TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETING - March 13, 2023 - 4:00 P.M.

Mayor Cafferty calls the workshop meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and asks the Clerk to call the roll:

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

Also present: Gina M. LaPlaca, Business Administrator; Gene Anthony, Township Attorney; Michael Bascom, Chief Financial Officer, and Gabriella Siboni, Municipal Clerk.

Mayor Cafferty 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 March 10, 2023, 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 is posted on the Township web site (www.neptunetownship.org) and the meeting is being streamed live via townhallstreams.com.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN OPEN SESSION

1. Budget Discussion

Michael Bascom summarized the tax impact summary that was presented to the Township Committee.

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29% \$	210,000.00 150,000.00		paid employees and first year of full station Program	ming T
18% \$	127,500.00		reases and filling of vacant positions	
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Mr. Bascom stated that the school aid numbers have been released and the Neptune Township schools will see a \$4.2 million reduction in school aid in which will affect taxes but are not included in the Municipal Tax budget.

Mr. Bascom explained the Schedule of Trust Fund Reserves that are included in the budget on Sheet 6B. Dr. Brantley asked if the fund listing for Affordable Housing is the fund that is used for the lottery for rehabilitation of homes. Mr. Bascom stated it is. The Committee asked how the lottery system is used, or how individuals would know the funds are available. Mr. Anthony stated this will need to be addressed in the contract with Affordable Housing Management.

Mr. Bascom highlighted some of the grants that are included in the budget for 2023 and the reserves of grants that are also listed in the budget.

Mr. Bascom explained Sheet 17 which addressed the budget revenues from 2022 and if they were realized or in deficit and the allocation of the tax collections.

Mr. Bascom explained Sheet 18 which addressed the budget appropriations and stated the reserves help pay for any incurrences that were made in 2022 but came in for payment in 2023. If those funds are not used, they can be placed in surplus to help replenish the surplus for the Township for future planning.

Mr. Bascom stated the surplus is the highest amount and percentage that the Township has achieved. This has been something the Township has been working on since Hurricane Sandy and has been preparing for the changes in the economy. This surplus leads to better bond rating and places the Township in a better financial position during the ebbs and flows of the economy.

The Township collected 99.05% of the Total 2022 tax levy; this is a record collection for the town as we normally hover around 98%.

Dr. Brantley asked the rating of the Township; Mr. Bascom stated Neptune Township has an AA1 rating. Mr. Bascom stated this is a superior rating for the municipality.

Mr. Bascom stated that on Sheet 35, it denotes the balances of bond ordinance. Mr. Bascom stated that if we have a project that meets the requirements of the bond, the funds can be used but if there is not an immediate project within the remaining budget, the funds should be cancelled.

Mr. Bascom summarized the Sewer Utility budget and the debt service. Mr. Bascom indicated that the surplus in the sewer utility is good, but there are improvement projects within the sewer utility that are in the pipeline that will deplete some of the surplus.

Mr. Bascom summarized the Sewer Utility budget and the debt service. Mr. Bascom did indicate that there was an excess of \$118,000+ collected from fees that what was anticipated.

Mr. Lane asked Mr. Bascom to look into what the funds in the Veteran's Park balance can be used for. Dr. Brantley asked about the fund balance for Loffredo Fields.

Dr. Brantley asked if amendments can be made once it is introduced. Mr. Bascom stated that a change to the capital budget can be amended by resolution, but the remainder of the budget would be dependent on the request and change.

Mayor Cafferty indicated he would like Lake Alberta to be included in the discussion regarding improvements to the lakes. Dr. Brantley, Mr. Williams and Mr. Lane also commented on the walls in each of the lakes.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>				
Offered by:	Lane	Seconded by:	Williams	
Time adjourned: 5:00	PM			

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETING - March 13, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Cafferty calls the workshop meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and asks the Clerk to call the roll:

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

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

Mayor Cafferty 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 5, 2023, 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 is posted on the Township web site (www.neptunetownship.org) and the meeting is being streamed live via townhallstreams.com.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN OPEN SESSION

1. Committee Calendars

Mr. Lane stated the Senior Center is having the St. Paddy's Luncheon on Friday, those who can attend come at 11:30AM. Hometown Hero Dinner dance is April

Mayor Cafferty stated April 1 is the Recreation Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00AM at Bert Willis Field.

