

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – FEBRUARY 10, 2020

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

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

Mayor Lane announced that the notice requirements of R.S. 10:4-18 have been satisfied by the publication of the required advertisement in the Asbury Park Press and The Coaster on January 3, 2020, posting the notice on the Board in the Municipal Complex, and filing a copy of said notice with the Municipal Clerk.

The following items were discussed in open session:

Mr. Gadaleta stated that a resolution is on this agenda to partner with Monmouth County to offset the cost of software used in the Community Rating System (CRS) Program. This will benefit the administration of the CRS Program because the information will be housed in one place. The County will purchase the software and the participating municipalities will be charged for use. The Township is seeking to move from a Category 6 to a Category 5 which would result in a 25% reduction in flood insurance premiums for Township residents. In addition, it would make the Township more resilient, aid in obtaining future grants and help reduce the Township's insurance costs.

The Committee discussed the hotel/motel occupancy tax. Ms. Rizzo suggested that the focus for now be on the hotels and motels with the airbnb's being considered at a later time. The bulk of the revenue would come from about nine hotels in the Township. Mr. Williams stated that he spoke to the NJ Division on Taxation and they clarified that this tax is referred to as an occupancy tax and not a hospitality tax. Dr. Brantley asked why the airbnb's are not being considered now. Mr. Gadaleta stated that a meeting is being set up to discuss how to identify airbnb's so that the tax could be charged. Mr. Anthony added that keeping up with the inspections and identification of airbnb's will be more of a challenge. Mr. Williams stated that the problem with doing just the hotels and motels is that the Committee would be imposing an additional tax on the people who doing things properly in terms of inspections and registration. There was discussion on whether or not this is an additional tax or merely a collection of tax by the Township that is already being paid to the state. Mr. Gadaleta will prepare a report to clarify some of the questions about the tax.

Mr. Gadaleta stated that he was contacted by the Secretary of State Office regarding the formation of a Complete Count Committee for the 2020 census in order to ensure full participation among Township residents. Dr. Brantley asked about the structure and operation of such a Committee. Mr. Gadaleta will get further details.

Ms. Rizzo stated that she attended a Sustainable New Jersey meeting at the request of the Mayor. The topic of energy aggregation was discussed. If a municipality agrees to join the program, each resident automatically joins unless they choose to opt out. Mr. Gadaleta stated that the Committee had a presentation three years ago and the savings was \$4 to a maximum of \$100. This is not a positive program because of the opt out issue. The Committee agreed not to pursue the matter.

Ms. Rizzo stated that the Central Jersey Club will be honoring Celestine Overby on March 21<sup>st</sup> and asked that each Committee member let her know if they plan to attend.

AUTHORIZE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT – NOT CONSIDERED/NO ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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

Also present at the dais were Richard J. Cuttrell, 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”

Mayor Lane announced that the notice requirements of R.S. 10:4-18 have been satisfied by the publication of the required advertisement in the Asbury Park Press and The Coaster on January 3, 2020, 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, resolutions and ordinances are posted online at [www.neptunetownship.org](http://www.neptunetownship.org).

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. McMillan offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Rizzo, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 27, 2020. All were in favor.

#### RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE POLICE OFFICERS TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT

The Mayor requested public comments regarding this resolution only. There no comments.

Police Chief James Hunt introduced each police officer recommended for promotion to the rank of Sergeant.

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

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator posted for a vacancy in the rank of Sergeant in the Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, the resumes that were submitted for the position were reviewed and interviews subsequently conducted; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has submitted a recommendation to promote four (4) police officers to the rank of Sergeant consistent with the Department’s Standard Operating Procedure for promotions (Volume 2, Chapter 18), pursuant to Police Accreditation Standard 2.3.1; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be provided for the first three months of 2020 in the 2020 Temporary Budget and funds for the balance of 2020 will be provided in the Budget for the year 2020, when finally adopted, 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 police officers are hereby promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the Police Department effective February 11, 2020:

P.O. James MacConchie  
Det. Nicholas Taylor  
Det. Eric Chunn  
Det. Kaan Williams

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

The resolution was adopted on the following vote: Brantley, aye, adding that he wants a full complement of police officers; McMillan, aye, expressed congratulations to each officer; Rizzo, aye, adding that the Neptune Police Department is highly considered in the community; Williams, aye, adding that a member of the Police Oversight Committee he extends congratulations to the officers being promoted, the department’s administration and the rank and file; and Lane, aye, adding that it is a privilege to have police officers in attendance and especially to promote officers.

