

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

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

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:

Mr. Gadaleta reviewed the Best Practices Survey prepared by Mr. Bascom. One item on the survey was meeting with other governing agencies. The Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor met with governing body representatives from the other independent Township governing agencies. The following is a synopsis of those meetings.

Neptune Township Board of Education Meeting date August 8, 2017

Mayor Brantley, Deputy Mayor Williams and BA Gadaleta, met with Superintendent Dr. Crader and Board members Laura Granelli and Monica Kowalski-Lodato.

Dr. Crader discussed the 2017 Goals for the District:

- Reading Initiative
- Google Apps and Chrome Upgrades
- School Culture
- Attendance
- Red Black Booster Club Changes

Mayor Brantley asked about the fiscal impact due to the loss of school aid. Dr. Crader advised while there was an impact the District did receive some additional discretionary aid and with the move to the State Health Benefits Program, there would be no staffing impacts. Dr. Crader and the Board are concerned about future loss of school aid.

A discussion was had on reasons why students are leaving the District to other public or private schools. Dr. Crader did point out that while enrollment is down, enrollment decline does not translate to staff decline.

Mayor Brantley asked about the District's discussion on possibly leasing the ECC to a private charter school. Ms. Kowalski-Lodato advised the Board was considering options to raise additional funds in light of the loss of school aid. She added that this item was now off the table as the District was looking at other options.

Mayor Brantley stated he wanted to create a partnership with the District and Board to reset priorities related to education and recreation.

Township of Neptune Sewerage Authority (TNSA) Meeting date August 22, 2017

Deputy Mayor Williams and BA Gadaleta met with Executive Director Tina Dellapietro and Commissioner Alonzo Wright.

Ms. Dellapietro advised the Authority is in the midst of a \$1.8 million dollar digester upgrade project to include a new heat exchanger and mixer. Mr. Dellapietro asked if there had been any complaints from residents regarding the movement of the tanker trucks. Both Deputy Mayor Williams and BA Gadaleta advised that no such complaints had been received.

Ms. Dellapietro discussed ongoing litigation with Monmouth County concerning their landfill and the materials found in the fluids being pumped from the landfill to the TNSA facility. Ms. Dellapietro stated the fluids, 150,000 GPD, are affecting the TNSA systems, specifically the primary clarifiers.

There was some discussion on TNSA employment negotiations and Ms. Dellapietro asked BA Gadaleta if he would send over any information from the Township's recent negotiations which might be beneficial to the TNSA.

BA Gadaleta offered to TNSA the ability to provide a news article for the upcoming quarterly Township newsletter.

**Township of Neptune Housing Authority (TNHA)
Meeting date September 18, 2017**

Mayor Brantley and BA Gadaleta met with Executive Director Bart Cook and Operations Manager Joseph Maura.

Director Cook opened with a discussion on the TNHA's proposed 1130 Heck Avenue Redevelopment Plan which would include the purchase of the current NJ Controls property on Memorial Drive.

A discussion continued about the 1130 Heck Avenue project and how possibly the Schoolhouse Square project may benefit the TNHA. Mr. Cook also talked about the TNHA 501c3 that could become involved. BA Gadaleta said he would reach out to the Schoolhouse Square development group to check on the status of the project and how best to proceed.

Director Cook asked if there might be consideration by the Township to reduce the TNHA's annual PILOT in light of the loss of federal aid to the Authority. BA Gadaleta replied he would discuss the matter with appropriate Township Officials.

**Ocean Grove Fire District
Date of Meeting September 18, 2017**

Mayor Brantley and BA Gadaleta met with Commissioner Robert McEwan and Finance Clerk Richard Cuttrell.

Commissioner McEwan presented to Mayor Brantley a synopsis of the District tax rates for the last nine years which shows a very stable tax rate. Commissioner McEwan said their Board will continue to operate the District while stabilizing the tax rate.

Both Commissioner McEwan and Cuttrell discussed response difficulties and membership recruitment and retention. Commissioner McEwan stated that as a result of property value increases in Ocean Grove many members can no longer afford to live there and are moving out of District impacting membership and response times.

BA Gadaleta advised there will be a membership recruitment page in the upcoming Township newsletter and offered the District to provide a recruitment article.

