

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – JANUARY 11, 2016

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, Dr. Michael Brantley, Eric J. Houghtaling, Nicholas Williams and Mayor Kevin B. McMillan.

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

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 7, 2016, 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:

James Markey, JCP&L Government Liaison, updated the Committee on the new power line project being installed between Howell and Neptune. In addition, new steel poles and upgrades to the Oceanview substation are planned for February. The overall project will be done in 2017 at a cost of about \$100 million and will allow restoration of power to occur faster by networking with other facilities. Flood walls have been installed around substations susceptible to flooding. Also, the Speakers Bureau has been reactivated and Mr. Markey is available to speak to small groups and homeowners associations. Mr. Bishop asked if there is a timeframe for other utilities to move their services when a new pole is installed by JCP&L. Mr. Markey stated that there is no mandated deadline, but he can contact other utilities to address specific instances.

Mr. Gadaleta recommended the creation of a Program for Public Information Committee in connection with the Community Rating System. This will assist in moving the Township up one more rating category. Recommendation are need for citizen membership. Mr. Bishop suggested contacting the homeowners associations in Ocean Grove, Shark River Hills and Seaview Island, which are the areas where coastal flooding is possible.

Mr. Gadaleta stated that the Mayor wants to get more active with the NJ Sustainability Program and reappoint the Green Team. Recommendations for citizen members are needed.

Mr. Bishop stated that there has been a lot in the media about opting out of the County Assessment Program. He asked that the Tax Assessor provide an update to the Committee at a February meeting. Mr. Bascom stated that the program does allow for assessments to keep current with market values which is an element that the Township supports.

Dr. Brantley asked Mr. Gadaleta to contact potential Developers and provide them with the West Lake Redevelopment Plan to get suggestion on possible changes to the Plan and eventually leading to a public forum in the future. Mr. Gadaleta stated that the County will provide a list of developers and we can post information on the web site. The Mayor recommended also contacting the NJ Redevelopment Authority to identify developers.

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

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

Personnel – Harbor Commission
Potential Litigation – Boiler project bids

Contract negotiations – Affordable Housing Alliance abatement
Personnel – Acting Senior Center Director

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; Brantley, aye; Houghtaling, aye; Williams, aye; and McMillan, aye.

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

The Committee discussed the elimination of the Harbor Commission due the redundancies and the desire to have the Harbor Master report directly to the Township Committee. Mr. Anthony will prepare the ordinance for introduction at the next meeting to eliminate the Commission.

Mr. Anthony stated that the Affordable Housing Alliance is applying for affordable funding via the NJ Housing and Mortgage Financing Agency for the purchase of the Winding Ridge townhouse complex. As part of the application, a PILOT agreement must be negotiated with the Township. The Committee asked that negotiations be made to achieve similar parameters as was done with Sebastian Villa.

Mr. Gadaleta recommended the appointment of Kristina Torres as Acting Senior Director due to the impending leave of the Director. The Committee asked that the appropriation resolution be placed on the next regular meeting retroactive to January 16th.

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

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

Also present at the dais were Richard J. Cuttrel, Municipal Clerk; Vito D. Gadaleta, Business 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 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 7, 2016, 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.

PRESENTATION – ERIC J. HOUGHTALING

The Mayor presented a plaque to Committeeman Eric Houghtaling in appreciation of his service as a member of the Neptune Township Committee since January 1, 2011 and as Mayor of Neptune Township in 2013. On January 12, 2016, Mr. Houghtaling will be sworn into office as a member of the New Jersey State Assembly on January 12th; therefore, in accordance with State Statute, he must relinquish his position as a Township Committee member.

Mr. Houghtaling reflected on his years as a member of the Committee by mentioning the projects and initiatives that made him proud. He thanked his family, Township employees, and the residents for the opportunity to serve and for working with him to accomplish many goals. He closed by saying it was an honor to serve Neptune Township.

REPORT OF THE CLERK

The Clerk stated that the following reports and communications are on file in his office:

Senior Beacon for January.

Tax Collector's monthly statements for October, November and December.

Copies of thank you letters to the Senior Center staff from Martha & Bill Crowell, Angela & George Germann and Ralph Lanza.

