

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – FEBRUARY 25, 2019

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

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

Mayor Rizzo announced that the notice requirements of R.S. 10:4-18 have been satisfied by the publication of the required advertisement in the Asbury Park Press and The Coaster on January 3, 2019, 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:

The Committee discussed changing the color of the Township's logo back to red and black. Mr. Gadaleta stated that the vehicle decals are done in-house and he provide the cost to change the current vehicles to a red and black logo. He noted that the police vehicles are already red and black.

Mr. Gadaleta stated that remediation continues at the property on South Riverside Drive. 100 truckloads of clean soil will be brought in and hopefully the Township can close of the purchase of the property in March. The Redevelopment Committee is meeting on February 26th and discussion will take place on the West Lake and North End redevelopment areas. Finally, Mr. Gadaleta stated that the NJDOT will provide an update on the Route 66 project on March 5th, the Road Program project will be out to be as of February 26th, and he will be speaking at the Shark River Hills Homeowners Association meeting on February 26th.

The Mayor stated that the Governor's Office has requested that the Township form a Community Committee in anticipation of the 2020 Census. The Mayor and Mr. McMillan will serve on the Committee.

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

Dr. Brantley 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:

Personnel – Housing Authority appointment
Personnel – Personnel matter
Personnel – Recommendations for Driver vacancies
Personnel – Legal Access Policy

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

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

The Committee will consider a resolution at the next regular meeting to reappoint Derrick Griggs to the Housing Authority.

The Committee reviewed recommendations for the hiring of four Drivers and took action by resolution during the business portion of the meeting.

The Committee discussed a Legal Access Policy on establishing guidelines for contacting municipal attorneys. The policy will state that employees must receive approval from the Administrator before making contact with a municipal attorney. Elected officials will have the discretion to either contact the Administrator and review the matter first or contact a municipal attorney immediately.

The Committee reviewed submittals to the RFQ for Police Committee Consultant. Dr. Brantley made contact with both firms that submitted and made a recommendation. The Committee took action by resolution during the business portion of the meeting.

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

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

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 Rizzo announced that the notice requirements of R.S. 10:4-18 have been satisfied by the publication of the required advertisement in the Asbury Park Press and The Coaster on January 3, 2019, 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. Lane offered a motion, seconded by Dr. Brantley, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 11th. All were in favor, except Mr. McMillan who abstained due to his absence.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Mayor and Township Committee recognized the Harris, Jones, and Coleman-Davis families. Each presented their family migration history at the annual Black History Month Celebration on February 16th. Assemblypersons Eric Houghtaling and Joanne Downey joined the Committee with by presenting citations from the State Assembly.

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS

Mr. Williams stated the Marina will start putting boats in the water on April 1st and the Black History Month Celebration Committee did a great job at the February 16th event.

Dr. Brantley stated the Committee is hiring four Driver in the Public Works Department this evening. Since there has been little snow this year, the Township will save some money on snow removal costs. The Police Committee continues working and there is an all-day redevelopment meeting tomorrow. He attended the Central Jersey Club meeting and heard a great speech by Pastor Harris. He also attended the Cathedral International Men's Breakfast. He announced a Black History Month event at the Midtown School on February 27th and a ribbon cutting at the new Boston Way development on March 1st which will include former residents telling their success stories.

Mr. McMillan attended a Black History Month event at the Governor's mansion. He commended Dianna Harris on a great job on the Neptune Black History Month Celebration. He attended a Black History Month celebration at Mr. Olivet and visited the Brookdale Holocaust Museum and is working on getting local students to visit.

Mr. Lane stated that he is working with the Recreation Department on Neptune Day. He attended the Monmouth County Black Democratic Caucus event and recognized four individuals with certificates. He attended the American Legion Post 266 Black History month event and a meeting of the Ocean Grove Homeowners Association.

