

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETING – December 20, 2024 – 4:00 P.M.

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Township Committee	Present/ Absent	Professionals	Present/ Absent
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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>Absent</u>		

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN OPEN SESSION

1. Committee Calendars

Jones	
Stroud	No report
McMillan	No report
Lane	No report
York	

Res #24 - 467 Authorize An Executive Session As Authorized By The Open Public Meetings Act.

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

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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 McMillan, to approve the minutes of meetings of December 9, 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 Recreation is preparing for Biddy Basketball. The Police department is currently working on issues with break ins at the soccer field. Mr. Jones stated that Recreation would like the Township Committee to address the date of Neptune Day 2025. Mr. Jones asked if there was
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a decision on the access to the Pickleball Court. Ms. LaPlaca stated the pickleball courts are ready to be used, but the dog park needs to be sodded which cannot be done until spring. Ms. LaPlaca stated it is up to the Township Committee how they would like to proceed with the pickleball court or with the ribbon cutting. The Township Committee was ok with a soft opening of the pickleball courts.

Stroud Mr. Stroud announced the Little Librarian of the Week is River.
 McMillan Wished everyone a happy holiday season. Mr. McMillan forwarded an e-mail to Business Administrator about essay submission to Monmouth County 25. Mr. McMillan also brought to the attention of the committee about an issue Drummond and Ruth.
 Lane Mr. Lane thanked Wreaths Across America where over 400 wreaths were placed. Wished everyone a happy holiday season.
 York Wished everyone a happy holiday season.

POLICE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS

- The candidates will be announced
- Public comments regarding Resolution #24-468 and 24-469 only. The public will be permitted one visit to the microphone with a limit of five minutes.

Name and Address Comment
 No Public Comments

Res#24- 468 A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Police Department

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

Res#24- 469 A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune To Promote Officers In The Police Department

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

Presentations

**RECOGNIZING GENE ANTHONY
 TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY**

WHEREAS, Neptune Township recognizes professionals who dedicate their lives and careers to public service and to making government more responsive and productive for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Gene Anthony has served ably and honorably as Neptune Township Attorney for seventeen years, while always looking out for the best interests of the Township, and;

WHEREAS, Gene Anthony's dedicated service in representing Neptune Township and its residents has undoubtedly made Neptune Township a better place, and;

WHEREAS, Countless members of the Township Committee, both past and present, have benefitted from Gene Anthony's guidance and advice, thus enabling them to be better public servants and to serve Neptune Township to the best of their abilities; and

WHEREAS, Gene Anthony, a dedicated public servant, also served with distinction as a member of the Eatontown Borough Council for eleven years from 1983-1994, and;

WHEREAS, The impact of Gene Anthony's many years of service to Neptune Township will be felt for many years to come, and the Township thanks him for all that he has helped make possible.

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Rev. Tassie D. York, Mayor of the Township of Neptune, along with the entire Township Committee, do hereby recognize and extend appreciation to Gene Anthony for his service to the people of Neptune.

Mr. Anthony left at 5:05PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution 24-498

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Kelly Waldron	Public Works	Customer Service Representative	\$30,139.38	January 2, 2025
Carla Ward	EMS	Full Time Emergency Medical Technician	\$60,000.00	January 2, 2025
Richard Bott	EMS	Per Diem EMT	\$28.50/hr	January 2, 2025
Bella Ende	EMS	Per Diem EMT	\$28.50/hr	January 2, 2025
Daniella Camporeale	EMS	Per Diem EMT	\$28.50/hr	January 2, 2025
Anthony Crenshaw	Public Works	Quality of Life Foreman	\$72,000.00	January 2, 2025
Frank Remington	Public Works	Roads Foreman	\$72,000.00	January 2, 2025
Michael Neal	Public Works	Sanitation Foreman	\$72,000.00	January 2, 2025

Mr. McMillan asked for a clarification on Quality of Life. Ms. LaPlaca equated it to Parks and Fields maintenance.

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

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 24-49 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.

