREATING AND SETTING THE SALARY RANGE FOR NEW JOB TITLES AND AMENDING THE SALARY RANGES FOR ALL OTHER EXISTING JOB TITLES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE" BY CREATING THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

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: Cafferty, aye; Lane, aye; Williams, aye; York, aye; and Brantley, aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-38 - ADOPTED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21-38

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER II, SECTION 2-10 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT" TO INCLUDE POLICE PROMOTION POLICIES

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: Cafferty, aye; Lane, aye; Williams, aye; York, aye; and Brantley, aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-39 - APPROVED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21-39

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME I, CHAPTER VII OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE BY ADDING RESIDENT ONLY HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONES ON CENTRAL AVENUE AND BEACH AVENUE

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21-40 - APPROVED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21-40

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER II, ARTICLE II, SECTION 2-5 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE ENTITLED, "BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR"

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

Mr. Cuttrell stated that the public hearings on Ordinances 21-39 and 21-40 will be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 23, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

DESIGNATE 2022 FLOATING HOLIDAY

WHEREAS, Article XII, Section J, of the current contract between AFSCME and the Township provides for a floating holiday that is set upon mutual agreement of AFSCME and the Township Administrator by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator and AFSCME have discussed that the 2022 floating holiday benefit be used on Friday, July 1, 2022,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the 2022 floating holiday benefit will be utilized by Township employees on Friday, July 1, 2022, all employees will be off-duty for that day, with the exception of Police Officers, EMTs, custodial staff and library staff; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Department Heads and both AFSCME bargaining units.

APPROVE THE FORM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LETTER OF REPRESENTATION AND A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF THE MONMOUTH COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY'S CAPITAL EQUIPMENT POOLED LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2021 AND AUTHORIZING AN AUTHORIZED MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVE TO DO ALL OTHER THINGS DEEMED NECESSARY OR ADVISABLE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF SUCH BONDS

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune, New Jersey (the "Municipality") desires to lease and permanently finance the cost of acquisition of certain capital equipment (the "Equipment") from The Monmouth County Improvement Authority (the "Authority"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority will provide for the financing of the cost of the acquisition of the Equipment by the issuance of its Capital Equipment Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 (Neptune Township Project) (the "Bonds") payable from rentals by the Municipality pursuant to a Lease and Agreement by and between the Municipality and the Authority ( the "Lease"); and

WHEREAS, in order to induce the Authority to issue and deliver the Bonds and its Capital Equipment Pooled Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2021, there has been prepared and submitted to the Municipality a Letter of Representative in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, there has been prepared and submitted to the Municipality a Continuing Disclosure Agreement in the form appended hereto as Exhibit B for execution by the Municipality if the Authority shall determine that the Municipality is or will be an "obligated person" with respect to the Authority's Capital Equipment Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (an "Obligated Person"):

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Letter of Representation, in the form presented to this meeting, be and the same is hereby approved, and any Authorized Municipal Representative (as that term is defined in the Lease) is hereby authorized to, and one of such officers shall execute the Letter of Representation, with such additions, deletions or modifications as such officer shall approve, and to deliver the same to the addressees designated on such Letter of Representation, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery thereof.

Section 2. That the Continuing Disclosure Agreement in the form presented to this meeting, be and the same is hereby approved, and any Authorized Municipal Representative is hereby authorized to, and one of such officers shall execute the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, with such additions, deletions or modifications as such officer shall approve, and to deliver the same upon the determination by the Authority that the Municipality is or will be an Obligated Person, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery thereof.

Section 3. That any Authorized Municipal Representative is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents and instruments and to do and cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or property for carrying out the sale, issuance and delivery of the Bonds, the Authority's Capital Equipment Pooled Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 and all related transactions contemplated by this resolution.

Section 4. All resolutions or proceedings or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this resolution are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

Section 5. This resolution shall become effective immediately.

ACCEPT A FY21 BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT PROGRAM AWARD FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, the Township received notification from the New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety of a FY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program award; and,

WHEREAS, the FY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program Award #21-BWC-299 is for the award period from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the total grant in the amount of \$189,534.00, with no local match required, from State Account No. BFY21-100-066-1020-495 is for the purpose of acquiring body-worn cameras for Township police officers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune does hereby accept the FY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program award as described herein; and,

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

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

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JONATHAN CESAREO AS A DRIVER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has received a voicemail from Jonathan Cesareo resigning as a Driver in the Public Works Department effective July 7, 2021,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the resignation of Jonathan Cesareo as a Driver in the Public Works Department is hereby accepted effective July 7, 2021; 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 Human Resources Director.