Mayor Rizzo attended all of the Black History Month celebrations and particularly enjoyed “I Rise” performed to music. The Mayor’s Youth Cabinet is asking for more programming for older youth’s so she met with the Recreation Department to discuss ideas. A prominent author who she knows personally spent time at the Library speaking to children about conservation. She announced the formation of a Community Committee in anticipation of the 2020 Census.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

There were no public comments on resolutions.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-02 – ADOPTED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 19-02

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LIVING SHORELINE FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT ALONG THE SHARK RIVER, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$1,350,000 THEREFOR (INCLUSIVE OF AN \$835,529.25 FEMA GRANT) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$488,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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

Hank Coakley, Valley Road, asked for the area that will be included. Mr. Gadaleta responded from the west boundary of the Yacht Club to the bottom of Snake Hill, or about 2,000 feet. Mr. Coakley stated that he is not against the project, but it will not alleviate flooding. He cited four prior examples of flooding in Shark River Hills since 1960.

Jack Bredin, 94 ½ Heck Avenue, stated that the ocean rises with the tide and the Shark River is really an estuary because it opens to the ocean. A living shoreline causes sand to be carried to upland property which creates sand dunes and offset the effect of rising tides. The river is not an approved municipal facility and the Township allows pollution to enter the river. This pollution will kill the river if storm water is allowed. The Committee should stop the flow of pollution first. This is a waste of federal and local money.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 19-03 - APPROVED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 19-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 16-46 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE CREATING AND SETTING THE SALARY RANGE FOR NEW JOB TITLES AND AMENDING THE SALARY RANGES FOR ALL OTHER EXISTING JOB TITLES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE AND REPEALING ALL PARTS OF PREVIOUS ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HERewith” BY CHANGING THE TITLE OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

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

Williams, aye; and Rizzo, aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-04 - APPROVED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 19-04

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME I, CHAPTER VII OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE BY ADDING A RESIDENT HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONE ON MT. HERMON WAY AND REMOVING VARIOUS RESIDENTIAL HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONES NO LONGER IN USE

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

Mr. Cuttrell stated that the Public Hearings on Ordinances 19-03 and 19-04 will be held on Monday, March 11, 2019.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ACCEPT HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANNING AND TRAINING GRANT THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety offers sub grants via the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) federal grant program to municipalities for HMEP planning and training; and,

WHEREAS, the Township submitted a funding application for the purpose of training employees to respond to accidents and incidents involving hazardous materials and/or develop emergency hazardous incident plans; and,

WHEREAS, the Township has received notification from the New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety of a FFY18 HMEP Planning and Training Grant (Sub-award No. 2018-03) for the period from 9/30/2018 to 9/30/2019 in the amount of \$29,500.00 with no local match required,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune does hereby accept a FFY18 HMEP Planning and Training Sub-award No. 2018-03 through the New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety in the amount of \$29,500.00 for the period from 9/30/2018 to 9/29/2019 for the purpose of training Township first responders to respond to accidents and incidents involving hazardous materials and/or develop emergency hazardous incident plans, and,

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

RESCIND OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT EXTENDED TO MICHAEL NOWACKI JR. FOR THE POSITION OF DRIVER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2019, the Township Committee adopted Resolution #19-95 which extended an offer of employment to Michael Nowacki, Jr. for the position of Driver in the Public Works Department; and,

WHEREAS, Michael Nowacki, Jr. has declined the offer of employment,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that an offer of employment extended to Michael Nowacki, Jr. for the position of Driver in the Department of Public Works, be and is hereby rescinded; and,

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

AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF NEPTUNE CITY TO PROVIDE A TELEPHONIC COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune possesses a Telephonic Community Notification System ("System") to alert its residents in the event of anticipated or on-going emergency within the Township of Neptune; 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 allow the Borough to utilize the System to provide emergency information to its residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough will agree to pay the Township an annual fee of \$5,600.00 plus billings by the community notification system vendor for any mass calls; and,

WHEREAS, this Interlocal Service Agreement shall be automatically renewed on an annual basis on the anniversary date of the signing of said Agreement for a term of three (3) years effective January 1, 2019,

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, which authorizes the Borough to utilize the Township's Telephonic Community Notification System to provide emergency notifications to Borough residents effective from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021; and,

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

WAIVE MUNICIPAL PORTION OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES AND DUMPSTER FEES FOR WORLD CHANGERS REHABILITATION PROJECTS

WHEREAS, this summer, World Changers will again be performing roof rehabilitation projects that require construction permits and dumpsters; and,

