

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – MARCH 30, 2015

Deputy Mayor McMillan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and requested the Clerk to call the roll. The following members were present: J. Randy Bishop, Eric J. Houghtaling, and Kevin B. McMillan. Absent: Dr. Michael Brantley (Mayor Mary Beth Jahn arrived during the open session workshop)

Also present at the dais were Richard J. Cuttrell, Municipal Clerk; Vito D. Gadaleta, Township Administrator; Michael J. Bascom, Chief Financial Officer; and Gene Anthony, Township Attorney.

Deputy Mayor McMillan 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 8, 2015, a revised notice published on March 12, 2015, 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. Bascom discussed the 2015 municipal budget which is on the agenda for introduction. Total expenditures remain unchanged versus 2014. The tax rate is down 14 cents primarily due to the assessment revaluation. The budget is \$2.6 million below the appropriations cap and \$3,000 below the tax levy cap. Net debt is at 0.73% of valuation. The Township is ahead of payments in association with Sandy debt and just issued short term notes at an interest rate of 0.6%. The cost for police pensions is up \$200,000 and the cost of other pensions is up \$89,000. There are no pension deferrals in this budget. Mr. Bascom reiterated that debt is not because of a lack of funds, it is used to spread costs over the useful life of the improvement or equipment. The budget uses less surplus and it is getting more difficult for municipalities to generate surplus. There is no increase in the state's allocation and the reserve for uncollected taxes is no longer generating as much surplus. The value of homes in the Township is up 24% and the tax rate is down 18%. The average home in the Township will see a tax increase of about \$10 per month.

Mayor Jahn arrived.

Mr. Bascom stated that he put together a Committee to look at traffic issues throughout the Township and develop a Plan involving education, enforcement, stripping, data collection, and other speed reduction measures. Sgt. Michael Zarro stated that he collected data from the portable speed signs that have placed on roads throughout the Township in order to determine areas where speeding is most prevalent. He recommends the installation of speed tables on primary roads and near schools. A Crosswalk Patrol was also formed to go out and distribute pamphlets to drivers who do not yield of pedestrians. Leanne Hoffmann, Township Engineer, stated that her office prepared a map of the areas where speeding was a problem and then put a bid out for temporary traffic tables. She displayed a map of the location of the temporary tables last year and where permanent tables will now be installed. Most locations that saw temporary tables will receive permanent tables this spring. Ms. Hoffmann stated that she is also working of a realignment of Jumping Brook Road and West Jumping Brook Road so that the intersection will be closer to 90 degrees.

Mr. Bascom stated that the Police Department will be attending neighborhood association meetings to discuss the Traffic Plan. Wayne Rode, Public Works Director, stated that the speed tables take some time to install at a cost of about \$1,100 per table and his department will begin installation after completion of the Broadway lighting project. Mr. Bascom stated that the Township realizes a significant savings by installing the tables in-house. In conclusion, Mr. Bascom recommended that the Committee think about additional capital funds for the road resurfacing program. The Police Department is also working with the NJDOT to allow enforcement of the four ton weight limit on Jumping Brook Road and Green Grove Road.

Mr. Bishop discussed changing the traffic pattern on Division Street to one way only and asked the Police Department to make a recommendation.

The Committee reviewed a request from NJNG for a waiver of the moratorium to excavate streets during the summer months in Ocean Grove. Mr. Bishop stated that the work is planned maintenance and not emergent. Ms. Hoffmann stated that the gas company has known about the moratorium for two years and requested the waiver a month ago. The Committee indicated that a waiver will not be granted.

Mr. Bishop stated that there is new legislation that if a property is in foreclosure, the owner must designate an in-state designee for the property. If this is not done, there is a \$1,500/day penalty. He asked Mr. Anthony to research the matter because when this penalty is enforced,

banks will become more aggressive in addressing code issues.

Mr. Bascom stated that the Police Department is requesting the training and appointment of ABC compliance officers with the Department. They are also seeking a local ordinance that mirrors the state statute prohibiting the sale of hard liquor after 10:00 p.m. so that violations can go to municipal court for adjudication to the ABC, rather than simply reporting violations to the ABC. Mr. Anthony stated that he needs to look at the regulations because the Township cannot have an ordinance that mirrors state statute. Mr. Bascom stated that the ABC recommended this ordinance and gave samples of ordinances from other Monmouth County municipalities.

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

Mr. Houghtaling offered the following resolution, moved and seconded by Mr. McMillan, 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:

- Potential Litigation – Residential drainage issue
- Personnel – CDBG Citizens Participation Group
- Potential Litigation – South Concourse vacation/easements
- Potential Litigation – Private road maintenance.

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: Bishop, aye; Houghtaling, aye; McMillan, aye; and Jahn, aye.

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

Mr. Gadaleta stated that the Committee needs to consider appointments to a Citizens Participation Group to propose and review projects for submission for a Community Development Block Grant.

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

Mayor Jahn called the meeting to order and requested the Clerk to call the roll. The following members were present: J. Randy Bishop, Eric J. Houghtaling, Kevin B. McMillan, and Mayor Mary Beth Jahn. Absent: Dr. Michael Brantley.

Also present at the dais were Richard J. Cuttrell, Municipal Clerk; Vito D. Gadaleta, Township Administrator; Michael J. Bascom, Chief Financial Officer; 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 Jahn announced that the notice requirements of R.S. 10:4-18 for an "Annual Notice" have been satisfied by the publication of the required advertisement in the Asbury Park Press and The Coaster on January 8, 2015, a revised notice published by March 12, 2015, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bishop offered a motion, seconded by Mr. McMillan, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 9th. All were in favor

PROCLAMATION

The Mayor proclaimed July 9th and July 10th as Nikola Tesla Days in the Township of Neptune.