Res #23 - 114 Authorize An Executive Session As Authorized By The Open Public Meetings Act.

Offered by	y:	Lane				Seconde	d by:	Williams	;	
Vote:	Brantley	Absent	Lane	Yes	York	Absent	Williams	Yes	Cafferty	Yes

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING - March 13, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Cafferty calls the meeting to order and asks the Clerk to call the roll:

Roll Call	Present/ Absent
Dr. Michael Brantley	Arrived at 7:02PM
Robert Lane, Jr.	Present
Nicholas Williams	Present
Tassie D. York	Absent
Keith Cafferty	Present

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE 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."

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SEPARATED RESOLUTION

Mayor Cafferty will present the resolution.

Mayor Cafferty stated "Dignity. That's the first thing people are deprived of when they're hit with medical bills they can't afford to pay. It's a simple equation. When that which ails the body cannot be mitigated without fear of financial ruin, your dignity takes the hit first, followed by your wallet and your spirit. It's enough to darken any prognosis. Sadly, that's the reality many working- and middle-class Americans face every day, and as healthcare costs continue to rise, the indignities will surely multiply. Unless we, as a people, choose a different path. The patchwork fixes heretofore deployed to address our national healthcare crisis are insufficient. We need a better, more holistic option. We need Medicare for All.

Medical debt is the number one cause of bankruptcy in this country, and it's become the bread and butter of collections agencies. A survivable heart attack or stroke can condemn an entire American family to destitution. Which, let's face it, is completely absurd, because your heart isn't a consumer of goods and services, and it can't ask for permission to stop beating. It can't check your bank account or your credit score. It doesn't care if the nearest emergency room is in network or not. It just beats. As mayor, it is my duty to advocate on behalf of this community, which includes nearly 30,000 beating hearts, and it is my wish for the minds assigned to those hearts—and those of family and friends—to no longer have to worry about crushing medical debt whenever someone has to dial 911.

In Neptune Township, we choose compassion, and Medicare for All is the most compassionate option our legislators have offered. The values expressed in this resolution—values which underpin our advocacy for fairness and justice for all—are in alignment with the principles that guided us in the creation of both the Rent Leveling Board and the Police Oversight Committee. Medicare for All is a serious solution for an armada of serious problems, and I'm proud that our Township Committee is joining the effort to make it law. We must do whatever we can to remove the financial barriers that keep Americans from seeking care. For many, being hurt or being sick induces feelings of shame, and our current system often reinforces those feelings, driving people into despair. Compassion is the only sensible government response, as a nation can only be as healthy as its people's hearts and minds.

Medicare for All is the compassionate response.

To the community members and activists who have come out tonight to show support for this resolution, thank you. Let us move forward together."

Public comments regarding resolution 23-115 only.

Joan Farkas, 926 Adelphia Howell. Ms. Farkas thanked the Township Committee for their consideration of the

support for Medicare for all. Ms. Farkas stated that COVID Pandemic

highlighted the issues with for-profit medical practices. Ms. Farkas commended the Mayor and Township Committee for their compassion. Ms. Farkas stated health care is a human right and communities are only as strong as their unhealthiest community member. A universal health care plan will allow the

monies spent on healthcare to be utilized for other matters.

Zach Brown, Atlantic Highlands. Mr. Brown applauded the Mayor and Committee for consideration of this

resolution. Mr. Brown is an EMT, and he hears stories every day that patients will

not call 911 because of the potential cost. Mr. Brown hopes that Neptune

leadership will pave the way for other municipalities

Res #23- 115 A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Supporting Of The Medicare For All Act

Offered by: Brantley Seconded by: Lane

Vote: Brantley Yes Lane Yes Williams Yes York Absent Cafferty Yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion offered by Mr. Lane, seconded by, Mr. Williams, to approve the minutes of meetings of January 28, 2023. All members present were in favor.

