

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

Mayor Williams calls the workshop meeting to order at 6:04 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 (Via Zoom); Gene Anthony, Township Attorney; Gabriella Siboni, Municipal Clerk, Michael Bascom, Chief Financial Officer.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN OPEN SESSION

1. Community Yard Sale

Mayor Williams added the following items for workshop on the agenda for discussion regarding Community Yard Sale

Mayor Williams stated the community yard sale. Mr. Anthony stated that municipal sponsored yard sale must be approved by resolution. In other towns, there is one event per year as to not create a conflict with other sales and also because there are permit fees that are waived. There is also coordination with public works and police department in order to address the multiple items that would need to be addressed within the program. The Township committee should discuss and agree to the proposal for the yard sale.

Dr. Brantley stated this is the first time he has heard about this item other than complaints. A resolution should be prepared and brought to the committee for their consideration. Mr. Lane stated if this is wanted to occur in the future, reach out should be made to the organizations in town to make sure there aren't complaints. Mr. Cafferty stated he hopes to see a proposal for committee consideration.

Ms. York stated that she was hoping to have a plan to propose to the committee, but she was working on the plan that she would then present to the committee.

Dr. Brantley suggested that if a committee member would like to plan an event or program, it should be brought to the committee before a plan is prepared. This would allow the committee to have input and ensure the committee is privy to the ideas and plans being worked on. Dr. Brantley suggested bringing such a plan to workshop first.

2. Committee Calendars

Deputy Mayor Cafferty stated there will be an Easter Egg Hunt on April 9, please make sure to register ahead of time. There will also be a “dusk” version of the event on April 12.

Res # 160 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

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Mayor Williams calls the meeting to order and asks the Clerk to call the roll:

Roll Call	Present/ Absent
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Keith Cafferty	<u>Present</u>
Robert Lane, Jr.	<u>Present</u>
Tassie D. York	<u>Present</u>
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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, Committeeman Lane, to approve the minutes of meeting of March 14, 2022. All in favor.

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS

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

- Dr. Brantley Dr. Brantley stated there are continued discussions for the renovations of the court.
- Committeeman Lane Mr. Lane stated he attended the HOA meeting of Shark River hills. Library Director was there to present all of the offerings of the library. Mr. Lane encouraged residents to utilize the services of the library.
- Mr. Lane stated there were 2 very successful events held in the last few weeks: Mensa Women’s breakfast in celebration of national crafts day and the St. Patrick’s Day Lunch.
- Committeewoman York World Changers is moving forward. BBQ will be provided to the volunteers Ms. York stated she attended the Ocean Grove Chamber of Commerce and stated the Spring Fling and Flea Market are coming up soon.
- Deputy Mayor Cafferty There the Easter egg hunt on April 9 and encouraged registration. Mr. Cafferty stated there will also be a dusk Easter egg hunt on April 12.
The parks are being cleaned up with the turn of the seasons. The committee is considering a resolution for the pump track contract.
- Mayor Williams The planning board has requested the Master Plan reexamination be considered.
Mayor Williams announced that boating season open April 1 to December 15.
- Mayor read a statement regarding the 2022 Municipal budget. Tonight the Committee is considering the introduction of the 2022 Municipal Budget. The committee has worked diligently on this budget and there have been tough decisions. Mayor Williams stated that the Department Heads have worked hard to present the requests of their budget to meet their needs while still considering the impact on tax payers. Mayor Williams thanked the Department Heads and specifically Mr. Bascom for their work on this budget.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