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS

Eric Houghtaling stated he attended the Memorial Day Parade Committee meeting and they have quite a few of them before the big event. He stated they were also soliciting ads for their book which will help pay for some of the cost of the event and also for the Scholarship that is being given out to an NJROTC student. He attended a marina meeting where Leanne Hoffman our engineer and Vito Gadaleta made a nice presentation about the marina building that is being proposed on South Riverside Drive to replace the building that was destroyed by hurricane Sandy. He also attended their first Pancreatic Cancer Run meeting which last year they had it the first Saturday in November. They are now thinking about moving it to sometime in late October. He stated he was relieved that they were making plans for that and will be sending letters out for donations. They hoped to have another successful event. He attended a meeting of the Deal Lake Commission where they talked about dredging of the Deal Lake. Not that many people know that it is the largest coastal lake in the State of New Jersey and is very sensitive and we also had a Deal Lake clean up on Saturday. He was in Asbury and they had a lot of the storm drains go right into the Deal Lake with no covering on it whatsoever. So anything that's in the road can be washed into that storm drain and into the lake. Unfortunately, he was not able to be there too long but for the short while that he was there he collected two bags of garbage in about fifteen minutes because there's so much stuff in that lake. The same day there was an Easter Egg Hunt. He thanked Dawn Thompson and the Recreation Committee for such a wonderful job. He also attended the Ocean Grove Homeowner's Association Meeting. There was a nice presentation by a gentleman who talked about "How to Get Along With Your Neighbor". Unfortunately, he got invited to the 45th anniversary of Shark River Hill's First Aid but unintentionally missed it. He stated lastly, he accepted the nomination to run for Assembly in the 11th District in November and would not neglect his duties to Neptune Township.

Randy Bishop reminded everyone that May 25th was the Memorial Day Parade and the Kick off of our season. He attended the Shark River Hills Property Owners Association the candidates forum for the school board but also had the privilege of announcing that we have received the award of a grant from the State of New Jersey for the repaving of Brighton and Lakewood Avenues in Shark River Hills. We will be used as a poster child as to why something needs to be done. He attended the 45th Anniversary for the Shark River Hills First Aid and was proud to accept on behalf of the Township an award recognizing us for our dedication and as both he and Eric said it really isn't about our dedication but about there's. He attended the Easter Egg hunt and they did meet on World Changers where we will have a significantly smaller group this year but we have more applications then we've ever had. We will be working more closely with habitat for humanity. We Will also be reaching out to some of our Boy's and Girl Scouts and youth groups to help with some of the things like clean outs and helping people with yard work. On May 30th we will formally cut the ribbon and open Veterans' Memorial Park. We did the dedication but this will be the actual opening. He also stated we received an award for Veterans' Memorial Park from the New Jersey Concrete Awards Committee. He's pleased that people are taking notice to what we are doing. He extended his sympathies to Bernie Haney and his family on the passing of his father.

Kevin McMillan attended the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association Dinner in Atlantic City and we received an award with respect to our Junior Sailing Program. Last week he was in Dallas and had the opportunity to tour an AT& T Stadium.

Mayor Jahn stated she wished she could have been at the Easter Egg Hunt but was unable to attend due to work related obligations. She sent her condolences to the Haney Family. She wished everyone a nice holiday and to be conscience of house fires and to change the batteries in your home's smoke detector.

Mr. Bishop stated that Passover begins this Friday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

Kennedy Buckley commented on Resolution #15-157 regarding the budget and the budget hearing. He questioned whether there would be enough money in the budget to separate Ocean Grove's ordinance from Neptune's and would there be a re-examination of the redevelopment areas including the North End.

Mr. Bishop stated they both were on the way now and they are right the enabling ordinance to pull them out.

Mr. Buckley questioned again whether all redevelopment areas were being looked at including the North End.

Mr. Bishop stated yes.

Dorothy Argyros addressed the Committee and stated Resolution #15-146 was puzzling and she was not sure where the property was located. She stated if this was a reconstruction of a building by the Shark River Hills Beach and Yacht Club and if it's going to be built for them would this cost her any money as a taxpayer and if so will the Township get the money back from this private entity.

Mr. Anthony stated no and that this was a private building and they actually have a developer's agreement and must pay for it.

Mrs. Argyros praised the Committee for supporting offshore drilling. She also commented on Resolution #15-145 and questioned whether this would have anything to do with the WaWa property.

Mr. Bascom stated this has to do with natural hazard mitigation.

Jack Pensabene, 1306 9th Avenue, commented on the seismic testing and stated the wording in the resolution was confusing to him. He was not sure whether the words risky and understood should have been used. He stated if there was a need for further investigation then the word risky should not be used.

Mr. Bishop stated if you did not know what the outcome was then it could be considered risky.

Mr. Pensabene stated he would consider it to be unknown.

Mr. Anthony stated anything unknown could be somewhat risky.

Mr. Pensabene questioned why would they spend so much money on a wireless plan.

Mr. Bascom stated it was a public safety infrastructure for radio and video communications in the midtown area.

Patrick Dougherty, 11 Cedar Crest Drive, requested the Committee elaborate on the wireless plan.