Motion offered by Mr. Lane, seconded by, Mr. Williams, to approve the minutes of meetings of February 13, 2023. All members present were in favor.

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS

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

Mr. Williams stated that Library was closed today and tomorrow due to repairs at the desk. The Marina will be opening April 1.

Committeeman Lane stated that he had attended the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The DEP will place the Fletcher Lake project will have public comment on the project prior to the permit issuance and on the agenda, tonight is a resolution to award the project. Mr. Lane stated the St. Patrick's Luncheon has sold out and the wait list is even full. Mr. Lane stated that paperwork for the Hometown Heroes is use March 17.

Mayor Cafferty stated that April 1 is the Easter Egg Hunt at 10AM at Bert Willis Field.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

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

- Neptune Library Closure: The Neptune Township Library will be closed on March 13th and 14th to allow for delivery and installation of their new circulation desk. Assuming that all goes as planned, the Library will reopen for its normal schedule on Wednesday March 15th.
- Update on Homeless Encampment: The Township has reached out to our Federal and State representatives for guidance and assistance as a result a preliminary meeting was held last week with the Director of the DCA's Office of Homeless Prevention where a variety of options were presented about resources and courses of action that may be available to us in partnership with the State. We have also been in communication with the owner of the property where the encampment is located a meeting with him is scheduled for this week at which all of the relevant Township departments (Police, Code, Zoning, etc.) will be represented and where we also now expect to have a DCA representative present. The Township has also advised the property owner about the many complaints concerning trash and debris, and we have been assured that clean-up efforts will take place.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

The Clerk will announce additional information in regard to Separated Resolutions if necessary.

Public comments regarding resolutions presented on this agenda only.

The public comment portion of our meeting is to allow the public to bring to the Committee's attention their concerns or comments. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10: 4-12(a) and the Neptune Rules of Committee, the Committee asks the public to limit their comments to five minutes or less. The Committee will respect the public's time by refraining any comment until the speaker has finished with their allotted time. It should be further noted that public comment portion of our meeting is not structured as a question-and-answer session. If a member of the public has questions, they seek answers to, an appointment can be made with the appropriate office, Business Administrator or Township Committee Liaison during regular business hours. The Township Clerk will regulate the time during the comment portion of our meeting. The Committee reserves the right to respond to comments or questions at the conclusion of the speaker's time.

No Public Comment on resolutions.

ORDINANCES - For each ordinance with a public hearing, the public is permitted one visit to the microphone with a limit of five minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION ORDINANCES:

<u>Ordinance 23-05</u> An Ordinance To Amend Volume I, Chapter VII, Section 7-11 Of The Code Of The Township Of Neptune By Establishing A Stop Intersection At Monroe Avenue And Neptune Boulevard, Neptune Boulevard Circle (Southeast Section), And Neptune Boulevard Circle (Northeast Section)

Explanatory Statement: This ordinance is adding stop intersections on Monroe Ave. and Neptune Boulevard Circle. There was no public comment.

Offered b	oy:	Brantley	7			Second	ed by:	Williams		
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Explanatory	y Statement: T	his ordinan	ce is amendin	ng the fees for	the issuance of	of death cer	tificates.			
Offered b	oy: Brantley	Lane Yes	Lane	Yes	Williams	Second Yes	ed by: _ York	Brantley Absent	Cafferty	Yes

Barbara Burns.

Ordinance 23-07 An Ordinance To Amend Volume I, Chapter VII, Section 7-7.5 Of The Code Of The Township Of Neptune To Add A Parking Time Limitation To A Portion Of Main Avenue

Explanatory Statement: This ordinance is including a parking limitation on a limited number of parking spaces on Main Ave. of three hours between May 15 and September 15.

Shane Martins, 138 Mt. Hermon Way.

