

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETING – August 12, 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
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 via zoom</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. Rethink Disposable Ordinance

Mr. Stroud stated there are about a dozen towns who have adopted an ordinance for rethink disposable. Mr. Stroud spoke to the impact that plastics and single use products have on the environment. Mr. Stroud stated he would like the Township to consider an ordinance to place restrictions on single use plastics. Mr. Stroud believes this will have a positive impact on the environment and reduce the Township’s carbon footprint. Mr. Stroud asked the Township Committee if they are interested in considering this ordinance for the Township.

Mr. Stroud stated the ordinance would require an establishment to only provide single use plastics upon request rather than automatically with each transaction.

Mr. Lane stated this is a good idea to review and consider because there can be waste that would be reduced. Mr. Cafferty confirmed the intent of the ordinance. Mr. Stroud stated the ordinances have differing levels of strictness. Mr. Cafferty stated he is interested and would like to encourage the use and reuse of items. Mr. McMillan agreed that the ordinance would be something to consider but requested that the Chamber of Commerce be contacted, and their input is received. Mr. Cafferty expressed concern over enforcement or possible penalties. Mr. Stroud stated the intent would not be to include penalties.

2. Committee Calendars

Stroud	No report
Cafferty	No report
McMillan	No report
Lane	Mr. Lane stated that National Night Out has been rescheduled for August 28.
York	No report

Res #24 - 319 Authorize An Executive Session As Authorized By The Open Public Meetings Act.

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

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – August 12, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

Mayor York calls the meeting to order at 7:18PM 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 via zoom</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 Stroud, seconded by, Committeeperson McMillan, to approve the minutes of meetings of July 8, 2024.

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 announced the little librarian of the week and stated the End of Summer Pizza party is upcoming. Mr. Stroud hopes to have discussions with EMS about possible promotions. Mr. Stroud stated the FOP is hosting a golf outing and if anyone is interested in participating or donating, please contact the Police Dept.
- Cafferty Mr. Cafferty stated the EMS camp is ongoing and Recreation hosted a Disc Golf Tournament in July
- McMillan Mr. McMillian stated he attended the wake of Diana Pajak who was an employee for more than 20 years. Ms. Pajak will be terribly missed.
- Lane Mr. Lane expressed condolences to Ms. Pajak’s family and wanted to express gratitude for everything Diana did for this Township and community. Mr. Lane attended the 27th Annual Fundraising for the Shark River First Aid. Mr. Lane attended the Word of Faith Church. National Night Out has been rescheduled for August 28 from 5PM-8PM.
- York Ms. York expressed condolences to Ms. Pajak’s family and said Ms. Pajak will be missed. Ms. York encouraged residents to come out and support National Night Out on August 28.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

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

- **Homeless Encampment Updates:** Following the July 27th order in Monmouth County Superior Court that all residents of the encampment must vacate or relocate by October 27th, an emergency case conference was held on August 1st to develop a timeline of action items for the next 90 days, and to develop housing plans for all remaining residents. At the time of that call, it was estimated that 15 residents still occupied the site, with final housing plans developed for 11 of them. The Monmouth County Continuum of Care is actively working with NJ DCA to secure additional funding assistance in the form of housing vouchers, moving and security deposit costs and possible landlord incentives. The next regular case conference regarding the encampment will be held this Wednesday August 14th.

- **Monmouth County Stigma Free Initiative:** Neptune Township will be partnering with the Monmouth County Stigma Free Initiative, a countywide program that aims to reduce the stigmas associated with mental illness and substance use disorder. To raise awareness about this program, Monmouth County Stigma Free will be traveling to participating municipalities on Friday August 23rd to set up green flag displays – ours will be placed in front of the Municipal Building much like the purple flag display we currently have on site for Overdose Awareness. At present, we expect the display to be set up at approximately 10am that day, but more details will be forthcoming shortly.
- **August 28th: National Night Out** The Neptune Township Police Department has rescheduled their annual National Night Out event to Wednesday August 28th from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at Midtown Community Elementary School. All of the previously scheduled events, games, prizes and the NJSP helicopter flyover will still take place as planned.
- **Spotted Lantern Flies.** Tru Green will be spraying 5 parks for Lantern Flies on August 19. The parks are Sunshine, Bert Willis, Beverly Way, Veterans Memorial Park and Liberty Park