**Ocean Grove Sewerage Authority
Date of Meeting September 18, 2017**

Mayor Brantley and BA Gadaleta met with Authority Chairman Joel Popkin. Chairman Popkin advised that the Authority had recently completed system upgrades on Lawrence and Heck Avenues and that final pavement restoration will be forthcoming. Chairman Popkin said that currently no additional capital improvements are planned but based on the fact their system is older, complications can occur.

Chairman Popkin did say the Authority has undertaken a study on possibly amending their payment formula to provide for a flat rate schedule similar in nature to that which the Township has.

Finally Chairman Popkin thanked the Township for the recent upgrades at Pennsylvania Avenue Pump Station which reduced the odor emissions.

**Neptune Fire District No. 1
Date of Meeting September 18, 2017**

Mayor Brantley and BA Gadaleta met with Commissioner Arthur Daly who serves as the Board President.

Commissioner Daly advised that currently the Board is operating with four Commissioners as a result of the resignation by former Commissioner John Fritz. Commissioner Daly stated the position remains vacant as the Board is awaiting a replacement from Shark River Hills Fire Company.

BA Gadaleta asked Commissioner Daly about a rumor that the Board is considering hiring staff to provide 24/7 paid fire protection. Commissioner Daly said the rumor was false and that there is no need currently to provide 24/7 paid staffing. Commissioner Daly did state that as a result of injury to a firefighter, the Board would be hiring one additional full time member to maintain proper staffing.

Commissioner Daly asked BA Gadaleta if the Board could reduce the annual compensation to the EMS agencies currently budgeted at \$90,000. BA Gadaleta replied that these funds are still necessary and asked that they not be reduced or eliminated. Commissioner Daly replied in the affirmative that the funds would continue to be provided in the budget.

Commissioner Daly discussed the LOSAP program and the recent amendments thereto to come into compliance with suggestions from a recent audit.

Mayor Brantley asked about recruitment and retention and Commissioner Daly responded that the District has similar issues to those seen in other volunteer Districts.

Findings and Conclusions

Neptune Township Board of Education

1. Three new members recently elected to the Board; new President and Vice President;
2. Recently negotiated collective bargaining agreement with NTEA;
3. Change in healthcare provider to NJ State Health Benefits Program;
4. Managing operational budget in light of recent loss of anticipated State Aid;

In conclusion the Township Committee is satisfied that the Neptune Township Board of Education 1) continues to serve the public interest and 2) is more efficient than other potential alternatives in providing the services and financing public facilities.

Township of Neptune Sewerage Authority

1. Authority continues to manage and provide necessary upgrades to facilities;
2. Currently negotiating collective bargaining agreements;
3. Properly maintains agreements with sending districts;
4. Fiscally sound;

In conclusion the Township Committee is satisfied that the Township of Neptune Sewerage Authority 1) continues to serve the public interest and 2) is more efficient than other potential alternatives in providing the services and financing public facilities.

Township of Neptune Housing Authority

1. Working on plans to begin redevelopment of its 1130 Heck Avenue complex;
2. Continues to maintain operational soundness in the face of loss of revenues;
3. Has created a 501c3 entity to acquire and develop properties;
4. Provides needed public housing for Township residents;

In conclusion the Township Committee is satisfied that the Township of Neptune Housing Authority 1) continues to serve the public interest and 2) is more efficient than other potential alternatives in providing the services and financing public facilities.

Ocean Grove Fire District

1. Fiscally sound as evidenced by a nine year stable tax rate;
2. Board of Commissioners prudent with capital expenditures and purchases;
3. District continues to function as a primarily volunteer fire department;

In conclusion the Township Committee is satisfied that the Ocean Grove Fire District 1) continues to serve the public interest and 2) is more efficient than other potential alternatives in providing the services and financing public facilities.

Ocean Grove Sewerage Authority

1. Authority fiscally sound and continues to maintain a stable fee schedule;
2. Future consideration of amending the fee schedule to provide for a flat rate schedule similar to that of the Township;
3. Authority continues to undertake needed capital improvements;
4. Authority utilizes Township sewer maintenance department through an Interlocal Services Agreement;

In conclusion the Township Committee is satisfied that the Ocean Grove Sewerage Authority 1) continues to serve the public interest and 2) is more efficient than other potential alternatives in providing the services and financing public facilities.

Neptune Fire District No. 1

1. Fiscally sound;
2. Capital purchases and improvements funded without bonding;
3. Stable tax rate;
4. District continues to maintain a part paid force supplemented with volunteers;

In conclusion the Township Committee is satisfied that Neptune Fire District No. 1 1) continues to serve the public interest and 2) is more efficient than other potential alternatives in providing the services and financing public facilities.

