

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETING – December 9, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

Mayor York calls the workshop meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asks the Clerk to call the roll:

Township Committee	Present/ Absent	Professionals	Present/ Absent
Jason A. Jones	<u>Present</u>	Gina LaPlaca, Business Administrator	<u>Absent</u>
Robert Lane, Jr.	<u>Arrived at 6:04PM</u>	Gabriella Siboni, Township Clerk	<u>Present</u>
Kevin McMillan	<u>Present</u>	Gene Anthony, Township Attorney	<u>Present</u>
Derel Stroud	<u>Present</u>		
Tassie D. York	<u>Present</u>		

Mayor York 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, 2024, 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).

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN OPEN SESSION

1. Proposed Pilot Parking Ordinance

Mr. Anthony stated a proposed ordinance and map were submitted to the Township Committee for review. The map included has one sided parking on Main Ave. Mr. Anthony summarized the proposed ordinance and the zones identified. The committee discussed options for the type of parking pass that would be issued under the ordinance. The Township Committee discussed the recommendations made by the previous Chief of Police. Mr. Anthony sought advice from the committee on the recommendations from the previous chief of police. Mr. Stroud stated he was in support of following the recommendations of the police department since they are the enforcement agency. Mr. Stroud also noted that since it is a pilot program so the preparation of the necessary materials should keep that in mind. Mr. Anthony addressed the consideration for the eligible residents. Ms. York stated she is not in support of including temporary permits. Mr. Anthony stated that the temporary permits included guest permits, replacement permits and other matters if that nature. Mr. McMillan asked if there was any consideration for special events or parades that may have be affected by the parking permit program. Mr. Anthony stated there is exemptions for loading/unloading vehicles and emergency response vehicles, but there is not an inclusion for special events. Mr. Stroud asked if there is a difference between a 30 day lease and a 4 month lease. Mr. Anthony stated that this limits short term rentals from requesting the parking permit. Mr. Jones expressed concern about having an address on a placard in the car as it gives significant information to those who see the placard. Mr. Jones suggested a license plate number. Mr. Anthony suggested the issuance of a permit number that the Township would be aware of the information related to the tag, but anyone seeing the vehicle would not have that information. Mr. Lane clarified the locations on the map with the committee. Mr. Lane, Mr. Stroud and Mr. Jones believed the pilot program should be for 1 year and then the Township Committee can reconsider. Mayor York stated that she believed the pilot should be at least for 2 years. Mr. Anthony encouraged the Township Committee to adopt the ordinance for at least 2 years. Mr. Jones asked if there is a way to have an option to renew for the second year, rather than being required to stick to the ordinance dates initially chosen. Mr. Jones asked if the ordinance for 3 hour parking limit on Main Ave. we

2. Ordinance Amending And Rescinding Section 4-28.2a2(J) Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The Township Of Neptune Entitled, “Clothing Donation Bins”

Mr. Anthony stated there were additional changes that the Mayor indicated that would like to be included in the ordinance which is the change to the location of the clothing bin including distances between placement and other items or establishments. Mayor York had requested a change to remove the requirement that does not allow the placement in a side or rear yard. Mayor York stated if the property owner provides approval that a bin can be placed in a specific location on a property, but the ordinance does not allow this. Mr. Anthony stated this is the consideration to remove the requirement for J

Mr. Jones asked if there have been a lot of complaints. Mayor York stated there has not been a lot of complaints but wishes for the Township Committee ordinance to mirror the State statute.

3. Committee Calendars

Jones	No report
Stroud	No report
McMillan	No report

Lane Mr. Lane stated the Senior Center Holiday party is this week, and the Township Committee has been invited. Wreaths across America is scheduled for this weekend December 14. The Jersey Shore Dream Center is hosting their holiday event this weekend.
York No report

Res #24 - 451 Authorize An Executive Session As Authorized By The Open Public Meetings Act.

Offered by: Stroud Seconded by: McMillan
Vote: Jones Yes Lane Yes McMillan Yes Stroud yes York yes

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – December 9, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

Mayor York calls the meeting to order at 7:25PM and asks the Clerk to call the roll:

Township Committee	Present/ Absent	Professionals	Present/ Absent
Jason A. Jones	<u>Present</u>	Gina LaPlaca, Business Administrator	<u>Absent</u>
Robert Lane, Jr.	<u>Present</u>	Gabriella Siboni, Township Clerk	<u>Present</u>
Kevin McMillan	<u>Present</u>	Gene Anthony, Township Attorney	<u>Present</u>
Derel Stroud	<u>Present</u>		
Tassie D. York	<u>Present</u>		

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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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion offered by Committeeperson Lane, seconded by, Committeeperson Stroud, to approve the minutes of meetings of November 25, 2024. All present are 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.