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution 24-348

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Gary Puryear	Public Works	Yard Attendant	\$18.01/hr	7/29/2024
Rasheed Gilbert	Public Works	Class A CDL Driver	\$35,000.00	8/13/2024
Louis Anderson	Public Works	Class A CDL Driver	\$36,250.00	8/13/2024
Javon Hinds	Public Works	Class A CDL Driver	\$36,250.00	8/13/2024
Thomas Best	Public Works	Class A CDL Driver	\$35,000.00	8/13/2024

Resolution 24-349

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPT</u>	<u>PREVIOUS POSITION</u>	<u>RECLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Heather Kepler	Land Use	Departmental Secretary	Citizen Board Administrator	\$54,319.72 <i>Will also maintain Zoning Officer Stipend</i>	8/13/2024

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.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Nancy Clarke Embury Ave.	Resolution 24-338 Ms. Clarke stated the developer’s agreement was not included in the public packet and wished the Township would table the resolution. Ms. Clarke expressed disgust with the Township for considering an agreement with Hobby Lobby because of their views on significant matters such as gay rights, woman’s rights, and healthcare access. Mr. Anthony stated the development of the Hobby Lobby was approved by the Land Use Board and stated the time to appear would have been at the site plan application The developer’s agreement does not express support for the entity but requires the entity to meet the requirements of the site plan. Mr. Anthony stated the site will still be able to be developed, but the requirements of the Site Plan would not have an agreement that would be able to be enforced on.

Mr. Stroud stated the board approved them and they are only considering the developers agreement, not oversight on their ability to be in Neptune Township.

David Milmoie

Mr. Milmoie spoke on resolution 24-250. Mr. Milmoie stated he is the Director of Public Works. Mr. Milmoie stated he has raised his children to know they are loved and accepted by himself and his stepchild's two mothers. Mr. Milmoie spoke to his experience as the Director and his time preparing for his position in Neptune Township. Mr. Milmoie stated he was determined to serve the community and invested his personal time to learn about Neptune Township. Mr. Milmoie spoke to his achievements, his work ethic and his ability to supervise the department. Mr. Milmoie addressed issues that he faced in Public Works and how he has handled them. Mr. Milmoie has a 20-year career with no disciplinary action taken against him. Mr. Milmoie regretted the post on his friend's timeline and stated it was never intended to hurt the LGBTQIA+, especially since his family is a part of the community. Mr. Milmoie wanted to publicly apologize for the post. Mr. Milmoie strives to be a better man every day and he will take the lessons learned with him every day. Mr. Milmoie asked the Township Committee to consider his hard work rather than the mistake he made and deeply regrets.

Robert Ingato
Seaview Ave.

Mr. Cohen advised the Township Committee to not respond.
24-337 Approving agreement with Camp Meeting for SLEO
Mr. Ingato inquired asked for clarification on the positioning of SLEOs on Camp Meeting Property.
Mr. Anthony stated the agreement addressed beachfront and boardwalk property only.
Mr. Ingato asked who patrolled the parks in Ocean Grove. Mr. Anthony stated there is not an officer assigned to the park because they are private property, and the police would respond if there were any complaints.
Mr. Ingato asked if the SLEOs will be armed. Mr. Stroud stated that SLEOs are able to have firearms.
Mr. Ingato asked for the cost of the SLEOs. Mr. Ingato wanted to know if the Township is subsidizing the cost to Ocean Grove Camp Meeting. Mr. Anthony stated the Township is not subsidizing the cost.
Mr. Ingato asked what differentiates the boardwalk to other privately owned area that has public access. Mr. Anthony stated this agreement has occurred before and is pretty routine.

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 24-24 Bond Ordinance Providing For The Acquisition And Installation Of Municipal Technology Improvements And Security Upgrades, By And In The Township Of Neptune, In The County Of Monmouth, State Of New Jersey; Appropriating \$900,000 Therefor And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$855,000 Bonds Or Notes Of The Township To Finance Part Of The Cost Thereof

Offered by: McMillan Seconded by: Cafferty
Note: Cafferty yes Lane Yes McMillan Yes Stroud Yes York Yes

Name and Address

Comment

Eileen Michaels
Seaview Ave.