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS

Mr. Williams extended congratulations to Mr. Houghtaling and his wife Linda. He attended the Law Enforcement Appreciation Day which was a great event and also a nice chance to showcase the school facilities.

Mr. Houghtaling stated that he got his political start as a write-in candidate for County Committee just prior to running for the Township Committee. He received three votes; his own, his wife's, and his daughter's, and won the write-in campaign. Tomorrow, he will be sworn-in as a member of the New Jersey Assembly.

Mr. Bishop offered accolades for Mr. Houghtaling stating he was the best running mate, a wonderful person and a great friend. He added that Mr. Houghtaling will make us proud and wished him the best of luck. He attended the Law Enforcement Appreciation event at the High School. Mr. Bishop then announced that he will be leaving the Township Committee in February to take a job with the County of Monmouth and Deputy Superintendent of Elections.

Dr. Brantley also attended Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and heard stories about the impact of police officers every day in our lives. He stated that Mr. Houghtaling got stronger every year. He added that he is proud of Mr. Houghtaling and knows that he will do a great job in Trenton.

The Mayor offered wishes for the best of luck to Mr. Houghtaling. He is a tireless worker and will do a great job in Trenton. He also attended Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and offered thoughts on police officers and what a great event it was.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

Dorothy Argyros, 2100 Rutherford Avenue, spoke regarding Resolution #16-71. She stated the Township had a grant for remediation for the property that was purchased in extremely contaminated conditions. She questioned the total cost for the remediation of which \$169,000 is a part.

Mayor McMillan stated \$169,435 was the total cost.

Mrs. Argyros stated she received a copy of Resolution #16-62 from Rick Cuttrell and there was mention of an attachment but there wasn't an attachment to it when she received it. She also stated she did not know what SHBP meant or SEHBP.

Mayor McMillan stated it was State Health Benefits Program.

Mrs. Argyros questioned what did it do and would it save them money.

Mayor McMillan stated it speaks to the responsibility for post - retirement benefits for employees.

Mr. Bascom stated it is will all of our employees and it details what we reimburse them for their medicare benefits.

Mrs. Argyros questioned whether this would save them money.

Mr. Bascom stated this was a continuation of something that has been in place for a long time.

Mrs. Argyros referred to Resolution 16-69 and questioned whether the property owner mowed the lawn or not.

Mr. Cuttrell stated these were for removal of bulky waste, tires and boarded up structures.

Mrs. Argyros also discussed the fact that she's helped property owners file tax appeals where mistakes have been made. She questioned whether the mistakes would be corrected to favor the taxpayer.

Mr. Bascom stated that's what the majority of these are. They are corrections to benefit the taxpayer.

Kathy Arlt, Abbott Avenue, asked for a copy of the detail sheets for the resolution to place liens on various properties. Mr. Cuttrell provided them.

Hank Coakley, Valley Road, asked how clean the marina soil will be after the remediation. Mr. Bascom stated that he does not have that specific information, but it can be obtained from the Township Engineer. Mr. Bishop stated that there is a residential and commercial standard. Mr. Coakley stated the marina is a great asset than can be used 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Joan Venezia, Mt. Hermon Way, asked if the resolution was for an agreement with the Ocean Grove Citizens Patrol was for vehicle maintenance. Mr. Bascom responded yes.

Kennedy Buckley, Broadway, stated that recently a wheel fell off one of the Ocean Grove Citizens Patrol vehicles, so he is glad to see the agreement for vehicle maintenance.

Dianna Harris, Willow Drive, questioned what was left at the Chinnichi residence as far as Resolution #16-70 was concerned.

Mr. Bascom stated he believed it was for the removal of solids that were in the ground on the private property along side it.

Ms. Harris also questioned Ordinance # 16-77 for employment of on call part-time construction employees. She questioned whether this was just for construction or would this be helping out with the abandoned properties.

Mr. Gadaleta stated this would cover our building department inspectors when they go on vacation and to do additional work when there is an increase in volume.

Ms. Harris questioned how many people would they be hiring.

Mr. Gadaleta stated there were three people that they use and it is only as needed.

Phyliss Truhan, Ocean Grove, stated she was concerned about Resolution #16-80 which has to do with the Winding Ridge Apartments. She questioned what would the income levels be to qualify for the housing.

