

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – JANUARY 10, 2011

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

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

Mayor McMillan announced that the notice requirements of R.S. 10:4-18 have been satisfied by the publication of the required advertisement in the Asbury Park Press and The Coaster on January 6, 2011, 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. Bishop stated that the Historic Preservation Commission has been working on the Preservation Guidelines to reflect the latest in building materials. Hardie blank siding has recently become a common substitute for clapboard and the HPC wants to address this in the Guidelines. Dr. Brantley and Mr. Houghtaling both suggested that members of the HPC be invited to the next workshop meeting to discuss further. Mr. Bishop added that he does not want to see any vagueness in the Guidelines so that everyone is clear on what is acceptable.

Dr. Brantley stated that the Committee needs to adopt the amendments to the RV/boat storage ordinance and address tweaks at a future date. Mr. Bishop stated that the Committee needs to look at adding a maximum percentage coverage in the historic district zones and suggested 50%. The Mayor stated that he would like to conduct a field visit throughout the Township to see exactly what the Committee is regulating.

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

Mr. Bishop offered the following resolution, moved and seconded by Dr. Brantley, 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:  
  
Real Estate negotiations – Offer to sell property adjacent to Welsh Farms property  
Potential Litigation – Sampler Inn property subdivision  
Real Estate negotiations – Street vacation
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matters will be made public when matters are resolved.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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

The Committee reviewed a letter from the owner of 719 Old Corlies Avenue which offers to sell a portion of the property to the Township. The portion of the property is to the rear of the existing home at 719 Old Corlies, is undeveloped, and adjacent to the Welsh Farms property. The Committee declined to pursue the matter because they do not want to commit funds.

Ms. Jahn arrived.

Mr. Bascom stated that in future snowstorms, supervision of the Public Works plowing operation will be increased to ensure that a road is plowed to the Township's standards. The thought is to use other Department Heads for this purpose. Mr. Bascom also stated that is a Snow Removal Plan in existence. The Plan identifies 40 primary roads which are plowed first. There are 20 plowing zones throughout the Township and each zone is assigned a plow. In large storms, the zones are merged so that plows can work in tandem.

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

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

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

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

The Clerk stated, "Fire exits are located in the direction I am indicating, in case of fire you will be notified by bell and or public address system. If you are alerted of fire, please move in a calm, orderly manner to the nearest smoke-free exit or the next nearest exit as directed over the public address system.

Mayor McMillan announced that the notice requirements of R.S. 10:4-18 for an "Annual Notice" have been satisfied by the publication of the required advertisement in the Asbury Park Press and The Coaster on January 6, 2011, 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 available online at [www.neptunetownship.org](http://www.neptunetownship.org) for public viewing before each Township Committee meeting.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bishop offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Jahn, to approve the minutes of the meetings held on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and December 6th. All were in favor, except Mr. Houghtaling who was ineligible to vote on the motion.

#### REPORT OF THE CLERK

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

Notice of public hearing on an amendment to the Ocean Township Land Development Ordinance.

Tax Collector's monthly statements for November and December.

Senior Beacon for January.

Thank you note from Larry and Mary Huggins to the Senior Center staff.

Notification from the County of Monmouth that the Township has been awarded \$250,000 in funding for the Wesley Lake wall reconstruction.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS

The Mayor requested comments from the dais and they were as follows:

Dr. Brantley congratulated those who were elected to positions and appointed to boards in Neptune Township. He also stated the dredging project for Wesley Lake has stopped due to the storm but they have gotten trucks of dredging material from there. He assured everyone that he would keep them informed.

Mary Beth Jahn stated someone left their jetski near the dredging area at Wesley Lake.

Eric Houghtaling stated he had a meeting with Recreation and was updated with the various programs. He gave an update for the Marina Commission and MURC but stated he was still waiting

to meet with Wayne Rode who has been extremely busy due to the snow storm. He stated former Mayor Jahn had a difficult time as Mayor with the storms.

Randy Bishop echoed the comments of Mr. Houghtaling and stated everyone had a difficult time with the storm. He stated his hat goes off to everyone who put forth an effort. He said tempers were short with everyone. He went on to state that he went to Capitol Hill with Congressman Pallone and because of that he thought of the tragedy in Arizona and his heart went out to those that lost loved ones. He stated it struck him because it was a week before Martin Luther King's Birthday and he quoted Dr. King.

Mayor McMillan thanked all those that sent him cards and emails during the recovery of his hip replacement. He also thanked Rosemary Gray for her card. He went on to state that he attended the Pop Warner banquet. He thanked all the employees who worked during the recent snow storm and explained the procedure that would be used for anyone to stress their concerns.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTION TO APPOINT DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

The Mayor requested public comments regarding Resolution #11-59. There were no comments.

#### PROMOTE WILLIAM H. BAILEY TO DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

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

WHEREAS, due to the promotion of Robert Adams to the position of Chief of Police, there is a need to fill the position of Deputy Chief of Police; and,

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator has made his recommendation; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be provided for the first three months of 2011 in the 2011 Temporary Budget and funds for the balance of 2011 will be provided in the Budget for the year 2011, when finally adopted, and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that William H. Bailey be and is hereby promoted to the position of Deputy Chief of Police in the Township of Neptune effective January 10, 2011; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an Employment Agreement with Deputy Chief Bailey, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk; and,

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

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

Police Commissioner Jahn administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Chief Bailey.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

The Mayor requested public comments regarding resolutions presented on this agenda. There were no comments.