Ms. Michaels asked about the maturity of the bonds and the rates received for the bonds, Ms. Michaels was not disputing the use of the funds, but wanted to understand the financial aspect. Ms. Siboni stated the maturity and rates would be determined once the bond is authorized. Mr. Cafferty

stated there is significant oversight by auditors, Bond Counsel and finance officer. Ms. Michaels stated she believe

Carline Hickman

Ms. Hickman stated it may be better to delay going into debt based on the interest rates. Ms. Hickman stated the point trying to be made is questioning what the Township is committing to when the ordinance is acted on.

Joel Popkin
Inskip Ave.

Mr. Popkin stated the Finance Officer is authorized to go out for the bonds and the Bond Counsel is hired to advise on favorable rates. Mr. Popkin stated that the residents are welcome to submit a records request to determine the final rate.

Ordinance 24-25 Bond Ordinance Providing For The Acquisition Of Vehicles And Equipment For Use By The Township, By And In The Township Of Neptune, In The County Of Monmouth, State Of New Jersey; Appropriating \$1,200,000 Therefor And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,140,000 Bonds Or Notes Of The Township To Finance Part Of The Cost Thereof

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

Name and Address

Comment

Rich Robinson
Hillside Dr.
JP Thompson

Mr. Robinson asked for clarification of what is being purchased.
Ms. Thompson stated she is freaked out by her tax bills and the bond ordinances being put forward seem like the township is spending money like drunken sailors. Ms. Thompson asked if any cutbacks can be made on the budget.

Ms. York stated the Township can go back and look to see if they can cut back. The items listed are items that are needed.

Mr. Cafferty stated the capital projects are discussed during the budget hearings. Mr. Cafferty stated the Township plans to spread purchases out over time and the tax increases were not due to the municipal budget. The Township has worked diligently to keep costs down.

Mr. Stroud encouraged residents to contact legislators to gain more aid from the State.

Caroline Hickman

Ms. Hickman asked about the purchase of the asphalt paver. Ms. Hickman asked if that is a piece of equipment is a legitimate purchase by the Township.

Eileen Michaels
Seaview Ave.

Ms. Michaels stated she will write letters to legislatures about the funding issue. Ms. Michaels stated she wants to ensure the purchases are useful for the amount of time we are funding them for,

Mr. Cafferty stated that the Township does not purchase luxury and utilizes its supplies for as long as possible.

Ordinance 24-26 Bond Ordinance Providing For The Acquisition Of Public Safety Equipment For Use By The Township, By And In The Township Of Neptune, In The County Of Monmouth, State Of New Jersey;

Appropriating \$250,000 Therefor And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$237,500 Bonds Or Notes Of The Township To Finance Part Of The Cost Thereof

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

Ordinance 24-27 Bond Ordinance Providing For Various Improvements To Municipal Facilities And The Acquisition Of Furniture Therefor, By And In The Township Of Neptune, In The County Of Monmouth, State Of New Jersey; Appropriating \$350,000 Therefor And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$332,500 Bonds Or Notes Of The Township To Finance Part Of The Cost Thereof

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

Ordinance 24-28 Bond Ordinance Providing For Various Capital Improvements To The Municipal Marina By The Marina Utility Of The Township Of Neptune, In The County Of Monmouth, State Of New Jersey; Appropriating \$100,000 Therefor And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$95,000 Bonds Or Notes Of The Township To Finance Part Of The Cost Thereof

Name and Address Comment

Nancy Clarke Ms. Clark asked if the bond ordinance was going against the Township budget. Ms. Embury Ave. Clarke asked if the Marina would pay the interest. Ms. Clarke asked if the cost of the employees in finance overseeing the bonds would be charged to the Marina account.

The Township Committee stated the Marina is a self-liquidating utility and would be responsible for the debt and interest.

Ms. LaPlaca stated that the salaries of employees are included in the Marina budget.

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

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

Ordinance 24-30 An Ordinance To Amend Volume I, Chapter Vii Of The Code Of The Township Of Neptune By Adding And Removing Resident Only Handicapped Parking Zones

Explanatory Statement: This ordinance allows the installation of handicapped parking zones for residents at 3 Pilgrim Pathway and 1801 Alberta Ave.

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

Ordinance 24-31 Ordinance Amending Section 412 Of The Land Development Ordinance

Explanatory Statement: This ordinance amends the regulations and restriction pertaining to livestock; specifically adding prohibitions to all livestock and restrictions on the harboring of chickens.

Mr. Stroud stated there was a question posed that there is a resident owns a pig. Mr. Stroud confirm with the Township Committee that there will be no allowance for new livestock.