Mr. Martins stated he was in support of the ordinance since it was proposed in August 2022. The ordinance did not go forward due to a mistake by the Township Attorney or the Township Clerk. Mr. Martins asked if the Mayor had reached out to the residents above the businesses that would be affected. Mr. Martins stated that a review of the responsive documents, there was only one e-mail in response to the Main Ave. Parking, there was only one e-mail opposing the ordinance that is being proposed. Mr. Martins spoke about e-mails submitted in opposition of the residential parking permit program. Mr. Martins stated he has concerns about the Township adopting an ordinance that they have no plans of enforcing. Mr. Martins stated the proposed ordinance will eliminate 20% of parking in the area. Mr. Martins suggested that the reason for the ordinance was the endorsement from Camp Meeting Association.

Paul Martin, 142 Franklin Ave.

Mr. Martin stated that he agrees with most of what Mr. Shane Martin stated. Mr. Martin stated that the Township Committee has noted that because there is not a measurable success of the pilot parking program, why can they consider this ordinance. Mr. Martin asked why Camp Meeting Association has so much influence in the Township. Mr. Martin

expressed his opposition to the ordinance. Mr. Maly stated there will be no enforcement of the ordinance and it should not be Daniel Maly, 138 Mt. Hermon Way adopted. Gerard Yaska, 15 Surf Mr. Yaska stated if the Township Committee is not going to enforce the ordinance, it is a Ave. waste of taxpayer money to pay for and install signs. Mr. Yaska stated the Township Committee is endorsing a pilot parking program for the businesses. Offered by: Brantley Seconded by: Williams Vote: Yes Williams Yes Brantley Yes Lane York Absent Cafferty Yes Ordinance 23-08 An Ordinance To Amend And Supplement Chapter IV, Section 4-34 Entitled "No Knock Registry" Explanatory Statement: This ordinance amends Section 4-34 "No Knock Registry" to amend the responsible department and to remove the purchase of stickers. There was no public comment on this ordinance Offered by: Lane Seconded by: Williams Vote: Yes Williams Yes Absent Brantley Yes Lane Yes **ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING** Ordinance 23-09 An Ordinance To Of The Township Of Neptune To Amend And Supplement Chapter 4 Business And Licensing Regulations By Amending And Supplementing Section 17 "Taxicabs" Explanatory Statement: This ordinance amends Chapter 4 Section 17 Taxicabs to amend application due dates, revocation timeline, late fees, and temporary license fees. Offered by: Seconded by: **Brantley** Lane Yes Williams Yes Vote: Yes Lane York Absent Cafferty Yes Ordinance 23-10 Capital Ordinance Amending And Restating In Its Entirety Capital Ordinance Number 22-23 Finally Adopted By The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune, In The County Of Monmouth, State Of New Jersey On June 27, 2022 To Decrease The Total Appropriation Therein From \$500,000 To \$370,000, To Decrease The Amount Of The Regional Greenhouse Grant Received Or Expected To Be Received From The New Jersey Department Of Environmental Protection, And To Increase The Amount Appropriated From The Township's General Capital Fund Explanatory Statement: This ordinance Amends and restates in its entirety Capital Ordinance Number 22-23 (the "Original Ordinance"), which provides for the acquisition of an electric powered garbage truck and the acquisition and installation of electric charging stations, including any equipment related thereto, at the Department of Public Works within the Township) to decrease the total appropriation therein by \$130,000, from \$500,000 to \$370,000 due to (i) a decrease in the Regional Greenhouse Fund Grant the Township has received or expects to receive from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Equipment Modernization Program from \$476,966.16 to \$346,135.45 and (ii) an increase in the appropriation from the Township's Capital Surplus Account in the General Capital Fund from \$23,033.84 to \$23,864.55 Offered by: Brantley Lane Williams Yes Vote: Yes Lane Yes York Absent Cafferty Yes

Ordinance 23-11 Bond Ordinance Providing For The Neptune Boulevard Roadway Reconstruction Project, By And In The Township Of Neptune, In The County Of Monmouth, State Of New Jersey; Appropriating \$500,000 Therefor (Including A \$293,929 NJDOT Transportation Trust Fund Grant) And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$206,071 Bonds Or Notes Of The Township To Finance Part Of The Cost Thereof

Explanatory Statement: The bond ordinance provides for the financing of the Neptune Boulevard Roadway Reconstruction Project, which includes roadway reconstruction, drainage improvements, crosswalk improvements, curb replacements and other related improvements to Neptune Boulevard in the Township. Appropriation \$500,000, bonds/ notes authorized \$206,071, grant \$293,929 NJDOT Transportation Trust Fund Grant, Section 20 Costs \$80,000. Useful life: 15 years.