(NOTE: Ordinances 11-01 through 11-05 were originally approved on first reading on December 13, 2010 as Ordinances 10-45 and 10-47 though 10-50, respectively. Due to a severe snowstorm, the December 27, 2010 meeting could not be held. Therefore, the ordinances could not be adopted)

#### ORDINANCE NO. 11-01 - APPROVED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME I, CHAPTER II, SECTION 2-67 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE TO AMEND THE EXISTING RESPONSIBLE CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11-02 - APPROVED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11-02

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$600,000 THEREFOR (INCLUDING A \$176,765 GRANT FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$403,075 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11-03 - APPROVED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11-03

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SHARK RIVER MARINA, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$300,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$285,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11-04 - APPROVED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11-04

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SOUTH RIVERSIDE DRIVE FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT – PHASE I, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$700,000.00 THEREFOR (INCLUDING A \$508,441.50 GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$182,433.00 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11-05 - APPROVED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11-05

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONCOURSE/SEAVIEW ISLAND FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$650,000.00 THEREFOR (INCLUDING A \$430,176.75 GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$209,353.00 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11-06 - APPROVED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11-06

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION AND THE PAYMENT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF REAL PROPERTY BEING DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 217, LOT 58 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE AND VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS THEREOF, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$300,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$285,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11-07 - APPROVED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11-07

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION OF 1700 WEST LAKE AVENUE, NEPTUNE, NEW JERSEY ALSO KNOWN AS TAX BLOCK 217, LOT 58-61 OF THE TAX MAP OF NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP

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

Mr. Cuttrell stated that the Public Hearings on Ordinances 11-01 through 11-07 will be held on Monday, January 24, 2011.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF CHARLES LAYTON AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has received a letter from Charles Layton resigning as a member of the Planning Board effective December 13, 2010,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the resignation of Charles Layton as a member of the Planning Board is hereby accepted effective December 13, 2010; and,

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

AUTHORIZE THE PASSION GROUP TO COORDINATE AND CONDUCT A TOWNSHIP FESTIVAL IN THE FALL OF 2011

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune desires to hold a Township festival in October, 2011 in lieu of the annual Neptune Day event; and,

WHEREAS, the Passion Group, 600 Cookman Avenue, Asbury Park, has submitted a proposal to coordinate and conduct the event; and,

WHEREAS, compensation to the Passion Group for these services will come from registration and vendor fees for the event; and,

WHEREAS, the Township will receive a portion of these fees which is estimated to be between \$3,000 and \$4,000,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes execution of an agreement with The Passion Group to organize, coordinate and conduct a Township Festival in October, 2011 in accordance with the terms as outlined in the Passion Group proposal dated November 19, 2010; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, Business Administrator, Chief of Police, Director of Public Works and Recreation Director.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT AND CONSENT TO ALLOW MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT OF TITLE 39 (TRAFFIC) VIOLATIONS AT ELDRIDGE MOBILE HOME PARK

WHEREAS, Garden State Homes Management Corporation is the managing agent and Third Garden Park Limited Partnership is the owner of the Eldridge Mobile Homes Park on State Highway 33; and,

WHEREAS, a complaint and counterclaim was filed by Garden State Homes Management Corporation and Third Garden Park Limited Partnership and Neptune Township in Monmouth County Superior Court in January 2009 in order to resolve certain property issues; and,

WHEREAS, a Stipulation of Settlement was entered into in Monmouth County Superior Court on August 5, 2010, which provides among other conditions, that Garden State Homes Management Corporation and Third Garden Park Limited Partnership will provide the Township of Neptune with a "Title 39 Agreement" which permits the Township to enforce the provisions of the State of New Jersey traffic statutes; and,

WHEREAS, the Township will be considering an ordinance in January, 2011 which outlines and authorizes specific traffic regulations including, but not limited to, no parking zones, stop signs and speed limits,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes the execution of an Agreement, a copy of which is on file with the Municipal Clerk to consent to allow municipal enforcement of Title 39 (Traffic) regulations at Eldridge Mobile Home Park; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Township Committee will consider adoption of an ordinance in January, 2011 to outline and authorize specific traffic control regulations and signage at Eldridge Mobile Home Park; and,

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

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
15	760	CHEN	13 BROADWAY #1	2010	1,256.84
481	32	MCCUDDEN	27 S RIVERSIDE DR	2010	829.00
266.08	173	LAINÉ	2010 GREENWOOD A	2010	1,643.44
9032	4	ECHOLS	5 COLUMBIA RD	2010	2,812.95
10000.01	7	ROBINSON	212 FAIRWAY LN	2010	137.16
443	29	MASCARELLI	341 CLAYTON AVE	2010	1,882.94
172	20	REO MAX	1227 11 <sup>TH</sup> AVE	2010	747.41
563.02	4	BUZZA	407 CAPTAINS WY	2010	1,577.39
3023	5	OGLESBY	1108 FORDHAM RD	2010	1,397.84
3023	9	TIRONE	817 WAKEFIELD RD	2010	1,415.33
2001	9	TIRONE	2225 W LAKE AVE	2010	979.45