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

Ordinance 24-32 An Ordinance Of The Township Of Neptune To Amend Chapter 12 Entitled "Property Maintenance" By Amending Section 12-1.2, Entitled "Additions, Insertions And Changes"

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

Ordinance 24-33 Ordinance Authorizing Deed Of Dedication And Agreement With New Jersey Department Of Transportation With Regard To The Sale Of Property

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

Ordinance 24-34 An Ordinance Of The Township Of Neptune Establishing Minimum Stormwater Management Requirements And Controls For “Major Developments”

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

Ordinance 24-35 Bond Ordinance Providing For The Acquisition Of Various Parcels Of Real Property Within The West Lake Avenue Redevelopment Area, The Demolition Of Improvements Thereon, And The Restoration Of Such Real Property, By And In The Township Of Neptune, In The County Of Monmouth, State Of New Jersey; Appropriating \$700,000 Therefor And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$665,000 Bonds Or Notes Of The Township To Finance Part Of The Cost Thereof

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- ~~Res#24-~~ 320** Authorize Execution Of A Site Access Agreement To 1607 Corlies Ave In Connection With Remediation Testing By The Neighboring Property Owner
- ~~Res#24-~~ 321** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing The Extension Of Due Date For Third Quarter Taxes Due On August 1, 2024, To August 15, 2024
- ~~Res#24-~~ 322** Place Lien On Various Properties
- ~~Res#24-~~ 323** A Resolution Authorizing The Assignment Of Tax Sale Certificates In Accordance With N.J.S.A. 54:5-112.
- ~~Res#24-~~ 324** Designate 2025 Floating Holiday
- ~~Res#24-~~ 325** Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Execution Of A Memorandum Of Understanding Between The Midtown Urban Renaissance Corporation And The Township Of Neptune In Connection With The Midtown Youth Program Grant
- ~~Res#24-~~ 326** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Supporting Solar Landscape Community Solar Project At 1930 Heck Avenue (Public Storage Location)
- ~~Res#24-~~ 327** Authorizing The Execution Of Agreement With New Jersey Sharing Network Relating To 5k Celebration Of Life On May 17, 2025
- ~~Res#24-~~ 328** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Accepting Resignations
- ~~Res#24-~~ 329** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions

- Res#24- 330** Authorize A Reduction In The Performance Guarantee Filed By M&M At Neptune, Llc For Site Improvements At Block 701 Lot 1 (720-726 Highway 35)
- Res#24- 331** Release A Performance Bond Filed By Wasatch Storage Partners For Site Improvements At Block 816 Lots 5.02
- Res#24- 332** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing A Chapter 159 Budget Amendment To Insert Revenue Received For Work Experience Program By Monmouth County Workforce Development
- Res#24- 333** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing A Chapter 159 Budget Amendment To Insert Revenue Received For Opioid Settlement
- Res#24- 334** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing The Cancellation Of Sewer Rent
- Res#24- 335** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing The Cancellation And Refunds Of Certain Marina Fees Or Payments
- Res#24- 336** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Reclassification
- Res#24- 337** Resolution Authorizing Assignment Agreement Between The Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association And Neptune Township For Use Of Township Special Law Enforcement Officers For Purposes Of The Association's Property, And In Particular, Patrolling The Beachfront Area Of The Association's Property For Enforcement Of Applicable New Jersey State Statues And Municipal Ordinances During The Summer Months
- Res#24- 338** Resolution Authorizing Developer's Agreement With Hobby Lobby (Neptune Plaza Shopping Center), 2200 N.J. 66, Block 802, Lot 1, Neptune Township New Jersey
- Res#24- 339** Resolution Authorizing Contract For The Sale Of Parcel Sp95 Indicated On The Tax Map, Entitled, "New Jersey Department Of Transportation General Property Parcel Map, Route 66 (1953) From Route 33 To Route 35 Showing Existing Right Of Way To Be Acquired In Borough Of Tinton Falls And Township Of Neptune And Ocean, County Of Monmouth (2020)"
- Res#24- 340** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing A Person-To-Person Transfer Of Plenary Retail Consumption License 1334-33-004-007 To Ironbound Development Organization, Llc
- Res#24- 341** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Confirming Receipt Of The Ocean Monmouth Multi-Jurisdictional Program For Public Information Annual Update For 2024
- Res#24- 342** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Granting Permission To JCP&L For Installation And Maintenance Of Underground Wire And Trees
- Res#24- 343** Reappoint Special Law Enforcement Officers In The Police Department On A Part-Time Basis
- Res#24- 344** Appoint School Crossing Guards For The 2024-2025 School Year
- Res#24- 345** Authorize Temporary Street Closing In Connection With National Night Out Which Has Been Rescheduled To August 28, 2024
- Res#24- 346** Authorizing Payment of Bills