Mr. Gadaleta stated he did not know what the income levels were but they would be the same as what they've been. He stated the housing there has been low to moderate for twenty years and it was going to be converted to market rate but now we have the possibility to have of the Affordable Housing Alliance to purchase it and maintaining it for low and moderate income residents.

Mr. Bishop stated this was a measure to keep it as the Affordable Alliance moves forward in trying to secure funding in purchasing it.

Ms. Truhan stated she's been on some of the tours they've done and it really isn't affordable. They are less than the market rate but price is still high for minimum wage workers.

Mr. Anthony stated the State establishes the rates.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-01 - APPROVED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 16-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME I, CHAPTER VII, SECTION 7-11 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE BY ESTABLISHING STOP INTERSECTIONS AT MAYFAIR LANE AND STAMFORD DRIVE AND CHADWELL COURT AND STAMFORD DRIVE

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Brantley offered the following resolutions of the Consent Agenda, moved and seconded by Mr. Williams, that they be adopted:

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JAHIAH POSTELL AS A DRIVER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has received a letter from Jahiad Postell resigning as a Driver in the Department of Public Works effective December 29, 2015,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the resignation of Jahaid Postell as a Driver in the Department of Public Works is hereby accepted effective December 29, 2015; and,

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

AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO WESLEY LAKE RETAINING WALL

WHEREAS, upon inspection by the Township Engineer, it was determined that the western section of the Wesley Lake retaining wall has been compromised and is not sufficient to retain the earth and sidewalk along the Lake Avenue right-of-way; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer determined that an emergency existed and immediate repairs were necessary and,

WHEREAS, Leon S. Avakian, Inc. has provided a temporary shoring detail that will work to retain the earth and infrastructure until a permanent fix can be made; and,

WHEREAS, the Engineering Department received a quote from Precise Construction to respond and make the necessary repairs; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be provided in Ordinance No. 12-17 and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby declares that emergency conditions exist as the result of the failure of the western section of the Wesley Lake retaining wall; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Township Engineer, Precise Construction is hereby authorized to make the necessary repairs at an amount not to exceed \$18,700.00; and,

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

AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN THE NEW JERSEY STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN RETIREES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 48

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

1. The Township of Neptune hereby elects to adopt the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.38 and adhere to the rules and regulations promulgated by the State Health Benefits Commission and/or School Employees' Health Benefits Commission to implement the provisions of that law.

2. This resolution affects employees as shown on the attached Chapter 48 Resolution Addendum. It is effective on the 1st day of February, 2016.

3. We are aware that adoption of this resolution does not free us of the obligation to pay for post-retirement medical benefits of retirees or employees who qualified for those payments under any Chapter 88 Resolution or Chapter 48 Resolution adopted previously by this governing body.

4. We agree that this Resolution will remain in effect until properly amended or revoked with the SHBP and/or SEHBP. We recognize that, while we remain in the SHBP and/or SEHBP, we

are responsible for providing the payment for post-retirement medical coverage as listed in the attached Chapter 48 Resolution Amendment for all employees who qualify for this coverage which this Resolution is in force.

5. We understand that we are required to provide the Division of Pensions and Benefits complete copies of all contracts, ordinances, and resolutions that detail post-retirement medical payment obligations we undertake. We also recognize that we may be required to provide the Division with information needed to carry out the terms of this Resolution.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF SUZANNE MORALES AS A VIOLATIONS CLERK IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has received a letter from Suzanne Morales resigning as a Violations Clerk in the Municipal Court effective December 28, 2015,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the resignation of Suzanne Morales as a Violations Clerk in the Municipal Court is hereby accepted effective December 28, 2015; and,

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

APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF TAXI MEDALLION LICENSE NO. 014

WHEREAS, Ihab Elwam is the owner of Neptune Township Taxi Medallion No. 014; and,

WHEREAS, he has notified the Taxi License Coordinator of the intent to sell and transfer ownership of said medallion to Mian Jameel; and,

WHEREAS, the Taxi License Coordinator has certified that all requirements of transfer have been satisfied,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that approval is hereby granted for the transfer of Taxi Medallion License No. 014 to Mian Jameel; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Taxi License Coordinator and Municipal Clerk.