WHEREAS, World Changers is a non-profit volunteer organization providing home improvement projects at various locations throughout the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to authorize a waiver of the construction permit and dumpster fees associated with these projects,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby waives the municipal portion of the construction fee permits and all dumpster fees for repairs being performed by World Changers for the reasons as stated herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution does not waive the requirement to obtain applicable construction permits and the performance of construction inspections; and,

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

AUTHORIZE THE UPFIT OF TWO POLICE PATROL VEHICLES THROUGH THE STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, it is necessary to upfit two police patrol vehicles, previously authorized for purchase by resolution, utilizing pricing 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, Major Police Supply has been awarded New Jersey State Contract No. A81330 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 to upfit both vehicles shall not exceed \$23,021.40; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available from 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 upfit of two police patrol vehicles through New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract No. A81330 be and is hereby authorized at an amount not to exceed \$23,021.40; 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 TRANSFER OF 2018 BUDGET APPROPRIATION RESERVES

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

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

FROM:

Police Department S&W	140,000.00
Roads S&W	15,000.00
Solid Waste Collection S&W	10,000.00

TO:

Vehicle Maintenance	45,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal	120,000.00

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the 2018 Budget Appropriation Reserves be transferred as stated herein; and,

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

AUTHORIZE THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES AS A RESULT OF A VETERAN TAX DEDUCTION (BLOCK 2702, LOT 11)

WHEREAS, in 2017, Alfred M Lyons was granted a Veteran Tax Deduction on Block 2702, Lot 11; and,

WHEREAS, the deduction was erroneously removed from the 2018 Tax Duplicate by the Assessor's office; and,

WHEREAS, the error resulted in the property not receiving the approved Veteran Deduction for the Tax year 2018; and,

WHEREAS, the Assessing Office is filing a correction for the 2019 Tax year and has requested that Tax Collector's Office grant the Veteran Deduction for the 2018 Tax year; and

WHEREAS, the amounts to cancel and refund are as follows:

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Amount to be cancelled</u>
2018	250.00

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, that the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to cancel the 2018 Taxes as stated herein for Block 2702, Lot 11; and,

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

AUTHORIZE THE REFUND OF TAXES AS A RESULT OF AN OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, the properties listed below reflect overpayments; and,

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

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

BLOCK	LOT	ASSESSED TO	ADDRESS	YEAR	AMOUNT
4803	7	Jewell	138 Hillside Dr	2018	1,231.29
211	2	Pizzie	16 Main Ave	2018	1,253.07
5011	6	Lutz	416 Couse Rd	2018	719.72

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

AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE AFFECTING BLOCK 1661, LOT 2 (707 BERKELEY LANE)

WHEREAS, MTAG Custodian for FIG Capital Investments NJ13, LLC has purchased a Tax Sale Certificate comprising a lien on the following property:

Certificate #	Block/Lot	Address	Property Owner
2017-188	1611/2	707 Berkeley Lane	Quezada-Mejia Luz

WHEREAS, MTAG Custodian for FIG Capital Investments NJ13, LLC has filed a duly executed affidavit swearing that they are still the lawful owner of said certificate but have lost same; and,

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has recommended the issuance of a duplicate tax sale certificate pursuant to Chapter 99, P.L. 1997,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector be and hereby is authorized to issue a duplicate tax sale certificate to be marked "Duplicate Certificate" to MTAG Custodian for FIG Capital Investments NJ13, LLC upon payment of the sum of \$100.00; and,

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

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

APPOINT POLICE COMMITTEE CONSULTANT

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

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

WHEREAS, the Township accepted Requests for Proposals for said position on February 19, 2019 and desires to make an appointment from the proposals received; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be provided for the first three months of 2019 in the 2019 Temporary Budget and funds for the balance of 2019 will be provided in the Budget for the year 2019, when finally adopted, in the appropriation entitled Police O.E., and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes the execution of a contract to engage the services of Barry Colicelli, On Target Law Enforcement, as Police Committee Consultant effective March 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 at a monthly rate of \$2,500.00; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution supersedes Resolution #19-17 which awarded a contract for this position for the year 2019; and,

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

The resolution was adopted on the following vote: Brantley, aye; Lane, aye; McMillan, no; Williams, aye; and Rizzo, aye.