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

- **Police Department Reaccreditation:** The Neptune Township Police Department received notice earlier this month from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) that NTPD has successfully met the standards of their Law Enforcement Accreditation Program for another three years. The NJSACOP accreditation process is intended to assist law enforcement agencies to calculate and improve their overall performance thorough self-analysis and to determine how existing operations can be adapted to meet over 100 individual standards across 28 subject areas. The Department is then evaluated by a team of trained, independent assessors who verify that the applicable standards have been successfully implemented.
- **Update on Courtroom Renovations:** Among the various ongoing capital projects the Township has undertaken are much-needed structural upgrades and ADA-accessibility improvements to the Municipal Courtroom. It has been determined by the Township Engineer that architectural services will be required for certain aspects of the project; as such, a meeting and walkthrough of the Courtroom with the recommended architect has been scheduled for the second week of April.
- **TNSA Special Meeting:** The Township of Neptune Sewerage Authority (TNSA) has provided notice of a special meeting this Wednesday March 30th at 4:30pm, at which time they anticipate going immediately into Executive Session to discuss the Authority’s ongoing Odor Control Improvements Project. The meeting will take place at their Administration Building at 634 Old Corlies Avenue, and they anticipate that action may be taken during the Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

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

Mr. Coakley, Valley Rd On resolution 22-183, what is occurring at the marina. Mr. Bascom stated this is continued remediation at the property. There is grant funding for this project.

Mr. Williams, 1 Abbott Ave. Mr. Williams asked why we are appointing a risk management contract.

Mr. Bascom stated the resolution is amending a previous resolution awarding the contract.

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

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 22-15 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 Beach Ave. And Embury Ave And Removing A Resident Only Handicapped Parking Zone On Abbott Avenue

Explanatory Statement: This ordinance authorizes a resident only handicapped parking zone in front of 16 Lake Ave. and 32 Embury Ave. and the removal of an existing handicapped parking zone in front of 85 Abbott Avenue

No Public Comment was made.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Res # 161 Authorize The Payment Of Bills

Res # 162 A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Correcting Resolution 22-156 “Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Police Department”

- Res # 163** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Correcting Resolution 22-158 “Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Township Clerk’s Office”
- Res # 164** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Code And Construction
- Res # 165** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Emergency Services
- Res # 166** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Assignments Not Covered By Contract
- Res # 167** Accept The Resignation Of William Bloxon As A Crossing Guard In The Police Department
- Res # 168** Accept The Resignation Of Tracey James As A Clean Communities Coordinator In The Public Works Department
- Res # 169** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Granting Leave Of Absence To David Pyle Under The Family Medical Leave Act
- Res # 170** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Appointing Members To The Housing Authority
- Res # 171** Approve The Transfer Of Taxi Medallion License No. 6
- Res # 172** Approve The Transfer Of Taxi Medallion License No. 30
- Res # 173** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing The Cancellation Of Sewer Rent
- Res # 174** Authorize Execution Of A Loaner Agreement With The County Of Monmouth And The Monmouth County Sheriff’s Office
- Res # 175** Authorizing The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune To Execute Change Order #1 For \$25,000.00 With JCW Inc. Dba As Natural Green Lawn Care And Sportcare Synthetic Field Maintenance For Jumping Brook Ball Field Complex For A New Contract Total Of \$154,645.00
- Res # 176** Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Shared Service Agreement With The Borough Of Bradley Beach For Fleet Maintenance
- Res # 177** Resolution Authorizing The Agreement For Concrete Pumptrack Phase 2 Addition To Sunshine Village Park Skatepark To Spohn Ranch Skateparks Under National Joint Powers Alliance Purchasing Program, Sourcewell Contract # 030117-Sri For \$250,000.00
- Res # 178** Support Participation In The Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program
- Res # 179** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Withdrawing Covid-19 Vaccination Policy For Township Employees
- Res # 180** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Supporting The Submission Of Application For Monmouth County Summer Youth Employment Grant

CONSENT AGENDA

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

SEPARATED RESOLUTIONS

- Res # 181** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Amending Resolution 22-018 “Appoint Risk Management Consultant”

Ms. Siboni stated the resolution will be amended to include 7%

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

Res # 182 Introduction of Municipal Budget 2022
Dr. Brantley mentioned the efforts of the CFO. Dr. Brantley stated the CFO has done a great job over 15 years on the budget and has managed to keep taxes down.

Deputy Mayor Cafferty stated that he is thrilled, except for that DPW did not get their bucket trucks this year, but is happy with the budget.

Committeeman Lane stated that he believes this is a phenomenal budget to present.

Committeewoman York stated she think Mr. Bascom did a great job with the budget, but still has questions and is going to oppose at this time.