Mayor Lane administered the Oath of Office to each Sergeant.

The Committee took a short break to allow the police officers and their families depart the meeting room. At this time, Dr. Brantley also left the meeting.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS AND THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Deferred until next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Rizzo asked if the Township's fee in the shared services agreement with the County for dispatch services included a fee for residents. Mr. Gadaleta replied there is no cost to residents for calling 9-1-1.

Dianna Harris, Willow Drive, thanked the Committee for the resolution to authorize a contract to purchase 1718 West Lake Avenue. She asked when the closing will take place. Mr. Gadaleta replied that surveys were just completed and the Township is hoping for a closing by the end of the month with demolition to follow soon after.

Hank Coakley, Valley Road, asked for a description of a change drawer in the Police Department. Mr. Cuttrell responded that it is drawer to make change when someone purchases a document like a police report.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-02 - APPROVED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 20-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME I, CHAPTER II OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE BY AMENDING THE FEE FOR THE SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

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

ORDINANCE NO. 20-03 - APPROVED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 20-03

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TRANSFER AND ACCEPTANCE OF TITLE TO BLOCK 605, LOT 45; 1614 WEST LAKE AVENUE, NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP TO THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE

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

ORDINANCE NO. 20-04 - APPROVED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 20-04

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 CENTRAL AVENUE AND REMOVING A HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONE ON CLARK AVENUE

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

Mr. Cuttrell stated that the Public Hearings on Ordinances No. 20-02, 20-03, and 20-04 will be held on Monday, February 24, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPOINT ALTERNATE PROSECUTOR

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune desires to appoint an Alternate Prosecutor through the fair and open bidding process pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1, et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, the Township accepted Requests for Proposals for said position on December 5, 2019 and will make a selection from the proposals received; and,

WHEREAS, based on the amount of funds expended in the prior year for these services, it is estimated that the total 2020 appropriation for this contract will be \$2,500.00, said amount subject to unforeseen absences or conflicts with the Prosecutor. Funds will be provided for the first three months of 2020 in the 2020 Temporary Budget and funds for the balance of 2020 will be provided in the Budget for the year 2020, when finally adopted, in the appropriation entitled Municipal Court S&W, 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 execution of a contract to engage the services of Pasquale Menna to serve as Alternate Prosecutor in the absence of the Public Defender for the year 2020, at a compensation rate of \$410.00 per session; and,

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

APPOINT ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune desires to appoint an Alternate Public Defender through the fair and open bidding process pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 20:44A-1, et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, the Township accepted Requests for Proposals for said position on December 5, 2019 and will make a selection from the proposals received; and,

WHEREAS, based on the amount of funds expended in the prior year for these services, it is estimated that the total 2020 appropriation for this contract will be \$2,500.00, said amount subject to unforeseen absences or conflicts with the Public Defender. Funds will be provided for the first three months of 2020 in the 2020 Temporary Budget and funds for the balance of 2020 will be provided in the Budget for the year 2020, when finally adopted, in the appropriation entitled Municipal Court S&W, 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 execution of a contract to engage the services of Ronald J. Troppoli to serve as Alternate Public Defender in the absence of the Public Defender for the year 2020, at a rate of \$90.00 per hour; and,

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

AUTHORIZE MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH FOR NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS CHALLENGE GRANT COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM (CRS) MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SHARED SERVICE PILOT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' (DCA) Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) works with counties and municipalities to streamline government operations and reduce cost and property taxes; and,

WHEREAS, DCA offers communities opportunities to apply for Local Efficiency Achievement Programs (LEAP) Challenge Grants to achieve this goal; and,

WHEREAS, New Jersey counties, municipalities, school districts, authorities, and fire districts are eligible to receive LEAP Implementation Grant funding to support a variety of costs related to investigating, developing, and undertaking a pioneering shared service project; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Monmouth, as the project lead, is interested in applying for a LEAP program grant to develop and/or procure a Community Rating System (CRS) management software for use by the County's municipal partners that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) CRS program; and,