Mr. Bascom stated it was a secure encrypted wireless network system for our police department and for neighboring police departments who are also working on this project and sharing in the cost.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-10 - ADOPTED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 15-10

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME I, CHAPTER XIII, SECTION 13-1 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS REGULATING THE EXCAVATION OF STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

The Mayor requested comments on the above ordinance. There being no comments, she closed the public hearing.

The ordinance was adopted on the following vote: Bishop, aye; Houghtaling, aye; McMillan, aye; and Jahn, aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-11 - ADOPTED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 15-11

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME I, CHAPTER VII OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE BY ADDING A RESIDENT HANDICAPPED ON-STREET PARKING ZONE ON CLARK AVENUE AND REMOVING ZONES ON OCEAN PATHWAY AND NEW JERSEY AVENUE

The Mayor requested comments on the above ordinance. There being no comments, she closed the public hearing.

The ordinance was adopted on the following vote: Bishop, aye; Houghtaling, aye; McMillan, aye; and Jahn, aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-12 - ADOPTED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 15-12

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR PURPOSES OF INTRODUCING THE 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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

Dorothy Argyros stated she thought that in 2010 the cap was iron clad and it would push municipalities to be more careful in how they spend our money. She read an excerpt from the Courier Post online regarding taxing and overspending of New Jerseyans. Among the 50 states New Jersey ranks last in business climate mostly because of the high taxes. She felt they were not keeping expenses down and were not considering the taxpayers.

Mr. Houghtaling asked Mrs. Argyros whether she read that this would not affect the two percent cap.

Mrs. Argyros stated she did but every year they did this and they were going to be raising their taxes.

Barbara Burns asked if someone could explain the difference between the appropriation cap and the tax levy cap.

Mr. Bascom stated in the appropriation cap there were certain expenditures that were called within the caps and those expenditures are subject to this 3.5% cap that they are putting forth here tonight. The Town maintains this cap from year to year. We still have to consider how much we will raise the taxes. He continued to explain the importance of the levy cap and the appropriation cap in managing their budget from year to year.

Patrick Dougherty stated you get what you pay for and if you get something you don't have too much to complain about.

Jack Pensabene stated the cap bank was confusing to him and he did not think that he did not like it.

Mr. Bascom stated he did not like it either but explained it to him and stated it was more about management.

Michael D. Fornino stated in 1974 the Republicans put money in a trust fund and after that the Democrats could not wait to get the money. He felt it was all about management.

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

The ordinance was adopted on the following vote: Bishop, aye; Houghtaling, aye; McMillan, aye; and Jahn, aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-13 - APPROVED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 15-13

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME I, CHAPTER VII, SECTION 7-7 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE BY ADDING A NO PARKING ZONE ON WELLS AVENUE

The ordinance was approved on the following vote: Bishop, aye; Houghtaling, aye; McMillan, aye; and Jahn, aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-14 - APPROVED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 15-14

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,310,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS BY THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO THE MONMOUTH COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY (THE "MCIA") FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN BONDS HERETOFORE ISSUED BY THE TOWNSHIP TO THE MCIA

The ordinance was approved on the following vote: Bishop, aye; Houghtaling, aye; McMillan, aye; and Jahn, aye.

Mr. Cuttrell stated that the Public Hearings on Ordinances 15-13 and 15-14 will be held on Monday, April 13, 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

DESIGNATE THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE AS "PINKTUNE" FOR THE MONTH OF MAY AND PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL PAINT THE TOWN PINK INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, Paint the Town Pink, entering into its ninth year, is an annual event that raises awareness of the importance of annual mammography and the importance of early detection; and,

WHEREAS, the event is organized annually by Meridian Health and is supported by community groups, caring individuals and many municipal governments in Monmouth and Ocean Counties; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune participated for the first time in 2013 and desires to continue as a "Paint the Town Pink" community,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby designates the Township of Neptune as "Pinktune" for the month of May and authorizes full participation in the Paint the Town Pink initiative; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Meridian Health as well as any and all organizations or citizens interested in participating in the Paint the Town Pink program

AUTHORIZE STAND-BY DUTY PAYMENT TO OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

WHEREAS, volunteer personnel in the Office of Emergency Management were placed on stand-by duty as a result of the snow emergencies declared on February 21st and March 5th and 6th; and,

WHEREAS, overtime payment at the rate of \$14.00 per hour is authorized by resolution of the Township Committee to be paid to said personnel in the event of a long duration situation such as storm or disaster which requires readiness and staffing; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be provided for the first three months of 2015 in the 2015 Temporary Budget and funds for the balance of 2015 will be provided in the Budget for the year 2015, when finally adopted, and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that stand-by duty payment at the rate of \$14.00 per hour be and is hereby authorized to the following Office of Emergency Management staff for the hours indicated as a result of the snow emergencies on February 21st and March 5th/6th, 2015:

Robert Balko – 15.5 hours
William Van Meter – 15.5 hours
Michael Scannapieco – 12 hours
Michael Bonfonte – 12 hours

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

APPOINT MEMBER TO THE NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP HOUSING AUTHORITY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby appoints Winifred Johnson as a member to the Neptune Township Housing Authority for a five year term expiring March 31, 2020; and,

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

GRANT LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO DIANA PAJAK UNDER THE FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

WHEREAS, Diana Pajak, Technical Assistant to the Construction Official, has requested a leave of absence, utilizing accumulated sick time for a portion of the leave, under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act; and,

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator has approved the request,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that Diana Pajak, Technical Assistant to the Construction Official, is hereby granted a leave of absence under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act from March 23, 2015 through June 15, 2015, with leave being unpaid beginning April 3, 2015; and,