CONSENT AGENDA

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

SEPARATED RESOLUTIONS

Res#24- 347 Authorizing The Execution Of: (1) Settlement Agreement By And Between Township Of Wall; Wall 34 Realty, Llc; Township Of Neptune; Township Of Neptune Sewerage Authority; And Ocean Grove Sewerage Authority; (2) The Interlocal Sewer Capacity Purchase Contract By And Between The Township Of Neptune; Ocean Grove Sewerage Authority; Township Of Wall And Township Of Neptune Sewerage Authority; And (3) The Interlocal Lease Amendment Between Township Of Wall And Township Neptune

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

Res#24- 348 A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions

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

Res#24- 349 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

Res 24-350 Resolution Terminating Employment Of David Milmo

Offered by: Stroud Seconded by: Lane
Vote: Cafferty Abstain Lane Yes McMillan No Stroud Yes York Abstain

Mr. Anthony stated that the abstentions counted as affirmative votes and stated the resolution passes. A statement was made from the audience that abstentions count as “no”. Committeeman Cafferty stated he was incorrectly told how an abstention would be counted and requested a new roll call vote. Ms. Siboni confirmed the motion and second of the vote (motion by Committeeman Stroud and seconded by Committeeperson Lane) and called the roll:

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

Committeeman McMillan indicated that he believed Mayor York was to abstain and Mayor York stated she did not have to abstain and that even if she abstains, it is still a yes. Mr. Anthony stated let’s stick to that, the abstention still carries the vote. Mr. Anthony indicated to me that the record should reflect Mayor York abstaining. Mayor York confirmed her vote was an abstention.

Resolution 24-324 Designate Floating Holiday

Ms. LaPlaca stated that the current union contract allows a recommendation by unions to establish the floating holiday. One union submitted a recommendation for the July holiday. Mr. Cohen stated the current agreement has a date when the unions may submit a recommendation. Mr. Cohen stated that one of the Unions submitted a recommendation and the resolution includes that recommendation.

Offered by: Stroud Seconded by: Lane
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>
Ann Bishop Franklin Ave.	Ms. Bishop stated she is happy to see the ordinance was introduced for animal house ordinance. Ms. Bishop asked to clarify if owner occupied is optional. Ms. Bishop wanted to know if a room could be rented if the property was owner occupied.
Rich Robinson Hillside Dr.	Mr. Robinson asked for clarification on the hearing officer. Mr. Stroud stated the hearing officer would be the municipal judge. Mr. Anthony stated he left the option open to be another person as well. Mr. Robinson asked who would get the damage benefits required under the ordinance. The Township would receive the funds. Mr. Robinson asked for confirmation on the requirements of a substantiated complaint. Mr. Anthony stated it must be a conviction or plea agreement.
Cindy Nelson Highland Ave.	Ms. Nelson stated she was shocked and saddened by the loss of Diana Pajak. Ms. Nelson presented a plaque that she had made in honor of Ms. Pajak and expressed a desire to have the plaque hung in the office of the Code and Construction.
Eliza Greenblatt Franklin Ave.	Ms. Greenblatt stated that Airbnbs are affecting the property in Ocean Grove. Ms. Greenblatt stated she has issues with the ordinance not including parking requirements. Ms. Greenblatt wants the Township to include a maximum number of occupants. Ms. Greenblatt wants a prohibition of animals being allowed in rentals. Ms. Greenblatt believes the Township is being too easy on short term rentals. Mr. Stroud stated he is not supportive of an ordinance that cannot be enforced. Mr. Stroud stated many of the concerns would not be able to be enforced or the cost of that enforcement is prohibitive. Mr. Stroud stated some of the monitoring should occur by the landlord, not a township ordinance.
Joel Popkin Inskip Ave.	Mr. Popkin stated he has concerns about the assessment and taxes in the Township. Mr. Popkin stated he is looking at an almost 20% increase on his property assessment. Mr. Popkin stated there were caps on the assessed value of a property. Mr. Popkin saw an increase of \$3,300 for his tax bill this year.
Joan Venezia Mt. Hermon Way	Ms. Venezia asked what the status of the EV Chargers at the Jersey Shore Arts Center. Ms. Venezia asked how the schools in other towns received the funding again. Ms. Venezia suggested changing the garbage pick up to once instead of twice. Ms. Venezia reviewed aspects of the Short-Term Rentals and confirmed her understanding of the regulations. Ms. Venezia asked the Township Committee that serves on the Planning Board that she believes the fire report on OGNED is inadequate.
Gary Brown Cardinal Road	Mr. Brown played an audio clip of noises heard at his home from the homeless encampment. Mr. Brown encouraged the Township Committee to work alongside Gina LaPlaca to get a long-term solution to the encampment. Mr. Brown thanked Gina for her hard work on the matter. Mr. Brown expressed frustration that the fines may be reduced. Mr. Brown asked Mr. Anthony to let him speak during his time.
Rachel Weston Cardinal Road Nancy Clarke Embury Rd	Ms. Weston requested that for ordinance 24-32 regarding short term rentals removes the prohibition of renting rooms in an owner-occupied dwelling. Ms. Clarke stated on behalf of the Ocean Grove Homeowners Association, the association has invited and has rsvp's from Congressman Pallone, Commissioner Arnone and an Assemblywoman on August 24 for a breakfast. Ms. Clarke stated on her personal behalf and thanked the emergency services that came and took care of a tree that fell in Ocean Grove. Ms. Clarke stated the sewer grates were not cleaned in the business district in Ocean Grove.