AUTHORIZE THE CANCELLATION OF SEWER RENT (3124 WEST BANGS AVENUE)

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,

<b>BLOCK/LOT</b>	<b>ASSESSED TO</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
2601/8	Scarlet Flier Ventures, LLC	3124 West Bangs Ave	2020	460.00

**REASON:** Building disconnected 8/2020

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

AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MONMOUTH COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune is desirous to obtain Older Americans Act (Title III), Supplemental Aging Supportive Services and Safe Housing and Transportation funding for the three year cycle 2022-2024, in the amount of \$25,000 each year, 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 for submission,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes the submission of a grant request to the Monmouth County Office on Aging for Older Americans Act (Title III), Supplemental Aging Supportive Services and Safe Housing and Transportation funding for the three year cycle 2022-2024; and,

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

AUTHORIZE CHANGE DRAWERS IN THE CODE/CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Code/Construction Department currently has five change drawers, each in the amount of \$20.00; and,

WHEREAS, the Construction Official and Chief Financial Officer recommend that the amount of the change drawers be increased to \$75.00,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that five (5) change drawers be and are hereby authorized in the amount of seventy-five dollars (\$75) each in the Code/Construction Department; and,



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

AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #1 TO PROVIDE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune has a contract with a third party contractor to provide vehicle maintenance to Township vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune desires to enter into an Interlocal Service Agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq. with Neptune Township Fire District #1 to provide vehicle maintenance services through the Township's fleet maintenance provider at the Township's Public Works Yard to the Fire District; and,

WHEREAS, the Fire District agrees to pay the Township a rate equal to the contracted hourly labor rate plus \$10.00 per hour for administrative costs plus a 10% mark up on parts and sublet fees,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes the execution of an Interlocal Service Agreement with Neptune Township Fire District #1, for a period of one year with an option to automatically renew in each of the next five years, effective July 1, 2021, which provides that the Fire District will pay the Township for vehicle maintenance services provided by the Township's fleet maintenance provider; and,

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

APPROVE PAYMENT TO NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS FROM REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE NEW JERSEY EMS TASK FORCE FOR COVID RELATED TASK FORCE ASSIGNMENTS

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune is a member of the New Jersey EMS Task Force, hereafter referred to as "the Task Force"; and,

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Health, along with other state agencies and local non-profits, have assigned the Task Force to fill important roles related to the State's response to the COVID health emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the Task Force assigns Neptune Township Emergency Medical Technicians to specific roles, including but not limited to Vaccinator, EMT Observer, EMT, Logistics, and Planner; and,

WHEREAS, the Township receives payment from the Task Force at an hourly rate established by the Task Force based on the specific role, plus a \$5.00 per hour administrative retained by the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township desires to pay its Emergency Medical Technicians at the rate at which the Township receives reimbursement for each specific role performed,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that compensation be and is hereby permitted and authorized to Township Emergency Medical Technicians detailed to covid related assignments by the New Jersey EMS Task Force at the rate established and reimbursed to the Township by the Task Force for the specific EMS related role and duty; and,

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

AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF MICROSOFT EXCHANGE GOVERNMENT LICENSE THROUGH THE STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Municipal Information Systems Department wishes to renew the Township's Microsoft Exchange Government (G2) License for various Township departments 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, Liftoff, LLC has been awarded New Jersey State Contract No. 40166 for this

item; 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 this item shall not exceed \$19,014.00; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2021 municipal budget in the appropriation entitled Telecommunications Costs O.E. and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes the renewal of the Township's Microsoft Exchange Government (G2) License for various Township departments from Liftoff, LLC through the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program at an amount not to exceed \$19,014.00; and,

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

**AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER TABLETS AND ACCESSORIES THROUGH THE STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Sewer Department Supervisor has recommended the purchase of Panasonic ToughBook tablets, with related accessories and extended warranty, 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, TelrepcO has been awarded New Jersey State Contract No. 89980 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 \$35,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2021 Sewer Utility budget in the appropriation entitled Acquisition of Vehicles and Equipment 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 Panasonic ToughBook tablets, with related accessories and extended warranty, for the Sewer Utility through New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract No. 89980 awarded to TelrepcO be and is hereby authorized at an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00; and,

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

**AUTHORIZE TERMINATION AND RELEASE OF SEWER RESERVATION FEE AGREEMENT WITH TINTON FALLS VETERANS HOUSING, LLC AND SOLDIER ON, INC.**