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

EMPLOY SEASONAL/ON-CALL DRIVERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR SNOW PLOWING

WHEREAS, the Township desires to create a pool of individuals with commercial drivers license who would be called upon during major snowfalls to operate snow plows as a supplement to the full-time Public Works staff; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has conducted interviews and has forwarded his recommendations to employ eight workers for this purpose; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the appropriation entitled \_\_\_\_\_, known as Account No. \_\_\_\_\_, 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 following individuals be and are hereby employed in the Department of Public Works as Casual Employees on an on-call basis only for snow plowing during major snow/ice events during the 2010-2011 winter season at an hourly rate of \$25.00; and,

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| Raymond Koepfel | Nelson Fenimore, Jr.  |
| Michael Finer   | William Burge         |
| Fred Kern, Jr.  | James Vandervort, Jr. |
| Donald Diebert  | Russell Brown         |

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

WAIVE FEE FOR DUMPSTER RENTAL FOR WASHINGTON FIRE COMPANY

WHEREAS, the Washington Fire Company is undertaking a renovation project that requires the Township's 11 cubic yard dumpster for construction waste at their fire house located at 50 Olin Street; and,

WHEREAS, the building is owned by the Ocean Grove Fire District, a political subdivision of the State of New Jersey and the Washington Fire Company is a non-profit volunteer organization providing fire suppression services to the Township of Neptune,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby waives the rental fee for the Township's 11 cubic yard dumpster for renovations at the Washington Fire Company, located at 50 Olin Street for the reason as stated herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of Public Works and Washington Fire Company.

AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH INTERFAITH NEIGHBORS, INC. TO PROVIDE CONGREGATE MEALS AT THE NEPTUNE SENIOR CENTER

WHEREAS, Interfaith Neighbors, Inc., provides noon-time meal services to senior citizens at the Neptune Senior Center; and,

WHEREAS, Interfaith Neighbors, Inc., wishes to continue the engagement of services of Neptune Township and Neptune Township wishes to continue to provide services to Interfaith Neighbors and to the senior citizens who participate in this program at the Neptune Senior Center; and,

WHEREAS, Interfaith Neighbors, Inc. will provide payment to the Township of Neptune in the amount of \$1,365.00 per month for kitchen staff,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Interfaith Services, Inc. to provide payment in the amount of \$1,365.00 per month to the Township of Neptune for noon-time meals to senior citizens at the Neptune Senior Center for the year 2011; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Senior Center Director, Chief Financial Officer and Business Administrator.

AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH INTERFAITH NEIGHBORS, INC. FOR USE OF THE NEPTUNE SENIOR CENTER FACILITY

WHEREAS, Interfaith Neighbors, Inc., provides noon-time meal services to senior citizens at the Neptune Senior Center; and,

WHEREAS, Interfaith Neighbors, Inc., wishes to continue the engagement of services of Neptune Township and Neptune Township wishes to continue to provide the Senior Center kitchen and dining area for this service from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. during normal operating days,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a lease agreement with Interfaith Neighbors, Inc. for space at the Neptune Senior Center at a rate of \$700.00 per month payable to the Township of Neptune for the year 2011; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Senior Center Director, Chief Financial Officer and Business Administrator.

ACCEPT PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FILED BY LOCATIONS XVII, INC. FOR SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT DUNKIN DONUTS (CORNER OF ROUTES 33 & 35)

WHEREAS, Locations XVII, Inc. has filed a cash performance guarantee in the amount of \$44,000.00, guaranteeing site improvements at the proposed project known as Dunkin Donuts located at the intersection of Routes 33 & 35 (Block 212, Lots 1.01, 4.01 and 13.01); and,

WHEREAS, the required inspection fee escrow has 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 as follows:

1. The Performance Guarantee as stated above be and is hereby accepted.
2. The Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute a Developer's Agreement for the above referenced project.
3. A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Township Engineer, Planning Board, Construction Department, Director of Engineering and Planning, Chief Financial Officer and the Developer.

ESTABLISH AN HOURLY FEE SCHEDULE FOR SERVICES PERFORMED BY THE ENGINEERING AND LAND USE DEPARTMENTS

WHEREAS, from time to time, developers of property in the Township of Neptune require



the services of Township staff for engineering and land use plan reviews, permit document reviews and site inspections; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to establish an hourly rate for these services which will be paid through escrow funds posted by the developer or entity requesting said services; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the following shall constitute a rate schedule for Township staff in the Engineering/Planning and Land Use Departments for the year 2011:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>
Professional Engineer	\$ 152.00
Land Use Director	146.00
Engineering Technician	82.00
Field Technician	75.00
Administrative Staff	48.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Land Use Administrator, Director of Engineering/Planning, Chief Financial Officer, Assistant C.F.O. and Business Administrator.

APPOINT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune desires to appoint an Attorney to the Historic Preservation Commission 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 December 7, 2010 and will make a selection from the proposals received; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be provided for the first three months of 2011 in the 2011 Temporary Budget and funds for the balance of 2011 will be provided in the Budget for the year 2011, when finally adopted, and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes the execution of a contract to engage the services of Wesley Kain as Attorney to the Historic Preservation Commission for the year 2011 at the terms as indicated in said contract on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk; and,

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

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

WHEREAS, volunteer personnel in the Office of Emergency Management were placed on stand-by duty as a result of the blizzard and resulting snow emergency declared on December 26, 2010; and,

WHEREAS, overtime payment at the rate of \$10.00 per hour is authorized by resolution of the Township Committee to be paid to said personnel in the event of a long duration situation such as storm or disaster which requires readiness and staffing; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be provided for the first three months of 2011 in the 2011 Temporary Budget in the appropriation entitled \_\_\_\_\_, known as Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ and funds for the balance of 2011 will be provided in the Budget for the year 2011, when finally adopted, and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that stand-by duty payment at the rate of \$10.00 per hour be and is hereby authorized to the following Office of Emergency Management staff for the hours indicated as a result of the snow emergency on December 26, 2010 through December 31, 2010:

Anthony Devlin	82 hours
Jeffrey Devlin	104 hours
Kenneth Sprague	116 hours
Edward Sims	63 hours

Daryn Moure	103 hours
George Waterman	50 hours
Salvador Galvan	47 hours
Michael Bonfonte	27 hours
Skip Rochovsky	26 hours
Chris Devlin	19 hours
Thomas Francis	65 hours
James Harbour	56 hours
William Van Meter	40 hours
Michelle Grace	12 hours

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

ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE HAZARDOUS DISCHARGE SITE REMEDIATION FUND MUNICIPAL PROGRAM THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune has applied for and has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$60,524.00 from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Municipal Grant Program through the Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Economic Development Authority for site investigation at the former Chidnese Property at 1825 West Lake Avenue,

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

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

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A CLARIFICATION OF SUBLEASE TERMS WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE AT 1820 WEST LAKE AVENUE

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey and the Township of Neptune entered into a Sublease, dated August 28, 2008, for the rental of real property located at 1820 West Lake Avenue, Neptune, New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant the provisions, terms and conditions of said Lease, the parties agreed to clarify certain terms of the Lease, such as commencement and expiration dates, final measurements of the premises, rents and State's share of occupancy, at such time as these issues were known and finalized; and,

WHEREAS, the parties are now in a position of clarify the above mentioned terms of the Lease,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes the execution of a Clarification of Sublease Terms, a copy of which is on file with the Municipal Clerk, with the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Property and Management and Construction for the rental of property located at 1820 West Lake Avenue, Neptune; and,

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

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

AUTHORIZE BIRDSALL SERVICES GROUP TO PERFORM REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION AT THE FORMER CHIDNESE PROPERTY (1825 WEST LAKE AVENUE)

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

WHEREAS, the Township desires to engage the services of Birdsall Services Group to

perform remedial investigation at the former Chidnese property at 1825 West Lake Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, Birdsall Services Group has previously completed two remediations on this site and the NJDEP is requiring additional remediation work; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be provided through a Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Grant in the amount of \$60,524.00 and through the first three months of 2011 in the 2011 Temporary Budget in the amount of \$5,828.05 which will be provided in the Budget for the year 2011, when finally adopted, and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes Birdsall Services Group to perform the services as stated herein at an amount not to exceed \$66,352.05; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, Assistant C.F.O., Birdsall Services Group, Director of Engineering and Planning, and the Business Administrator.

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

AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A CHEVROLET TAHOE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE NEW JERSEY STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, the Neptune Township Police Department wishes to purchase a 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe SSV 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, Day Chevrolet has been awarded New Jersey State Contract No. A73849 for this vehicle; 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 vehicle shall not exceed \$28,297.10; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be provided from insurance refunds and in the 2011 Temporary Budget and funds for the balance of 2011 will be provided in the Budget for the year 2011, when finally adopted, and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the purchase of a 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe SSV through the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Neptune Township Police Department be and is hereby authorized at an amount not to exceed \$28,297.10; and,

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

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

ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING CONTAINERS THROUGH THE MONMOUTH COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune desires to purchase 20,000 residential curbside recycling containers for Township residents through the Monmouth County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Monmouth has agreed to provide a matching grant to offset a portion of the cost of said containers; and,

WHEREAS, funding for the Township's portion of the cost is available in the Recycling Tonnage Grant Program and the Clean Communities Program and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby accepts grant funding in the amount of \$119,850.00 from the Monmouth County Solid Waste Advisory Council towards the purchase of residential recycling containers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the purchase of 20,000 residential recycling containers at the total cost of \$239,350.00 is hereby authorized through the Monmouth County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System; 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 Director of Public Works.

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

AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF POLICE OFFICER SCHEDULING SOFTWARE UNDER THE NEW JERSEY STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, the Neptune Township Police Department wishes to purchase Police Officer Scheduling Software from 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, Dell Marketing, LP has been awarded New Jersey State Contract No. A77003 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 amount of the computer software shall not exceed \$39,240.00; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Ordinance No. 07-37, 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 purchased of Police Officer Scheduling Software through the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Neptune Township Police Department be and is hereby authorized at an amount not to exceed \$39,240.00; and,

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

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

AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following bills be paid if properly certified:

CURRENT FUND	2,520,400.11
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	5,416.64

TRUST OTHER	21,861.95
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	127,013.02
SEWER OPERATING FUND	227,527.87
MARINA OPERATING FUND	20,158.97
DOG TRUST	7,330.70
U.D.A.G. TRUST	750.00
LIBRARY TRUST	1,862.71
BILL LIST TOTAL	\$2,932,321.97

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

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor McMillan read the following prepared statement:

- Recognize that this was a natural disaster. An event that this area hasn't experienced since 1947. This was not a typical winter storm.
  - Recognize that there are areas of the response that need improvement and that our Local Emergency Planning Committee and administration are working to identify the weaknesses and implement change to make immediate and long-term improvements to our severe storm response.
  - Recognize the heroes who worked in conditions that you can't imagine unless you were out on the roads (which you shouldn't have been) during and immediately following this disaster. Neptune Township did an excellent job in the life safety department, which is our primary mission during an emergency. Did recovery take longer than it should have? We think so, but it was a lack of resources, not a lack of will that slowed our efforts. It was an admitted lack of support from our county and state partners that hampered our efforts. And of course, there are things we can do ourselves to provide our employees, volunteers and residents with improved service during a severe winter storm.
1. Department of Public Works personnel who began working at 6:30 in the morning, prior to the storm, ensuring that our plows were ready to go, that appropriate staffing was scheduled and that the cars were moved to allow snow plow access. DPW was pre-treating our primary roads at 9:30 in the morning and our full complement of 25 plows was on the road at 3:30 that afternoon plowing the primary roads in every neighborhood. These workers worked around the clock in sixteen hour shifts for almost a week straight. These workers participated in rescues, fought blinding conditions, worked through the frustration of clearing a road only to have 8 more inches of snow cover the road two hours later, and at times become stranded themselves on our roadways. They worked with our emergency services to keep our town safe throughout the storm and the days following the storm. But most importantly, they battled unbelievable conditions to clear our 400 miles of local roadways.
  2. Our emergency responders. Police, Fire, EMS and OEM. This dedicated group of emergency responders worked closely throughout the storm to rescue people from stranded vehicles, to respond to over one hundred and twenty medical emergencies, to respond to a structure fire, natural gas leaks, carbon monoxide leaks, car fires, alarms, people in need of assistance, and other emergencies using creative response tactics in conditions that most have never experienced in their lifetime. These responders carried patients for blocks to waiting ambulances, transported nearly 100 residents in need of dialysis treatment to local facilities, delivered medicine, food and baby formula to those who did not have sufficient supplies and staffed a command center that was processed approximately 6,000 calls from our residents. They used snow mobiles, snow

- shoes, all terrain vehicles, four wheel drive vehicles, rescue equipment, along with brains and brawn to keep all of our residents safe throughout the storm.
3. Our amazing residents, volunteers, and businesses who took things into their own hands and helped each other as you would hope one would during times of disaster. Some shoveled a neighbors walk, some cleared paths in the streets, some delivered food and medicine, some simply checked on the welfare of their neighbors. But all in all, it makes you proud to be a resident of Neptune when you hear of the acts of kindness and concern.

As I said, I think all of these people deserve our thanks.

I would now ask our Emergency Management Coordinator Howard O'Neil to make a short presentation concerning the storm. Howard and our employees have been working hard to evaluate our response and to develop and implement improvements to our severe storm response capabilities. While Howard is not responsible for every department that has a role in such a response, Emergency Management by definition is focused on Preparedness, Response, and Mitigation. Life Safety as the primary goal, followed by Incident Stabilization and Recovery. Howard will make his presentation, several Department Heads will remain here throughout the public comment period to respond to questions when appropriate to do so. Thank you.

Howard O'Neil, Emergency Management Coordinator, read the following prepared statement:

- This was a natural disaster. A blizzard, a state and locally declared disaster. This was a situation that the Jersey Shore has not experienced since 1947. It was beyond the plowing capabilities of every single town in New Jersey. Neptune, and our neighboring towns took the brunt of the storm. We were hit the hardest. We had limited access to outside assistance. While some local contractors were able to get to their equipment and begin helping us on Monday, most were unable to get their equipment to us until Wednesday. And just like the towns around us, we worked diligently until every road was plowed. We are certain that there are locations or streets that were cleared better than others and streets that were cleared on Monday, streets that weren't cleared until Tuesday and streets that weren't cleared until Wednesday or Thursday. But this was a blizzard, with 30" of snow falling in less than 16 hours. In such a situation, the streets cannot be cleared by plows alone. Heavy equipment, large and medium front end loaders are needed on virtually every street. It was not a simple as getting a plow on the road. It was much more complex due to the sheer volume of snow and the short period in which it fell. It was the 200+ vehicles stranded on our roadways blocking plow access in virtually every neighborhood, it was the fact that our state and county highways and roadways were not cleared until at least 48 hours after the storm, it was the fact that our plows were getting stuck, our emergency call volume was extraordinary, and our plowing equipment and staffing levels are designed to handle storms as large as the storm that was actually predicted, not the storm we received.
- Prior to the storm, the National Weather Service predicted we would receive 6 to 12 inches. After the storm began, they upgraded their forecast to 8 to 16 inches. Either of these predictions are within our local capabilities. Neptune Township has always handled winter storms such as these. We are confident in the abilities of all of our employees and emergency responders. We are confident that we are properly equipped, staffed and trained to handle the storms we consistently receive and storms substantially larger than the usual. But we are not staffed nor equipped for a Blizzard such as this that strikes our area once every 60 years or so.
- At 9:30 AM on Sunday, our DPW was out pre-treating the primary roadways with calcium chloride. At 10:00 AM the snow began and we opened our emergency operations center. At 12:30 we had one inch of snow on the ground and our sanders and salters continued to treat the roads. At 3:30 PM, we deployed twenty-five plows as snow had reach 4 inches, which is roughly the minimum required to start plowing operations. Within By 6:00 PM we had 8 inches of snow on the ground and plowing operations were continuing. The snow continued to fall at a rate of two inches per hours until about 11:00 PM. At 11:00 PM we had 17 inches of snow on the ground, over the next four hours the snow total increase to 30 inches in parts of Neptune. With the exceptions of plows getting stuck, employee breaks and shift changes, our plows stayed on the road 24/7 until Friday.