AWARD BID FOR BULK WASTE DISPOSAL

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2015, the Purchasing Agent received bids for the award of a contract for bulk waste removal services; and,

WHEREAS, said bids were reviewed by the Purchasing Agent who has recommended that the bid be awarded to the lowest bid submitted by Mazza & Sons, 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 will be provided for the first three months of 2016 in the 2016 Temporary Budget and funds for the balance of 2016 will be provided in the Budget for the year 2016, 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 a contract be awarded to Mazza & Sons, Inc. for bulk waste removal services for two years based on their lowest responsible bid of \$78.00 per ton in 2016 and \$79.00 per ton in 2017; and,

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

AWARD BID FOR REMOVAL OF BRUSH

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2015, the Purchasing Agent received bids for the award of a contract for removal of brush; and,

WHEREAS, said bids were reviewed by the Purchasing Agent who has recommended that

the bid be awarded to the lowest bid submitted by Mazza Mulch, 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 will be provided for the first three months of 2016 in the 2016 Temporary Budget and funds for the balance of 2016 will be provided in the Budget for the year 2016, 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 a contract be awarded to Mazza Mulch, Inc. for removal of brush from the Public Works Yard for two years based on their lowest responsible bid of \$3.49 per cubic yard in 2016 and \$3.74 per cubic yard in 2017; and,

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

AWARD BID FOR REMOVAL OF LEAVES

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2015, the Purchasing Agent received bids for the award of a contract for removal of leaves; and,

WHEREAS, said bids were reviewed by the Purchasing Agent who has recommended that the bid be awarded to the lowest bid submitted by Britton Industries, 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 will be provided for the first three months of 2016 in the 2016 Temporary Budget and funds for the balance of 2016 will be provided in the Budget for the year 2016, 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 a contract be awarded to Britton Industries, Inc. for removal of leaves for two years based on their lowest responsible bid of \$5.99 per cubic yard in 2016 and \$5.99 per cubic yard in 2017; and,

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

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF OWEN ROSENTHAL AS A SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – CLASS II

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has received a letter from Owen Rosenthal resigning as a Special Law Enforcement Officer – Class II effective December 28, 2015,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the resignation of Owen Rosenthal as a Special Law Enforcement Officer – Class II is hereby accepted effective December 28, 2015; and,

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

PLACE LIEN ON VARIOUS PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, Ordinance #843 of the Township of Neptune states that where a violation or condition exists on any property in the Township of Neptune that is of such a nature as to constitute an immediate threat to life, health, safety and the well being of residents in this township unless abated without delay, the Code Enforcement Supervisor may abate the violation or condition immediately or order the owner, operator or occupant to correct the violation or condition within a three-day period; and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Supervisor determined that the condition of the properties listed below constituted such a threat; and,

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Supervisor has notified the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the owners of said property have failed to correct the condition/violation as ordered; and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Supervisor has had the condition corrected in accordance with Article IV, Section 6.2 (a) of Ordinance #843 at a total cost as indicated below,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to place the following costs as a lien against the following properties; and,

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
713/17	505 Fisher Place	3,476.66
5608/10	Concourse West	1,987.50
503/22	1205 Embury Avenue	230.00
714/25	1706 Summerfield Avenue	2,600.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution along with the Code Enforcement Supervisor's report be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE HAZARDOUS DISCHARGE SITE REMEDIATION FUND PUBLIC ENTITY PROGRAM THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (FORMER CHIDNESE PROPERTY – 1825 WEST LAKE AVENUE)

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune has applied for and has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$39,327.00 from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Municipal Grant Program through the Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Economic Development Authority for Remedial Action at the former Chidnese property at 1825 West Lake Avenue,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the above referenced grant is hereby accepted and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute grant documents as an authorized representative thereunder, as the representative for the Township of Neptune; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, the Chief Financial Officer, and Administrative Assistant to the C.F.O.

ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE HAZARDOUS DISCHARGE SITE REMEDIATION FUND PUBLIC ENTITY PROGRAM THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (SHARK RIVER MUNICIPAL MARINA – 149 SOUTH RIVERSIDE DRIVE)

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune has applied for and has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$169,435.00 from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Municipal Grant Program through the Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Economic Development Authority to conduct Remedial Action at the Shark River Municipal Marina property at 149 South Riverside Drive,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the above referenced grant is hereby accepted and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute grant documents as an authorized representative thereunder, as the representative for the Township of Neptune; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, the Chief Financial Officer, and Administrative Assistant to the C.F.O.

AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF A FY15 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is offering FY15 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, and Administrative Assistant to the C.F.O.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A TREATMENT WORKS APPLICATION FOR THE JSUMC HOPE TOWER

WHEREAS, Jersey Shore University Medical Center has submitted a Treatment Works Application to construct approximately 304 linear feet of eight inch sewer line to service the HOPE Tower with a proposed flow of 29,985 gallons per day; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has reviewed said application and has certified that available capacity exists,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes the Clerk to execute the Treatment Works Application Statement of Consent for the sanitary sewer extension to service the Jersey Shore University Medical Center HOPE Tower; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to TNSA along with the executed Treatment Works Application.

AUTHORIZE THE TEMPORARY CLOSING OF STREETS IN CONNECTION WITH A BENEFIT 5K RUN AT VOLUNTEER PARK

WHEREAS, Recovery Along the River Foundation, Inc. has scheduled a benefit 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, May 1, 2016 at Volunteer Park on South Riverside Drive; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to temporarily close streets and designate no parking on the streets bordering South Riverside Drive, the Marina and Volunteer Park during the event; and,

WHEREAS, the Police Department has reviewed and approved these closures,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby designates the temporary closure and posting of temporary no parking on the following streets on May 1, 2016 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. for the 5K Run/Walk:

South Riverside Drive between Park Place and Marvin Court
Clinton Place between South Riverside Drive and Valley Road
Valley Road between Clinton Place and Park Place
Park Place between Valley Road and South Riverside Drive
Vernon Avenue, Tremont Drive, Benton Place, Cliffwood Drive, Sylvan Drive, The Plaza, Milford Road, Prospect Avenue, Highland Avenue, Melrose Avenue, Hillcrest Avenue, Fairview Place, Beverly Way and Riverview Court at South Riverside Drive

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

AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING AND PLANNING

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Law & Safety, Division of State Police offer sub grants to municipalities for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) training and drills; and,

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Coordinator recommends that the Township submit funding applications for hazardous materials response training and a hazardous materials incident drill,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the Emergency Management Coordinator be and is hereby authorized to submit grant applications to the New Jersey Department of Law & Safety, Division of State Police, for a

FY15 HMEP Training Subgrant for HazMat Response Training in the amount of \$26,000.00 and a FY15 HMEP Planning Subgrant for a HazMat incident drill in the amount of \$26,900.00, and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the O.E.M. Coordinator and Grant Coordinator.

PLACE LIEN ON 522 SOUTH RIVERSIDE DRIVE DUE TO COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DEMOLITION OF A STRUCTURE

WHEREAS, the Construction Official has determined that the condition of the fire damaged structure at 522 South Riverside Drive is of such a nature as to constitute an immediate threat to life, health, safety and the well being of residents in this township unless demolished; and,

WHEREAS, the Construction Official has ordered the owners of said property to demolish the structure and they have failed to do so; and,

WHEREAS, the Construction has obtained a quote for demolition and the structure has been demolished at a total cost as indicated below,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to place a lien of \$14,750.00 against 522 South Riverside Drive for costs associated with the demolition of the fire damaged structure; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Deputy Tax Collector.

AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF ON-CALL PART-TIME CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT INSPECTORS

WHEREAS, due to periodic instances of heavy workload and/or vacation time taken by full-time Construction Department staff, it is necessary to authorize on-call part-time licensed individuals to serve as a Building, Plumbing or Electrical Inspector to ensure uninterrupted processing of construction permits; and,

WHEREAS, the Construction Official recommends the employment of licensed individuals to serve in this capacity; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be provided for the first three months of 2016 in the 2016 Temporary Budget and funds for the balance of 2016 will be provided in the Budget for the year 2016, when finally adopted, 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 employment of the following individuals to serve as on-call part-time Inspectors in the Construction Department, as determined by the Construction Official, at an hourly rate of \$30.00:

- Edward Aras – Building Inspector
- James Kaiser – Electrical Inspector
- Patrick Duggan – Plumbing Inspector