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Res #23-	117	A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Granting Leave Of Absence To Teresa Richard
Res #23-	118	Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Awarding Agate Construction Company The Fletcher Lake Bulkhead Contract In An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,003,910.00
Res #23-	119	Authorizing The Payment Of Bills February 27, 2023
Res #23-	120	Release A Performance Bond Filed By Tyree Organization Ltd For Site Improvements At Block 272 Lots 1.01-6.01
Res #23-	121	Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune To Terminate Employee In Code And Construction
Res #23-	122	Authorize The Execution Of A Shared Service Agreement With The County Of Monmouth To Provide Emergency Dispatch Services To The Township
Res#23-	123	Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Tourism Representatives
Res#23-	124	A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Co-Sponsoring The Celebration Of 95 Years Of The Shark River Hills Fire Department
Res#23-	125	Authorizing Discharge of Mortgage Held by Neptune Township On Property Located At 1508 Heck Avenue, Neptune Township, New Jersey, Owned By TRF DP Ridge Avenue, LLC
Res#23-	126	A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Appointing Members To The Recreation Committee
Res#23-	127	A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Accepting Resignations
Res#23-	128	A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Appointing Members To The Housing Authority
Res#23-	129	A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing The Cancellation And Refunds Of Certain Marina Fees Or Payments
Res#23-	130	Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing The Tax Collector To Participate In An Electronic Tax Sale
Res#23-	131	Resolution Establishing The Rules, Regulations And Fees In Conjunction With The 2023 Electronic Tax Sale
Res#23-	132	Resolution Authorizing Agreement For Up-Fit Of Six Police Vehicles Agreement From Major Police Supply Under New Jersey State Contract # 17-Fleet-00760 In An Amount Not To Exceed \$75,000.00
Res#23-	133	Resolution Authorizing Agreement For Purchase And Installation Of Dc Wallbox Fast Charger Agreement From Bryan Electric Under New Jersey State Co-Op #65mcesccps, Contract # ESCNJ 18/19-40 In An Amount Not To Exceed \$32,573.05
Res#23-	134	Resolution Authorizing Township Attorney To Defend Township In Case Of West River, Inc. V. Neptune Township, Et Als., Pending Joint Insurance Fund ("JIF") Review Concerning Coverage
Res#23-	135	Release A Performance Bond Filed By High Pointe At Neptune LLC For Site Improvements At Block 272 Lots 1.01-6.01 (774 And 778 Wayside Road)
Res#23-	136	Authorizing The Payment Of Bills March 13, 2023
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CONSENT AGENDA

Offered b	oy:	Lane				Second	led by:	Brantley		
Vote:	Brantley	Yes	Lane	Yes	Williams	Yes	York	Absent	Cafferty	Yes
Committee	eman William	s stated h	e must recu	ise himself	f from votin	g on res	olution 23-12	8.		

SEPARATED RESOLUTIONS

Res #23- 137 A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Reclassification

Offered by	7:	Lane				Seconded by:			Williams		
Vote:	Brantley	Yes	Lane	Yes	Williams	Yes	York	Absent	Cafferty	Yes	

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address any concern relating to the Township.

The public comment portion of our meeting is to allow the public to bring to the Committee's attention their concerns or comments. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10: 4-12(a) and the Neptune Rules of Committee, the Committee asks the public to limit their comments to five minutes or less. The Committee will respect the public's time by refraining any comment until the speaker has finished with their allotted time. It should be further noted that public comment portion of our meeting is not structured as a question-and-answer session. If a member of the public has questions, they seek answers to, an appointment can be made with the appropriate office, Business Administrator or Township Committee Liaison during regular business hours. The Township Clerk will regulate the time during the comment portion of our meeting. The Committee reserves the right to respond to comments or questions at the conclusion of the speaker's time.