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

AUTHORIZE A REDUCTION IN THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FILED BY ROBERT W. MILDNER FOR SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT NEPTUNE MOWER (615 HIGHWAY 35)

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2011, the Township Committee adopted a resolution which accepted performance bond B1095785 in the amount of \$135,000.00 filed by Robert W. Mildner written by Selective Insurance Company of America guaranteeing site improvements at Neptune Mower (Block 245, Lots 33, 34, 63 and 64); and,

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2013, the Township Committee adopted Resolution #13-156 which authorized a reduction in the performance bond to the amount of \$57,142.80

WHEREAS, at the request of the Developer, the Township Engineer has inspected the site improvements and has recommended a further reduction in the performance guarantee; and,

WHEREAS, the Developer will be instructed to post a Change Rider reducing the amount of the performance bond from \$57,142.80 to \$52,873.43

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that a reduction in the Performance Guarantee for Neptune Mower (Block 245, Lots 33, 34, 63 and 64) be and is hereby approved to the amount of \$52,873.43 and the Municipal Clerk is instructed to accept a Change Rider to affect said reduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proportionate amount of the cash portion of the performance guarantee in the amount of \$426.93 shall be refunded to the Developer; and,

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

AUTHORIZE THE MONMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DIVISION TO CONDUCT AERIAL MOSQUITO CONTROL OPERATIONS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE AS NECESSARY

WHEREAS, the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:9-27 et seq. has elected through its Mosquito Control Division to perform all acts necessary for the elimination of mosquito breeding areas and/or to exterminate mosquitoes within the county; and,

WHEREAS, the County has instituted an Integrated Pest Management Program consisting of surveillance, water management, biological control, and chemical control to exterminate the mosquito population within the County of Monmouth; and,

WHEREAS, prior to conducting aerial dispensing operations over a designated "congested area", the County is required, pursuant to Federal Aviation Administration Regulation (FAR Part 137.51) to secure prior written approval from the governing body of the political subdivision over which the aircraft is to be operated; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune is designated as a "congested area" by the Federal Aviation Administration and the County has requested that this governing body consent to its proposed aerial dispensing operations,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes the County of Monmouth Mosquito Control Division or its agent to apply pesticides by aircraft for mosquito control in certain areas of the municipality designated by the County as being either larval mosquito habitat or areas harboring high populations of mosquitoes constituting either a nuisance, a health hazard, or both with the understanding that:

1. the County shall utilize pesticides, application equipment and aircraft that are approved for aerial applications by the applicable Federal (USEPA) and State (NJDEP) agencies; and,
2. such operations will be performed in compliance with applicable Federal and State regulations; and,
3. the County will notify the police department of each municipality over which aerial pesticide operations are planned prior to commencement of such operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division and the Business Administrator.

AUTHORIZE LEON S. AVAKIAN, INC. TO PERFORM DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PHASE II RECONSTRUCTION OF THE OCEAN GROVE BOARDWALK BETWEEN SEAVIEW AVENUE AND THE ASBURY PARK BORDER

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune and Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association have entered into an agreement whereby the Township adopted two bond ordinances to appropriate funding for the reconstruction of a portion of the Ocean Grove boardwalk and the Association will reimburse for all project and financing costs; and,

WHEREAS, Leon S. Avakian, Inc., an approved Township Consulting Engineer, provided engineering services for Phase I of the boardwalk reconstruction project completed in July, 2014, and has submitted a proposal for the preparation of engineering design documents and construction management for Phase II; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize Leon S. Avakian, Inc. to prepare engineering documents and manage the bid process as well as authorize construction administration and inspection for Phase II of this project; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be provided in Ordinance No. 14-09, as amended by Ordinance No. 14-43, and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby confirms and authorizes Leon S. Avakian, Inc. to perform the services for the reconstruction of the Ocean Grove boardwalk – Phase II between Seaview Avenue and the municipal boundary with the City of Asbury Park as described herein at an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, Assistant C.F.O., Township Engineer, Business Administrator, OGCMA and Leon S. Avakian, Inc.

EMPLOY TOURISM REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2015 SUMMER SEASON

WHEREAS, there is a need for personnel to operate the Tourism Bureau for the 2015 Summer Season; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be provided for the first three months of 2015 in the 2015 Temporary Budget and funds for the balance of 2015 will be provided in the Budget for the year 2015, when finally adopted, and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that Catherine Goslee, Carol Bernard, Danielle Daly and Shirleen Dorman be and are hereby employed as Tourism Representatives 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 16, 2015 and ending October 1, 2015, at an hourly salary as established by Resolution #15-53; and,

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

ADOPT MONMOUTH COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS the Township of Neptune has experienced natural hazards that result in public safety hazards and damage to private and public property; and,

WHEREAS the hazard mitigation planning process set forth by the State of New Jersey and the Federal Emergency Management Agency offers the opportunity to consider natural hazards and risks, and to identify mitigation actions to reduce future risk; and,

WHEREAS the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management is providing federal mitigation funds to support development of the mitigation plan; and,

WHEREAS a *Hazard Mitigation Plan* has been developed by the Mitigation Planning Committee; and,

WHEREAS the *Hazard Mitigation Plan* includes a prioritized list of mitigation actions including activities that, over time, will help minimize and reduce safety threats and damage to private and public property, and,

WHEREAS the draft plan was provided to each participating jurisdiction and was posted on the County Office of Emergency Management's website so as to introduce the planning concept and to solicit questions and comments; and to present the Plan and request comments, as required by law, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune as follows:

1. The Monmouth County Multi-Jurisdictional *Hazard Mitigation Plan*, as submitted to the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency on March 16, 2015 by the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management is hereby adopted as an official plan of the Township of Neptune; minor revisions recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and/or the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management may be incorporated without further action.