- On December 25, the day before the storm, we began sending public notifications through our website, email blasts, Reverse 9-1-1 calls and social networking posts. Our notifications warned of a significant snow event and asked residents to prepare accordingly. Along with the National Weather Service, we advised against travel and posted information regarding winter storm preparedness, which includes the need to stock up for and expected extended stay at home.
- During this storm, our Police, Fire, EMS, OEM, DPW and administrative staff met the following challenges. They rescued more than fifty people from stranded vehicles on our highways. They sheltered stranded motorists at our municipal court, the OEM facility, fire house and first aid squads. They performed a number of rescues, they responded to fires and first aid calls. They transported residents for dialysis treatments, they delivered medication, food and baby formula to residents in need, they worked collectively to meet the number one goal of our storm response which is life safety. Not one of our workers or responders was seriously injured during the storm, not one resident was seriously injured nor lost a life as a result of our storm response. This group worked around the clock to ensure your safety and they worked hard. Unfortunately, due to the conditions, every time we had to respond to an emergency we needed the support of DPW. They had to pull a loader and a plow from street clearing duty to respond to the emergency scene to make sure we could rapidly deploy our rescue assets. They did an excellent job in support of the emergency services, but the call volume was a strain on DPW's ability to clear the streets. As such, our projections for street clearing could not be met. This caused frustration for our residents as well as our workers.
- Neptune Township began requesting assistance from Monmouth County, the State of New Jersey and private contractors at 4:00 AM on Monday morning. Repeated requests through these channels were generally unmet until we were able to locate a local loader and operator late in the day on Monday. As the week went on, we were able to locate loaders and operators from Ocean Grove, Tinton Falls, Newburgh New York, and Aberdeen Maryland. By midday Wednesday we had fifteen loaders supplementing our fleet of three. Requests to the state to clear the state highways continued through Wednesday evening when the State Police were able to direct assets to Neptune to clear Route 33 and 35. The exit ramp from Route 18 north to the hospital was not cleared until Friday morning! Requests to attain County assistance in Neptune were made several times a day until two county plows arrived in Neptune on Thursday morning. These plows were assigned to Brockton Estates and Mid-Town but proved ineffective due to their inexperience in dealing with cars parked along the roadways. As such, we had to re-assign local assets to these areas again on Thursday afternoon. Our requests to have several county roads plowed were unheeded until Wednesday morning when parts of West Bangs Avenue, Old Corlies Avenue and Atkins Avenue were finally cleared. This improved our access to local roads and reduced the emergency call volume for stranded motorists.
- As a result of the conditions of the state highways, Neptune had to deal with more than 200 stranded vehicles. These vehicles blocked state highways, blocked local roadways and created dangerous situations which caused other vehicles to become stuck. Our police department coordinated the towing of approximately 100 of these vehicles. Some vehicles were towed from snow zones in Ocean Grove prior to the storm. But many people decided to take to the streets Sunday night and became stranded. Some stayed with their vehicles, others abandoned their vehicles in the middle of the streets. Unfortunately, tow companies could not get their staff to their tow trucks and when they could, they couldn't navigate the roadways to get to the stranded vehicles, so it was late Tuesday before we could resume towing operations. As such, a great deal of our time on Monday involved working around stranded vehicles, aiding stranded motorists, operating shelters for these people and pushing their vehicles out the way when a critical route was blocked. In some situations, there was just nothing we could do. For instance, tractor trailers that were diverted from Route 18 attempted to navigate Route 33 and Route 35. Five of these tractor trailers jack-knifed on these highways further complicating the situation by blocking plow and emergency routes. When the state did open the highways, they opened one lane on Route 35 and one lane in each direction on Route 33. This did not solve our problem. More and more cars became stuck and more and more situations required the attention of our DPW and emergency services personnel.
- The fact that this was also a Nor'easter hampered our efforts in Ocean Grove. Our plan of attack is to open the primary roads in every neighborhood first. This gives us faster

emergency vehicle access into every neighborhood. On Ocean Avenue, the plow would clear the street, only to have the snow blow right back. Efforts to clear Ocean Avenue were suspended until the winds calmed. Our efforts to clear Stockton Avenue, Main Avenue and Broadway were hampered by stranded vehicles at the intersections of each of these roads and Highway 71 which was not cleared properly by the state until Wednesday night.