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Erin O'Connell	Spoke to issues at the Serenity Inn. Ms. O'Connell is seeking an update on the Township actions against Serenity Inn. Ms. O'Connell stated there are sex offenders living 50 feet from her home. Ms. O'Connell stated there have been more than 50 calls to Serenity Inn. The department of Public Works picks up multiple trash cans. Ms. O'Connell stated the Serenity Inn is abusing Township services. Ms. O'Connell
Eileen Michaels, 15 Seaview Ave.	Ms. Michaels asked when there will be treatment of respect and dignity. Ms. Michaels asked how the Township Committee operates. Ms. Michaels stated that at the previous meeting, Dr. Brantley was not present, but was able to vote, however today Deputy Mayor York is absent, but was not able to vote. Ms. Michaels asked the Committee to provide information on their protocols.
Gary Brown, Cardinal Rd.	Mr. Brown stated there is a Police Oversight Committee and Committeeman Lane is appointed to that Committee. Mr. Brown asked if Committeeman Lane would be notified as a member of that committee of a death that occurred in the encampment. Mr. Brown stated the encampment is a problem and there is someone who has been videotaping the activities in the encampment. Mr. Brown stated concern about excrement and trash. Mr. Brown stated that ShopRite should also be included and held responsible for some of the issues. Mr. Brown thanked Gina for their work. Mr. Lane stated that the Committee voted to assign Mr. Lane to the Police Oversight
Barbara Burns, 4 Ocean Ave.	committee Ms. Burns stated there is a lack of transparency in the agenda. Ms. Burns stated the information on the agenda is not included and she does not believe it is helpful to the residents.
Richard Williams, 1 Abbott Ave.	Mr. Williams commended Ms. O'Connell. Mr. Williams does not understand the practice of ordinances for adoption. Mr. Williams asked if the Township is responsible for answering the questions being posed to the Township Committee by the residents during this meeting. Mr. Williams is questioning the processes that the Township is utilizing.
Karen Mason, Cardinal Rd.	Ms. Mason thanked Ms. LaPlaca for her work regarding the homeless encampment. Ms. Mason stated that on the letterhead it states spirit of community, and she is not feeling that here tonight. Ms. Mason stated she is hearing a lot of vagueness tonight and there are many residents who have spoken tonight. Ms. Mason stated she believes that there needs to be more clarity and compassion.
Paul Kaplan, 89 Mt. Zion way	Mr. Kaplan stated it is frustrating to voice your opinion and then those opinions are being disregarded as the vote is taken. Mr. Kaplan stated the Committeeman Lane based his decision on the residential parking permit plan on the e-mails that he had received. Mr. Kaplan disagreed that was an appropriate weighing measure to vote

and would like to have the Mayor address his position.

against the parking program. Mr. Kaplan also questioned why the Mayor did not vote

Dr. Brantley stated he has been on the Township Committee for many years and permit parking in Ocean Grove has come up multiple times. Dr. Brantley stated this proposal may be better than the others, but the problem of shifting the parking issues. Dr. Brantley stated the proposal was also changed prior to the meeting and he was not motivated to vote for the amended proposal or the previous proposal because the issue is not resolved, just shifted.

Nancy Clarke, 47 Embury Ave Mayor Cafferty stated he does not have a desire to move forward with the Ms. Clarke stated she wishes people would understand the term "pilot". Ms. Clarke stated that not all those who live in Ocean Grove are wealthy; there are some who are working poor. Ms. Clarke stated those are being pushed out because he cannot afford the rent increase and the desire to utilize the properties for short term rental. Ms. Clarke stated the properties in question are not subject to the rent control ordinance because they do not have the required number of units.

Ms. Clarke stated there are requests from reports from departments and asked why Dr. Brantley does not share a report and requested that the committee all have a report on their departments.

Ms. Clarke stated that the last meeting there was no discussion, and the committee went straight to the vote. Ms. Clarke believed the members of committee dumped on Deputy Mayor York.

