

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – MARCH 13, 2017

Mayor Brantley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and requested the Clerk to call the roll. The following members were present: Robert Lane, Jr., Kevin B. McMillan, Carol Rizzo, Nicholas Williams and Mayor Michael Brantley.

Also present at the dais were Richard J. Cuttrell, Municipal Clerk; Vito D. Gadaleta, Business Administrator; Michael J. Bascom, Chief Financial Officer; and Gene Anthony, Township Attorney.

Mayor Brantley announced that the notice requirements of R.S. 10:4-18 have been satisfied by the publication of the required advertisement in the Asbury Park Press on January 5, 2017 and The Coaster on January 12, 2017, posting the notice on the Board in the Municipal Complex, and filing a copy of said notice with the Municipal Clerk.

The following items were discussed in open session:

Mr. Bascom stated that the 2017 municipal budget will be introduced tonight. There will be a budget presentation at the April 10th workshop meeting prior to the public hearing. There is no increase in the tax rate and no reduction in programs. Ms. Rizzo stated that the budget will on the Township web site after introduction this evening.

Mr. Gadaleta stated that he was contacted by a resident regarding regulations on invasive plants species, specifically bamboo. The neighbor had to bring in a backhoe to remove bamboo that had grown over from her neighbor's property. Mr. Gadaleta stated that other towns have adopted ordinances to prohibit bamboo. Both the Mayor and Ms. Rizzo stated that there are aware of issues with bamboo. Mr. Lane indicated that he will bring the matter to the Environmental/Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Gadaleta will get sample ordinances to share with the Commission and Mr. Anthony.

Mr. Williams stated that he met with Kevin Owens regarding his non-profit program that takes school age students to a gym three nights a week for basketball and mentoring skills. Mr. Williams suggested doing the program through the school's facility with the support of the Township. The Mayor recommended that Mr. Owens be invited to the next workshop meeting for further discussion. Mr. Williams will extend the invitation and added that the Board of Education still has to approve the use of the Midtown School for this purpose.

Mr. McMillan stated that he is meeting with Richard Allen, Principal, Poseidon Early College High School on March 23rd to discuss an international program with students to learn how foreign governments work. The Mayor stated that the Mayor's Youth Cabinet is working on a program to learn about local, county, state and federal government.

AUTHORIZE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Ms. Rizzo offered the following resolution, moved and seconded by Mr. Williams, that it be adopted:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and,

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, County of Monmouth, as follows:

1. The Public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.

2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

- Contract negotiations – RFP Attorney for redevelopment projects
- Personnel – Fletcher Lake Commission appointments
- Personnel – Recommendations for Bookkeeper and Customer Service Rep positions

3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matters will be made public when matters are resolved.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The resolution was adopted on the following vote: Lane, aye; McMillan, aye; Rizzo, aye; Williams, aye; and Brantley, aye.

The Committee entered executive session for discussion on closed session matters.

Lauren Rizzo was recommended for appointment to the Fletcher Lake Commission.

The Committee reviewed recommendations for vacancies in the positions of Bookkeeper and Customer Service Representative and took action by resolution at the regular meeting.

Mr. Bascom recommended that two Special Law Enforcement Officers – Class I be hired at the next regular meeting so that they can be enrolled in the next class at the Police Academy.

The Committee returned to the Meeting Room for the regular portion of the meeting.

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After a moment of Silent Prayer and the Flag Salute, the Mayor asked the Clerk to indicate the fire exits.

The Clerk stated, "Fire exits are located in the rear of the room and to my right. In case of fire you will be notified by bell and or public address system, then proceed to the nearest smoke-free exit"

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Williams offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Lane, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 27th. All were in favor, except Ms. Rizzo who abstained due to her absence.

PROCLAMATION

The Mayor proclaimed the week of March 19th to March 25th as Poison Prevention Week in the Township of Neptune.

REPORT OF THE CLERK

The Clerk stated that the following reports and communications are on file in his office:

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS

Mr. McMillan expressed his thanks to the first responders at the Ocean Grove fire. He added that the Township will be here for the victims. He attended the Recreation & Parks Dinner with Dawn Thompson in Atlantic City and the Wilbur Ray dinner at which Mychal Mills was honored. He thanked everyone for the texts and emails on the death of his father.