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

After the vote, Committeewoman York notified Ms. Siboni that she intended to vote in the affirmative of the budget and requested that her vote be changed to reflect that. Ms. Siboni made a statement to the Township Committee noting the same.

Res # 183 Resolution Authorizing The Professional Services Agreement With Dynamic Earth LLC For Engineering Services Relating To The Former Chidnese Property (West Lake Avenue) And Shark River Municipal Marina In An Amount Not To Exceed \$31,804.20

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

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.

Andy Levine, Mr. Levine asked the committee to move forward on a survey for resident parking in Ocean Grove.
98 Mt. Tamper way

Jose Stevenson Mr. Stevenson stated he has had multiple people come through the neighborhood speeding and there are uses of motorbikes, dirt bikes, etc.
15 Patricia Dr. Mr. Stevenson stated he has concerns about the use of the vehicles, speeding, illegal dumping and littering. Mr. Stevenson stated Deputy Chief Fisher was previously out with increased enforcement.

Annabelle Annabelle has been here multiple times to speak to the committee regarding parking in Ocean Grove. Annabelle believes this would benefit so many of the residents of Ocean Grove. The portions of Ocean Grove that are bordering Asbury and Ocean Grove continue to face parking issues and believes residential parking is essential. Annabelle does not know what is so controversial about resident parking and asked the committee to take action.
76 Heck Ave.

Lisa Iannucci, Ms. Iannucci stated she has been a resident of Ocean Grove for 17 years. Ms. Iannucci stated as a librarian, she collects data. Ms. Iannucci encouraged the use of a survey, the scientific method to determine the need and want for residential parking. Ms. Iannucci stated there is history and need for preservation of the reasons why Ocean Grove is a good place
76 Franklin Ave.

to live. Ms. Iannucci encouraged the committee to initiate a survey to determine if the residents would like this implemented.

Karen Mason,
105 Cardinal Rd.

Ms. Mason thanked Mayor Williams for his help this week and coming to check out the issues the neighborhood is facing. Ms. Mason stated she was very impressed with Mr. Anthony's performance in court. Ms. Mason wanted to ask for a follow up on the enforcement and wanted to make sure that when/if the tenant leaves, what is the guarantee that the property will be maintained.

Mr. Anthony stated that there was a plea agreement placed on the record. The agreement must be agreed to by the next meeting, which would be April 7. At that time, the written agreement will be addressed which includes the eviction of the tenant immediately, any corrections that need to be done/ could be done without infringing on the tenants rights, etc. must be done immediately. The other items must be completed upon the eviction of the tenant. Mr. Anthony stated that if there is not compliance, a resolution will be on the April 11 meeting authorizing further legal action.

Harriet Bernstein,
82 Broadway

Ms. Bernstein thanked the committee for continuing to hear the pleas of the residents of Ocean Grove. Ms. Bernstein expressed frustration that the residents face with parking. The residents cannot move their cars. Ms. Bernstein is lucky as she is retired as she is able to leave during the week and still able to find parking. However, in the summer, she does not move her car. Ms. Bernstein is more likely to use Uber than move her car. Ms. Bernstein stated the issue has been exacerbated by Airbnbs. Bradley Beach and Asbury park for free in Ocean Grove. When there are special events in the area, Ocean Grove is effected, even when the event is not in town. Ms. Bernstein would like the committee to continue and take action.

Susan Harris, 28
Seaview Ave.

Ms. Harris is new to Ocean Grove and are retired seniors with Seaview as their primary residence. Ms. Harris stated that the short streets are responsible for the parking for Lakeview, Seaview, Beach parking, etc.

There are now 3 Airbnbs in the area and now it is year round and boasts 12 rooms. The zoning for the 2 other Airbnb is single family residents. There are signs on "Eton" that show commercial signs to house up to 12.

Ms. Harris stated planning for all necessary departures from their home because of the limited parking.

Rich Williams, 1
Abbott Ave.

Mr. Williams stated the HOA considered whether there will be further or more formal action with Airbnbs.