Jones	Mr. Jones stated the Recreation Department had an event with Santa that was successful. Mr. Jones stated that DPW complex expansion and pole barns are ongoing, municipal elevator modernization, winter 2024-2025, Tax office renovations are ongoing and Bert Willis updates is completed.
Stroud	Mr. Stroud announced the little librarian of the week was River who is 2 years old and would like to be Happy when he grows up. Police Department will be having their annual toy drive on Thursday from 5PM-9PM at MJ's, all proceeds benefit children in Neptune.
McMillan	Mr. McMillan attended the Ocean Grove Community Association holiday breakfast and then attended the event with Santa hosted by the recreation department and the Shop with a Cop event.
Lane	Mr. Lane wished his mother a Happy Birthday. Mr. Lane stated that each child who came received \$200 to go shopping and there were 25 kids in attendance. Mr. Lane stated 90 Seniors attended the Thanksgiving feast at the Senior Center. Mr. Lane stated the annual tree lighting and holiday concert in Ocean Grove is upcoming.
York	Mayor York attended Shop with a Cop and there is an organization called PAL through the Neptune Township Police department where anyone can donate to help fund events like Shop with a Cop. Ms. York stated there are openings in the Public Works Department and encouraged anyone who may be interested to submit an application.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

The Clerk will announce additional information regarding Separated Resolutions if necessary.

Resolution 24-466

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Deborah Cuddhy	Code and Construction	Part Time Customer Service Representative	\$18.01/hr	December 23, 2024
Heather Solares	EMS	Emergency Medical Technician	\$63,000.00	December 23, 2024

Public comments regarding resolutions presented on this agenda only. The public will be permitted one visit to the microphone with a limit of five minutes.

Name and Address Comment
No Comments

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

Ordinance 24-43 An Ordinance of The Township of Neptune Establishing Minimum Stormwater Management Requirements And Controls For “Major Developments”

Explanatory Statement: The purpose of this ordinance is to establish minimum stormwater management requirements and controls for “major development,”

Ordinance 24-43 Must be Tabled to the 2nd Meeting in December to Allow Planning Board Review.

Offered by: Motion to Table- Lane SeconDED by: Stroud
Vote: Jones Yes Lane Yes McMillan Yes Stroud Yes York Yes

Ordinance 24-45 Bond Ordinance Appropriating \$1,500,000 Providing for the 2025 Road Repaving and Improvement Program

Explanatory Statement: The bond ordinance provides for the 2025 Road Repaving and Improvement Program, including but not limited to the paving, repaving, construction, reconstruction, installation of drainage improvements and ADA improvements, and other associated improvements to various roads throughout the Township.

Name and Address Comment
No public comment

Offered by: Stroud SeconDED by: Jones
Vote: Jones Yes Lane Yes McMillan Yes Stroud Yes York Yes

Ordinance 24-46 An Ordinance To Amend Volume I, Chapter VII Of The Code Of The Township Of Neptune By Adding And Or Removing A Resident Only Handicapped Parking Zone

Explanatory Statement: This ordinance allows for the installation of two resident handicap parking stalls at 1319 10th Ave.

Name and Address Comment
No Public Comment

Offered by: Stroud SeconDED by: Lane
Vote: Jones Yes Lane Yes McMillan Yes Stroud Yes York Yes

Ordinance 24-47 Ordinance Authorizing Deed Of Easement And Right-Of-Way Agreement For Sewer Line Purposes With The Borough Of Tinton Falls, Along Hovchild Blvd., Adjacent To Block 4101, Lots 12, 13 And Lot 14 On The Tax Map Of The Township Of Neptune

Explanatory Statement: This ordinance provides Neptune Township easement and right-of-way along Hovchild Blvd. in Tinton Falls, in order to install, operate and maintain a sanitary sewer line; together with necessary fittings, appurtenances and facilities.

Name and Address Comment
No Public Comment

Offered by: McMillan SeconDED by: Stroud
Vote: Jones Yes Lane Yes McMillan Yes Stroud Yes York Yes

Ordinance 24-48 An Ordinance Of The Township Of Neptune To Amend Chapter 2 Entitled “Administration” By Amended Section 2-44 Entitled “Facade Review Committee/ Facade Improvement Loan/ Grant Program”

Explanatory Statement: This ordinance authorizes ‘The Facade Review Committee’ to accept competitive applications and award up to ten (10) grants per annum up to a maximum of ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars.