The Committee reviewed a sample resolution in support of legislation to extend the 2% cap on arbitration awards. They asked that the resolution be placed on the October 5th meeting for consideration.

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:

Potential Litigation – Correspondence from County Prosecutor regarding municipal services
Real Estate negotiations/Potential Litigation – Fabio Court
Contract negotiations – Vacant and Abandoned Property Services
Personnel – Appointment of third member to the Police Committee

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; Williams, aye; and Brantley, aye.

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

Mr. Gadaleta distributed a draft Request for Proposals for Vacant and Abandoned Property services. He will provide the Committee with a final draft in the near future.

Mayor Brantley and Mr. Williams recommended Barry J. Colicelli for appointment as the 3rd member of the Police Committee. The Committee took action by resolution during the regular

business portion of the meeting.

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

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

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

After a moment of Silent Prayer and the Flag Salute, the Mayor asked the Clerk to indicate the fire exits.

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

Mayor 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. In addition, the meeting agenda, resolutions and ordinances are posted online at www.neptunetownship.org.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Williams offered a motion, seconded by Mr. McMillan, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 11th. All were in favor.

REPORT OF THE CLERK

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

A letter from Irene Brew recognizing the efforts of Mark Balzarano, John Fritz, and the entire Public Works Department staff.

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS

Mr. McMillan stated that he visited Division Street Park. The new fence and park equipment look good. He thanked Leanne Hoffmann, Dawn Thompson, and the administrative staff for their work on the project. Neptune Day was a nice day and a great time. He attended the Ocean Grove Homeowners Association meeting where a spirited debate was held with candidates for Township Committee. He thanked Barbara Burns for facilitating the event.

Mr. Lane stated that attending Neptune Day is always a pleasure. He also attended the British Car Show in Ocean Grove, Prepare-a-Thon, the Ocean Grove Homeowners Association meeting and the Poseidon Dinner Dance at the Senior Center for special needs children.

Mr. Williams stated that he and Mayor Brantley reviewed submissions for the 3rd member of the Police Committee. Seven individuals expressed interest and four submitted resumes. The top three candidates were interviewed on their experience and knowledge of police policies, Attorney General guidelines, state statutes and leadership. At the conclusion of the interviews, he and Mayor Brantley met to compare notes and make a final recommendation. The person chosen will serve the Police Committee in the best interest of all parties involved and will now be part of the Appropriate Authority and management team. The Mayor will reveal the recommendation later in the meeting.

The Mayor proclaimed Patriotism Week and presented the proclamation to the Elks. He and Mr. Gadaleta met with different governmental authorities, fire districts and Board of Education as part of the State's Best Practices Survey. He attended the Jersey Shore Chamber of Commerce luncheon and spoke on redevelopment, hotels, Route 66 widening, and being more friendly to businesses. He attended the Wesley Lake Commission meeting and Mayor's Youth Cabinet meeting. A Youth Government Day is planned for November when the youth will conduct a Township meeting. They are currently working on preparing and presenting an ordinance for consideration.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR SPECIAL DUTY ASSIGNMENTS FOR POLICE OFFICERS TO ADD AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE - TABLED

Mr. Lane offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, to table a resolution to "Amend Scheduled of Rates for Special Duty Assignments for police officers to add an administrative fee". All were in favor

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

Nancy Clarke, 47 Embury Avenue, asked for details on the Heck Avenue project. Mr. Gadaleta stated that this is the annual Transportation Trust Fund application. The project will resurface the roadway and install ADA ramps at intersections on Heck Avenue between Memorial Drive and Route 35. There will also be sanitary sewer improvements. Ms. Clarke asked for the name of the 3rd person being appointed to the Police Committee. The Mayor stated he will announce the name just prior to the point where the resolution is considered.

Dorothy Argyros, 2100 Rutherford Avenue, stated that the public should have the chance to talk about the person being appointed to the Police Committee. She quoted a US Department of Justice report about police killing. The report makes recommendations to police departments on policies and training. She gave the information to the Mayor.

Barbara Burns, 4 Ocean Avenue, stated she does not understand why the name of the appointee to the Police Committee is not being revealed in advance. This is not transparent and the public cannot provide comments on the person prior to the appointment being made.