2. The Township of Neptune departments identified in the Plan are hereby directed to pursue implementation of the recommended high priority activities that are assigned to their departments.
3. Any action proposed by the Plan shall be subject to and contingent upon budget approval, if required, which shall be at the discretion of the Township of Neptune, and this resolution shall not be interpreted so as to mandate any such appropriations.
4. The Emergency Management Coordinator is designated to coordinate with other offices and shall periodically report on the activities, accomplishments, and progress, and shall prepare an annual progress report to be submitted to the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management. The status reports shall be submitted on a yearly basis by a predetermined date as agreed upon by all stakeholders.

AUTHORIZE DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT WITH SHARK RIVER HILLS BEACH & YACHT CLUB, INC., FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT SOUTH RIVERSIDE DRIVE BLOCK 5322, LOT 4

WHEREAS, Shark River Hills Beach & Yacht Club, Inc, applied for and was granted Preliminary and Final Major Site plan Approval with bulk variances and associated waivers associated therein, for purposes of reconstructing the building within the preexisting footprint to be utilized as a meeting hall with bar, restaurant and banquet facilities for yacht club members guests before the Planning Board of the Township of Neptune; and

WHEREAS, Shark River Hills Beach & Yacht Club, Inc., has agreed to enter into a Developer's Agreement with the Township of Neptune to guarantee the faithful performance of the obligations and representations associated with the application before the Planning Board of Neptune Township; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the Township of Neptune to enter this Developer's Agreement with Shark River Hills Beach & Yacht Club, Inc., to ensure the proper compliance and guaranteed performance of items and improvements made on said parcel.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid Developer' Agreement with Shark River Hills Beach & Yacht Club, Inc., (South Riverside Drive Block 5322, Lot 4 f/k/a Block 402, Lot 14) for compliance with the Planning Board of Neptune Township's Resolution No. 14-14, and representations upon submission and approval of all conditions arising from the aforesaid Resolution, and return the same to the Township Attorney for recording in the Clerk's office of Monmouth County.

AUTHORIZE THE CANCELLATION OF SEWER RENT

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has requested the cancellation of sewer rent to the properties 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,

BLOCK/LOT	ASSESSED TO	ADDRESS	YEAR	AMOUNT
555/7	AACE Mega, LLC	1311 Highway 35 So	2015	1,965.00

REASON: No longer a bar, use changed to vacant commercial business

BLOCK/LOT	ASSESSED TO	ADDRESS	YEAR	AMOUNT
3010/1C303	Omni Suites, LLC	1900 Corlies Ave.	2014	450.00

REASON: Unit combined with 1C301

BLOCK/LOT	ASSESSED TO	ADDRESS	YEAR	AMOUNT
189/1	Johnson & Avis Obayuwana	1528 Monroe Ave.	2015	446.00

REASON: Billing revised after copies of missing 2014 water bills were provided

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

AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF A FY14 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is offering FY14 Emergency Management Performance Grants through the New Jersey State Police; and,

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Coordinator recommends that a grant application be submitted for funding in support of day-to-day Office of Emergency Management operations,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the submission of the above referenced grant application is hereby authorized and the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to execute grant documents, as needed, as representatives of the Township of Neptune; and,

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

AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY NO PARKING IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW

WHEREAS, the annual Craft Show is planned for the Pathway in Ocean Grove on Saturday, June 20, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, for the safety of the participants and to permit an area to unload goods, a temporary no parking zone is necessary,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes the establishment of temporary no parking zones on Saturday, June 20, 2015, between the hours of 5:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. at the following locations:

- 1) the north side of eastbound Ocean Pathway and the south side of westbound Ocean Pathway from Central Avenue to Ocean Avenue
- 2) both sides of Beach Avenue between eastbound Ocean Pathway and westbound Ocean Pathway
- 3) the west side of Ocean Avenue between eastbound Ocean Pathway and westbound Ocean Pathway
- 4) the east side of Central Avenue between eastbound Ocean Pathway and westbound Ocean Pathway

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Beach Avenue between eastbound Ocean Pathway and westbound Ocean Pathway shall be closed to vehicular traffic on Saturday, June 20, 2015, between the hours of 5:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief of Police, Director of Public Works, Ocean Grove Fire Official and Business Administrator.

SUPPORT THE 2015 UDRIVE. UTEXT. UPAY DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN APRIL 1ST THROUGH APRIL 21ST

WHEREAS, distracted driving is a serious, life-threatening practice that is preventable; and,

WHEREAS, distracted driving can result in injuries and deaths to all road users (motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists); and,

WHEREAS, distracted driving occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the task of driving to focus on another activity instead; and,

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that at any given moment during daylight hours, 660,000 drivers are using hand-held cell phones while driving; and,

WHEREAS, NHTSA further estimates that thousands of people are killed each year in distracted driving crashes and nearly a half million people are injured; and,

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Distracted Driving 2015 Crackdown* from April 1-21, 2015 in an effort to raise awareness and decrease driver distraction through a combination of enforcement and education; and,

WHEREAS, the national slogan for the campaign is UDrive. UText. UPay; and,

WHEREAS, a reduction in distracted driving in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby declares its support for the *Distracted Driving 2015 Crackdown* both locally and nationally from April 1, 2015 through April 21, 2015 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving; and,