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

AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OCEAN GROVE CITIZENS PATROL FOR MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune has a contract with Centerra Integrated Services to provide vehicle maintenance to Township vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, the Ocean Grove Citizens Patrol is a non-profit corporation of the State of New Jersey and provides a municipal service to the Township of Neptune; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune desires to enter into an Agreement with the Ocean Grove Citizens Patrol to receive vehicle maintenance services through Centerra Integrated Services at the Township's Public Works Yard; and,

WHEREAS, the Ocean Grove Citizens Patrol will agree to pay the Township's contracted

hourly rate for service plus \$10.00 per hour for administrative costs,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes the execution of an Agreement with the Ocean Grove Citizens Patrol, for a period of one year with an option to automatically renew in each of the next five years, effective January 1, 2016, which provides that the Ocean Grove Citizens patrol will pay the Township for vehicle maintenance services provided by Centerra Integrated Services; and,

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

AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF STIPULATIONS AND FILING OF CROSS APPEALS AND ASSESSOR APPEALS FOR CORRECTIONS ONLY IN CONNECTION WITH TAX APPEALS

WHEREAS, a number of 2016 County Tax Appeals have been filed by Neptune Township property owners; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township Committee that the Township Tax Assessor, Deputy Tax Assessor and Township Attorney sign stipulations, file cross appeals and Assessor's appeals, for corrections only, where necessary,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, that the Tax Assessor, Deputy Tax Assessor and Township Attorney be and are hereby authorized to sign stipulations, file cross appeals and Assessor's appeals, for corrections only, where necessary on behalf of the Township of Neptune; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Arthur J. Lehman will act as the Township expert in defense of 2016 Tax Court appeals; and,

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

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

DETERMINE NEED FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE WINDING RIDGE FAMILY VENTURES, LLC WINDING RIDGE APARTMENTS

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

WHEREAS, Winding Ridge Family Ventures, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Sponsor") a partnership between the Affordable Housing Alliance and The Alpert Group proposes to rehabilitate 99 units of affordable housing for families with low & moderate incomes (hereinafter referred to as the "Project") pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency Law of 1983, as amended (N.J.S.A. 55:14K-1 et seq.), the rules promulgated thereunder at N.J.A.C. 5:80-1.1 et seq., and all applicable guidelines promulgated thereunder (the foregoing hereinafter collectively referred to as the "HMFA Requirements") within the Township of Neptune (hereinafter referred to as the "Municipality") on a site described as Block 3052, Lot 10, C01 through C99 as shown on the Official Assessment Map of the Township of Neptune, Monmouth County; and

WHEREAS, the Project will be subject to the HMFA Requirements and the mortgage and other loan documents executed between the Sponsor and the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (hereinafter referred to as the "Agency"); and

WHEREAS, the Project will or may be subject to requirements of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (hereinafter referred to as the "Department of Community Affairs"), Neighborhood Preservation Balanced Housing Program in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-320 and applicable rules promulgated thereunder at N.J.A.C. 5:43-1.1 et seq., and the mortgage and other loan documents executed between the Sponsor and the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the HMFA Requirements, the governing body of the Municipality hereby determines that there is a need for this housing project in the Municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune (the "Township Committee") that:

- (1) The Township Committee finds and determines that Winding Ridge Apartments, the 99-unit family housing Project proposed by the Sponsor meets or will meet an existing housing need;
- (2) The Township Committee finds and determines that Winding Ridge Apartments, the 99-unit family housing Project proposed by the Sponsor, meets all or part of the municipality's low and moderate income housing obligation;
- (3) The Township Committee does hereby adopt the within Resolution and makes the determination and findings herein contained by virtue of, pursuant to, and in conformity with the provisions of the HMFA Law to enable the Agency to process the Sponsor's application for Agency funding to finance the Project.

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

AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Houghtaling offered the following resolution, moved and seconded by Mr. Bishop, 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	\$237,453.85
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	42,253.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	44,950.00
SEWER OPERATING FUND	1,765.09
SEWER CAPITAL FUND	27,116.60
MARINA CAPITAL FUND	325,036.03
BILL LIST TOTAL	\$678,574.57

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; Brantley, aye; Houghtaling, aye; Williams, aye; and McMillan, aye.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joan Venezia, 107 Mt. Hermon Way, questioned when could they expect a replacement for Mr. Houghtaling. She also questioned the State position that Mr. Bishop has been appointed to and when does he plan on resigning and when would the replacement take place for Mr. Bishop. When does the Committee plan to replace the members on the North End Redeveloping Committee. She knew they withdrew their RSIS application. She questioned whether they resubmitted it and if not when do they plan on resubmitting it and when are the public hearings for it. She stated Mr. Gadaleta sent her a copy of a notice of violation for a roof at 64 Clark and the people are trying to rent it out.