WHEREAS, On June 9, 1997, the Township of Neptune, the Borough of Tinton Falls and Tinton Falls Campus, LLC, along with the Township of Neptune Sewerage Authority entered into a Sewer Reservation Fee Agreement, whereby Neptune Township and the Township of Neptune Sewerage Authority, and in particular the Township itself, would provide and reserve sewer service for 2,500 equivalent service units, and if utilized by Tinton Falls Campus, LLC or its successor and assigns, the Neptune Township Sewerage Authority would provide domestic sewage treatment and disposal service for said project to the extent of the Agreement and to the extent reserved by Neptune Township, with an annual reservation fee set forth more fully in the aforesaid Sewer Reservation Fee Agreement of June 9, 1997, with regard to property being developed primarily between the north and south branches of the Jumping Brook designated as Block 128.03; Lots 5 – 14, 39 and 46 and portions of Lot 19 and 22 of the Tinton Falls Borough's Tax Map (the "property"); and

WHEREAS, over time, Tinton Falls Campus, LLC was succeeded by Tinton Falls Housing, LLC ("Developer/Owner") and Soldier on, Inc., and by letter of February 24, 2021 advised the Township of Neptune that it was seeking sewer capacity through another source and did not want to

continue making payments to the Township per the aforesaid Agreement, and if fact, sought reimbursement for reservation fees paid since 2016 in the amount of \$57,600.00; and

WHEREAS, by letter of May 24, 2021 from the Municipal Attorney of Neptune Township, the Township advised the Developer/Owner that there was no legal or factual basis for a refund; that the Developer/Owner was in default of the Service Agreement of June 9, 1997 and had not paid service fees for 2020 and part of 2021, which at the time totaled \$28,800.00, and that it had sixty days to cure the aforesaid default, or the Township would act accordingly per the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Township with mutual agreement of the Developer/Owner was willing to terminate the aforesaid Agreement with the Developer/Owner waiving any claims with regard to refunds and releasing the Township with regard to any claims of refunds, and the Township terminating said Agreement with the Developer/Owner and releasing Developer/Owner with regard to all reservation fees due and owing for 2020 and 2021 in the amount of \$28,800.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Mutual Release with the Developer/Owner of the aforesaid property whereby the Developer/Owner shall release the Township of Neptune of any claims for refunds, and the Township of Neptune shall release the Developer/Owner from any sewer service fees due and owing under the Agreement of June 9, 1997 in the amount of \$28,800.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid Release by the Township is subject to execution of the Mutual Release by the Developer/Owner.

PLACE LIEN ON VARIOUS PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, Ordinance #843 of the Township of Neptune states that where a violation or condition exists on any property in the Township of Neptune that is of such a nature as to constitute an immediate threat to life, health, safety and the well being of residents in this township unless abated without delay, the Director of Code Enforcement may abate the violation or condition immediately or order the owner, operator or occupant to correct the violation or condition within a three-day period; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Code Enforcement determined that the condition of the properties listed below constituted such a threat; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Code Enforcement has notified the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the owners of said property have failed to correct the condition/violation as ordered; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Code Enforcement has had the condition corrected in accordance with Article IV, Section 6.2 (a) of Ordinance #843 at a total cost as indicated below,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to place the following costs as a lien against the following properties; and,

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
503/11	1300 Heck Avenue	\$ 467.50
5408/17	425 South Riverside Drive	800.00
1003/3	121 Highway 35	1,212.50

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution along with the Code Enforcement Supervisor's report be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

AUTHORIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO REALIZE MONIES FROM THE MONMOUTH COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING/CARES ACT

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and,

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the

addition of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2021 in the sum of \$55,119.00 which is now available from the Monmouth County Office on Aging FY21 Title IIIB Older Americans Act grant/CARES Act funding in the additional amount of \$55,119.00; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like additional sum of \$55,119.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of Senior Citizens Program – Title IIIB/CARES Act; and,

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of additional funds from the Monmouth County Office on Aging FY21 Title IIIB funding Older Americans Act grant/CARES Act in the amount of \$55,119.00; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk forward three certified copies of this resolution to the Chief Financial Officer and one copy to the Assistant C.F.O., and Auditor.

AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT TO NEPTUNE BOULEVARD PROJECT

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune formally approves the grant application for the above stated project; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2022-Improvements to Neptune Boulevard-00643 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Neptune; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Neptune and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Business Administrator and Chief Financial Officer and three certified copies to the Township Engineer.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MICHAEL KEE AS A DRIVER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has received a letter from Michael Kee resigning as a Driver in the Public Works Department effective August 4, 2021,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the resignation of Michael Kee as a Driver in the Public Works Department is hereby accepted effective August 4, 2021; 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 Human Resources Director.