Michael Golub, 305 Cliffwood Drive, stated that providing the name of the appointee would give the public the ability to comment on the person being appointed. This hurts credibility and he also has a right to know who else was considered. The Mayor indicated that he would provide that information.

Joyce Klein, 105 Mt. Hermon Way, stated that the purpose of comments is to make comments on the content of a resolution, but the name of the appointee to the Police Committee is blank. She feels deprived of process.

The Mayor stated that the person recommended for appointment to the Police Committee is Barry J. Colicelli, retired Captain of the Newark Police Department.

Joan Venezia, 107 Mt. Hermon Way, asked for the process in choosing Mr. Colicelli. The Mayor stated that the two members of the Police Committee conducted interviews and made a recommendation. She asked if Mr. McMillan was still the Police Commissioner and if so, why he was not part of the interview process. Mr. Anthony stated that the Township Committee cannot have three members at a meeting without it being advertised. Mr. Williams stated that Mr. McMillan cannot meet during the day so he relinquished his spot on the Police Committee.

Michael Fornino, 120 Fulham Place, asked if the special law enforcement officers being hired will carry a gun. Mr. Williams responded yes, they are Class II special officers.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-39 - ADOPTED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 17-39

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME I, CHAPTER VII OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE BY ADDING RESIDENT ONLY HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONES ON MT. HERMON WAY

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 17-40 - APPROVED

Mr. McMillan offered the following ordinance, moved and seconded by Mr. Lane, that it be

approved:

ORDINANCE NO. 17-40

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME I, CHAPTER VII OF THE
CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE BY ADDING SECTION
7-7.16 ENTITLED "ABANDONED VEHICLES"

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

Mr. Cuttrell stated that the public hearing on Ordinance 17-40 will be held on Thursday, October 5th.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

RELEASE ALL SURETY BONDS AND DEVELOPERS ESCROW FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE NEPTUNE MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING LOCATED AT 3405 HIGHWAY 33

WHEREAS, GS Realty, Inc. filed a maintenance guarantee in the form of an Irrevocable Letter of Credit #1849 written by Amboy Bank in the amount of \$44,788.67, guaranteeing the maintenance of site improvements for two years at the project known as Neptune Medical Office Building, located at 3405 State Highway 33 (formerly Block 7019, Lot 7); and,

WHEREAS, the two year maintenance period has expired and the Township Engineer has conducted an inspection; and,

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2017, the Township Engineer certified that all site work has been completed and said maintenance bond may be released,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes the release of the maintenance bond as stated herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the remaining balance of \$808.75 in the inspection escrow account be and is hereby authorized to be refunded; and,

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

AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITIES OF ASBURY PARK AND LONG BRANCH FOR THE SUBMITTAL AND ADMINISTRATION OF A 2017 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune, City of Asbury Park, and City of Long Branch are eligible for a 2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant which will provide a total of \$52,242 to the three municipalities for the purpose of purchasing communication equipment, information technology, surveillance and security technology along with the eligible related training and supplies to advance the public safety and the efficiency of the respective Police Departments; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune, City of Asbury Park, and City of Long Branch desire to enter into an interlocal service agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq. to permit the three municipalities to apply, receive and administer said Grant, and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune, City of Asbury Park, and City of Long Branch find that this Agreement is in the best interest of all parties and that the undertaking will benefit the public; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Asbury Park will apply for and administer the grant program funds at no cost and the Township of Neptune's share of the grant funding will be \$14,669,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes the execution of an Interlocal Services Agreement with the City of Asbury Park and the City of Long Branch, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk, which

provides for the joint application for the 2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant; and,

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

RECLASSIFY EMPLOYEE TO THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE IN THE VITAL STATISTICS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2017, the Township Committee adopted Resolution #17-244 which authorized the hiring of Tamikia Rowe as a part-time Customer Service Representative in the Vital Statistics Department; and,

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator and Human Resources Director have made a recommendation to reclassify Tamikia Rowe to full-time status in the same title; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be provided in the 2017 municipal budget in the appropriation entitled Public Health Services and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that Tamikia Rowe be and is hereby reclassified to the position of full-time Customer Service Representative in the Vital Statistics Department at an annual salary of \$27,300.00 effective October 1, 2017; and,

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

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>
4202/7	301 Willow Drive	540.00
617/20	425 Drummond Avenue	270.00
412/18	511 Atkins Avenue	336.00