WHEREAS, the CRS program provides discounts to flood insurance policy holders in our community located in special flood hazard areas, improves our resiliency to future flooding, and protects the health, safety, and welfare of our residents; and,

WHEREAS, the County would like to offer a CRS management software as a shared service to municipalities to streamline the extensive CRS documentation and administrative process that many CRS communities find burdensome, costly, time consuming, and sometimes prohibitive to their full participation in the CRS program; and,

WHEREAS, the County seeks to provide this type of software as a shared services pilot program, free of charge to municipalities for the first year and at a discounted rate in subsequent years; and,

WHEREAS, municipalities interested in partnering with the County on this LEAP Challenge Grant proposal must submit a conforming resolution to the County that memorializes the municipality's commitment to completion of the proposed project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, that Neptune Township shall be recognized as a joint applicant with Monmouth County for the purposes of submitting a LEAP Challenge Grant for the procurement and/or development of a Community Rating System (CRS) management software in establishing a new shared service pilot program that will benefit our community; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution to be forwarded to the Business Administrator.

#### APPOINT FINANCIAL ADVISOR

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune desires to appoint a Financial Advisor to provide management advice on fiscal matters, continuing disclosure services, and assistance in the issuance of municipal debt as necessary; and,

WHEREAS, NW Financial Group, LLC, the Township's current Financial Advisor, has submitted a contract for professional services; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of these services will be less than \$15,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be provided in the appropriate ordinances for which municipal debt will be issued 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 execution of a contract to engage the services of NW Financial Group, LLC as Financial Advisor for the year 2020 at the terms as indicated in contract on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk; and,

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

#### RELEASE SOIL STABILIZATION BOND AND ROAD OPENING BOND POSTED BY SUNHILL CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR 705 RIDGE AVENUE

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2013, Sunhill Construction Corp. posted a Soil Stabilization Bond in the form of cash in the amount of \$1,311.00 guaranteeing site stabilization at 705 Ridge Avenue (formerly Block 206, Lot 12.03); and,

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2013, Sunhill Construction Corp. also posted a Road Opening Bond in the form of cash in the amount of \$4,000.00 guaranteeing the maintenance of the road opening at the same address; and,

WHEREAS, the five year period on the road opening bond has passed and the Township Engineer certified that grass seed has grown and all site stabilization has been completed,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes the release of the Soil Stabilization Bond, Road Opening Bond, and remaining balance of inspection fees posted for 705 Ridge Avenue as stated herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Developer, Township Engineer, and Construction Official.

AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY DISPATCH SERVICES TO THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune, mindful of its duty and responsibility to protect and maintain the public health, safety and welfare of its inhabitants, has determined that its best interests would be served by joining the County of Monmouth Emergency Telecommunications System to provide emergency dispatch services for all Township emergency agencies; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune and the County of Monmouth desire to enter into a Shared Service Agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq. for the Township and County to cooperatively participate in this project; and,

WHEREAS, the County shall provide all calls to the Township by call relay, transfer, or direct emergency dispatch in accordance with the Township's participation plan; and,

WHEREAS, the County will provide direct emergency dispatch services for police, fire, emergency management and emergency medical services for the Township,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes the execution of a Shared Service Agreement with the County of Monmouth, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk, providing for the County to provide emergency dispatch services to the Township commencing January 1, 2020 and continuing for a period of three years at an annual fee to the Township of \$422,901.00 in 2020 with a 1.5% increase in 2021 and a 1.5% increase in 2022; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, Assistant C.F.O., Chief of Police, and the Monmouth County Sheriff's Department.

CONFIRM THE SALE OF TOWNSHIP OWNED UNDERSIZED PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 503, LOT 23, 1207 EMBURY AVENUE TO ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNER

WHEREAS, as authorized by Ordinance No. 19-08, the Township of Neptune conducted a public sale of non-conforming Township owned property at 1207 Embury Avenue to adjoining property owners only on February 5, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, said property was sold to the only bidder at the minimum bid established by Ordinance No. 19-08

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the sale of the following property be and is hereby confirmed:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
503/23	1207 Embury Ave.	Inti Concepts, LLC	\$23,300.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee and Township of Neptune that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Deed conveying each property and Affidavit of Title on behalf of the Township of Neptune, County of Monmouth, a municipal body corporate of the State of New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township Attorney and Tax Assessor.

AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER #1 (FINAL) IN CONNECTION WITH THE HECK AVENUE SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2018, the Township Committee adopted Resolution #18-427 which awarded a bid to Pioneer Pipe Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$935,030.00 in connection with the Heck Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation Project; and,

WHEREAS, a change to the contract has been experienced as a result of final as-built quantities at project close-out; and,

WHEREAS, this change has been approved by the Township Engineer,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute Change Order #1 (final) in the contract with Pioneer Pipe Contractors, Inc. in connection with the Heck Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation Project resulting in a net decrease of \$104,400.34 revising the total contract amount to \$830,629.66; and,

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

AUTHORIZE CHANGE DRAWER IN THE SENIOR CENTER AND AMEND APPROVED AMOUNT OF CHANGE DRAWERS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, by adoption of Resolution #20-54 on January 1, 2020, the Township Committee authorized change drawers in various departments; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Senior Services has requested a change drawer in the amount of \$50.00; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has requested that the authorized amount for change drawers in the Police Department be reduced from \$50.00 to \$30.00,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that a change drawer in the amount of \$50.00 be and is hereby authorized to the Senior Center; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the previously authorized change drawers in the Police Department be and are hereby reduced from \$50.00 to \$30.00; 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 TOWNSHIP ENGINEERING CONSULTANT TO PERFORM ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR GABLES SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE V

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune desires to initiate Phase V of Gables Sanitary Sewer System Improvements which includes Fordham Road, Eton Way, and Oxford Way; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary for a Township Engineer Consultant to perform professional engineering services including preparation of plans and specifications, surveying, permitting, bidding and construction management in connection with this project; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer solicited proposals for said services from each engineering firm in the 2020 engineering pool; and,

WHEREAS, CME Associates submitted the lowest quote and has experienced in this type of work; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be provided in Ordinance No. 19-32, 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 CME Associates to perform the services as stated herein as Township Engineering Consultant, said proposal on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk, at an amount not to exceed \$79,890.00 for Phase V of Gables Sanitary Sewer System Improvements which includes Fordham Road, Eton Way, and Oxford Way; and,

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

AUTHORIZE THE REFUND OF TAXES AS A RESULT OF AN OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, the properties listed below reflect overpayments; 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>
1002	10	Wiley	1921 Greenwood Ave	2019	81.35
808	4	Cannon	1704 Monroe Ave	2019	124.11
5407	16	Callahan	133 Clinton Place	2019	1,948.19

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

APPOINT MEMBER TO THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE TO PREVENT SUBSTANCE MISUSE COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that Hugh Wallace be and is hereby appointed as a member of the Neptune Township Municipal Alliance to Prevent Substance Misuse Committee for the year 2020; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Municipal Alliance Coordinator.

RE-EMPLOY DRIVER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, Louis Rochelle, Jr. resigned as a Driver in the Public Works Department effective January 23, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, he has requested to return to employment with the Township in the same title; and,

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Director and Public Works Director have made their recommendation to re-employ Louis Rochelle, Jr. at the same salary that he was earning at the time of his resignation; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be provided for the first three months of 2020 in the 2020 Temporary Budget and funds for the balance of 2020 will be provided in the Budget for the year 2020, when finally adopted, in the appropriation entitled Sewer Utility 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 Louis Rochelle, Jr. be and is hereby re-employed as a Driver in the Department of Public Works effective February 11, 2020, at the same annual salary of \$38,290.56 that he was earning at the time of his resignation but considered a new hire as it relates to anniversary date, benefits, and paid time off; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Public Works Director, Chief Financial Officer, Assistant C.F.O., AFSCME Local #2792, and Human Resources Director.