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

RESCIND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 15-05 ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 23, 2015 AND CANCEL THE AUTHORIZED APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2015, the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune adopted Bond Ordinance No. 15-05 entitled, "Bond Ordinance providing for the construction of sidewalks along Neptune Boulevard, by and in the Township of Neptune, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey; appropriating \$250,000 therefor (including a grant in the amount of \$142,000) and authorizing the issuance of \$108,000 bonds or notes of the Township to finance part of the cost thereof"; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined the improvement authorized by Bond Ordinance No. 15-05 was previously authorized by Bond Ordinance No. 14-12 on March 24, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to rescind Bond Ordinance No. 15-05 and cancel this debt authorization,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that Bond Ordinance No. 15-05, heretofore adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, be and is hereby rescinded; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township's Debt Statement shall be amended to reflect the cancellation of debt authorized by Bond Ordinance 15-05; and,

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

AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF 2014 BUDGET APPROPRIATION RESERVES

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 permits the transfer of previous year appropriations during the first three months of the fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has recommended that the following appropriation transfers be authorized;

FROM:

Police Department O.E.	13,000.00
Solid Waste Collection S&W	21,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal O.E.	29,345.00

TO:

Police Department S&W	18,534.00
Road Department S&W	44,811.00

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the 2014 Budget Appropriation Reserves be transferred as stated herein; 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 PURCHASE OF TIMBER PILINGS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS YARD

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent solicited quotes for the purchase of timber pilings for improvements at the Public Works Yard; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of said item is less than the bid threshold but exceeds \$17,500.00 and therefore must be awarded by Resolution of the governing body; and,

WHEREAS, said quotes were reviewed by the Purchasing Agent who have recommended that the low quote be accepted in accordance with the Open Public Contracts Law; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be provided in the 2015 Municipal Budget, when finally adopted, in the appropriation entitled Recycling Tonnage 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 and delivery of timber pilings for the Public Works Yard be and is hereby authorized through Culpeper Marine Division pursuant to their quote of \$29,900.00; and,

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

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UTILITY OPENING PERMIT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, Jersey Shore University Medical Center requires a New Jersey Department of Transportation Utility Opening Permit to install a sanitary sewer improvements under State Highway 33 in front of the hospital; and,

WHEREAS, State Highway Road Opening Permits are executed by the municipality; and,

WHEREAS, the Developer will be responsible for all fees in connection with obtaining said permit,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to execute a New Jersey Department of Transportation Utility Opening Permit Application to allow for the installation of sanitary sewer improvements under State Highways 33 to service Jersey Shore University Medical Center; and.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the executed application.

AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF ENTERPRISE SOFTWARE LICENSES AND ENGINEERING SERVICES THROUGH THE STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune wishes to purchase enterprise software licenses and engineering services 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, SHI has been awarded New Jersey State Contract No. A77560 for these items; 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 these items shall not exceed \$35,208.20; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available from Ordinance No. 14-20 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 enterprise software licenses and engineering services through New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract No. A77560 be and is hereby authorized at an amount not to exceed \$35,208.20; and,

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

AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF A WIRELESS WAN INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGH THE STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune wishes to authorize the acquisition and installation of a wireless WAN infrastructure 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, New Jersey Business Systems, Inc. has been awarded New Jersey State Contract No. A83899 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 the acquisition and installation of this item shall not exceed \$574,869.50; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available from Ordinance No. 13-31 and Ordinance No. 14-20 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 acquisition and installation of a wireless WAN infrastructure through New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract No. A83899 be and is hereby authorized at an amount not to exceed \$574,869.50; and,

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

The resolutions of the Consent Agenda were adopted on the following vote: Bishop, aye; Houghtaling, aye; McMillan, aye; and Jahn, aye.

INTRODUCE 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2015; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in The Coaster in the issue of April 9, 2015,

General Appropriations

Appropriations within "CAPS"	31,652,206.44
Appropriations excluded from "CAPS"	7,344,115.82
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	2,070,000.00
Total General Appropriations	41,066,322.26

General Revenues

Anticipated Revenues Other Than Current Property Tax	13,129,048.90
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	26,781,004.36
Minimum Library Tax	1,156,269.00
Total General Revenues	41,066,322.26

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, County of Monmouth, on March 30, 2015. A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Neptune Township Municipal Complex, Township

Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, 25 Neptune Blvd., Neptune NJ on April 27, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2015 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

The resolution was adopted on the following vote: Bishop, aye; Houghtaling, aye; McMillan, aye; and Jahn, aye.

OPPOSE SEISMIC TESTING AND OFFSHORE DRILLING ACTIVITIES

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

WHEREAS, the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is currently in the process of trying to open the mid-Atlantic Ocean to exploration and development of offshore oil and gas including risky methods, such as seismic blasting; and,

WHEREAS, seismic air-guns fire intense blasts of compressed air, one of the loudest human-made sounds in the ocean. These dynamic-like blasts can occur as frequently as every ten seconds, for days to weeks at a time and are loud enough to harm marine and aquatic life; and,

WHEREAS, the full impacts of seismic testing and offshore drilling in the Atlantic Ocean are not yet fully understood by scientists, the oil and gas industry, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management or the Federal Government, and lower-impact alternative technologies may be available for exploration in the neat future; and,

WHEREAS, exploratory and commercial drilling, extraction, and transportation of offshore oil and gas resources pose a significant risk of a spill; and,

