

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE SINE-DIE MEETING - JANUARY 1, 2025 - 11:55 A.M.

Mayor York calls the meeting to order 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>Present</u>
Robert Lane, Jr.	<u>Present</u>	Dainene Roberts, Township Clerk	<u>Present</u>
Kevin McMillan	<u>Present</u>	Michael Celli, Assistant Township Attorney	<u>Present</u>
Derel Stroud	<u>Present</u>		
Tassie D. York	<u>Present</u>		

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."

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, ordinances, and resolutions are posted on the Township web site (www.neptunetownship.org) and the meeting is being streamed live via townhallstreams.com.

REMAINING BUSINESS FOR 2024

Mayor York calls for the transaction of any remaining business for the year of 2024.

The Clerk replies that there is no further business to be transacted.

ADJOURNMENT

Offered by: Mr. Stroud Seconded by: Mr. Jones

Time adjourned for Sine Die: 12:01PM

2025 REORGANIZATION MEETING- JANUARY 1, 2025
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE

CALL TO ORDER

The Deputy Clerk calls the 2025 Township Committee Reorganization Meeting to order at 12:26PM

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

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INVOCATION

Invocation by Pastor Brian Fisher

FLAG SALUTE

OATH OF OFFICE- ELECTED TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Township Committeemen Reelect Kevin McMillan will be sworn into office.

Oath of Office administered by Steven Fulop, the honorable Mayor of Jersey City

Township Committeeman Reelect Derel Stroud will be sworn into office.

Oath of Office administered by Assemblywoman Tennille McCoy

MEMBERS QUALIFIED TO SERVE

The Township Clerk certifies that the following individuals are duly qualified by law to serve as members of the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune for the Year 2025:

Jason A. Jones
Derel Stroud

Robert Lane Jr.

Kevin McMillan
Tassie D. York

ELECTION OF MAYOR

Res#25- 001 Elect Chairperson and Mayor of the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune for the year 2025

Committeewoman York nominated Mr. Robert Lane, Jr. for the position.

Offered by: Mrs. York Seconded by: Mr. Stroud
Vote: Jones Yes Lane Yes McMillan Yes Stroud Yes York Yes

Oath of Office administered by Michael Celli, Esq.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Res#25- 002 Elect Vice-Chairperson and Deputy Mayor of the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune for the year 2025

Committeeman Stroud nominated Mr. Kevin McMillan for the position.

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

Oath of Office of the Deputy Mayor administered by Assemblywoman Margie Donlen

Appointment of Departmental Chairpersons

Res#25- 003 A Resolution of The Township Committee of The Township of Neptune Assigning Departmental Chairpersons for The Year 2025

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

PRESENTATION

The Mayor will make a presentation to Rev. Tassie D. York, in recognition of her service as Mayor in 2024.

Mayor Lane expressed gratitude on behalf of the committee for Mrs. York’s work as Mayor in the year 2024.

Mayor Rev. Tassie York was not only a Neptune Township graduate but a pillar in our town. Mr. Lane further noted, Mayor Rev. Tassie York is the first female African American Mayor.

Mayor Rev. Tassie York shared it was an honor, privilege and pleasure to serve the Township. Mrs. York thanked everyone for their support and a happy 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA- PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

The Mayor asked the Committee if they would like to pull any resolutions from the consent agenda for separate consideration.

- Res #25- 004** Appoint Township Attorney
- Res #25- 005** Appoint Assistant Township and Special Counsel
- Res #25- 006** Appoint Labor Attorney
- Res #25- 007** Appoint Redevelopment Attorney
- Res #25- 008** Appoint Prosecutor
- Res #25- 009** Appoint Public Defender
- Res #25- 010** Appoint Alternate Public Defender
- Res #25- 011** Appoint Regional Contribution Agreement and Environmental/ Shade Tree Commission Attorney
- Res #25- 012** Appoint Bond Counsel

- Res #25- 013 Appoint Auditor
- Res #25- 014 Appoint Consulting Engineers
- Res #25- 015 Appoint Consultant for Computer Aided Drafting and Design (CADD) Services
- Res #25- 016 Appoint Historic Preservation Commission Attorney
- Res #25- 017 Appoint Risk Management Consultant
- Res #25- 018 Appoint Financial Advisor
- Res #25- 019 Appoint Interim Township Engineer
- Res #25- 020 Appoint EDC Architect
- Res #25- 021 Appoint Public Relations and Marketing Consultant
- Res #25- 022 Appoint Police Chaplain
- Res #25- 023 Appoint Special Counsel and the Special Counsel Rent Leveling Board Attorney

Vote on Consent Agenda– Professional Appointments

Offered by: Mrs. York Seconded by: Mr. Stroud
Vote: Jones Yes Lane Yes McMillan Yes Stroud Yes York Yes

A motion made by Mr. Jones for the separation of, ‘Resolution 25-021: Appoint Public Relations and Marketing Consultant’.