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF 1718 WEST LAKE AVENUE (BLOCK 611, LOT 38)

WHEREAS, West Lake Avenue consists of a Redevelopment Area, and the property presently owned by Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, located at 1718 West Lake Avenue (Block 611, Lot 38), is important with regard to the redevelopment of the area; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of negotiations between the Township Administrator and the property owner, and based on prior review by the Tax Assessor, it is the recommendation of the Township Administrator that the Township should enter into a contract to purchase the property at 1718 West Lake Avenue, Block 611, Lot 38, owned by Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, at a purchase price of \$340,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Ordinance No. 17-22, and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the Township Attorney to negotiate and to draft or review a contract to purchase the property located at 1718 West Lake Avenue (Block 611, Lot 38) owned by Mt. Carmel Baptist Church for a purchase price not to exceed \$340,000.00 for execution by the Mayor and Clerk; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the contract negotiations and execution are successful and the Township desires to obtain title to the subject property, the governing body shall approve of said transfer by separate Ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township Attorney.

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

#### RECLASSIFY ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE LARRY FISHER TO THE RANK OF DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

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

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2017, the Township Committee adopted Resolution #17-485 which promoted Larry Fisher to the rank of Acting Deputy Chief of Police; and,

WHEREAS, the Police Committee desires to appoint a Deputy Chief of Police; and,

WHEREAS, resumes were submitted for the position and interviews subsequently conducted by the Police Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Police Committee has submitted a recommendation to reclassify Acting Deputy Chief Larry Fisher to the rank of Deputy Chief of Police in a process consistent with the Department's Standard Operating Procedure for promotions pursuant to Police Accreditation Standard 2.3.1; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that Acting Deputy Chief Larry Fisher be and is hereby reclassified to the rank of Deputy Chief of Police effective immediately at no change in annual salary; and,

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

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

Deputy Chief Fisher received a round of applause. He thanked the Committee, Police Command Staff and the citizens of Neptune Township.

#### COMMEMORATE THE CENTENNIAL OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT

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

WHEREAS, the year Two Thousand and Twenty marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, women fought for the right to vote for more than a century and persevered in the face of resistance; and

WHEREAS, many New Jersey women advocated for the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, Monmouth County was the home to many suffragists both male and female, and suffrage rallies and events occurred within Monmouth County's borders; and

WHEREAS, February 9, 2020 will mark the centennial of the New Jersey ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment; and

WHEREAS, August 26, 2020 will mark the nationwide centennial of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment officially becoming part of the United States Constitution, after the required number of states had ratified; and

WHEREAS, daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters of the women who fought so hard to vote have been making their voices heard at the polls for nearly 100 years; and

WHEREAS, women are running for office and currently in elected office in large numbers in Monmouth County, follow in the footsteps of these great suffragists; and

WHEREAS, there are currently over 200,000 women registered to vote in Monmouth County, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, all government entities on the local, state and national level should commemorate and recognize this historic milestone and reaffirm its commitment to empowering and uplifting the voices of women.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, do hereby:

(1) celebrate and recognize the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passage and ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution providing for women's suffrage; and

(2) honor the role of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment in promoting the core values of our democracy as set forth in the Constitution of the United States; and

(3) reaffirm our desire to continue strengthening democratic participation and to inspire future generations to cherish and preserve the historic precedent established by the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

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

The Committee gathered for a photograph with a framed version of the resolution. The Mayor stated he will present it to the County Board of Freeholders.

**AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A FREIGHTLINER DUMP TRUCK THROUGH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL PURCHASING PROGRAM**

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

WHEREAS, the Public Works Director wishes to authorize the purchase of a 2020 Freightliner 108SD SRA dump truck utilizing pricing through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Purchasing Program; 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, the Township of Neptune, is authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b)(3) to use procurement methods by entering into a nationally recognized cooperative agreement; and;

WHEREAS, the Houston-Galveston Area Council has a nationally recognized cooperative agreement and has awarded Contract No. HT06-18 to Houston Freightliner, Inc. for this equipment; and,

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

WHEREAS, the cost to purchase this equipment shall not exceed \$184,583.00; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available from Ordinance No. 19-21 and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune

that the purchase of a 2020 Freightliner 108SD SRA dump truck for the Public Works Department be and is hereby authorized through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Purchasing Program Contract No. HT06-18, Houston Freightliner Inc., at an amount not to exceed \$184,583.00; and,

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

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

AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A STREET SWEEPER THROUGH THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY PURCHASING PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, the Public Works Director wishes to authorize the purchase of an Elgin Broom Badger street sweeper utilizing pricing through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Purchasing Program; 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, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Purchasing Program has awarded Contract ESCNJ 17/18-30 to W.E. Timmerman Co., Inc. for this equipment; and,