Mr. Williams supports the survey. Mr. Williams stated there are comments questioning whether the majority of residents want residential parking. Mr. Williams stressed that he would like the questions posed to allow open dialogue for all those opinions

Barbara Burns, 4
Ocean Ave.

Ms. Burns stated she wanted the committee to work harder and work smarter when it comes to the parking issues facing Ocean Grove. Ms. Burns also stated the Airbnbs need regulations and suggested a 1 week minimum stay. Ms. Burns stated that if the hotels are taxed, Airbnbs should also be taxed.

Mr. Hank Coakley,
Valley

Mr. Coakley wanted to condemn the governor and state for the ban on plastic bags. Mr. Coakley stated that filters to cigarettes or water bottles should be banned rather the plastic bags.

Mr. Coakley asked the committee to call the state to not legislate that self pump gas should not be in NJ.

Mr. Coakley asked if the committee has asked the State to add signage to the overpasses. Mayor Williams stated the State has jurisdiction.

Mr. Coakley asked if there was communication with surrounding towns to address those driving without their headlights on.

Randy Resley, 66
Cookman

Mr. Resley stated the survey is important. There were comments at the HOA where people believed the survey was already complete. There may be as many people in town who do not want parking implemented. All other organizations agree that the parking matter is the Township Committee decision. The survey should be unbiased in their questions.

Mr. Resley stated that Fletcher Lake, the retaining walls are in very bad condition and need to be addressed. They seem like a safety and possibly an environmental hazard.

Mr. Resley stated that 63 Cookman is privately owned, but multiple apartments is a safety hazard. There are railings down and safety tape. Mr. Resley asked the committee to put pressure on the property owners to make the needed repairs.

Mr. Lane stated that on Fletcher Lake, it was important to get a full board form Ocean Grove and Bradley Beach. Mr. Lane stated there has been contact with the engineer to determine the resolution. When Mr. Lane has an update, he will share the update publicly.

Mr. Cafferty stated these are large endeavors are outside of the ability of the Municipality to fund. We must work with the federal government for grant opportunities.

Paul Kaplan, 85 Mt.
Sinai

Mr. Kaplan stated the fire lanes are severely faded in Ocean Grove. Mr. Kaplan stated there are many people parked in the fire lanes because the lines are so faded. As Ocean Grove is concerned when there is a fire, it would be important that those lanes are open.

Mr. Kaplan stated the parking in Ocean Grove is a problem.

Gary Brown, 102
Cardinal Rd.

Mr. Brown stated he has been at the last few meetings addressing concerns in the neighborhood. Mr. Brown was at first concerned about bringing this issue to the committee. Mr. Brown would like to thank the Mayor, committee and Mr. Anthony for their efforts to remedy the issues they are facing. The Mayor came and saw the concerns they were facing and spoke to the residents. Mr. Brown stated that Mr. Anthony was very impressive and relayed all the concerns that were brought to the attention of the committee.

Joyce Klein, 105 Mt.

Ms. Klein thanked Deputy Mayor Cafferty and Committeewoman York

Hermon Way

for spearheading the parking committee. Ms. Klein stated as it is officially spring, the items that need ordinances are on track to be considered.

Mr. Cafferty stated there were items on the list that do not require ordinances. There are other items that would be published and advertised.

Ms. Klein stated she would be in support of getting bike racks.

Ms. Klein stated there should be real actual enforcement of the improper parking. The fire lanes should be enforced without the residents having to call.

Ms. Klein stated there are other municipalities currently engaging in surveys. They are internet surveys, they are not parking related. Mr. Anthony stated it is legal to have a survey. The language used in the survey is what needs to be addressed.

Ginger Monarch,
102 Mt. Carmel

Ms. Monarch stated she can see Asbury Park from her porch. Ms. Monarch stated there are people coming back from Asbury Park at all hours of the night. Ms. Monarch asked if the committee can make it more difficult to enter Ocean Grove from the pathways.

Ms. Monarch showed support for the parking survey.

ADJOURNMENT

Offered by: Lane

Seconded by: Cafferty

Meeting Adjourned at 8:29 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Gabriella Siboni
Township Clerk