Name and Address	Comment									
No Public Comment										
Offered by:	<u> Lane </u>					Seconded by:	<u> Stroud </u>			
<i>Vote:</i>	Jones	<u> Yes </u>	Lane	<u> Yes </u>	McMillan	<u> Yes </u>	Stroud	<u> Yes </u>	York	<u> Yes </u>

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

Ordinance 24-49 An Ordinance Creating And Setting The Salary Range For New Job Titles And Amending The Salary Ranges For All Other Existing Job Titles Of The Township Of Neptune And Repealing All Parts Of Previous Ordinances Inconsistent Herewith

Explanatory Statement: this ordinance amends the salary range for all positions in the Township of Neptune.

Offered by:	<u> Stroud </u>					Seconded by:	<u> McMillan </u>			
<i>Vote:</i>	Jones	<u> Yes </u>	Lane	<u> Yes </u>	McMillan	<u> Yes </u>	Stroud	<u> Yes </u>	York	<u> Yes </u>

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor asks if the Committee would like to pull any resolution from the consent agenda for separate consideration.

- Res#24- 452** Resolution Authorizing The Chief Financial Officer And Other Township Officials To Undertake Certain Actions In Connection With The Issuance Of A Not To Exceed \$716,466 General Improvement Bond Anticipation Note
- Res#24- 453** Establish Annual Compensation For Fire Commissioners District #2
- Res#24- 454** Place Lien On Various Properties
- Res#24- 455** Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Shared Service Agreement With The Borough Of Neptune City For Disposal Of Brush
- Res#24- 456** Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Shared Service Agreement With The Neptune Fire District #1 And Neptune Fire District #2 For Insurance Coverage
- Res#24- 457** Resolution Authorizing Agreement And Consent To Allow Municipal Enforcement Of Title 39 Violations At Property Owned By Pink Balloon, Llc, Block 3601, Lot 4 (Frontage On Nj State Hwy. Rt. 66)
- Res#24- 458** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Accepting Resignations
- Res#24- 459** Acknowledge The Retirement Of Teresa Richard As Senior Kitchen Manager In The Senior Center
- Res#24- 460** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Reclassification
- Res#24- 461** Resolution Authorizing Agreement For Purchase Of 2024 Ford F 350 Xl 4wd With Plow From Nielsen Ford Under New Jersey State Contract 23-Fleet-34922 In An Amount Not To Exceed \$59,368.50
- Res#24- 462** Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Awarding Fernandes Construction, Inc. “Improvements To Myrtle Ave. Phase II” For An Amount No To Exceed \$294,716.42
- Res#24- 463** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing The Execution Of A Grant Agreement With Monmouth County Open Space For The Lofreddo Field Improvements
- Res#24- 464** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing The Execution Of A Sub Grant Agreement With State Of New Jersey Office Of Emergency Management For Living Shoreline Phase II Project
- Res#24- 465** Authorizing The Payment Of Bills

CONSENT AGENDA

Offered by: Lane Seconded by: McMillan
Vote: Jones Yes Lane Yes McMillan Yes Stroud Yes York Yes

Res#24- 461 Resolution Authorizing Agreement For Purchase Of 2024 Ford F 350 XL 4wd With Plow From Nielsen Ford Under New Jersey State Contract 23-Fleet-34922 In An Amount Not To Exceed \$59,368.50

Offered by: McMillan Seconded by: Lane
Vote: Jones Yes Lane Yes McMillan Yes Stroud No York Yes

SEPARATED RESOLUTIONS

Res#24- 466 A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions

Offered by: Stroud Seconded by: Jones
Vote: Jones Yes Lane Yes McMillan Yes Stroud Yes York Yes

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address any concern relating to the Township. The public will be permitted one visit to the microphone with a limit of five minutes.

