

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – October 11, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Williams calls the meeting to order at 7:10PM and asks the Clerk to call the roll:

Roll Call	Present/ Absent
Dr. Michael Brantley	<u>Present</u>
Keith Cafferty	<u>Present</u>
Robert Lane, Jr.	<u>Present</u>
Tassie D. York	<u>Present</u>
Nicholas Williams	<u>Present</u>

Also present: Gina M. LaPlaca, Business Administrator; Gene Anthony, Township Attorney; Gabriella Siboni, Municipal Clerk.

SILENT PRAYER AND FLAG SALUTE

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

Mayor Williams announces that the notice requirements of R.S. 10:4-18 have been satisfied by the publication of the required advertisement in The Coaster and the Asbury Park Press on January 6, 2022, 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, ordinances, and resolutions are posted on the Township web site (www.neptunetownship.org) and the meeting is being streamed live via townhallstreams.com.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion offered by Lane, seconded by, Cafferty, to approve the minutes of meetings of September 26, 2022. All present were in favor.

PRESENTATION

Declaring November as Family Court Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the mission of the Family Court Awareness Month Committee (FCAMC) is to increase awareness on the importance of a family court system that prioritizes child safety and acts in the best interest of children, and;

WHEREAS, the mission at the FCAMC is fueled by the desire to create awareness and change in the family court system for the conservatively estimated, 58,000 children a year ordered into unsupervised contact with physically or sexually abusive parents, while honoring the hundreds of children who have been reported as murdered due to visitation with a knowingly dangerous parent, including 6- year-old Corey Micciolo in our state of New Jersey and;

WHEREAS, the mission of the FCAMC is to increase awareness on the importance of empirically based education and training on domestic violence, child emotional and psychological abuse, childhood trauma, child sexual abuse, coercive control, post separation abuse for all professionals working on cases within the family court system, and;

WHEREAS, the mission of the FCAMC is to increase awareness on the importance of using scientifically valid, evidence-based, treatment programs and services that are proven in terms of safety, effectiveness, and therapeutic value, and;

WHEREAS, the mission at the FCAMC is to educate judges and other family court professionals on evidence-based, peer-reviewed research. Such research is a critical component to making decisions that are truly in the best interest of children. This research includes The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Study (co-principal investigator: Vincent Felitti, Kaiser Permanente-CDC); Child Custody Evaluators' Beliefs About Domestic Abuse Allegations (principal investigator: Daniel Saunders, University of Michigan, sponsored by the National Institute of Justice); and Child Custody Outcomes in Cases Involving Parental

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Williams hereby declare the Month of November, to be Family Court Awareness Month. I encourage all residents to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the harm of children in the hands of family members and to honor and value the lives of children.

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS

Comments from the Dais regarding business on this agenda or any reports on recent events in their respective departments.

- Committeeman Dr. Brantley No report
- Committeeman Lane Mr. Lane recognized a new business with the Jersey Shore Subacute which was fully remodeled which members of the Committee were able to attend.
Mr. Lane stated that Post 266 hosted the events that recognized the sacrifices of families who have lost
Mr. Lane announced the COVID vaccine and testing clinics are ongoing.
- Committeewoman York Ms. York stated the Winterfest will occur on December 17th. Donations are welcome and there have been communications to Toys for Tots and the Neptune Township Police department and encouraged anyone able to donate time, materials or cash.
- Deputy Mayor Cafferty Deputy Mayor announced the Grand Re-Opening of the Pump and Skate park scheduled for October 14.
- Mayor Williams Mayor Williams summarized the process for West Lake Redevelopment began in 2006. Mayor Williams stated he is proud of the committee that has been formed and the work they have completed. There is a resolution on the agenda tonight as the first step to move forward the West Lake Redevelopment. Mayor Williams summarized the standing of redevelopment projects in Neptune Township.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

The Business Administrator will report on capital projects and matters of general interest.

- Early Voting: The Neptune Township Senior Center will once again serve as an Early Voting location for this year's general election. Registered voters may choose to cast their ballot in person, using a voting machine, during a designated nine-day period prior to Election Day. Voting starts on October 29th and runs through November 6th; the hours of operation are Monday-Saturday 10:00AM – 8:00PM and Sunday 10:00AM – 6:00PM. The deadline to register to vote in this year's election is October 18th.
- Statewide Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Weekend: On November 19th and 20th Neptune Township will be hosting a Statewide CERT program to feature competitions and training for CERT teams from across New Jersey. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is a nationally supported, locally implemented initiative that teaches people how to better prepare themselves for hazards that may affect their communities and trains the public in basic disaster response skills.
- South Riverside Drive/Shark River Hills "Living Shoreline" Project: The South Riverside Drive Living Shoreline project in Shark River Hills is finally underway. Pending Committee approval this evening of a resolution awarding the construction contract, a pre-construction meeting has been scheduled for this week, and the work is slated to be completed by December.
- Sunshine Village Skate Park/Pump Track Ribbon Cutting Event: On Friday October 14th, the Township will be hosting a ribbon cutting event to mark the official "re-opening" of the

Ms. Harris gave a special Thank You to those in Ocean Grove who helped prepare a letter to submit to the Committee.

Howard West II, 410 Atkins Ave.

Ms. Harris has had her meeting for the Black History Meeting February 25 at the PAC, the theme this year will be Good Trouble with the overreaching theme of Black Resistance. Ms. Harris asked those who have stories of their resistance to share.

Mr. West stated he grew up in this home and recently moved back to this area. Mr. West stated concern regarding a business on the 8th Ave. side Seaman Tov. Mr. West stated there is concerns over property maintenance. They are notorious for not keeping the property in order. Mr. West has spoken to Code Enforcement and a summons has been issued. Mr. Anthony has advised a court date has not been set at this time.

Rich Williams, 1 Abbott Ave.

Mr. Williams asked for an update on the status of the pickleball courts in Ocean Grove. Ms. LaPlaca stated there are quotes being procured to repair the damage to the pipes. Once the repair is complete, the Township will work with Camp meeting to procure quotes for resurfacing of the courts. At this time there is not a timeline because contractors have been unavailable for this project. Mr. Williams also asked if Pickleball will be included in the upcoming budget. Mr. Cafferty said it will be discussed.

Mr. Williams stated he was surprised that there would be a gravel path at Fletcher Lake when the Ocean Grove Home Owners Association has expressed concern over the proposed “Bike Path”

Mr. Lane stated he would continue to speak with the Engineer and Fletcher Lake Commission to finalize the plans and details of the path and boat ramp.

Mr. Williams stated there was a discussion at Camp Meeting to expand their religious

Nancy Clarke, 47 Embury Ave.

A quote was made to Gene Anthony that “Camp Meeting is not a religious organization” Mr. Anthony stated there is qualifications for tax exemption on properties. Mr. Anthony summarized the case as it was presented in court which is related to how the property is used and if the intent is to profit.

Ms. Clarke is here on behalf of the Ocean Grove Homeowners Association for Vacant and Abandoned Properties. Ms. Clarke stated in the past, an e-mail was sent to Mr. Doolittle regarding a property and an update was provided.

Ms. Clarke stated now there is a stated policy that this type of update requires an OPRA request. Ms. Siboni stated it was not actually an OPRA request.

Joyce Klein, Mt. Hermon Way

Ms. Clarke stated there is a building that is an apartment complex but the stairs are in disrepair and the roof does not look safe. Mr. Anthony stated the code violations can be issued.

Ms. Klein expressed confusion over whether the Township was “sitting out” permits and inspections. Ms. Klein asked if the Township will be participating.

