

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETING – May 13, 2024 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Township Committee	Present/ Absent	Professionals	Present/ Absent
Keith Cafferty	<u>Present</u>	Gina LaPlaca, Business Administrator	<u>Present</u>
Robert Lane, Jr.	<u>Present</u>	Gabriella Siboni, Township Clerk	<u>Present</u>
Kevin McMillan	<u>Arrived at 4:51PM</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 May 9, 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).

Res #24 - 224 Authorize An Executive Session As Authorized By The Open Public Meetings Act.

Offered by: Lane Seconded by: Cafferty
Vote: Cafferty Yes Lane Yes McMillan Absent Stroud Yes York Yes

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETING – May 13, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

Mayor York calls the workshop meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and asks the Clerk to call the roll:

Township Committee	Present/ Absent	Professionals	Present/ Absent
Keith Cafferty	<u>Present</u>	Gina LaPlaca, Business Administrator	<u>Present</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>		

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. Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Awarding Fiore Paving Co. Inc. “Bert Willis Park Pickleball Courts” For An Amount No To Exceed \$121,070.00

Ms. York discussed with the residents the proposed application and found that residents did not pose an opposition to the project.

2. Committee Calendars

Stroud	Mr. Stroud stated the Library Board meeting is tomorrow at 5:00PM.
Cafferty	Mr. Cafferty asked if there will be a date for Pride celebration and would volunteer for the event organization. Mayor York agreed to Mr. Cafferty preparing for Pride.
McMillan	No report
Lane	Mr. Lane stated that the Sharing Network 5k is scheduled for this coming weekend. There are also 2 parades on Memorial Day weekend. There is a parade in Shark River Hills. The Police will be able to pick up the committee and bring them to the Shark River Parade and return them to the parade that begins at the municipal building.
York	Ms. York stated the ROTC is having their military ball on May 24.

3. Four Day Work Week

Mr. Cafferty asks where the 4-day work week was on the agenda. Ms. York stated that there was not an agreement to add the matter to the workshop agenda.

The matter was added to the agenda to discuss 4-day work week. Mr. Cafferty stated that the Township does not have a high paying option, but there are other options to show appreciation and provide incentive to the employees. Mr. Cafferty has researched options and there are already models of 10-hour work schedule that alternates with employees so that the Township has extended hours rather than less and offers an incentive to the employees. Mr. McMillan said he was in agreement for further research.

Mr. Stroud stated he believes in the four-day work week. Mr. Stroud believes it would be great for employee incentive, mental health, and work life balance for the staff of the Township while also offering a benefit for the Township residents for the extended hours. Mr. Cafferty stated an example is the senior center would be able to offer programs to working seniors at later options.

Mr. Lane stated he had concerns about less services in the Township with the limitation on hours. Mr. Lane expressed that he has already heard some grumblings about the summer hours.

Mr. Stroud stated the benefits are less of a carbon footprint, employees receive a mental health break.

Ms. York stated she spoke to surrounding towns and the towns do not have a 4-day work week. Ms. York stated that there have been concerns by the staff that call outs from other employees would limit another employee from taking off their proposed day.

Mr. McMillan asked that the Business Administrator review the models of other towns to brief the Township Committee. Mr. Cafferty stated proposals will be brought to the Township Committee at a future workshop.

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

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – May 13, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

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

Township Committee	Present/ Absent	Professionals	Present/ Absent
Keith Cafferty	<u>Present</u>	Gina LaPlaca, Business Administrator	<u>Present</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 Committeeman Stroud, seconded by, Committeeman Cafferty, to approve the minutes of meetings of April 29, 2024.

PRESENTATIONS

Proclaiming May 2024 as Older Americans Month

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS

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

- Stroud Mr. Stroud stated that Eleanor is the Little Librarian of the week and it was her birthday, so Happy Birthday and Congratulations. The Library will have little musicians at the library. Mr. Stroud stated he believes the new sign was installed at the Marina
- Cafferty Mr. Cafferty stated there will be a winter solstice bon fire again later this year. Mr. Cafferty stated there have been emergency permits filed to address work at the Living Shore Line.
- McMillan Mr. McMillan stated he attended the Chaplain swearing in and the Day of Prayer event held by the Mayor.
- Lane Mr. Lane stated this weekend is the Sharing Network 5K walk. Mr. Lane stated there will be a constituent services night on May 22. Mr. Lane thanked Susan for her 24 years of service on the Fletcher Lake Commission. Mr. Lane stated that the Township has sworn in the first black female Police Chaplain in the history of Neptune Township and congratulated her on this momentous appointment. Mr. Lane stated there will be 2 Memorial Day Parades on Memorial Day weekend. Mr. Lane stated there will be a bike blessing on June 8.
- York Ms. York wished every mother a Happy Mother’s Day. Ms. York stated there will be a blood drive at the VFW on May 28 from 1-8PM. Ms. York attended the Spring Fling and the pre-mother’s day event at the American Legion.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

