

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETING – September 25, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Cafferty calls the workshop meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and asks the Clerk to call the roll:

| Township Committee | Present/ Absent | Professionals | Present/ Absent |
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| Dr. Michael Brantley | <u>Absent</u> | Gina LaPlaca, Business Administrator | <u>Present</u> |
| Robert Lane, Jr. | <u>Present</u> | Gabriella Siboni, Township Clerk | <u>Present</u> |
| Nicholas Williams | <u>Absent</u> | Gene Anthony, Township Attorney | <u>Present</u> |
| Tassie D. York | <u>Present</u> | | |
| Keith Cafferty | <u>Present</u> | | |

Mayor Cafferty 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 5, 2023, 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).

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN OPEN SESSION

1. Footbridge Regulations

Committeeman Lane stated there was an update to the ordinance that addresses any wheeled vehicle on the boardwalk. Since the regulations have been in place, it has been noted that the footbridges are now being used to traverse the area.

Mr. Anthony stated that the Township can enforce at this time based on the sidewalk ordinance, but Mr. Anthony can also provide an amendment to the ordinance to include the footbridge.

Mayor Cafferty asked if the person would be able to walk wheeled vehicles over the footbridge. Mr. Anthony stated this would allow them to walk the vehicle similar to sidewalks. Mayor Cafferty asked if Committeeman Lane would be able to confirm this is acceptable with Bradley Beach and Asbury Park as we share the bridges.

2. Committee Calendars

Committeeman Williams Absent

Dr. Brantley Absent

Committeeman Lane Mr. Lane stated there will be a ribbon cutting on October 21st at 10AM for Fletcher Lake.

Deputy Mayor York Deputy Mayor stated the tentative date for Winterfest is December 16th. Ms. York stated there may be a registration for the event this year to be a bit more organized.

Mayor Cafferty October 14th is Homecoming and there is a parade that the Township was invited to attend. October 17th from 4PM-6PM is the disc golf showcase.

Deputy Mayor York stated at the August meeting there was a discussion regarding the GPS included and marked with logos on the Township’s vehicles. Ms. LaPlaca stated she reached out to Departments to identify which vehicles have GPS in the vehicles. Ms. LaPlaca stated this information included which vehicles have GPS and the reasons for same. Ms. LaPlaca stated the feedback from departments also addresses why they do or do not have GPS. Deputy Mayor York also stated she would like all vehicles to have logos. Mayor Cafferty asked Ms. LaPlaca to include this information in her report.

Mr. Lane asked for clarification on Resolution 23-338, Sunshine Village Grant. Mayor Cafferty stated the grant is a legislative grant that does not have a Township match requirement. The grant will upgrade the old sprinkler system, regrade fields and add drainage.

Mayor Cafferty thanked Senator Gopal for his hard work in aiding the Township with this funding. Deputy Mayor York asked why the Resolution 23-338 did not include the Township Attorney and asked that it be amended. Ms. Siboni stated that the Resolution is naming those who handle the grant application through the State portal. Mr. Anthony stated he would normally review in advance. Mayor Cafferty asked Mr. Anthony if he is receiving the e-mails with the agenda information on Wednesdays. Mr. Anthony confirmed he did.

Res #23 - 333 Authorize An Executive Session As Authorized By The Open Public Meetings Act.

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

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – September 25, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

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

| Township Committee | Present/ Absent | Professionals | Present/ Absent |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Dr. Michael Brantley | Absent | Gina LaPlaca, Business Administrator | Present |
| Robert Lane, Jr. | Present | Gabriella Siboni, Township Clerk | Present |
| Nicholas Williams | Absent | Gene Anthony, Township Attorney | Present |
| Tassie D. York | Present | | |
| Keith Cafferty | Present | | |

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND FLAG SALUTE

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

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion offered by Committeeman Lane, seconded by Deputy Mayor York, to approve the minutes of meetings of September 11, 2023. All present, were 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.

