

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – NOVEMBER 27, 2017

Mayor Brantley called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. and requested the Clerk to call the roll. The following members were present: Robert Lane, Jr., Kevin B. McMillan, Carol Rizzo, Nicholas Williams and Mayor Michael Brantley.

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

Mayor Brantley 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 on January 5, 2017 and The Coaster on January 12, 2017, 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:

Due to an overcrowding situation, discussion on a Pilot Program for Residential Permit Parking in Ocean Grove was not held. The Committee indicated that a Special Meeting would be scheduled.

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

Mr. Williams offered the following resolution, moved and seconded by Mr. Lane, 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:  
  
Litigation – Ancona v. Neptune
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: Lane, aye; McMillan, aye; Rizzo, aye; Williams, aye; and Brantley, aye.

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

Mr. Gadaleta recommended that Affordable Housing Alliance be appointed as Agent to administer the Township's COAH Plan. The cost is \$25,000 annually and the appointment can be for one year. When the housing rehabilitation project starts, Affordable Housing Alliance would be paid per unit. All funds will come from the COAH Trust.

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

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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"

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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Rizzo offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 9th. All were in favor.

### COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS

Mr. McMillan attended the Grand Opening of LaGar Salon and Barbershop in West Grove Square, the Midtown Tenants Association Oldies but Goodies Dance, MURC Christmas Tree lighting at Midtown Commons Park and Shoprite's ALS fundraiser held at the Headliner. At the League of Municipalities conference, he met with a representative of the Red Cross who is interested in conducting a fire prevention initiative in Ocean Grove. He also met with April Lee of Accurate Amendment Solutions who helps municipalities obtain FEMA grants. He advised Randall Solomon from Sustainable New Jersey that the Township is looking into reactivating the Green Team which will help the obtain certification in the Sustainable New Jersey initiatives. Finally, Mr. McMillan announced that the Recreation Department will hold a Donuts with Santa event on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Lane attended the LaGar Salon Grand Opening. He assisted with the Thanksgiving meal at the Salvation Army in Asbury Park where over 200 people were served. He announced a Tree Lighting event in Shark River Hills on December 1<sup>st</sup> and Donuts with Santa on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ms. Rizzo stated that she met with Bernard Haney and Michael Bascom on assessments. The ratable base increased by 7.9%. Tax appeals must be submitted by January 15<sup>th</sup> so now is the time to make an appeal. She suggested that property owners check Zillow for home sales and if there are 3 or 4 comparable sales that are under the assessed value, the assessment can be changed.

Mr. Williams stated that he attended the MURC Tree Lighting and the annual League of Municipalities conference. The marina cameras are operating. Leaf collection will continue into the holidays and Public Works is ready for the winter weather season.

The Mayor stated that he attended the Senior Center Thanksgiving Dinner at Jumping Brook Country Club. It was a great event and provided the chance for the Senior Center employees to enjoy dinner with the seniors.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

Scott Cox, FOP President, stated that in regards to the resolution amending the police promotion policy, the FOP met with Chief Hunt and agreed upon the promotional policy currently in effect. The proposed policy lowers the standards and opens up the Township to a lawsuit by excluding FOP members who are now eligible for promotion. Mr. Anthony stated that it is a requirement that the Chief reports to the Appropriate Authority. The Chief issued an order on the promotional policy in September which was not reviewed by the Appropriate Authority and the Police Authority believes the policy is overly restrictive. Officer Cox stated that the policy has been in effect for four years and now two officers would be excluded from the Deputy Chief position due to the new policy. Mr. Anthony stated that the new policy is not making education a minimum requirement but making it a strength. The entire Standard Operating Procedures are under a complete review by the Police Committee and this is a preliminary action until all of the policies can be reviewed. The Mayor stated that the Township Committee wants to review everything and does not want to exclude anyone from the promotional policy. Mr. Williams asked Officer Cox if the FOP had the courtesy of reviewing the Chief's changes made in September. Officer Cox responded yes.