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

WHEREAS, the cost to purchase this equipment shall not exceed \$232,120.67; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available from Ordinance No. 19-21 and the Clean Communities grant 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 an Elgin Broom Badger street sweeper for the Public Works Department be and is hereby authorized through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Purchasing Program Contract ESCNJ 17/18-30, W.E. Timmerman Co., Inc. at an amount not to exceed \$232,120.67; and,

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

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

AWARD BID FOR SHARK RIVER MUNICIPAL MARINA SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

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

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2020, the Township Engineering Consultant received bids for the award of a contract for Shark River Municipal Marina sidewalk improvements; and,

WHEREAS, said bids were reviewed by the Township Engineer, Engineering Consultant, and Township Attorney who have recommended that the bid be awarded to the lowest bid submitted by Seacoast Construction, Inc.; and,

WHEREAS, said bids were advertised, received and awarded in a "fair and open" competitive bidding process in accordance with the Open Public Contracts Law; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be provided in Ordinances No. 15-37, 17-21 and 18-19, as amended by 19-10, and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that a contract be awarded to Seacoast Construction, Inc. on their lowest responsible bid of

\$258,050.41 (which includes the Green Acres base bid of \$205,265.69, and the Neptune base bid plus Alternate A bid of \$52,784.72) for Shark River Municipal Marina sidewalk improvements; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, Assistant C.F.O., Township Attorney, Harbor Master, and Township Engineer.

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

AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Ms. Rizzo offered the following resolution, moved and seconded by Mr. McMillan, 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	439,627.11
TRUST FUND	27,647.62
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	7,350.00
SEWER OPERATING FUND	31,916.39
SEWER CAPITAL FUND	60,546.20
MARINA OPERATING FUND	353.60
MARINA CAPITAL FUND	2,500.00
BILL LIST TOTAL	\$569,940.92

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: McMillan, aye; Rizzo, aye; Williams, aye, except abstain on his reimbursement check; and Lane, aye.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joyce Klein, 105 Mt. Hermon Way, stated that the OG Camp Meeting Association hired a parking expert to do a study on parking in Ocean Grove. She asked what the Committee will be doing to ensure transparency. Mayor Lane stated that he met with Michael Badger, OGCMA President and Jaime Jackson, C.O.O. and they indicated that the process will be open and public meetings are planned. Ms. Klein stated that we do not know what the parking expert has been asked to do. The Mayor will relay Ms. Klein's concerns to the OGCMA. Ms. Klein asked if the Planning Board has received all of the items needed to sign off on the North End Plan. Mr. Gadaleta stated that a resolution has not come forth for the Planning Board to approve. Ms. Rizzo added that the Better Parking Alliance (BPA) has asked the OGCMA to participate in meetings that the BPA is conducting on their own plan and the OGCMA has not responded.

Reverend Edmund Lee, Patricia Drive, commended the Committee on being involved in the community. He announced that he will be holding a reunion at his church of the former homeless individuals behind Shop-Rite who now have apartments. The remaining homeless in that area are also being invited so they can hear the good points of having an apartment.

Dianna Harris, 17 Willow Drive, stated that there is lot of information going about in neighboring towns about the census. The Mayor stated that the Committee discussed the formation of a Complete Count Committee and the workshop meeting. He asked Ms. Harris if she is interested in serving to which Ms. Harris replied that she is interested.

Hank Coakley, Valley Road, thanked the Committee for the recent blood drive. He asked for

an update on geese prevention. He asked to get rid of the Governor and Attorney General because they cater to lawbreakers. The State of New Jersey is in tremendous debt. He suggested cutting the number of state senators from 40 to one per each of the 21 counties. He asked that the bump-out on Neptune Boulevard be removed and asked for a sign to better identify the intersection of Gully Road and Brighton Avenue in Wall Township. He stated that the parking problems in Ocean Grove are self-initiated by people who have multiple cars and buy a house with limited on-street parking. Mr. Gadaleta stated that the Township has no contract for geese removal, but we will continue to manage the problem where possible.

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

Richard J. Cuttrel,  
Municipal Clerk