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 REVOCABLE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH EDWIN F. KELLY, BLOCK 5608, LOT 8 (FORMERLY BLOCK 558, LOT 1.16) 400 CONCOURSE WEST

WHEREAS, Edwin F. Kelly, with property located at 400 Concourse West, Neptune Township, New Jersey, and more specifically identified as Block 5608, Lot 8 (formerly Block 558, Lot 1.16) on the tax map of the Township of Neptune has requested a Revocable License Agreement be entered into between Neptune Township, and Edwin F. Kelly concerning certain encroachments upon a municipal right-of way at Block 5608, Lot 8; and

WHEREAS, Edwin F. Kelly, is seeking a license to provide and to maintain fence, planter, kayak rack, tiki hut and shed, decking and walkways presently encroaching on the municipal right-of-way, which the property owner intends to continue use of, subject to removal should the controlling authority have reasonable cause to believe that such encroachments need to be removed from the aforesaid municipal right-of-way, and subject to a Revocable License Agreement; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes a Revocable License Agreement with Edwin F. Kelly, with property located at 400 Concourse West, Neptune Township, New Jersey, and more specifically identified as Block 5608, Lot 8, Neptune Township, New Jersey, a true copy of such proposed Agreement is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk, subject to the conditions of the Agreement and prior review of the Township Engineer and approval of this Agreement as a major encroachment, with an annual payment to the Township of Neptune of \$300.00 per year, due upon execution and thereafter every January 2nd of each year, along with yearly proof of insurance, plus costs of recording of said Revocable License Agreement in the Clerk's Office of Monmouth County, paid to the Law Office of Gene J. Anthony, Esq., and subject to all other requirements in the aforesaid Revocable License Agreement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Revocable License Agreement, and return to the Township Attorney for recording.

AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO HECK AVENUE PROJECT

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune formally approves the grant application for the above stated project; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2018-Improvements to Heck Avenue-00351 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Neptune; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Neptune and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Business Administrator and Chief Financial Officer and three certified copies to the Township Engineer.

EMPLOY SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON A PART-TIME BASIS

WHEREAS, there is a need for Special Law Enforcement Officers – Class II in the Police Department on a part-time hourly basis; and,

WHEREAS, the position was duly posted and applicants have been interviewed; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has made his recommendations; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be provided in the municipal budget, in the appropriation entitled Police S&W, and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that Kyle J. Pelech and Daniel R. Wendel be and are hereby employed as part-time Special Law Enforcement Officers - Class II, and to perform such other duties as prescribed by the Chief of Police, contingent upon successful completion of a background investigation and medical evaluation, at an hourly rate as established by prior resolution of the Township Committee; and,

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

AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF AMMUNITION SUPPLIES THROUGH THE STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Police Department has recommended the purchase of ammunition supplies

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, Eagle Point Gun Shop has been awarded New Jersey State Contract No. 81296 for this equipment; 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 equipment shall not exceed \$20,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2017 municipal budget in the appropriation entitled Police Department O.E. 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 ammunition supplies for the Police Department through New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract No. 81296 be and is hereby authorized at an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00; and,

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

AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FIT OUT EQUIPMENT FOR NEW POLICE VEHICLES THROUGH THE STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Police Department has recommended the purchase and installation of equipment to fit out newly acquired police vehicles 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, General Sales Administration d/b/a/ Major Police Supply has been awarded New Jersey State Contract No. 81330 for this equipment; 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 equipment shall not exceed \$65,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Ordinance No. 15-34 and Ordinance No. 17-32 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 installation of equipment to fit out newly acquired police vehicles through New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract No. 81330 be and is hereby authorized at an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00; and,

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

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

The Mayor stated that a little bit over two months ago this Township Committee started a new chapter in our efforts to make the Neptune Township Police Department even better. While crime is at record low levels, an accomplishment that the men and women that work so hard to protect us all can be proud of, we believed that there is still work to be done to improve diversity and fairness, and that's what we set out to accomplish.

The appointment of a Police Committee gives this body, and therefore the residents of Neptune Township, more direct and day to day insight and interaction into the works of the Neptune Township Police Department.

Just as importantly, under this new arrangement, it leaves policing decisions up to the police. Under the keen eye of Chief Hunt, our police department has accomplished great things, and we aim for that progress to continue.

As we've discussed at length, this wasn't a decision we came to lightly. In fact, it's genesis dates back as far as 2011. Along the way we've completed a thorough analyses of our employee manual, sought and obtained certification through the New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police Law Enforcement Accreditation Program, and further developed a community policing program that is the envy of municipalities across the state.