Joan Venezia, 107 Mt. Hermon Way, asked for a further explanation on the resolution to amend the promotional policy. Mr. Anthony stated that the Police Committee wants to address the Deputy Chief promotional policy because the Police Committee did not review and approve the

September change made by the Chief which says that only the Chief can appoint a Deputy Chief and set minimum educational requirements. The amendment on for approval his evening temporarily postpones the minimum educational requirements and indicates that the Township Committee appoints the Deputy Chief.

Dorothy Argyros, 2100 Rutherford Avenue, asked why the Township is paying for work being done as part of the hospital project. She does not want to subsidize the hospital. Mr. Gadaleta stated that his is an amendment to an existing off-site contribution agreement with the hospital. A sanitary sewer line is being installed under several municipal roadways. In accordance with the ordinance, the hospital must restore the half of the road that was excavated. Under this agreement, the Township can have the entire road paved by using the Contract who is already on site.

Ms. Argyros stated, in regards to the budget transfer resolution, that the Township is doing too much bonding. Ms. Rizzo replied the Township refinanced the bonds at much lower rates.

Hank Coakley, Valley Road, asked how much money was being received from the Department of Justice for the police department in the budget amendment resolution. Mr. Gadaleta stated \$9,152.37 which is for bulletproof vests. Mr. Coakley stated it is about time that action is being taken to address the Asbury traffic circle. The Mayor stated that he met with NJDOT on Route 66 and they indicated that this is a good time to get consideration on improving the traffic circle.

Nancy Clarke, 47 Embury Avenue, asked for a timeline on the review of the Police Department's Standard Operating Procedures. Barry Colicelli, Chairman of the Police Committee stated most likely one to two months.

Ms. Rizzo asked, in regards to the resolution authorizing an energy generation services auction, how we will know it will save the Township money. Mr. Gadaleta stated that the auction is done and if prices come in lower than the Township can award a bid for pricing. Ms. Rizzo asked if bidders could provide teaser rates that look good now but would go up in the future. Mr. Gadaleta stated that resolution states the required minimum fixed rates for a 12, 18 or 24 month period.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 17-44 - APPROVED

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

#### ORDINANCE NO. 17-44

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME I, CHAPTER VII OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE BY ADDING A RESIDENT ONLY HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONE ON OCEAN AVENUE AND REMOVING A RESIDENT ONLY HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONE ON CLARK AVENUE

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

Mr. Cuttrell stated that the public hearing on Ordinance 17-44 will be held on Monday, December 11th.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

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

#### AUTHORIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO REALIZE MONIES FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and,

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of

Neptune hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2017 in the sum of \$9,152.37 which is now available from a United States Department of Justice – Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$9,152.37; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$9,152.37 is hereby appropriated under the caption of 2017 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of funds from the United States Department of Justice – Bureau of Justice Assistance 2017 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant in the amount of \$9,152.37; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk forward three certified copies of this resolution to the Chief Financial Officer and one copy to the Assistant C.F.O., and Auditor.

#### AWARD CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator has negotiated with the organization supplying animal control services to the Township and accepted proposals from other providers as required by NJSA 40:48-5.1; and,

WHEREAS, Monmouth County SCPA has proposed a rate of \$7,125.00 per month which is the lowest rate among the proposals received; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be provided in the 2018 Municipal Budget, when adopted, in the appropriation entitled Dog Account, 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 Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Monmouth County SCPA for animal control services for the year 2018 at a cost of \$7,125.00 per month; and,

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

#### ACCEPT PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FILED BY JERSEY SHORE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ON DAVIS AND WASHINGTON AVENUES

WHEREAS, Jersey Shore University Medical Center has filed performance bond 106804943, written by Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America in the amount of \$148,284.00, guaranteeing roadway improvements on Davis and Washington Avenues in connection with off-site improvements for the HOPE Tower; and,

WHEREAS, the required 10% cash surety and inspection fee escrow have been posted; and,

WHEREAS, the acceptance of this Performance Guarantee does not authorize the issuance of any licenses or permits by the Construction Department but serves as certification to the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment that compliance with the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Neptune has been met;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the Performance Guarantee as stated above be and is hereby accepted; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Township Engineer and Planning Board Administrative Officer.