- Committeeman Lane Mr. Lane stated the 10th Annual Pound the Pavement was very successful and the total amount raised will be announced soon. Mr. Lane stated the Fletcher Lake Commission is suggesting extending the regulations for the sidewalks to footbridges. There is a ribbon cutting for the Fletcher Lake Bulkhead on October 21st.
- Mr. Lane stated that October 30th will begin the annual craft sale at the Senior Center. This year, the Pound the Pavement Spaghetti Event has been rescheduled for November 12th from 3PM-6PM at the Legion on Gully Road.
- Deputy Mayor York October 14TH is the POW/MIA service at the Veterans Memorial Park at 1:30PM
Deputy Mayor York stated she attended Pound the Pavement with Committeeman Lane. Ms. York stated the tentative date for winter fest is December 16th
- Mayor Cafferty Mayor Cafferty thanked emergency Services and DPW for all their work this weekend during the storms. October 14th is Homecoming and there is a parade that the Township was invited to attend. October 17 from 4PM-6PM is the disc golf showcase.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

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

- **Spotted Lanternfly Spraying:** Treatment for spotted lanternflies will take place beginning on September 28th at five locations across the Township – Veterans Memorial Park, Sunshine Village Park, Beverly Way Park, Liberty Garden and Bert Willis Ballfields. Spraying will occur between 8am-5pm – if for any reason it has to be cancelled on that date, it will take place on September 29th and/or 30th during the same timeframe. Treatment is applied directly to the affected trees where spotted lanternfly activity is identified or suspected. The treatment will be conducted by Viking Pest Control.
- **111 New York Road (Neptune Motor Lodge):** In light of the severe weather we experienced over the weekend, our Construction Official has made multiple visits to the property to conduct visual inspections and ensure that there is no additional storm damage occurring that may present a hazard to the surrounding neighborhood. He also informed me that the owner of the motel has six months from the date that construction permits were issued to begin the planned renovations, and permits were issued approximately two months ago. On the redevelopment front, the Township to date has only received *informal* communications from the subject property owners in the redevelopment area about their intentions to submit a proposed redevelopment plan for our consideration. The Redevelopment Committee looks forward to evaluating their formal submission as soon as it is received.

- **Update on Homeless Encampment:** On September 13th the Monmouth County Continuum of Care held its monthly case conference, which was attended by myself and representatives of the Police Department. Overall, 20 residents remain but the difference from my previous reports is that a good majority have now expressed the desire to leave the camp and get assistance. Many of them are also on their final steps to being placed in appropriate housing. There has also been an increased police presence in the neighborhood and on the Shop Rite property which seems to be successful in terms of deterring any criminal activity. The next case conference is on October 11th.
- State Treasury Department is engaging in an outreach program to send out canvassers to engage with residents about the Anchor program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

The Clerk will announce additional information regarding Separated Resolutions if necessary. There are no separated resolutions this evening.

Public comments regarding resolutions presented on this agenda only.

The public comment portion of our meeting is to allow the public to bring to the Committee’s attention their concerns or comments. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10: 4-12(a) and the Neptune Rules of Committee, the Committee asks the public to limit their comments to five minutes or less. The Committee will respect the public’s time by refraining any comment until the speaker has finished with their allotted time. It should be further noted that public comment portion of our meeting is not structured as a question-and-answer session. If a member of the public has questions, they seek answers to, an appointment can be made with the appropriate office, Business Administrator or Township Committee Liaison during regular business hours. The Township Clerk will regulate the time during the comment portion of our meeting. The Committee reserves the right to respond to comments or questions at the conclusion of the speaker’s time.

Name and Address **Comment**

Rich Williams, 1
Abbott Ave. Mr. Williams asked about Resolution 23-345 and 23-346 regarding the demolition of the property on 104 Clark Ave and if the property was owned by the Township. Ms. Siboni the CFO certification of accounts. 23-345 is authorize an agreement to demo the property and 23-346 is to place a lien on the property. The sale and funds will funnel back into the Township.