WHEREAS, eventual offshore drilling may require significant onshore infrastructure, such as pipelines or refineries, which may harm the character of our coast; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune endeavors to be a good steward of its coastal environment and its resources; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune believes that more research should be done to fully understand and to better address the impacts of seismic testing and the options for mitigating those impacts before exploration begins, including incorporation of the National Fisheries Service's soon-to-be-released acoustic guidance document; and,

WHEREAS, the exploration and development of oil and natural gas off the mid-Atlantic coast will not effectively or fully address the long-term energy needs of our country; and,

WHEREAS, the Township feels it would be more economically and ecologically responsible to pursue non-polluting sources of renewable energy through solar, wind, and biomass energy production projects that pose less risk to our coastal environment and economic health before using uncertain methods of seismic blasting for offshore oil and gas exploration,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune is hereby opposed to seismic testing and offshore oil and gas development off the mid-Atlantic coast; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Congressman Chris Smith, Senator Robert Menendez and Senator Cory Booker.

The resolution was adopted on the following vote: Bishop, aye; Houghtaling, aye; McMillan, aye; and Jahn, aye.

AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A FREIGHTLINER TRUCK WITH ROLL OFF BODY & HOIST THROUGH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL PURCHASING PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, the Township Committee wishes to authorize the purchase of a 2015 Freightliner 114SD 80 with American Roll Off Body & Hoist 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. HT06-14 to Houston Freightliner 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 amount of the purchase of this equipment shall not exceed \$168,565.00; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available from Ordinance No. 13-31 and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Neptune Committee of the Township of Neptune that the purchase of a 2015 Freightliner 114SD 80 Truck with American Roll Off Body & Hoist Public Works Department be and is hereby authorized through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Purchasing Program at an amount not to exceed \$168,565.00; 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: Bishop, aye; Houghtaling, aye; McMillan, aye; and Jahn, aye.

EMPLOY DRIVER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ON A PROBATIONARY BASIS

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

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of Driver in the Public Works Department; and,

WHEREAS, the position of Driver was duly posted in January and applicants have been interviewed; and,

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator and Human Resources Specialist have made their recommendation to select an individual who was interviewed earlier this year; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be provided for the first three months of 2015 in the 2015 Temporary Budget and funds for the balance of 2015 will be provided in the Budget for the year 2015, when finally adopted, and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that Jerry Robinson be and is hereby employed as a Driver in the Department of Public Works, on a probationary basis for a period of not less than 90 days and not exceeding one year, pending favorable results of the required physical, effective April 6, 2015, at an annual salary of \$28,560.00; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Public Works Director, Business Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Assistant C.F.O., AFSCME Local #1844, and Human Resources.

The resolution was adopted on the following vote: Bishop, aye; Houghtaling, aye; McMillan, aye; and Jahn, aye.

AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Bishop offered the following resolution, moved and seconded by Mr. Houghtaling, 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	\$4,809,039.80
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	55,835.74
TRUST OTHER	35,767.64
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	21,024.37
SEWER OPERATING FUND	1,050,950.53
SEWER CAPITAL FUND	2,661.10
MARINA OPERATING FUND	6,480.39
MARINA CAPITAL FUND	2,020.80
DOG TRUST	14,954.00
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST	133.28
LIBRARY TRUST	75.21
BILL LIST TOTAL	\$5,998,942.86

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: Bishop, aye; Houghtaling, aye; McMillan, aye; and Jahn, aye.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jack Bredin, 94 ½ Heck Avenue, stated in the editorial page of the Coaster there was a letter to the editor from Barbara Burns, Vice President of Ocean Grove’s Homeowner’s Association. He stated she was critical of two recent blog finger editorials. He asked the Mayor to shed light on the Committee’s plan because he did not know what was going on with secret meetings. He stated this was a legal matter between the Township and the Redeveloper and it appeared to him that something else was going on.

Mayor Jahn stated there were no secret meetings and it was the right of any group or organization to sit down and talk to whoever was planning to put something up.

Mr. Bishop stated anyone could agree to anything but they still have to come to us. They have to go before the HPC for approval, they have to come to us to pull building permits and to show that they signed off on the necessary things. Quite frankly anyone can sit down and tell anyone anything. We are the people that will say the checks and balances occurred and a discussion is a discussion and that’s it.

Michael Fornino, 120 Fulham Place, there are a lot people in this town who drives their car with their eyes closed. He stated there was a glowing message to anyone who drives into Neptune there’s a sign that says Crime Scene near the Asbury Circle. Someone should take it down.

Mr. Gadaleta stated they’ve seen it and they’ve reached out to the property owner on numerous occasions. He was in contact with the Owner, Coca Cola again and asked them to have it removed or we would do it.

Mr. Fornino discussed snow plows on Route 33. He stated it has been plowed by eight snow plows this year. The contract calls for three plows but there are eight out there. He stated he was sick and tired of this and he was thinking of running for the Township Committee.

Mr. Houghtaling asked what did this have to do with the Township.

Mr. Bishop asked Mr. Gadaleta to get in contact with Senator Beck regarding this and ask if they could give us an answer regarding this.

Patrick Dougherty, 11 Cedar Crest Drive, stated you could not count to much on the accuracy of the Asbury Park Press. He asked if the Committee could entertain a motion.

Mr. Bishop stated he did not feel comfortable in entertaining a motion without knowing what it is about. He asked the Mayor if they could take it under advisement and discuss it in two weeks.

Mayor Jahn stated they would not entertain a motion this evening.