- The State has finally admitted that they failed to clear the highways in Monmouth County. We are not looking to place blame and recognize that every level of government was handcuffed by a storm that was much larger than predicted and that is virtually unprecedented in Central New Jersey. But we typically find the County and State to be very reliable during snow storms and their success is critical to our success.
- Our plans revolve around proper staffing and equipment and the need to prioritize roadways. In this storm, we were unable to get to streets we would typically plow early due to the emergency call volume, the sheer volume of snow and the resources we have available for plowing. Shark River Hills and Ocean Grove were particularly hampered by abandoned vehicles and the configuration of the streets. Narrow roads, curves, hills, dead ends, cul de sacs, and certain intersections that are usually cleared with a plow required a combination of plows and loaders to clear the streets. Utilizing a loader to clear the street is very effective, but very time consuming. It is not as if the loader just puts the blade down and drives down the street. They must scoop, move, dump and repeat all they way down the road...
- Another hurdle was the need to maintain access to critical facilities such as the hospital, the police station, firehouses, first aid buildings, nursing homes, dialysis centers, and shelters. This focus reduced the number of plows and loaders available for street clearing in every neighborhood.
- The bottom line is that yes, we were successful in ensuring the life safety of our residents and responders. Yes, Neptune DPW and all of our departments are prepared for the largest of winter storms that typically strike Neptune. But no, just as our neighboring towns, we do not have the manpower nor resources to quickly remove snow of this magnitude. But thank goodness this is not the norm.
- Did we identify areas in need of improvement, absolutely. We are always working to improve our service delivery. Some examples of areas we plan to improve include:
  1. Public Relations / Public Information. We plan to consolidate the public information releases to ensure that there is a single, clear, concise and accurate message coming from the local government. We will continue to use various modes of notification including Reverse 9-1-1, media releases, the Internet, and publications to keep our resident and businesses informed. We will expand our notification process to include notification to our neighborhood associations, neighborhood watch groups, the Camp Meeting Association, and other community groups.
  2. We will be placing Automated Vehicle Locators on our plowing equipment to provide supervisors with a more accurate assessment of progress and to improve safety for our plow operators.
  3. We will be developing contingency plans for alternate routes around state highways and county roadways.
  4. We have initiated emergency contracts with local vendors to attain their loaders and plowing equipment during expected large storms.
  5. We are developing additional snow hauling locations to help in the recovery efforts after large storms.
  6. We will be getting out to every homeowners association to discuss disaster preparedness in cooperation with our friends at Jersey Shore University Medical Center.
  7. We are evaluating our resources, but we are not looking to increase manpower nor equipment stock to handle a storm that strikes once a century. Instead, we will look into assets that can help us to improve during large storm events that are expected in our region.
  8. We are going to take suggestions from our neighborhood groups. Nobody knows their neighborhood better than those who live there. If we are taking an approach



that doesn't make sense to your neighborhood, we will listen, evaluate, and institute change as appropriate. To make this process more manageable, we would ask that the recommendation go through your local organization for vetting prior to submission.

9. We are designating locations within each plow zone for food and rest breaks for our plowing personnel. This would increase plowing times by eliminating trips to DPW and local restaurants for break periods.
10. Improvements to the GIS Snow Mapping software system to allow for better situation assessments.
11. Promotion of Special Needs Registry to encourage residents who require special attention during a storm to provide information that will help to ensure that appropriate resources are in place to provide necessary services.

Again, I would like to thank our residents for your understanding and recognition that this was not a typical storm and this was not our typical response.

Dorothy Argyros stated she's been hearing a lot of stuff that did not relate to her experiences. She stated many streets in Neptune were ignored by the snow plowers and she did not hear anything until Friday at 4pm. She listed the Towns that were plowed out before Neptune. She stated all she heard from Neptune were excuses and her neighbors had to dig themselves out and if this was a private industry heads would roll.

Rosalind Hurt Stevenson stated she understood Mrs. Argyros concerns because she almost ran out of food during the storm. She stated she called the County and they informed her that the County roads were cleared by Monday evening. She stated she wanted it understood as to who plows what streets. She stated the response was slow but it was slow from the State all the way down. She stated she would send the Committee questions already prepared for their meeting on Sunday. She stated that she felt the comment in the Asbury Park Press was inappropriate about Facebook because you should use every message necessary to get information to the public.

Mr. Bascom stated there were some discrepancies in what she stated the County told her.

Cheryl Taylor stated the guys in Public Works tried hard to clear the roads but Hampton Court was not plowed until 10:30 Thursday night and the only reason that it was done then was because she called Channel 12 News. She stated the seniors could not get out to get their medication. She questioned why the privatization mechanics that handled the Township vehicles could not have the trucks up and running. She suggested that they get someone from every area in the Township and have them come in and suggest improvements. She questioned why the police vehicles and garbage trucks did not have plows on them.

Mayor McMillan stated seniors in need of getting their medication could be put on a special registry.

There was dialogue between Wayne Rode and Ms. Taylor.

Cheree Labor stated she was very pleased with what happened and that she lived in Howell but her parents lived in town. She stated she was a paramedic in the area and she was stuck in the storm in Neptune and her own company was not able to get to her but Hamilton First Aid was able to get her. She went on to state that she was disgusted that people were saying that the government was responsible for their care. She felt the Township did an exceptional job considering what mother nature dealt them.

Kennedy Buckley stated his pet peeve was not with the Township's plowing but with homeowners who do not clear their sidewalks. He went on to state that the Township should make sure the homeowners live up to their responsibility. He stated this was not the first time he has brought this matter to the Committee. He felt that those who did not comply should be ticketed and someone should make the Township enforce their own laws.

Mr. Anthony stated there was a discretionary aspect of the enforcement.

Virginia Santinello stated Sixth Avenue was plowed right away because it was a County road. She also stated that she never received any 911 calls. She questioned why she was not getting any calls.

Roberta Grace took her information and stated she would make sure that she was put in the system.

Selma Bonelli Hensen stated she was very frustrated with what took place as far as the snow being

plowed and people not being able to report to work. She stated she talked with one of the drivers from public works and was told that no one knew the magnitude of the storm. She went on to state that there was no way to clear the sidewalks with all of the snow that had fallen. She also informed the Committee that she received a response from the State regarding the light on Asbury Avenue and Route 66. She stated she was going to try and get them to put a left hand turn signal onto Wayside Avenue.

Donald Brikdert questioned who set priorities for roads to be plowed because the 300 and 400 block of Highland Avenue has always been a priority road because it was the most direct route but it was not plowed all the way down until Thursday. He went on to state that he and his neighbors helped plow one another out. He also stated he had new neighbors with a sick child and a very elderly neighbor who lived by herself.