The resolution pertained to awarding a professional services contract. Mayor Lane proposed adding an additional Public Relations/ Marketing Consultant to the resolution. The Clerk asked to state the name of the firm for the record. The firm proposed is ‘Ink Creative Strategies’ who also submitted a proposal.

- Res #25- 021 Appoint Public Relations and Marketing Consultant

Offered by: Mrs. York Seconded by: Mr. Jones
Vote: Jones Yes Lane Yes McMillan Yes Stroud Yes York Yes

OATH OF OFFICE- TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

Oath of Office of the Township Attorney administered by Assemblywoman Margie Donlen

CONSENT AGENDA- CITIZEN BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Mayor asked the Committee if they would like to pull any resolutions from the consent agenda for separate consideration.

- Res #25- 024 A Resolution of The Township Committee of The Township of Neptune Appointing Members to The Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Res #25- 025 A Resolution of The Township Committee of The Township of Neptune Appointing Members to The Recreation Committee
- Res #25- 026 A Resolution of The Township Committee of The Township of Neptune Appointing Members to The Senior Citizens Advisory Council
- Res #25- 027 A Resolution of The Township Committee of The Township of Neptune Appointing Members to The Municipal Alliance Against Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
- Res #25- 028 A Resolution of The Township Committee of The Township of Neptune Appointing Members to The Fletcher Lake Commission
- Res #25- 029 A Resolution of The Township Committee of The Township of Neptune Appointing Members to the Deal Lake Commission
- Res #25- 030 A Resolution of The Township Committee of The Township of Neptune Appointing Members to Parade/ Municipal Special Events Committee
- Res #25- 031 A Resolution of The Township Committee of The Township of Neptune Appointing Members to Rent Leveling Board

- Res #25- 032** A Resolution of The Township Committee of The Township of Neptune Appointing Trustees to the Economic Development Corporation
- Res #25- 033** A Resolution of The Township Committee of The Township of Neptune Appointing Members to the Police Committee
- Res #25- 034** A Resolution of The Township Committee of The Township of Neptune Appointing Members to The Creative Team
- Res #25- 035** A Resolution of The Township Committee of The Township of Neptune Appointing Members to Neptune Township Emergency Management Council
- Res #25- 036** A Resolution of The Township Committee of The Township of Neptune Appointing Members to Green Team Committee
- Res #25- 037** A Resolution of The Township Committee of The Township of Neptune Appointing Members to the Wesley Lake Commission

Vote on Consent Agenda– Citizen Board Appointments

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

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS TO CITIZEN BOARDS

The Mayor Announces the Following Appointments to the Environmental/ Shade Tree Commission:

Board	Position	Term	Appointment	Expiration	Name
Environmental/ Shade Tree Commission	Member	3 Year	1/1/2025	12/31/2027	Gregory Sharin
Environmental/ Shade Tree Commission	Member	3 Year	1/1/2025	12/31/2027	Rachel Weston
Environmental/ Shade Tree Commission	Member	3 Year	1/1/2025	12/31/2027	William Heyniger
Environmental/ Shade Tree Commission	Member	3 Year	1/1/2025	12/31/2027	Patrick Gilliam
Environmental/ Shade Tree Commission	Alternate #1	2 Year			Vacant

- Res #25- 038** Resolution for the Mayors Appointments to the Environmental/ Shade Tree Commission

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

The Mayor Announces the Following Appointments to the Planning Board:

Board	Position	Term	Appointment	Expiration	Name
Planning Board	Class I Mayor or Mayor’s Designee	1 Year	1/1/2025	12/31/2025	Richard Ambrosio
Planning Board	Class II Municipal Official	1 Year		12/31/2025	Vacant
Planning Board	Class III Member of the Governing Body	1 Year	1/1/2025	12/31/2025	Robert Lane, Jr.
Planning Board	Class IV Member	4 Year	1/1/2025	12/31/2028	Lisa Boyd
Planning Board	Class IV Alternate #1	2 Year	1/1/2025	12/31/2026	Richard Schlossbach

- Res #25- 039** Resolution for the Mayors Appointments to the Planning Board

Offered by: Mr. Stroud Seconded by: Mrs. York
Vote: Jones Yes Lane Yes McMillan Yes Stroud Yes York Yes

The Mayor Announces the Following Appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission:

