

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETING – December 12, 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>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.

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](http://www.neptunetownship.org)) and the meeting is being streamed live via townhallstreams.com.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN OPEN SESSION**

1. Committee Calendars

Dr. Michael Brantley	Dr. Brantley did not have a report tonight.
Keith Cafferty	Deputy Mayor Cafferty did not have a report tonight.
Robert Lane, Jr.	Mr. Lane stated that Veterans Park Committee will be placing Wreaths on December 17 and Wreaths across America will be placing the wreaths on the graves this weekend as well.
Tassie D. York	Ms. York stated that Winterfest will be this weekend. Ms. York thanked everyone for their donations and the Township Committee for their continued help and support.
Nicholas Williams	Mayor Williams did not have a report tonight.

Res # 517 Authorize An Executive Session As Authorized By The Open Public Meetings Act.

Offered by: Lane Seconded by: Cafferty

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

Committee entered executive session at 6:02PM

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – December 12, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Williams calls the meeting to order 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 Deputy Mayor Cafferty, seconded by, Dr. Brantley, to approve the minutes of meetings of November 28, 2022. All Present were in favor

**PRESENTATION**

Proclamation Recognizing the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Pound the Pavement  
**Recognizing 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Pound the Pavement**

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, Pound the Pavement was established to raise awareness of and funds for pancreatic cancer research and annually a 5k run/2-mile walk that is held in the Fall, and;

**WHEREAS**, the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Pound the Pavement was held on September 24, 2022, where the 5k run/ 2 mile walk begins in Neptune City and ends at the Headliner Night Club on Route 35 in Neptune Township, and;

**WHEREAS**, Pound the Pavement donates all funds raised to the Lustgarten Foundation; the largest private funder of Pancreatic Cancer Research, and;

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, Pound the Pavement raised a record breaking \$60,000.00 (Sixty thousand dollars) to be donated to the Lustgarten Foundation, and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Nicholas Williams, Mayor of the Township of Neptune, along with the entire Township Committee, do hereby recognize Pound the Pavement, with special recognition of the following individuals for their work and dedication to make the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Pound the Pavement a successful event:

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| <b>Thomas Arnone</b>   | <b>Eric Houghtaling</b> | <b>Robert Lane, Jr.</b> |
| <b>Michele Narciso</b> | <b>Jayne Narciso</b>    | <b>Lauren Bumbera</b>   |
| <b>Fred Rummel</b>     | <b>Gail Temple</b>      | <b>Amanda Maraldo</b>   |
| <b>Mike Zarro</b>      | <b>Jim MacConchie</b>   |                         |

**COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS**

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

Dr. Michael Brantley     Dr. Brantley attended the Ocean Grove Homeowner’s Association Holiday Breakfast and stated it was a nice event and it was lovely to get to see a number of familiar faces and to welcome some new residents to the

- area.
- Robert Lane, Jr. Mr. Lane stated that he was happy to see everyone at the recent tree lighting events, breakfast with Santa and the Homeowners breakfast. Mr. Lane also stated the Dream Center extends their invitation to the Annual Toy Shoppe. Registration is due on December 15.
- Tassie D. York The Senior center has added 25 new members. Covid vaccines, booster and testing continues at the Senior Center Covid Clinic. Committeewoman York stated Winterfest is this Saturday, December 17 at the Neptune High School. There will be performances for dance troupes and choirs and welcomes all to attend. Ms. York thanked the Ocean Grove Homeowners Association for their holiday breakfast and for all the donations for Winterfest.
- Keith Cafferty Deputy Mayor Cafferty stated he attended the Polar Express with the Recreation Department. There was a large turnout and it is amazing what the Recreation Department does even on their small budget.
- Nicholas Williams Mayor Williams stated the Marina is shut down and is now operating on only storage. Most of the boats have been removed from the water. Mayor Williams stated “Please be advised that a change to our December 22 meeting will be advertised this week. The meeting will begin with Workshop at 6:00PM and at 6:30PM the Committee will convene to appoint officers and swear them in. All regularly scheduled business will commence at 7:00PM as previously indicated.

### **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:** A crane is currently onsite to install the rock and shell “mattresses” that will serve as marsh sills. Mattresses are being delivered as we speak; the tide was too high under current conditions for Albert Marine to begin the installation of the mattresses today, but assuming that it doesn’t storm, this process should be able to take place later this week or beginning of next.
- **Sustainable Jersey “Bronze” Certification Awarded:** On December 6<sup>th</sup>, the Township was notified that we have officially been awarded Bronze Certification by Sustainable Jersey with a total score of 155 points. As a result, we are now eligible to apply for funding under the 2023 Sustainable Jersey Grants Program. Congratulations go out to the members of our Green Team, and to Municipal Clerk Gabriella Siboni and Deputy Clerk Dainene Roberts for their outstanding efforts in getting us across the finish line.
- **Citizen Leadership Forms Due December 15<sup>th</sup>:** The Township is seeking qualified individuals who are interested in serving on one of our many citizen volunteer boards. All applicants are asked to fill out a Citizen Leadership Form – which is available on the Township website or at the Township building and submit it by this Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm. The application form also lists all of the boards and committees that are available to serve on.
- **Thank you to OGHOA and Nylabone:** Special thanks goes to the Ocean Grove Homeowners Association and to Nylabone for collecting and donating coats, toys and other items for our Township Winterfest event. The Township greatly appreciates your support of the community.





**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.

Rich Williams, 1  
Abbott Ave.

Mr. Williams thanked Committeewoman York and Dr. Brantley for attending the holiday breakfast. Mr. Williams thanked Ms. Siboni and Ms. Roberts for their work to achieve the Bronze Certification from Sustainable Jersey. Mr. Williams asked Ms. LaPlaca what happened on the pickleball court. Ms. LaPlaca stated there was an issue during the re-construction and the claim for damages has been submitted to the Joint Insurance Fund. Mr. Williams asked if there was any update on the parking meeting. Mr. Cafferty stated the dates have been proposed, we are working through potential conflicts.

Michael Badger

Mr. Badger stated thank you to Ms. LaPlaca on working on the pickleball court and the proposed 5k for 2023 in Ocean Grove.

Mr. Lane asked Mr. Badger for an update on the pier. Mr. Badger stated Camp Meeting is working as quickly as allowed and has been working with DEP. Mr. Badger does not have an anticipated complete date. Mr. Badger believes the pier will be open by the summer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Offered by: York

Seconded by: Lane

Time adjourned: 7:36PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Gabriella Siboni  
Township Clerk