#### PLACE LIEN ON 3501 ROUTE 66

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>
3903/12	3501 Route 66	7,950.00

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

AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF NEPTUNE CITY FOR BRUSH DISPOSAL

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune and Borough of Neptune City find it necessary to continue the agreement for disposal of brush collected by the Borough at the Neptune Township Public Works Yard for ultimate disposal and recycling by the Township through a contracted third party; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune and the Borough of Neptune City desire to enter into an Interlocal Service Agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq. to serve the best interests of residents in both municipalities by enjoying the benefits of economies of scale through this arrangement; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough will agree to transport brush collected from Borough residents to the Township Public Works Yard and pay the Township at a rate of \$10.00 per cubic yard; and,

WHEREAS, this Interlocal Service Agreement shall be effective for two (2) years beginning on January 1, 2018,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes the execution of an Interlocal Services Agreement with the Borough of Neptune City, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk, providing for the disposal of the Borough's brush at the Township Public Works Yard for two (2) years beginning January 1, 2018 at a rate of \$10.00 per cubic yard payable to the Township; and,

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

APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF TAXI MEDALLION LICENSE NO. 001

WHEREAS, Ibrahem Abdo-Abdelwahed is the owner of Neptune Township Taxi Medallion No. 001; and,

WHEREAS, he has notified the Taxi License Coordinator of the intent to sell and transfer ownership of said medallion to Sheldon Edwards; 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. 001 to Sheldon Edwards; and,

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

AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF 2017 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 permits the transfer of current year appropriations during the last two months of the fiscal year; and,

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

<u>GENERAL BUDGET LINE ITEM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>FROM</u>
Interest on Bonds	110,000.00	
Roads S&W		55,000.00
Solid Waste S&W		55,000.00

<u>MARINA UTILITY LINE ITEM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>FROM</u>
Interest on Bonds	8,950.00	
Note Principal	869.00	
Capital Outlay		9,819.00

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, that 2017 Budget Appropriations 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 THE PURCHASE OF ENERGY GENERATION SERVICES FOR PUBLIC USE THROUGH AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

WHEREAS, Neptune Township has determined to proceed with the Best Practice Energy Reverse Auction in order to procure natural gas for Neptune Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act (P.L. 2001, c. 30) (the "Act") authorizes the purchase of energy generation service for public use through the use of an online auction service; and,

WHEREAS, Neptune Township will utilize the online auction services of Best Practice Energy, an approved vendor pursuant to the Act, located at [www.bestpracticeenergy.com](http://www.bestpracticeenergy.com); and,

WHEREAS, Best Practice Energy is compensated for all services rendered through the participating supplier that a contract is awarded to; and,

WHEREAS, the auction will be conducted pursuant to the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act,

WHEREAS, if the auction achieves a price of \$0.463/therm or less for a 12 month term, a price of \$0.478/therm or less for an 18 month term, or a price of \$0.458/therm or less for a 24 month term; Neptune Township may award a contract to the winning supplier for the selected term,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of Neptune Township any natural gas contract offered by the participating supplier that submits the winning bid in the Best Practice Energy if the auction achieves a price of \$0.463/therm or less for a 12 month term, a price of \$0.478/therm or less for an 18 month term, or a price of \$0.458/therm or less for a 24 month term; and,

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of the within Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, Township Engineer and Assistant C.F.O.

AUTHORIZE THE REFUND OF TAXES AS A RESULT OF AN OVERPAYMENT (308 DEAL AVENUE AND 94 WEBB AVENUE)

WHEREAS, the properties listed below reflect overpayments; and,

WHEREAS, they have furnished the necessary documentation and have requested a refund; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to refund the taxes as stated herein; and,

<b>BLOCK</b>	<b>LOT</b>	<b>ASSESSED TO</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
1804	1	Fed Nat Mtg	308 Deal Ave	2017	1,307.47
235	4	Krumm	94 Webb Ave	2017	1,989.09

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

AUTHORIZE THE REFUND OF SEWER RENT AS A RESULT OF AN OVERPAYMENT (17 SHOREBROOK CIRCLE)

WHEREAS, the properties listed below reflect overpayments; and,

WHEREAS, they have furnished the necessary documentation and have requested a refund,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, County of Monmouth, that the Tax Collector be and hereby is authorized to refund the Sewer Rent as stated herein:

<b>BLOCK</b>	<b>LOT</b>	<b>ASSESSED TO</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
3402	9	Keener	17 Shorebrook Circle	2017	230.00

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

URGE THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A DESIGN STUDY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ASBURY PARK TRAFFIC CIRCLE

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation will be undertaking a Bottleneck Improvement Project along NJ Route 66 between Jumping Brook Road and Wayside Road; and

WHEREAS, east of this project area, the Asbury Park Traffic Circle, at the intersections of NJ Route 35, NJ Route 66, and Asbury Avenue, has long been an area of congestion and difficult merges for drivers coming to and from Neptune Township, Ocean Township and Asbury Park; and

WHEREAS, a design study should be undertaken by the New Jersey Department of Transportation to improve the flow of traffic and safety at the Circle;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that Neptune Township hereby urges the New Jersey Department of Transportation to undertake a design study for improvements at the Asbury Park Traffic Circle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee calls upon the governing bodies of the Township of Ocean and City of Asbury Park to adopt a similar resolution of support for a design study; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Commissioner of the NJDOT, to the 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District and to the Mayors of the Township of Ocean and the City of Asbury Park.

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

AUTHORIZE ADDENDUM TO OFF-SITE CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT WITH JERSEY SHORE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PAVING OF WASHINGTON, UNION AND TAYLOR AVENUES

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

WHEREAS, Jersey Shore University Medical Center (JSUMC) is completing construction of a ten story building commonly referred to as the HOPE Tower and a nine level parking garage to be utilized in conjunction with the proposed HOPE Tower; and,

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2015, the Township Committee adopted Resolution #15-430 which authorized the Township and JSUMC to enter into an Off-Site Contribution Agreement to delineate cost responsibility for various off-site improvements in connection with this project; and,

WHEREAS, included in the off-site improvements is the construction of a new sanitary sewer line along Davis Avenue, Washington Avenue and Taylor Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, the Offsite Contribution Agreement did not discuss road improvements outside of those to be completed as part of the new sanitary sewer line construction; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Township Ordinance, the sanitary sewer line contractor is only responsible to repave one half of the affected roadways from curb to centerline of roadway, leaving one half of the affected roads in need of resurfacing; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has recommended that Township consider paving the balance of the affected roadways utilizing the JSUMC paving contractor; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the Sewer Capital Outlay account 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 an addendum to the Off-Site Contribution Agreement with Jersey Shore University Medical Center (JSUMC) to establish cost sharing between the Township and JSUMC for the paving of Washington Avenue, Union Avenue and Taylor Avenue, with the Township's share of the cost not to exceed \$59,068.12; 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 Township Attorney.

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

AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Ms. Rizzo offered the following resolution, moved and seconded by Mr. Lane, 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	\$6,829,328.17
GRANT FUND	8,333.80
TRUST FUND	27,184.74
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	376,715.01
SEWER OPERATING FUND	420,878.51
MARINA OPERATING FUND	96,062.68
BILL LIST TOTAL	\$7,758,502.91

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: Lane, aye; McMillan, aye; Rizzo, aye; Williams, aye; and Brantley, aye.

AUTHORIZE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR PROMOTION - NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police issued a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for promotion within the Neptune Township Police Department on September 13, 2017 involving the ranks of Deputy Chief through Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, neither the Neptune Township Police Committee, as the appropriate authority, nor the Governing Body of the Township of Neptune ever had an opportunity to review and approve said Order (SOP) prior to its issuance by the Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, the Police Committee, as the appropriate authority, believes that the aforesaid Order (SOP) should be amended; subject to a complete review of procedures for promotion and recommendations made to the Township Committee for future adoption by Resolution,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the M Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, that based on the recommendation of the Police Committee of the Township of Neptune, the Governing Body hereby adopts a new Standard Operating Procedure, which amends and in some cases rescinds the prior Order (SOP) of September 13, 2017, which specifically addresses the position of Deputy Chief, but also refers to other positions in the Neptune Township Police Department, and that this Order (SOP) shall go into effect immediately; subject to a review and further recommendations of the Police Committee to the Governing Body of the Township of Neptune with regard to Standard Operating Procedure for Promotions. A true copy of the recommended and adopted Standard Operating Procedure for Promotions with regard to the Neptune Township Police Department is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Police Committee and Chief of Police.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Terry Gensch, 147 Mt. Hermon Way, asked why flatbed trucks are parked at the entrance to Ocean Grove and on the Boulevard. Mr. Gadaleta stated utility work is being done on Route 71 and vehicles are also being stored in Asbury Park.