Dr. Brantley stated there are no reports because he cannot speak on matters that are currently litigation. Dr. Brantley meets with the department

Mayor Cafferty called a 5 min recess at 8:07PM

Mayor Reconvened the meeting at 8:11PM

Andy Levine, 98 Mt. Tabor Way Mr. Levine stated there was a meeting for 4 hours at the Arts Center and then there was an hour and a half comment section on the matter, but the workshop meeting was quick and felt incomplete. Mr. Levine believed the workshop was flawed. Mr. Levine stated that when athletic contests are done unfairly, they will have a "do-over" Mr. Levine asked for a "do-over" from the Township Committee. Mr. Levine implored the Township Committee to re-address the pilot program. Mr. Levine requested another chance to address a change to the proposal which may make a difference. Mr. Levine stated there is an unhealthy relationship with the Township Committee and Ocean Grove.

Mayor Cafferty stated an updated proposal can be sent and reviewed.

Shane Martins, 138 Mt. Hermon Way Mr. Martins asked questions of the Township Committee how many spaces in Ocean Grove. Mr. Martins asked for an update from Mr. Cafferty from the question posed at the Shark River Hills Homeowners Meeting. Mr. Martins asked if Committeeman Lane if he would provide the count of e-mails received. Mr. Martins stated the Mr. Lane's comments at the previous meeting were beneath the position he is elected to. Mr. Williams implied that Mr. Williams lied during the Township Committee Meeting. Mr. Martins addressed comments from Mayor Cafferty regarding residents of Ocean Grove. Mr. Martins stated that the four members of the committee are incapable of running the town.

Cynthia Klimart, Broadway

Ms. Klimart stated she knows how many spots are in Ocean Grove and she knows how many spots were included in the pilot program. Ms. Klimart stated she knew that because she cares about her town. Ms. Klimart stated she does not have parking issues but is concerned for her neighbors. Ms. Klimart stated there were several people parking in Ocean Grove walking to Asbury Park Parade. Ms. Klimart indicated the parking is even worse in the summer.

Robert Agado, 7 Seaview Ave.

Ms. Agado wanted to thank Ms. LaPlaca about a dangerous situation that she was able to address.

Ms. Agado stated there are questions about the parks and wanted to discern who is responsible for parks that are owned by the Camp Meeting Association. There is a court order regarding the maintenance of the parks and is trying to reach out to the correct person. Mr. Agado stated there is limited ordinance regarding activities at the Boardwalk, but Camp Meeting Association has a long list of regulations for the boardwalk. Mr. Agado asked for clarifications.

Mayor Cafferty asked Mr. Agado to send the list of unsafe conditions at the parks for the Township to review. Mr. Anthony stated that there have been discussions with the Camp Meeting about what the court order means. The Township is responsible for maintenance, but not capital improvements. Mr. Anthony stated their hybrid situations on the boardwalk.

Ryan Lavender, 302 Beverly Way Mr. Lavender stated that the Green Acres application did not move forward but requested that the Township consider improvements to Beverly way Park for issues that are existing such as rotting fence and general improvements. Mr. Lavender stated there is animosity because there is a lack of transparency by the residents of Shark River and Ocean Grove.

Eliza Greenblad, 142 Franklin

Mr. Lane stated he will reach out to Public works about the tree.

Ms. Greenblad echoed her neighbor's concerns that the Main Ave. Parking and
Residential parking proposal did not receive the treatment. Mr. Greenblad stated the

Residential parking proposal did not receive the treatment. Mr. Greenblad stated the Mayor Cafferty brought his own proposal and the Committee had four no votes. Ms. Greenblad stated there is much overlap between Camp Meeting Association and the Township. Ms. Greenblad expressed that Camp Meeting does not serve Ocean Grove

and Neptune will not

There is an area by Gannon's southwest corner of the entrance to Ocean Grove is not maintained. Ms. Greenblad also stated the electric sign should not be allowed.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Offered by:	Lane	Seconded by:	Brantley	
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Time adjourned: 8:35PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Gabriella Siboni Township Clerk