Mr. Williams asked if the demolition costs will be on the expense of the Township. Ms. Siboni and Mayor Cafferty confirmed that the public sale of the property will come back to the Township.

Rachel Stolte 211
Hillcrest Ave. Ms. Stolte asked a question about Resolution 23-336. Mayor Cafferty stated this is to clarify the original intent of the ordinance and the

Ms. Stotle asked about Resolution 23-338 and what portion of the grant is the Township being paid. Mayor Cafferty stated there is not a Township requirement to contribute to this grant.

Ms. Stolte asked about Resolution 23-342 and if this was a purchase or rental. Ms. LaPlaca stated it is a rental.

Shane Martins, 138
Mt. Hermon Way Mr. Martins stated the cannabis retailer was paying taxes on medical cannabis. Mr. Martins asked if this also includes taxes on recreational sales. Ms. LaPlaca stated the resolution is clarifying that the ordinance intended to tax both medical and recreational cannabis.

Mr. Anthony stated the ordinance did not include a differentiation between medical and recreational cannabis.

Joan Venezia, Ms. Venezia asked if the property would be able to move forward on construction with a lien
Mr. Anthony stated they would not.

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:

There are no ordinances up for public hearing.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

Ordinance 23-33 An Ordinance To Amend Volume I, Chapter VII Of The Code Of The Township Of Neptune By Converting An Existing Handicapped Parking Zone To A Resident Only Handicapped Parking Zone On Clark Avenue,

Removing A Handicapped Parking Zone On Main Ave. And Adding A Handicapped Parking Zone On Main Ave.

Explanatory Statement: This ordinance will convert a Handicap Parking Space on Clark Ave. to a Resident only Handicap space for 50 Clark Ave., remove a resident handicap space for 35 Main Ave. and add a resident handicap space for 89 Main Ave.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Res #23- 334** Authorizing The Execution Of Agreement With Jersey Shore Arts Center Relating To JSAC Run For The Arts 5k And Event On October 21, 2023
- Res #23- 335** Place Lien On Various Properties
- Res #23- 336** Resolution Of The Township Of Neptune Confirming That In Accordance With Ordinance 22-11, The Township Of Neptune Will Begin Taxation And Collection Of Medical Cannabis
- Res #23- 337** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Accepting Resignations
- Res #23- 338** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Submission Of A Grant Application And Execute A Grant Contract New Jersey Department Of Community Affairs For Legislative Grant Funding
- Res#23- 339** A Resolution Requesting Approval Of The Director Of The Division Of Local Government Services To Establish A Dedicated Trust By Rider For Lead-Based Paint Inspections (PI 2021 C. 182 And NJS 52:27d-437.1 Et Al.
- Res#23- 340** Resolution Authorizing Purchase Of 2023 Chevrolet Traverse From Gentilini Motors In An Amount Not To Exceed \$41,082.66
- Res#23- 341** Resolution Authorizing Purchase Of Standard Compactor Model- 4 Yd Hopper From Wastequip Under Sourcewell National Cooperative Contract #040621-Wqi In An Amount Not To Exceed \$42,256.87
- Res#23- 342** Resolution Authorizing Purchase Of 20' Ground Level Office With Restroom From United Rentals In An Amount Not To Exceed \$27,925.00
- Res#23- 343** Authorizing The Payment Of Bills
- Res#23- 344** Resolution Authorizing Revocable License Agreement With Joseph And Laura Chambers, Block 5318, Lot 6; 208 Hillcrest Avenue, Neptune Township, New Jersey
- Res#23- 345** Resolution Authorizing Agreement For Demolition Of 104 Clark Ave. From Greg Lertch Demolition Excavating LLC In An Amount Not To Exceed \$25,000.00
- Res#23- 346** Place Lien For Costs Associated With The Demolition Of 104 Clark Ave.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address any concern relating to the Township.

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