AMEND FEE SCHEDULE FOR REPAIR RATES PERFORMED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2021, the Township Committee adopted Resolution #21-50 which established rates for materials, equipment, and labor when the Department of Public Works performs repairs to abate property maintenance violations or conditions if the property owner, operator or occupant, does not act to correct the violation within the three day period; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of plywood has risen dramatically and is now above the rate in the established fee schedule,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the 2021 fee schedule for material and labor rates for work performed by Public Works Department be and is hereby amend to reflect a rate for plywood of \$40.00 per 4X8 sheet; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other material and labor rates established by Resolution #21-50 remain in full effect for 2021; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Code Enforcement Supervisor, Director of Public Works, Tax Collector/C.F.O. and Business Administrator.

AUTHORIZE SETTLEMENT IN THE MATTER OF MELVIN JOHNSON V. NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP, POLICE OFFICER KRISTOPHER DALY AND CHIEF OF POLICE JAMES M. HUNT

WHEREAS, Plaintiff, Melvin Johnson, filed a lawsuit against Police Officer, Kristopher Daly and Chief of Police James M. Hunt, as well as the Township of Neptune, as a result of an arrest under allegations of excessive force during a traffic stop in the U.S. Federal District Court under Claim No. 2021235354; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Labor Counsel for Neptune Township, Greg Pasquale, Esq. and the Neptune Township Insurance Carrier, that this matter be settled for \$5,000.00; subject to the consent of the Neptune Township Committee,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, that the governing body hereby authorizes a settlement in the case of Melvin Johnson v. Police Officer, Kristopher Daly, and Chief of Police, James M. Hunt, and the Township of Neptune under Claim No. 2021235354 in the Federal Court of New Jersey for payment in the amount of \$5,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this settlement authorization is made without prejudice with regard to any changes arising from actions taken by the Plaintiff or Co-defendants in this matter; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee hereby authorizes Labor Counsel, Greg Pasquale, Esq., the attorney appointed by the Neptune Township Insurance Carrier, to prepare the necessary Stipulation of Settlement Agreement for settlement of the aforesaid matter in the amount of \$5,000.00, and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the same upon receipt; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township Attorney, Labor Attorney, Chief of Police, and Human Resources Director.

AUTHORIZE THE REFUND OF TAXES AS A RESULT OF AN OVERPAYMENT (1423 7<sup>th</sup> AVENUE)

WHEREAS, the property listed below reflects an overpayment; 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>
410	28	1423 7 <sup>th</sup> , LLC	1423 7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	2021	\$1185.02

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

EMPLOY PART-TIME TEMPORARY TOURISM REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE 2021 SUMMER SEASON

WHEREAS, there is a need to employ a temporary Tourism Representative to complete the normal staffing level in the Tourism Bureau for the 2021 Summer Season; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be provided in the 2021 Municipal Budget, 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 Patricia Dosky be and is hereby employed as a part-time temporary Tourism Representative 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 15, 2021 and ending October 15, 2021, at an hourly rate of \$16.72; 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 Resources Director.

GRANT UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

WHEREAS, David Stempien, Engineering Technician in the Engineering Department, has requested an unpaid leave of absence; and,

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Director has approved the request,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that David Stempien, Engineering Technician in the Engineering Department, is hereby granted an unpaid leave of absence from July 20, 2021 to August 31, 2021; and,

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

GRANT UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

WHEREAS, Diana Pajak, Department Secretary in the Code/Construction Department, has requested an unpaid leave of absence; and,

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Director has approved the request,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that Diana Pajak, Department Secretary in the Code/Construction Department, is hereby granted an unpaid leave of absence from July 7, 2021 to August 31, 2021; and,

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

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

AMEND RESOLUTION #21-210 AUTHORIZING INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OF PRIOR DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS INVOLVING ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND APPOINTING AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATOR TO UNDERTAKE SAID INVESTIGATION

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

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2021 the governing body of the Township of Neptune adopted Resolution #21-210, appointing Michael R. Burns, Esq., of Marmero Law, to perform an independent investigation with regard to certain disciplinary actions and conduct by employees of the Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, said investigation has uncovered prior allegations of misconduct and a history of disciplinary actions concerning the conduct of current and prior employees of the Public Works Department, which Mr. Burns feels requires further investigation; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee agrees that a broader and more comprehensive investigation is necessary in order to provide the advice of counsel in the deliberative process in order to address these potential issues, to examine their potential legal ramifications and to prevent future litigation; and