Name and Address	Comment
Ann McMorris New York Ave.	Ms. McMorris sent an e-mail to the Township Committee asking the Township committee to move forward with the Parking Pilot Program. Ms. McMorris stated the residents are tired of waiting for a program to be attempted to alleviate parking issues in Ocean Grove.
Ginger Mt. Carmel Ave.	Ms. Ginger stated there is so much traffic on her street due to Asbury Park Visitors and Ms. Ginger is in support of a parking pilot program.
Kevin Cole Heck Ave.	Mr. Cole stated he is in opposition to the parking permit ordinance. Mr. Cole is sympathetic to those in certain sections of Ocean Grove but does not believe there is a section of Ocean Grove that does not suffer parking issues and this will be a Pandora's box of issues.
Wendy Stockdale Heck Ave.	Ms. Stockdale stated she has issues with the business on Main Ave. Having employees park on her street and enter the rear of the buildings. Ms. Stockdale stated she would not receive a pass and would not be included in the entitled few who would receive passes. Ms. Stockdale stated people will be pushed into her area because the permit parking is near her house. Ms. Stockdale asked what would be the measure of success of the program?
Eileen Michaels Seaview Ave.	Ms. Michaels thanked the Township Committee for listening to the many opinions being expressed. Ms. Michaels is not included in the area for pilot parking permit program, but believes it would be important to try. Ms. Michaels stated that parking is just going to be worse with the short term rentals in town and the North End Development.
Kathy Wojiterry Owner of Cabana Row	Ms. Wojiterry stated if the proposal is adopted, her business would be severely negatively impacted. Ms. Wojiterry expressed concerns about failing tourism, issues with the development of Main Ave. And this would not be in favor of small businesses in Ocean Grove
JP Thompson Embury Ave.	Ms. Thompson does not believe that the pilot parking program will offer a great impact to Ms. Thompson in a negative or positive way but does believe those on the North End of Ocean Grove will see true benefits from the implementation of the program. Ms. Thompson implored the Township Committee to try the program. Ms. Thompson had asked the Township Committee if they would support the Chamber of Commerce in placing year round lights on the trees on Main Ave. Mr. McMillan stated that he was in touch with the business administrator to see if Public Works would be able to handle this.
Paul Kaplan Mt. Zion Way	Mr. Kaplan stated the ordinance for limits on Main Ave did not receive feedback from the Superior Court because the ordinance is not enforceable. Mr. Kaplan stated if the Main Ave ordinance could be enforced, that would make a more positive impact on your business than

Richard Williams
Abbott Ave.

the negative impact believed to occur with the pilot parking permit program. Mr. Kaplan stated the pilot program is supposed to be a test in a certain area and if it works, then it would hopefully expanded. Mr. Kaplan is in support of the pilot permit parking program. Mr. Williams stated the point of the parking proposal was to be a trial to see if the program works in a small portion to see if the program works. Mr. Williams is in support of the pilot permit parking program.

Joan Venezia
Mt. Hermon Way

Ms. Venezia is in support of the pilot permit parking. Ms. Venezia stated the Holiday luncheon raised money for Scarlett Sound. Ms. Venezia asked if the Township Committee meeting schedule can be updated on the Township website.

Ms. Venezia stated the pickleball courts have a padlock on them. Mr. Stroud stated we are seeking confirmation that the courts are able to be played on and will provide an update by end of the week.

Ms. Venezia stated the night of gratitude is sold out, but is still open for donations. Ms. Venezia asked for an update on the vehicle car charging station at the arts center.

Ms. Venezia thanked the Township for installing the speed limit signs on Broadway and Main Ave. Ms. Venezia asked for an update on the JCP&L transformer.

Pilgrim Pathway paving had pipe that had issues and used to drain water no longer drains water Corner of Clark and Pilgrim Pathway on the north east corner. There was a pipe and that pipe was removed during the work being done. Ms. Venezia addressed leaf power in Ocean Grove.

Dr. Julie Makry
Heck Ave.

Dr. Makry stated that the pilot program data was skewed and would not show adequate results to determine success. Dr. Makry stated the program is flawed and all that is occurring is behavior modification, which just moves the behavior to another section. Dr. Makry stated the pilot program will just move the problem to another street. Dr. Makry stated that it is important to know how the Township plans to evaluate the success of the program.

Mayor York stated they are working on a matrix to determine the success of the program.

Joel Popkin
Inskip Ave

Mr. Popkin stated he has concerns the pilot parking program will move the parking issue to the other sections of town. Mr. Popkin purchased his home taking into consideration the parking availability. The proposed program will make his situation worse if adopted. Mr. Popkin stated that he is concerned about enforcement with the pilot permit parking.

Paul Jova
Bethany Block

Mr. Jova asked what the metric is that will determine the success of the pilot permit parking program. Mr. Jova stated he heard about the placards and resident status during workshop, but has not heard any idea of the desired results or the metrics will be used to determine success. If the businesses fail due to the parking permit program, will the Township be responsible for the impact on the businesses. Mr. Jova believes that Ocean Grove has a walking issue, not a parking issue.

Mike Wile
Heck Ave.

Mr. Wile stated the parking on his street does not meet the needs of the number of cars, residents, etc. Mr. Wile stated that his family has been able to find parking and make due. Mr. Wile stated there is competition for the parking as it is currently between businesses, beach goers, etc. Mr. Wile stated this pilot program does not provide any benefit to the residents near him. Mr. Wile is not in support of the proposed pilot program.