Ms. Clarke asked about the spraying for Spotted Lantern Flies. Ms. Clarke stated the parks listed do not include Ocean Grove Parks and Ms. Clarke asked if the Township could extend those treatments.

Ms. Clarke stated there are roaches coming out of the sewers. Ms. Clarke asked if there is anything the Township can do. Mr. Stroud stated the insects are water bugs, not cockroaches. Mr. LaPlaca stated the sewer department reviewed the lines to identify where the location and source of the bugs are. The sewer department has identified the issue and are working to rectify the issue.

Ms. Clarke asked where the line is drawn on limitations on animals.

Newton
Delaware Ave

Mr. Newton stated he is a landlord in Ocean Grove and rents the properties for short term language. Mr. Newton stated there are many people who own and rent properties who are not associated with AirBnb. Mr. Newton stated the landlords are limited on what they can ask or look at when considering a tenant. Mr. Newton does not think it is fair then, that landlords are held accountable for their tenant's behavior, when they cannot take that into consideration those aspects in the application for a tenant. Mr. Newton expressed concern that the restrictions in the ordinance will lead to landlords being more discriminate about who they rent to, and the impacts of the ordinance will be extremely negative to landlords and potentially to tenants

Cathleen Zabrowski
Heck Ave

Ms. Zabrowski requested that a summary or red line of the ordinance to differences for the Storm Water Ordinance so that residents can better understand the ordinance.

Jp Thompson
Embury

Mr. Cafferty wished for a short executive

Ms. Thompson asked about Ordinance 24-35 and that the redevelopment plan was adopted 20 years ago. Mr. Stroud stated there are developers looking into developing the project. Mr. Stroud stated the bond may not move forward, but the Township wanted to prepare if the developer decides to move forward. Ms. LaPlaca stated the ordinance will give the Township an option to act but does not require the Township to take the action.

Patrick Callaghan
Bathe Ave.

Mr. Callaghan wanted to address veteran access to Ocean Grove Beach. Mr. Callaghan stated most beaches provide beach access free to veterans. Mr. Callaghan spoke to the Camp Meeting Association President about veteran access and asked how he would have veteran access at Ocean Grove Beach. Mr. Callaghan has also reached out to Senator Gopal and there are bills in the legislative branch regarding public access for veterans right. Mr. Callaghan requested that the Township seek answers from Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association.

Robert Ingato
Seaview Ave.

Mr. Ingato stated that Mayor York will be attending at speaking at the Ocean Grove Homeowners Association breakfast in August.

ADJOURNMENT

Offered by: McMillan Seconded by: Stroud Time Adjourned 9:51PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Gabriella Siboni
Township Clerk