Board	Position	Term	Appointment	Expiration	Name
Historic Preservation Commission	Class C Member	4 Year	1/1/2025	12/31/2028	Linda Henderson
Historic Preservation Commission	Alternate #1	1 Year	1/1/2025	12/31/2025	Jane Gordon
Historic Preservation Commission	Alternate #2	1 Year		12/31/2025	Vacant

Res #25- 040 Resolution for the Mayors Appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission

Offered by: Mr. Stroud Seconded by: Mrs. York
Vote: Jones Yes Lane Yes McMillan Yes Stroud Yes York Yes

The Mayor Announces the Following Appointments to the Library Board of Trustees:

Board	Position	Term	Appointment	Expiration	Name
Library Board of Trustees	Superintendent of School's Representative	1 Year	1/1/2024	12/31/2024	Meghan Plevier
Library Board of Trustees	Mayor's Representative	1 Year	1/1/2024	12/31/2024	Fred Mayo
Library Board of Trustees	Member	5 Year	1/1/2024	12/31/2028	Teretha Jones

Res #25- 041 Resolution for the Mayors Appointments to the Library Board of Trustees

Offered by: Mr. Stroud Seconded by: Mrs. York
Vote: Jones Yes Lane Yes McMillan Yes Stroud Yes York Yes

Mr. Stroud asks for any Board members, in which are present today, to stand. Mayor Lane thanked the Board members.

CONSENT AGENDA- Township Committee/ Staff Appointments

The Mayor asked the Committee if they would like to pull any resolutions from the consent agenda for separate consideration.

- Res #25- 042** Appoint Municipal Liaison to the Monmouth County Transportation Council
- Res #25- 043** Appoint Board of Education Liaison
- Res #25- 044** Designation Public Agency Compliance Officer
- Res #25- 045** Appoint Representative to the Monmouth County Tax Advisory Board
- Res #25- 046** Appoint Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner
- Res #25- 047** Appoint Municipal Representatives to Sustainable New Jersey
- Res #25- 048** Appoint Community Development Representatives
- Res #25- 049** Reclassification of Employees

Vote on Consent Agenda– Township Committee/ Administrative Staff Appointments

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

A motion made by Mr. Stroud for the separation of 'Resolution 25-045: Appoint Representative to the Monmouth County Tax Advisory Board'.

Mr. Stroud stated that an error was on the resolution. The resolution should be amended to appoint, 'Derel Stroud'.

Res #25- 045 Appoint Representative to the Monmouth County Tax Advisory Board

Offered by:	<u>Mr. Jones</u>	Secinded by:	<u>Mrs. York</u>
<i>Vote:</i>	Jones <u>Yes</u> Lane <u>Yes</u> McMillan <u>Yes</u> Stroud <u>Yes</u> York <u>Yes</u>		

A motion made by Mr. Stroud for the removal of ‘Resolution 25-049: Reclassification of Employees’.

Mr. Stroud proposed a removal of the resolution. The motion to remove the resolution by the committee was approved unanimously by the committee members present. No further clarification or decision on the resolution’s future consideration was provided at this time.

Res #25- 049 Reclassification of Employees

Offered by:	<u>Mr. Stroud</u>	Secinded by:	<u>Mr. Jones</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- Financial and Administrative Matters/ Fee Schedules/ Legal Notices

The Mayor asked the Committee if they would like to pull any resolutions from the consent agenda for separate consideration.

Res #25- 050 Approve 2024 Temporary Budget

Res #25- 051 Designate Meeting Dates For 2025

Res #25- 052 Designate Official Newspapers

Res #25- 053 Establish A Grace Period for Tax, Sewer, and Commercial Refuse Payments

Res #25- 054 Approve Petty Cash Funds

Res #25- 055 Establish the Interest Rates to Be Charged by The Tax Office

Res #25- 056 Establish Rate of Reimbursement for Use of a Personal Vehicle for Official Township Business

Res #25- 057 Establish Fee Schedule for Repair Rates Performed by the Department of Public Works

Res #25- 058 Establish Fee Schedule for Emergency Medical Services

Res #25- 059 Establish Fee Schedule for Office of Emergency Management

Res #25- 060 Establish Fee Schedule for Municipal Marina

Res #25- 061 Authorize the Execution of Stipulations and Filing of Cross Appeals and Assessor Appeals for Corrections Only in Connection with Tax Appeals

Res #25- 062 Authorize Change Funds in Various Departments

Res #25- 063 Establish 2025 Hourly Rates for Part-Time Positions

Res #25- 064 Establish Policy for Selecting Professional Services from Engineering Pool List