Name and Address Comment

No public Comment

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

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

There are no ordinances for first reading.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Res#24- 470** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing The Cancellation And Refunds Of Certain Cannabis Fees Or Payments
- Res#24- 471** Authorizing The Execution Of Contracts With Various Organizations To Provide Recreation Programs And Services
- Res#24- 472** Resolution Authorizing The Chief Financial Officer And Other Township Officials To Undertake Certain Actions In Connection With The Issuance Of A Not To Exceed \$2,000,000 General Improvement Bond Anticipation Note

- Res#24- 473** Resolution Authorizing The Chief Financial Officer And Other Township Officials To Undertake Certain Actions In Connection With The Issuance Of A Not To Exceed \$500,000 Sewer Improvement Bond Anticipation Note
- Res#24- 474** Resolution Delegating Authority To Determine The Form And Other Details Of Not To Exceed \$3,210,000 Aggregate Principal Amount Of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2024 Of The Township Of Neptune, In The County Of Monmouth, State Of New Jersey And To Approve A Bond Purchase Agreement Which Provides For The Sale Of Such Bonds To The Monmouth County Improvement Authority Pursuant To Its 2024 Governmental Loan Refunding Bond Program
- Res#24- 475** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Accepting Resignations
- Res#24- 476** Establish Fee Schedule For Recreation Field Use
- Res#24- 477** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions-Police Department
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- Res#24- 479** Authorize The Execution Of An Interlocal Service Agreement With Neptune Township Fire District #1 To Participate With The Special Operations Unit
- Res#24- 480** Authorize The Execution Of An Interlocal Service Agreement With Neptune Township Fire District #2 To Participate With The Special Operations Unit
- Res#24- 481** Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Shared Service Agreement With Neptune Sewerage Authority For Fit Testing, Repair And Calibration Of Equipment And Use Of Training Facility
- Res#24- 482** Place Lien On Various Properties
- Res#24- 483** Resolution Authorizing The Cancellation Of Marina Utility Balances
- Res#24- 484** Resolution Authorizing The Cancellation Of Grant Receivables And Grant Reserves
- Res#24- 485** Resolution Authorizing Budget Transfers Of 2024 Appropriations #2
- Res#24- 486** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Waiving Requirements Of Township Code § 3-2.6 For Work Related To The Heck Avenue Supportive Housing Project
- Res#24- 487** Resolution Authorizing The Professional Services Agreement With Cme Associates For Engineering Services Relating Welsh Farms Park Improvements Project In An Amount Not To Exceed \$44,500.00
- Res#24- 488** Authorize Execution Of A Treatment Works Application For 756 Holding, Llc To Provide Service To 756 Holding, Llc
- Res#24- 489** Authorizing The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune To Execute Change Order #1 And Final For \$764.00 With Fiore Paving Co., Inc. For “Bert Willis Park Pickleball Courts” For A New Contract Total Of \$121,834.00
- Res#24- 490** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Co-Sponsoring The Fourth Annual Art For Sea Event
- Res#24- 491** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Co-Sponsoring A Food Truck Festival May 17, 2025
- Res#24- 492** Authorize The Execution Of Memorandum Of Understanding For The Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement With AFSCME Local #2792
- Res#24- 493** Authorize The Execution Of A Memorandum Of Understanding For The Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement With Neptune Township Department And Division Head Association
- Res#24- 494** Authorize The Execution Of A Memorandum Of Understanding For The Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement With Policeman’s Benevolent Association Local #74
- Res#24- 495** Authorize The Execution Of A Memorandum Of Understanding For The Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement With Fraternal Order Of Police Lodge #19

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Resolution 24-472

Res#24- 472 Resolution Authorizing The Chief Financial Officer And Other Township Officials To Undertake Certain Actions In Connection With The Issuance Of A Not To Exceed \$2,000,000 General Improvement Bond Anticipation Note