Now, more than ever, the members of the Neptune Township Police Department are developing meaningful relationships with the residents they serve and protect, and the results are obvious. So tonight we take another important step, and that's the appointment of the third member to the Police Committee.

Just like the decision to establish the committee wasn't one that was taken lightly, neither was this one. We set out to find the very best our community had to offer, and the response was overwhelming. From an initial 8 individuals who submitted their names, we chose three to have deeper conversations with.

The applicants were diverse in every way, including in their experience in law enforcement, but all shared a desire to make the community they call home even better. Just to give an example the quality of the candidates that came forward, one removed her name from consideration due to her appointment as Police Director in another municipality.

So tonight, on behalf of Committeeman Williams and myself, I submit to the rest of the Committee Captain Barry J. Colicelli for your consideration to serve as the third member of the Police Committee.

This step, as many others before it, isn't the end of a process. This appointment is simply just another, very important, step we take to keep advancing our effort to make Neptune Township as safe as it can be.

In the coming weeks, as part of the outreach efforts we plan to undertake, the Police Committee intends on participating in as many community meetings as possible.

Communicating with the public in as open and transparent a way as possible is something I have always considered as one of my most important responsibilities as a member of the Township Committee, and one that I am committed to building on now as we transition to the Police Committee.

Mr. Colicelli will be in attendance the next Township Committee meeting.

APPOINT THIRD MEMBER TO THE POLICE COMMITTEE

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

WHEREAS, the Township Committee adopted Ordinance No. 17-29, later amended by Ordinance No. 17-37, creating a three member Police Committee to serve as the appropriate authority as provided for in State Statutes and,

WHEREAS, the two members of the Neptune Township Committee were appointed by Resolution #17-376; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to appoint the third, non-Township Committee, citizen member at this time,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby appoints Barry J. Colicelli as the third member of the Police Committee, effective immediately, and to serve until the appointment of a successor; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Business Administrator, Township Attorney and Chief of Police.

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

AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. McMillan offered the following resolution, moved and seconded by Mr. Williams, 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	\$3,316,363.72
GRANT FUND	9,163.50
TRUST FUND	18,780.20
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	257,976.61
SEWER OPERATING FUND	43,387.89
MARINA OPERATING FUND	1,066.25
MARINA CAPITAL FUND	2,194.99
UDAG TRUST	40,000.00
BILL LIST TOTAL	\$3,688,933.16

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; Williams, aye; and Brantley, aye.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Golub questioned whether Mr. Bascom was not attending the meetings anymore or just not tonight.

Mayor Brantley stated it was just tonight.

Mr. Golub stated he thought the language in the ordinance setting up the Committee stated that no officer that was subordinate to the Chief would be appointed. He stated he felt that this gentleman was subordinate because he had only made it to a Captain.

Mr. Anthony stated that was not what the ordinance said and clarified the wording of it.

Mr. Golub questioned whether the Committee solicited people rather than people expressing an interest. It bothered him that not more than one person from Neptune was interested.

Mayor Brantley stated people were following this and contacted us.

Mr. Golub stated it was important to get someone who understood the community and he was disappointed that Mr. McMillan was not on the Committee and he felt it was a loss. Mayor Brantley stated he disagreed because anyone on the Township Committee could be on this Committee.

Nancy Clarke, 47 Embury Avenue, stated something came up about vacant and abandoned properties while in executive session and even though it was confidential she questioned whether the Committee could share some of the information with her.

Mr. Anthony stated it was still in executive session and they were not ready to disclose it

because it was still under consideration.

Ms. Clarke questioned whether a change was contemplated on how vacant and abandoned properties are handled unrelated to what you discussed in executive session.

Mr. Anthony stated when a matter is in executive session they are contemplating it and it would be released when they are ready.

Ms. Clarke stated she was looking forward to hearing more and stated she supported the ordinance on abandoned vehicles and she supports a pilot project for permit parking in Ocean Grove. She commended the employees who conducted Neptune Day and stated she did a voter registration drive and encouraged everyone to register to vote.

Kennedy Buckley, 65 Broadway, asked if paid parking would be possible on Ocean Avenue if not for the issue of placement of the pay stations between the road and boardwalk. He is glad to see action on the warehousing of vehicles. He asked the Committee to come up with something on parking in Ocean Grove and asked when this would occur. The Mayor stated that he wants the Committee members to be ready to discuss the matter and may have a better update on a timeline at the next meeting.