Kennedy Buckley, 65 Broadway, discussed the parking problem in Ocean Grove and questioned when the Township would recognize it. He also discussed street sweeping and snow removal as well as the North End redevelopment. He felt that the ordinances pertaining to neglect of properties should be addressed.

Mr. Houghtaling asked Mr. Buckley what would be his solution to the problem of parking in Ocean Grove.

Mr. Buckley stated he did not have a solution.

Mayor Jahn stated a lot of distressed cities were charging for parking.

Mr. Buckley stated he did not want to start paying for parking in Ocean Grove and he did not think that was the solution. He suggested permit parking and questioned what would happen on the North End.

Mr. Bishop stated Mr. Anthony has reached out yet again to WAVE and to the redevelopment saying that we are still waiting for another negotiation session.

Mr. Anthony stated Jen Krimko advised him that she was going to contact the Township within thirty days to set up a new meeting. He stated as far as 80 Main Avenue there was a second plea that was entered about a month ago that required them to make necessary repairs to satisfy the property maintenance ordinance in ninety days and we are in sixty days. The idea is to get them to do something rather than to fine them. He stated he did not care what they did as far as demolition but they had to make repairs within ninety days no matter what you do. 80 Main Avenue is now on the abandoned property list and the property owner has filed an appeal to take it off of the list. Mr. Doolittle has to have a hearing regarding this and then it can still be appealed. There are a number of things going on, on three different fronts.

Dorothy Argyros, 2100 Rutherford Avenue stated Ordinance #15-14 smells to high heaven as far as she was concerned and requested a total accounting be done on the day that it is discussed. She felt there would be a hidden roll over. She also questioned when would the accreditation be finished. She thought that it might be finished in May.

Mr. Bascom stated they were submitting to their inspection in May.

Gail Oliver, Neptune City, requested removal of a pair of red sneakers on Union Avenue, specifically in front of 209 Union Avenue. She requested Code Enforcement have them removed when they are riding around. She also discussed the back up on the North and South of Route 35 specifically in front of Jamison's restaurant. She felt the traffic pattern was going to get worse and asked them to observe the traffic. She questioned the status of the traffic light that is to be installed on Heck Avenue and Route 35.

Mr. Gadaleta stated it was currently under construction and they have installed the electric underground and they have put in all of the pole bases, so the project is underway.

Ms. Oliver also questioned the status of the grant for the cameras that is to be facing Midtown Commons Park on West Lake Avenue.

Mr. Bascom stated that was one of the projects that was awarded tonight but it was not part of the grant. The grant is a total separate project. They awarded the project for the cameras tonight but it was not with grant money.

Ms. Oliver asked if it was still slated for Midtown Common Parks.

Mr. Bascom stated it was slated for that area.

Ms. Oliver questioned whether he meant that area as being the park itself.

Mr. Bascom confirmed that the park itself would be covered by cameras.

Mr. Gadaleta stated one of the requirements was that the Township had to adopt an

ordinance specifically regarding no left turns either way. He stated he believed those improvements were left to the Township to undertake. So as part of the Heck Avenue project they would have to put up the signage and striping. He will follow up on the ordinance with Mrs. Hoffmann to see where we stand on that

Russ Harmstead, 111 Hawthorne St. stated for the past six to eight months he's been trying to recover the thousands of dollars the towns taxpayers have laid out to repair to the sidewalk that has been by the Town. He stated he thought New Jersey American Water Company was responsible for the damage. He also obtained a deposition but apparently that was not enough information for the Township. He stated Mr. Gadaleta agreed with him that the owner was responsible for repairs regardless of how it happened and he would come up with a solution.

Mr. Gadaleta stated as a result that our maps are now accurate the Water Company is the property owner and they will be billed for all expenses for the sidewalk.

Mr. Harmstead questioned what would happen if they did not pay the bill.

Mr. Gadaleta stated they would put a lien on the property. He thanked Mr. Harmstead for his persistence.

Barbara Burns, 4 Ocean Avenue, stated a resident brought to her attention that there was a dip in the roadway at Main and Pennsylvania and asked if someone could take a look at it.

Mr. Gadaleta stated they could look at the current condition of it.

Ms. Burns also commented on an odor coming from the Wesley Lake and questioned whether the desilting had anything to do with it.

Mr. Gadaleta stated the desilting did not create the problem she was talking about but he would look into it.

Peter Wagar, 109 Seaview Court, he had the opportunity to attend a Wall Township meeting regarding the dredging. They were very receptive but all of the communities should meet and get together. He appealed to the Township to participate because it would help with the health of the river. Wall did not want to bring in the material and make it their problem alone.

Mr. Houghtaling stated Wall doesn't have much to gain.

Mr. Bishop stated all of the Towns have met and Mr. Houghtaling is right Wall says what do they get out of this. They really have no desire to be a part of this. He felt there should be a maintenance plan as well as a long term plan.

Hank Coakley, Valley Road, is there a maintenance code or code of conduct for Neptune renters because some of these people cause horrible conditions and it's disgusting. He did not feel that the Township helped the owners by putting a cap on rent increases.

Mr. Bishop stated if the Township get a complaint about an apartment we go out and issue violations. We will go after the landlord who must work with the tenants to try and correct the situations.

Mr. Anthony stated every tenant was subject to the same ordinances and statutes of conduct that any other citizen have. In addition to that the major reason for a lease agreement is to regulate conduct. You cannot evict unless there is a cause. Tenants have more regulations than the average citizen.

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

Richard J. Cuttrell,
Municipal Clerk