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

- **Homeless Encampment Issues:** Our most recent Case Conference was held on May 8th. No significant updates from that meeting, but our nonprofit partners are continuing to work diligently with

camp residents on securing the needed personal documents and housing vouchers to place them in permanent housing, and there are eligible units that have become available so we remain optimistic. The Township continues to be in communication with the property owner, through our respective attorneys, regarding a coordinated cleanup effort and complying with the civil request made by the Township at our April 19th meeting with him. The next Case Conference is scheduled for June 12th.

- **Congressionally Directed Spending Request for Lake Alberta:** The Township has made application through the offices of Senator Cory Booker and Congressman Frank Pallone for financial assistance under the Congressionally Directed Spending program to undertake the rehabilitation of Lake Alberta for the purposes of flood mitigation. The request is for \$842,880, which would be directed towards bank stabilization, dredging and outlet structure upgrades. The Township was previously successful in receiving approximately \$1 million for Wesley Lake improvements through the Congressionally Directed Spending program, so we are hopeful that we will be fortunate enough once again to receive the needed support. Our thanks to all of the individuals and organizations who wrote letters in support of the Township’s request.
- **Youth Emergency Services Summer Camp:** The award-winning Youth Emergency Services Summer Camp is back for a second year. Children between the ages of 10-15 are invited to spend two weeks with the amazing staff and volunteers of our various emergency service departments including Police, Fire, EMS, and OEM. The camp runs from August 5th through August 16th at a cost of \$100 per child. Registration is currently open for Neptune Township residents; non-resident registration will open on May 15th. More information can be found on our Township website or Facebook page, or by calling the Recreation Department.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution 22-245

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Alec Lerman	Public Works	Laborer	\$31,500.00	5/22/2024
Donald Lurch	Public Works	Laborer	\$31,500.00	5/22/2024

Resolution 24-246

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPT</u>	<u>PREVIOUS POSITION</u>	<u>RECLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Timothy Kortenhaus	EMS	EMT	Paramedic	\$65,000.00	5/14/2024
Joseph Scarpinito	EMS	Paramedic	Per Diem EMT Supervisor	\$32.57/hr	5/14/2024

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
Richard Williams Abbott Ave.	Mr. Williams asked about resolution 24-240. Mr. Cafferty stated the Township Committee had a public hearing on the project. Mr. Cafferty summarized the intended project details. Mr. Williams asked if there was lighting and parking and Mr. Cafferty confirmed it will have both.
Eileen Michaels Seaview Ave.	Ms. Michaels asked about resolution 24-238 and was concerned about the placement of the resolution of support on the agenda. Mr. McMillan stated that there needs to be more information and there needs to be

Nancy Clarke
Embury Ave.

transparency in government, but there is a concern about the undue burden on Township employees.

Ms. Clarke stated that the Township Committee tabled a resolution which gives an opportunity for the resolution to come back. Ms. Clarke stated it is uncommon that the Township would choose to show support for the resolution of support for OPRA.

Joel Popkin
Inskip Ave.

Mr. Popkin is with the State Clerk's association. Mr. Popkin stated the legislation is not trying to take away rights from OPRA, but to add clarity to the OPRA regulations. Mr. Popkin stated there is issues with private businesses abusing the record request process to solicit.

Mr. Stroud stated there have been grants for everything else and the state should provide grants to assist with the burden of OPRA.

Harriet Bernstein

Ms. Bernstein stated she is disturbed that the Township Committee is considering a matter where they do not understand and know all of the information at hand. Ms. Bernstein expressed frustration over litigation to constituents and for attorney fees.

Laura Reidle
Webb Ave.

Ms. Reidle stated the Township Committee discussed the resolution 24-238 and does not agree with the barriers being placed in the process by the legislation. Ms. Reidle stated she has not heard that OPRA has caused issues in Neptune Township.

ORDINANCES.