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

Resolution 24-473

Res#24- 473 Resolution Authorizing The Chief Financial Officer And Other Township Officials To Undertake Certain Actions In Connection With The Issuance Of A Not To Exceed \$500,000 Sewer Improvement Bond Anticipation Note

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

Resolution 24-474

Res#24- 474 Resolution Delegating Authority To Determine The Form And Other Details Of Not To Exceed \$3,210,000 Aggregate Principal Amount Of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2024 Of The Township Of Neptune, In The County Of Monmouth, State Of New Jersey And To Approve A Bond Purchase Agreement Which Provides For The Sale Of Such Bonds To The Monmouth County Improvement Authority Pursuant To Its 2024 Governmental Loan Refunding Bond Program

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

Resolution 24-476

Res#24- 476 Establish Fee Schedule For Recreation Field Use

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

Resolution 24-483

Res#24- 483 Resolution Authorizing The Cancellation Of Marina Utility Balances

Mr. Bascom stated there was an appropriation in capital outlay for dock improvements, which was subsequently cancelled. The funding has to be cancelled and reauthorized when the project is more likely to be completed.

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

Resolution 24-484

Res#24- 484 Resolution Authorizing The Cancellation Of Grant Receivables And Grant Reserves

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

Resolution 24-486

Res#24- 486 A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Waiving Requirements Of Township Code § 3-2.6 For Work Related To The Heck Avenue Supportive Housing Project

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

SEPARATED RESOLUTIONS

Res#24- 497 Schedule Neptune Day 2025

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

Res#24- 498 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
Dr. James Brown Lakewood Rd.	Dr. James Brown stated he is thrilled to live in this Township. Dr. Brown expressed a special thank you to the Neptune Senior Center. Dr. Brown stated he is encouraging the Township Committee to increase the height of the speed bump on Lakewood Rd.
Joel Popkin Inskip Ave.	Mr. Popkin stated that all the streets east of Central Ave in Ocean Grove are not lined for parking and Mr. Popkin stated there are times where residents become stuck because other cars park so close. The Township Committee thanked Mr. Popkin for his service on the Ocean Grove Sewerage Authority.
Gary Brown Cardinal Ave.	Mr. Brown stated that on Dec 19 Mr. Brown came to court for the encampment property and the matter was adjourned for the 6 th time. Mr. Brown expressed frustration that nothing is being done and wondered how the court adjourned this matter again. Mr. Brown asked Mayor and Deputy Mayor if they know how much money has been expended of township funds with 2 attorneys and the court dates for noncompliance and employee work. Mr. Brown stated that the property owner had workers picking up garbage and the waste was put on the adjacent property instead of putting it in a dumpster. Mr. Brown stated there was refuse on Neptune Blvd that needed to be picked up by Neptune Township Public Works. Mr. Brown asked why a lien cannot be placed on 700 Neptune Blvd because the property owner has not taken care of the property or the issue. Mr. Brown stated that Gina and Gabriella have been working diligently and have the residents back, but the Township Committee has not vocalized plans on how to move forward with these issues. Mr. Brown stated the court matter has been adjourned to February 20 and that is unacceptable. Mr. Brown stated there are issues and concerns over human waste, fire and debris. Mr. Brown stated his frustration is through the roof. Mayor York stated she understands his frustration, but there is a process and the process is working the way it is supposed to. Mayor York stated the Township cannot place a lien on the property to pick up the garbage because that is the responsibility of the Township. Mayor York stated it is not the Township Committee, it is the judge's decision.
	Mr. Stroud stated there is litigation so that he does not want to overstep.
	Mr. Jones stated he has concerns if there is an environmental impact and the waste is measurable. Mr. Jones asked if that would have the County or EPA to address concerns

about the waste.

Ms. LaPlaca stated the Township and residents have reached out to the Health Department and this was not a priority. If the property changes use, an environmental impact study would need to be completed. Mr. Jones asked if Mayor York can opine a letter to the legislature, health departments and such to express the Township Concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

Offered by McMillan Seconded by: Lane Time Adjourned 6:14PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Gabriella Siboni
Township Clerk