David Phillips, Cookman Avenue, endorsed Ms. Rizzo's parking proposal. The parking situation continues to deteriorate at the north end of Ocean Grove. The Ocean Grove Homeowners represent a majority of homeowners in Ocean Grove that are in favor of addressing the parking problem. The parking problems are new and residential permit parking is a good start on a trial basis.

Nancy Clarke, 47 Embury Avenue, stated that she sent questions to Mr. Gadaleta and Bernard Haney at the end of the day and already received responses. She asked for a timeline on RFQ for Historic Architect and HPC Guidelines revision. The Mayor asked Mr. Gadaleta to provide a timeframe. Ms. Clarke said Trenton has not started their review of the material submitted by the Township in connection with the Certified Local Government application process. The state's feedback is needed before a formal application can be submitted by the Township. She asked for continued follow-up on the matter. Finally, Ms. Clarke supports the idea of a parking permit pilot, is glad to see an evaluation component in the plan, and thinks the plan should be town-wide.

Jack Bredin, 94 ½ Heck Avenue, discussed the parking in Ocean Grove and parking permits. He stated the parking study did not have a seal on it. Mr. Anthony stated he did not feel they should have a hearing before the hearing. Ms. Rizzo stated a certified engineer did the study in 2012.

Tom Burns, 3446 West Bangs Avenue, stated that he attended a previous Committee meeting and spoke regarding parking permits. He tried calling Mr. Gadaleta 7 or 8 times and never received a call back. He asked to speak to Mr. Lane, who is the Committee liaison over Construction because he does not want to speak to Mr. Gadaleta.

Richard Williams, 1 Abbott Avenue, stated he was in favor of permit parking and thanked Carol Rizzo for all the hard work that she's done. He also questioned how the tax rate is determined now that they know the full assessment of the town. Ms. Rizzo provided him with an explanation.

Joan Venezia, 107 Mt. Hermon Way, questioned the status of the North End. She thanked the Committee for the abandoned car ordinance because a car was removed from her street. She stated she hasn't heard back from Vito regarding 68 Clark Avenue. She stated she was also in favor of permit parking. She questioned would the plaque card be in the car. She questioned how often does the Police Committee meet and has the policy for promotion been the only thing they've discussed. She also stated she did not see the leaves being picked up in Ocean Grove.

Mr. Gadaleta stated that Code and Construction was on 68 Clark Avenue and it has been reverted back to the bank. He stated he was concerned about the leaves being put out at the curb and would follow up with DPW.

Mayor Brantley stated the Committee meets whenever it is necessary and they look at the policies.

Mr. Anthony stated they've met at least once a week since it's been created.

Dorothy Argyros, 2100 Rutherford Avenue, asked if the Turner Report will be released. Mr. Anthony stated that it is under consideration by the Police Committee. Ms. Argyros stated that the \$27,000 cost of the report should be given back to the taxpayers.

Joyce Klein, 105 Mt. Hermon Way, thanked Ms. Rizzo for putting together the permit parking plan. She asked when the special meeting will be held. Mr. Gadaleta stated December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. with location to be determined. The Mayor added that the public will have a chance to comment at the meeting. Ms. Klein asked that the meeting be advertised as much as possible.

Hank Coakley, Valley Road, asked for an update on the addition of signs on eastbound West Sylvania Avenue at the intersection of Brighton Avenue indicating that the East End Avenue bridge is closed. Mr. Gadaleta stated multiple requests have been made to the County of Monmouth for signs at Lakewood and Brighton and West Sylvania and Brighton. Mr. Gadaleta added that the NJDOT cannot change the traffic signals at West Sylvania Avenue because they are timed with the nearby traffic signals on Route 33. Mr. Coakley condemned Governor-Elect Murphy on his plan to legalize marijuana.

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

Richard J. Cuttrel,  
Municipal Clerk