EXTEND OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POSITION OF DRIVER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Director and Public Works Director have made their recommendation; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be provided for the first three months of 2019 in the 2019 Temporary Budget and funds for the balance of 2019 will be provided in the Budget for the year 2019, when finally adopted, in the appropriation entitled Solid Waste Collection 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 an offer of employment be and is hereby extended to the following individuals for the position of Driver (Class A) in the Department of Public Works, on a probationary basis for a period of not less than 90 days and not exceeding one year, contingent upon favorable results of the required pre-employment testing, effective March 4, 2019, at an annual salary of \$32,200.00 each:

Paul Shanahan Jeffrey St. Fleur Enrique DeJesus Gary Jasmier

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

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

AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Lane offered the following resolution, moved and seconded by Dr. Brantley, 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	8,255,102.45
GRANT FUND	12,635.00
TRUST FUND	4,378.35
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	2,835.00
SEWER OPERATING FUND	65,974.47
MARINA OPERATING FUND	4,000.00
DOG TRUST	994.00
UDAG TRUST	10,000.00

LIBRARY TRUST

2,068.37

BILL LIST TOTAL

\$8,357,987.64

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

AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP TO FINALIZE DISCIPLINE REGARDING CARINA SANTOS

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

WHEREAS, Carina Santos, Departmental Secretary, was working under the terms of a Last Chance Employment Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2019, Carina Santos incurred an additional disciplinary infraction; and,

WHEREAS, in lieu of termination, the Township desires to reclassify Carina Santos from the position of Departmental Secretary to Customer Service Representative,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that Carina Santos be and is hereby reclassified from the position of Departmental Secretary to the position of Customer Service Representative at a reduction of pay from an annual base salary of \$43,703.57 to an annual base salary of \$37,620.31 effective February 26, 2019; and,

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

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barbara Burns, 4 Ocean Avenue, stated that in December, a resident waited 45 minutes for an ambulance to arrive after falling in the street and the two responders who finally arrived did not have a clue as to what to do. Mr. Gadaleta stated that the Township started a part-time paid/volunteer EMS system about 7 years ago due to an increase in call volume. Currently, there are paid EMS crews on duty from 6am to 6pm Monday through Saturday. During volunteer hours, usually one ambulance covers the entire Township. The usual response time is 8 to 9 minutes which is better than the state average; however, there will be shifts when multiple calls occur simultaneously. He will get a copy of the report and follow-up. Ms. Burns reiterated that 45 minutes is unacceptable. Mr. Gadaleta stated the Township is looking at costs associated with additional paid staff and that there will sometimes be an outlier in response. Dr. Brantley stated the Committee recognizes the priority of EMS and needs to look at the allocation of funds to many priorities. The Mayor added that she discussed this matter with Mr. Gadaleta. There is the option of adding more paid staff but there will always be an outlier in terms of response times.

Dianna Harris, Willow Drive, stated that NJ Transit is going to run a bus down Springwood Avenue once the Boston Way apartments open. She is not sure if the bus route will go all the way to Neptune Blvd or stop at the municipal boundary but asked the Committee to look into it. Ms. Harris if the Township will have a summer internship program this year. Mr. Gadaleta stated there are currently no plans to have a program this year.

Jack Bredin, 94 ½ Heck Avenue, stated that the Camp Meeting Association has a bulkhead along the boardwalk. They were interested in a living shoreline so volunteers planted dune grass. He asked what percentage of the cost of the South Riverside Drive living shoreline is going to engineering. Mr. Gadaleta stated that a Request for Proposals has not yet been issued for engineering so he does not have a cost. Mr. Bredin stated that the Committee should have a display of the plan for the public to view. Mr. Gadaleta stated that at this meeting, the Committee accepted the grant and adopted the funding ordinance. At the March 25th meeting, a Consulting

Engineer will be appointed to finalize the plan. At that time, the plan will be available for public comment.

Vince MacGuire, asked if the Township has an Animal Control Officer. Mr. Gadaleta replied that the Township contracts with the Monmouth County SPCA to serve as Animal Control Officer. Residents in need of this service should contact the Police Department who will make contact with the SPCA.

Mr. Gadaleta stated that the Township's electronic sign board is displaying "wipers on/light on" at the suggestion of Mr. Coakley.

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

Richard J. Cuttrell,
Municipal Clerk