Jerry Meyer stated he was not for the bond ordinances on the meeting tonight because he felt all of this would end up coming out of the taxpayers pocket. He suggested they pay as they go.

Carl Crudup commended the Township for doing an excellent job in the Gables considering the resources they had. He felt that privatization has done harm. He also felt that the reduction in force did not help and the small trucks the Township now has was only good for picking up garbage. He suggested the Township use the extra large garbage trucks that they used to have because they were equipped to pick up the snow. He stated he hoped that they could come up with a plan to use the old equipment.

Michael Golub stated he was not against the first responders but his problem was with the coordination of how things went as far as the snow. He felt the schools and the Neptune Housing Authority did their plowing effectively. He questioned who was sitting at the table discussing the plowing for the Township. He stated comments made by some of the professionals of the Township he would never of made himself. He stated some professionals were saying 75% to 80% of the roads were done when they weren't. On Christmas Day the news channels were reporting blizzard conditions. He felt there should have been proper preparation.

Mayor McMillan stated he respected his comments but informed him that he would not allow him to make personal attacks on professionals because they were doing their best and the Committee would have a road show soon.

Ray DeFaria stated his concern was what if there was a fire and they could not be rescued due to the snow. He stated his appreciation and stated he felt that the Township did the best that they could. He stated he hoped that there was dialogue with the State. He felt the State should have brought in the National Guard.

Dana Stevak 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant for Hamilton First Aid Squad stated they did the best that they could with what they were given. She stated ambulances were getting stuck in the snow and they had to plow streets to get to people. She stated this was a team effort and they put their lives on the line. She did not feel it was fair that people were complaining when they should try and help themselves.

Jerome Hubbard stated he received a message on the phone which prepared him to start shoveling earlier. He stated he noticed a State and Township vehicle not doing anything and had the vehicles running so he put something on Facebook. He went on to state that the school had their lots plowed for the Jubilee even though no one could get to it if they could. He stated he hoped that this did not happen again and he hoped they were better prepared next time because he thought that someone was on strike.

Patricia Cooper Powell stated her street did not get plowed until Thursday but she was not complaining about that. It was just that she had expectations and felt that there should have been better communications. She felt that a plan should be put in place and applauded those that were helping others. She stated she was happy that no one was harmed and was glad that they did not allow it to go on so long as to people were harmed.

Tom Polk stated he lived on Seaview Circle and the island was never plowed. He went on to state that the residents spent a lot of money getting them plowed out. He commended Wayne Rode for all his work but he felt that it took to long for them to do anything for them. He stated there were emergencies where other agencies came but not the Township. He felt that there should be better communications and that things could only get better because they were so bad.

Wayne Rode stated he understood his frustrations because they were in the same predicament as they were.

Joe Krimko stated this was reality and if they had the equipment need to get them for the storm he would not be able to live in the Township and no matter how they prepared for another storm they would be stuck again. He went on to state that the bottom line was that volunteers were just that and at the end of the day the people are not thinking the enormity of it because there was only so much that they could do. He felt overall the township did pretty good.

Jack Braden stated this was his first winter and snow storm in Ocean Grove and he has never criticized a public official or employee. He could only speak about Heck Avenue and the initial response was non-existent and he did not see anyone until Thursday. After the first snow flake fell they should have been plowing.

Linda Johnson stated the Monday after the storm her neighbors helped her husband plow her out so that she could go to work and she noticed that most of the streets were impassable and once she arrived to work she was the only person there out of 80 employees. She commended Ms. Jahn for her efforts and Ms. Grace for sending out the emails. She went on to state that this storm was like no other and she appreciated the efforts that were made for the residents.

Mike Fornino stated the Township needed a v-plow and all the vehicles should have chains and if they didn't they should not be allowed on the road. He felt that they had to learn from what has happened.

Bill Burdge stated everything was done that could be done and that money should be spent on chains and the sooner people realized it the better off they would be. He went on to state that if cars were parked in the streets then they should be towed.

Hank Coakley questioned who declares the emergency and stated if he thought things were bad then he would offer a solution. He suggested a ranking police officer declare the emergency.

Mayor McMillan asked Mr. O'Neill who declared the State of Emergency in the town.

Mr. O'Neill stated the Office of Emergency Management did.

Mr. Coakley requested an update on the dredging lawsuit.

Mr. Anthony stated they were in the appellate division and they were conferring with several municipalities to settle it.

Mr. Coakley questioned whether they've decided to send letters to a lot of different divisions to say that this was unacceptable.

Diana Harris stated her question was for the County representative who was present. She questioned at what point did they assess the County roads. She felt that West Lake Avenue should be reassessed and considered to be a main artery and get the same attention that County roads get.

Glen Mason advised her to contact the County for more information.

Mayor McMillan requested an official letter from Ms. Harris regarding that matter.

Richie Tillie felt there should be a group effort where you could hire youngsters to shovel for the elderly.

Barry Arbuckle stated sometimes people have to realize that we have to help one another. He stated he was waiting on the 911 reverse call but felt it came too late.

Mayor McMillan thanked Michael Bascom, Glen Mason and Howard O'Neil for coming out.

Heinz Weck stated this was the heaviest storm he's seen in Ocean Grove and suggested they get snow blowers like the airports.

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

Richard J. Cuttrell,  
Municipal Clerk