Mr. Anthony explained the process that must be taken when a Committeeperson resigns. He stated there was no further update as far as WAVE and it's premature to establish a subcommittee when you have to members that will no longer be on it and new ones will have to be appointed.

Mr. Gadaleta stated they did withdraw their application as far as RSIS at the meeting in December. He will discuss with the Committee moving forward.

Mr. Bishop stated he would become the Deputy Commissioner of the Administration of Elections for Monmouth County. He would be out of the elective office but would be responsible for the process of making sure that elections are run according to Title 19. The appointment appears to be in the month of February.

Dorothy Argyros, 2100 Rutherford Avenue, urged the Committee to opt out of the County tax program. Nine towns have already formally opted out.

Gail Oliver, Neptune City, thanked Mr. Houghtaling for serving on the MURC Board and for attending and contributing at all of the meetings.

Pastor Paul Brown, extended congratulations to the new Township Committee. He stated that he came to the Committee with a plan for a community garden and the Committee took action to make it happen through a Lease Agreement. The garden has been a delight and he thanked the Committee for their participation. He asked for consideration on expanding the Lease for an additional section of the park. The Committee asked Mr. Cuttrel to place this matter on the next workshop meeting for discussion.

Kennedy Buckley, Broadway, extended good luck to Mr. Houghtaling. He stated that the Mayor's speech inspired him. Mr. Buckley's agenda for 2016 is paid parking on Ocean Avenue and improve the North End Redevelopment Plan. He added that neighboring towns that have paid parking would be in favor of paid parking because people park for free in Ocean Grove and the walk over. He stated that under Redevelopment Law, the Township Committee has the power to negotiate with the Redeveloper.

Dianna Harris, Willow Drive, told Mr. Houghtaling that she would miss him a lot. She also stated there was talk of putting security lights/cameras at the park and questioned whether it would happen.

Mr. Bascom stated just this week he had a conversation with JCP&L and they just recently got approval to move with that project.

Ms. Harris questioned whether cameras could go along West Lake Avenue.

Mr. Bascom stated that was the same project.

Ms. Harris questioned whether a couple of cameras could up at the Midtown Commons park because someone stole the Christmas lights last year.

Mr. Bascom stated it was a possibility.

Ms. Harris questioned whether an arrow could go up at the corner of West Lake Avenue and 35. It's hard to make that left turn.

Mr. Bascom stated it was his understanding that they will not get us the left turn signal.

Mr. Bishop asked if they've considered planting the Christmas Tree.

Mr. Gadaleta stated he would meet with George Reid in the Public Works Department regarding it

Michael Fornino, 120 Fulham Place, he welcomed Mr. Williams. He stated it was important that politicians did what was right and not always what was politically correct and he could think that could be said of Mr. Houghtaling. He related a story that pertained to politics. He also stated that he thought the Committee to appoint a person of another party to the Committee.

Derrick Griggs, 216 Frankfort, stated that he is the C.O.O. of the Affordable Housing Alliance (AHA). AHA moved to Route 66 in Neptune Township and is able to provide utility assistance, rental units, and job assistance to Township residents.

Kathy Arlt, 106 Abbott Avenue, extended a welcome to Mr. Williams and good luck to Mr. Houghtaling. She will be sending recommendations on the Abandoned Property ordinance to the Committee members. She also wants the Certified Local Government application sent to the State in 2016.

Janel Jones, 807 Stamford Avenue, extended congratulations to Mr. Houghtaling and

thanked him for his participation with the Gables Homeowners Association.

Hank Coakley, Valley Road, asked if the resolution authorizing soil remediation at the marina was the result of a complaint. Mr. Bascom stated no, this is part of the investigation and remediation process.

Celestine Overby, 608 Bingham Street, expressed congratulations to both Mr. Houghtaling and Mr. Bishop and wished them both luck.

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

Richard J. Cuttrel,
Municipal Clerk