Mr. Wile stated there is a serious issue that there is not enforcement for parking issues in Ocean Grove. Mr. Wile has concerns that the police department would be overburdened by having to enforce all the parking issues in Ocean Grove. Mr. Wile asked if tickets would be written if a complaint is made that a car is parked improperly.

Christopher Beekman
KGM Jersey Jane

Mr. Beekman stated KGM Jersey Jane has been working on their cannabis application since about 2022 and is seeking information from the Township Committee if there is any information missing or needed in order to move forward with the Class 5 Retail Cannabis application. Mr. Beekman wishes the Township Committee is in support of moving the application and approval along.

Kathryn Wile
Heck Ave.

Ms. Wile stated her neighborhood has submitted a letter in opposition to the proposed parking pilot program. Ms. Wile stated that the program will not help because of the proximity to the downtown. Ms. Wile asked why Asbury Park City is not being brought to the table to discuss considerations. Ms. Wile stated the Township Committee has to have the metrics established before the program begins so that it can be evaluated. Ms. Wile stated an officer should be regularly patrolled to determine if the parking is being followed. Ms. Wile confirmed that the enforcement would not just be civilian complaint. Mayor York stated there are specials and there will be officers who are enforcing the program.

Jeff Downing
Bethany Block

Mr. Downing stated he has issue with the characterization that those who would be in the permit parking pilot would be "privileged". Mr. Downing stated he is concerned there are no

metrics for success and Mr. Downing provided feedback for what he believes needs to be captured in the data and how that data will be captured.

Joyce Klein
Mt. Hermon way

Ms. Klein stated the parking issues did not always exist while she has been living at her home. Ms. Klein stated that has changed significantly in more recent years and she was not able to find a parking space just this weekend due to events in Asbury Park. Ms. Klein stated the permit parking program would offer a small advantage to residents to possibly find parking near their homes. Ms. Klein is in support of the pilot permit parking program. Ms. Klein highlighted portions of the program she believed would address some concerns of those people who are opposed to the program.

Gary Brown
Cardinal Rd

Mr. Brown stated his neighborhood cannot come and individually voice their concerns over the homeless encampment, but he comes every meeting. Mr. Brown stated the property owner where the homeless encampment is, Mr. Betesh, has a history of not fulfilling promises to maintain the property or attention paid to manage the issues. Mr. Brown expressed concerns that 2,000 garbage bags were filled and left to not be picked up. Mr. Brown wants the property owner to be help responsible for the continued issues because he is not maintaining his property or addressing the issues that are negatively impacting Mr. Brown's neighborhood. Mr. Brown stated there was a fire in the homeless encampment, which has been a great fear of the community.

Carol Cuminsky
Heck Ave

Ms. Cuminsky stated she has heard all evening that the police department will be patrolling and issuing tickets. Ms. Cuminsky stated currently parking illegally such as blocking crosswalks and police are called on the vehicles and the police do not come to address the illegal parking. Ms. Cuminsky asked how the police would help collect data. Ms. Cuminsky asked if more police vehicles will be assigned to Ocean Grove specific. Ms. Cuminsky stated if the questions about data collection and metrics cannot be answered, this parking program should not even be discussed. Mayor York stated that special officers will be assigned to collect the data. Mayor York also stated it will be addressed immediately that a call to the police department was not responded to by the police department.

Jim Carry
Co-owner of Cabana
Road

Mr. Carry stated he is a small business owner in Ocean Grove and considers himself a commercial resident. Mr. Carry stated he understands the Committee is working with good intention. Mr. Carry has concerns that the program would be much longer than what would be expected for a pilot program. Mr. Carry expressed serious concern about the negative repercussions on the business community.

William Bradsoffer
Mt. Hermon Way

Mr. Bradsoffer stated he is opposed to the permit parking proposal. Mr. Bradsoffer stated the proposal is not on the Township website. Mr. Bradsoffer stated the 2022 proposal is the only proposal available on the website. Mr. Bradsoffer believes the proposal has a number of holes in it and there are a number of remaining questions to address before it is considered.

Sherri Phillips
Mt. Hermon Way

Ms. Phillips asked if the permit zones will be transferrable. Ms. Phillips stated she would not be able to park in the two blocks right next to her home because it is a different zone. Ms. Phillips asked for a copy of the proposed program. Ms. Phillips believes this ordinance is very divisive. Ms. Phillips stated this will cause conflict to have to call on her neighbor.

ADJOURNMENT

Offered by McMillan Seconded by: Stroud Time Adjourned 9:21PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Gabriella Siboni
Township Clerk