Dorothy Argyros, 2100 Rutherford Avenue, stated that there are expensive lawsuits because of the behavior of members of the Police Department. She asked if Mr. Colicelli has the background to deal with this situation and has there been any lawsuits against him. The Mayor stated Mr. Colicelli is highly qualified and experienced. Ms. Argyros stated that the Committee is not seeing the underside of the Police Department.

Michael Fornino, 120 Fulham Place, stated he's spoken to Mr. Gadaleta regarding the intersection of Harding and Taylor Avenue because he was almost broad sided a couple of months ago. He also spoke to the NJDOT who told him the sightlines were valid but he felt that it should be addressed.

Mr. Gadaleta stated he did more research on this and he had the Engineer pull out the plans for the Senior Complex that were built there at Harding and Taylor Avenue and one of the requirements that the Planning Board required was that the traffic engineer for Meridian who built the project not only designate the site triangle but declare an easement that in fact was filed and it is 420 ft as built and we are in compliance.

Sara Brown, 1510 Embury Avenue, stated there is speeding on Embury Avenue. Also, Cherry Lane has one lane in and out. She asked for consideration of a second exit. Mr. Gadaleta and Lt. Zarro will look into it.

Victoria Stevens, 21 Ridge Avenue, stated that parties are being held on weekend nights on the section of the Schoolhouse Square that was not completed. She asked for lighting and follow-up on the partying.

Penny Allen, 35 Pitman Avenue, applauded the Committee for going outside of Neptune for the 3rd member of the Police Committee. A fresh look is needed.

Kate Sharp, 6 Hampton Court, asked if the property on South Riverside Drive has been purchased by the Township. Mr. Gadaleta stated the closing is scheduled for the 2nd week of October. The property will be Green Acres and the Township will determine the plans for recreation, trees, and existing forested area. The Monmouth Conservation Foundation provided a portion of the funding to acquire the property but will not be an owner.

Rev. Lee, 12 Trisha Drive, stated with regards to the Captain they have chosen the Ministerial Alliance would like to meet with him. He thanked the Committee and Mr. Gadaleta for the Clean City Initiative and how beautiful our road ways look. He noticed that the hood for the light has been taken down on Drummond and Heck Avenue.

Mr. Gadaleta stated it was taken down during a motor vehicle accident and a new light has been ordered and will be installed.

Mr. Lee questioned whether the other parts of the Clean City Initiative still ongoing.

Mr. Gadaleta stated the street furniture, the trash receptacles and recycling receptacles have all been ordered and they are waiting on them to be delivered and once they are they will be installed.

Mr. Lee questioned whether signage would go up for liter.

Mr. Gadaleta stated once the receptacles are in place they will certainly do that.

Joyce Klein, 105 Mt. Hermon Way, stated she is pleased with the abandoned vehicle ordinance. The police patrols on the footbridges have stopped and she saw a lot of beer cans in Fireman's Park. She suggested that the foot patrols around the footbridges be continued. She asked if Mr. Colicelli will be paid. The Mayor stated that he will not be paid and is receptive to meeting with various community groups.

Joan Venezia, 107 Mt. Hermon Way, requested the status on the North End, she stated she hoped they were proceeding with the HPC Guidelines. She stated she hoped they would allow permit parking and she was happy to see an ordinance pertaining to abandoned vehicles because she had an abandoned vehicle in the front of her home for more than four months and has not been moved since. She stated she would like for the notification for sweeping to be sent out much earlier so that different organizations can send it out as well. she went on to state that a year or two ago she put out a code violation on 82 Clark and it still has a broken window and she doesn't see anyone working on it. She stated you can see an increasing in handicap parking because you don't have enough parking in Ocean Grove in general. She questioned where was handicap parking for non-residents and how many were there vs those for Neptune residents only.

Mr. Anthony stated as far as the North End there was no change from his last report but the Camp Meeting and WAVE are meeting weekly

Hank Coakley, Valley Road, stated that the appointee to the Police Committee is good and the Police Chief needs to meet with the appointee in person. He asked about the non-migratory geese problem. Mr. Gadaleta is waiting to hear back from Spring Lake on how they handled the problem. Mr. Coakley stated that no matter what you do with parking in Ocean Grove, it will still be a horror.

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

Richard J. Cuttrel,
Municipal Clerk