There are no ordinances for consideration this meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Res#24- 226** Resolution Of The Township Of Neptune Approving Pink Balloon Llc For A Cannabis Business License To Operate As A Class 5 Cannabis Retailer
- Res#24- 227** Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Shared Service Agreement With The Borough Of Allenhurst Beach For Fleet Maintenance
- Res#24- 228** Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Shared Service Agreement With The Neptune Township Board Of Education For Fleet Maintenance
- Res#24- 229** Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Shared Service Agreement With The Neptune Township Fire District #2 For Fleet Maintenance
- Res#24- 230** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Waiving Municipal Portion Of Construction Permit Fees And Dumpster Fees For Neptune Township Sewerage Authority
- Res#24- 231** Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Recreation
- Res#24- 232** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Co-Sponsoring The Third Annual Art For Sea Event
- Res#24- 233** Resolution Authorizing Termination Of An Agreement With Catherine S. Oliver And Monmouth Conservation Foundation And Neptune Township For The Donation Of Block 5303, Lots 2, 3 & 4 (South Riverside Drive) To Neptune Township
- Res#24- 234** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Granting Leave Of Absence
- Res#24- 235** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing A Person To Person Transfer Of Plenary Retail Consumption License 1334-32-025-011 To Ciprianis Restaurant Llc
- Res#24- 236** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing A Person To Person Transfer Of Plenary Retail Consumption License 1334-33-008-021 To Shark River Company, Llc

- Res#24- 237 Resolution In Support Of The Qualified Purchasing Agent's Authority To Award Window Contracts As Granted By P.L. 2023 Chapter 30
- Res#24- 238 Calling For The Modernization Of The Open Public Records Act (Opra) And The Swift Passage Of S-2930/A-4045
- Res#24- 239 Resolution Authorizing Agreement For Up-Fit Of Two Chevy Suburbans From East Coast Emergency Lighting Under New Jersey State Contract #17-Fleet-00761 In An Amount Not To Exceed \$37,350.00
- Res#24- 240 Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Awarding Fiore Paving Co. Inc. "Bert Willis Park Pickleball Courts" For An Amount No To Exceed \$121,070.00
- Res#24- 241 Authorizing The Rejection Of Bids Of Bids Received For Riley Road Pump Station Pole Barn
- Res#24- 242 A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing The Cancellation Of Sewer Rent
- Res#24- 243 Authorizing Payment of Bills
- Res#24- 244 Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A Sublease Agreement With The Ocean Grove Chamber Of Commerce To Operate A Tourism Bureau In A Portion Of 39 Pilgrim Pathway, Ocean Grove, New Jersey

CONSENT AGENDA

Offered by: Lane _____ Seconded by: McMillan _____
 Vote: Cafferty Yes Lane Yes McMillan Yes Stroud Yes York Yes

- Res#24- 238 Calling For The Modernization Of The Open Public Records Act (Opra) And The Swift Passage Of S-2930/A-4045

Motion to Table

Offered by: McMillan _____ Seconded by: Cafferty _____
 Vote: Cafferty Yes Lane Yes McMillan Yes Stroud Yes York Yes

SEPARATED RESOLUTIONS

- Res#24- 245 A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Public Works

Offered by: Stroud _____ Seconded by: Lane _____
 Vote: Cafferty Yes Lane Yes McMillan Yes Stroud Yes York Yes

- Res#24- 246 A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Reclassification

Offered by: Stroud _____ Seconded by: McMillan _____
 Vote: Cafferty 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.

<u>Name and address</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Joan Venezia Mt. Hermon way	Ms. Venezia lamppost at Mt Hermon Way and New Jersey is out for over a year, it flashes and goes out. Ms. LaPlaca stated the reports are made to JCP&L from the Police Department.

63 Cookman Mr. Anthony stated the owner had retained a lawyer and they are seeking a settlement.

There are 2 vehicles have been sitting for more than a month and she will report to the Police. Ms. Venezia stated one may be being used as a home for someone. Ms. Venezia asked what the procedure will be at the Planning Board meeting for the Ocean Grove North End. Mr. Lane stated that the only testimony being received will be on the matters in the settlement agreement. Ms. Venezia asked if there was an update on the animal house ordinance. Mr. Anthony stated he provided a draft for the Township Committee to consider at the next workshop. Mr. Robinson stated there is a different between Ocean Grove and the remaining portions of Neptune; which is the tourism, zip code and hotels. Mr. Robinson asked if an ordinance can be drafted to only be operational in Ocean Grove rather than the Town as a whole. Mr. Robinson said he hopes to have a large potential fine for disturbances. Mr. Robinson is also hoping the noise ordinance is imposed 24 hours a day rather than between 10PM-8AM. Mr. Muller asked if there was a limit on occupancy. Mr. Anthony stated there is based on different factors.

Rich Robinson
Hillside Dr.

Dan Muller
Hillside Dr.

ADJOURNMENT

Offered by: McMillan Seconded by: Stroud

Time adjourned: 7:52PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Gabriella Siboni
Township Clerk