WHEREAS, funds will be provided in the 2021 Municipal Budget in the appropriation entitled Legal Services, O.E. and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, that the governing body hereby authorizes an expansion of the independent investigation previously authorized by Resolution #21-210 on May 24, 2021, to now include a more comprehensive investigation into the current disciplinary process, prior investigations and any allegations of misconduct by employees of the Public Works Department and those involved in the disciplinary process of its employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee hereby authorizes continued funding of this investigation to the extent of an additional \$10,000.00 from that previously authorized by Resolution #21-210 for the investigation due to the expansion of the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township Attorney, Chief Financial Officer, Assistant C.F.O., Human Resources Director, and Michael R. Burns, Esq.

The resolution was adopted on the following vote: Cafferty, aye; Lane, aye; Williams, aye; York, aye; and Brantley, aye.

AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Ms. York 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	2,786,230.00
GRANT FUND	8,201.27
TRUST FUND	57,611.38
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	1,437,199.35
SEWER OPERATING FUND	386,255.04
MARINA OPERATING FUND	8,852.17
DOG TRUST	1,352.40
U.D.A.G. RECIPROCAL TRUST	2,024.80
LIBRARY TRUST	2,577.04
BILL LIST TOTAL	\$4,690,303.45

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: Cafferty, aye; Lane, aye; Williams, aye; York, aye; and Brantley, aye.

RECLASSIFY EMPLOYEE TO THE POSITION OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING & PLANNING

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

WHEREAS, due to the resignation of Leanne Hoffman, there is a vacancy in the position of Director of Engineering and Planning; and,

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator has made a recommendation to reclassify the current Assistant Township Engineer to this position in an acting capacity; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be provided in the 2021 Municipal Budget in the appropriation entitled Engineering 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 Kinga Stopka be and is hereby reclassified to the position of Acting Director of Engineering and Planning, at the pleasure of the Township Committee, at an annual salary of \$80,000.00 effective July 27, 2021; and,

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

The resolution was adopted on the following vote: Cafferty, aye; Lane, aye; Williams, aye; York, aye; and Brantley, aye.

## PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Brantley asked for public comments. The public was permitted to speak one time with a limit of five minutes. Comments were as follows:

Alex Gibbs, 1204 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, stated that he attempted to purchase 511 Atkins Avenue which is the former nursery that was abandoned about seven years ago. He performed due diligence on the property and discovered that it was a gas station many years ago. He distributed a report on the property which indicates likely environmental issues. Meanwhile, a person who owned tax liens on the property foreclosed without due diligence and is now the owner. Mr. Gibbs and his neighbors are concerned about the future of the property. He inquired about funding to remediate. Mr. Gadaleta replied that the Township possibly has access to brownfield funding but the property is privately owned.

Hank Coakley, Valley Road, stated that the intersection of Gully Road and Brighton Avenue in Wall Township needs a sign because you cannot see it at night. He asked for signs on overpasses and to consider a traffic detail to enforce the use of vehicle lights when windshield wipers are activated. He condemned the Governor for not allowing the annual bear hunt.

Jean McKeown, 107 Embury Avenue, asked to meet with the Township Committee liaison to the Library. Mr. Williams responded that he is the liaison.

Jeff Lucien, 1002 Alpine Trail, President of AFSCME Local #2792 (Neptune Township blue collar workers), stated the members of the union are working hard but there is an issue with getting the workload completed due to a lack of manpower. This is a safety issue with the workers which could become a safety issue for the public, particularly in regards to snow plowing. The Mayor stated he spoke about this matter as recently as today and the Committee is working to address the problem. Mr. Lucien stated that young employees are getting impatient and leaving the Township. He does not want this to become a community safety issue.

Nancy Clarke, 47 Embury Avenue, thanked Mr. Gadaleta and Bill Doolittle, Director of Code, for information on two abandoned properties. The owner of 57 Embury Avenue has met with a contractor and a summons was issued.

Richard Williams, 1 Abbott Avenue, thanked Mr. Gadaleta for his reports. He is pleased that the Township is discussing regulations regarding food trucks. He had a question about emissions due to food trucks running for hours, but that issue was discussed by the Committee at the workshop meeting.

Jill Cox, 20 Waterview Court, thanked the Township Committee for taking the time to consider issues with noise. She recommended a hard time for which noise must cease.

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

Richard J. Cuttrel,  
Municipal Clerk