Mr. Lane thanked the first responders for their work at the Ocean Grove fire. He wants to do everything possible to help rebuild and get things back to the way they were. He attended the vigil two days after the fire to thank the first responders for their service. He attended the St. Patrick's Day parade in Belmar and a Memorial Day Parade meeting. He stated that the USO Dinner Dance benefiting Veterans Memorial Park will be held on April 29th. A maximum of 140 tickets will be sold so he encouraged all to buy tickets soon.

Ms. Rizzo stated that four buildings were destroyed and 40 families displaced by the fire in

Ocean Grove. She went through the LaPierre the next day with the residents to help them gather their belongings. She thanked the firefighters and EMTs adding that the volunteers in Neptune have a lot of expertise. She thanked the Red Cross and St. Pals Church as well as the merchants who helped and the people who took the victims into their own homes. Donations for the fire victims can be made to the Angel Fund at St. Paul's Church. She attended a meeting to discuss visions for midtown redevelopment and a grand opening ceremony of the new OG Chamber of Commerce office. She spoke to people about their concerns regarding the Fletcher Lake Commission. She announced that the Library and Senior Center will be offering joint programs in the future. World Changers will be arriving on July 10th and there is a Medical Debt Workshop at the Library on March 18th.

Mr. Williams stated that he was at the fire and it is amazing how a lot of towns worked together to extinguish the fire. He attended the vigil service at the fire scene on March 5th and marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade on that same day.

The Mayor attended the St. Patrick's Day parade, the meeting of the Ministerial Alliance, the March 8th Planning Board meeting, and the March 10th Chamber of Commerce opening. He performing a wedding for a neighbor's son last year and attended the big wedding celebration held on March 12th.

In regards to the Ocean Grove fire, that Mayor stated that some have said online that they have witnessed individuals accessing the structure prior to the fire, yet those concerns were never reported to the Township. This is a critical reminder that we really do need every resident to be part of making Neptune better, and that's why we've created several ways, from phone calls, to Facebook, for residents to be heard. If we don't know of a concern, we can't take steps to fix it.

The investigation as to the cause of the fire continues. While investigation work at the fire site has concluded, review of the information compiled continues. A formal report on the findings will come from the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office as the lead County agency, along with the Fire Marshal's Office. It should be noted that the ATF' did not come into Neptune and takeover the investigation. The assistance of the ATF was offered to the county as one of the members of the county fire marshal's office is an ATF investigator. A total of seven (7) structures were impacted by the fire; four severely damaged/destroyed, one moderately damaged (La Pierre); two with minor damage. The four severely damaged/destroyed structures are to be demolished under notice from the Township's Construction Official. Approximately 43 individuals/families have been displaced as a result of the fire. Township and local agencies and non-profits are working together to assist those displaced with finding new, permanent residency. Of course, we are hoping to find permanent housing within the Township for those who wish to remain here. Fundraising efforts have been offered through the Angel Fund of St. Paul's UMC. Many residents, friends and others have already stepped up to offer financial support to the Angel Fund. I should note that only monetary donations are being accepted at this time.

On behalf of the affected residents and our emergency responders I would like to thank all of the individuals and businesses who provided food and drinks the day of the fire; Starving Artist, Asbury Hotel, Wegmans, and the Windmill. Finally, I want to publicly commend, on behalf of the Mayor and Township Committee, the brave police officers, firefighters, EMTs and OEM members, for their response to this incident. As a result of their actions all affected residents were evacuated from their homes; there were no civilian injuries; and while a number of structures were destroyed or damaged, the results could have been much worse. We are all grateful for your response.

The Mayor then stated that as Neptune Township continues to strengthen our neighborhoods and seek investment into our community, it's important that we maintain the integrity of the history that exists within our borders, and our neighborhood's historic beauty- without stifling progress. Committeewoman Rizzo and I, along with our Administrator, Engineer and Land Use Director, met with a historic preservation architect to discuss the development of a new Historic Preservation Standards document. The meeting went extremely well and the architect will provide a proposal for professional services. Our Engineer and Land Use Director met with a historic preservation attorney, recommended by the architect. That meeting went well and the attorney will provide a proposal for professional services.

Our plan is to have both the architect and attorney collaborate with Township officials and others to develop user friendly Historic Preservation Standards that will maintain the integrity of the historic district while streamlining the application and review process. Once the draft of the Standards is complete a public forum will be held for review of the draft document prior to formal introduction. Our timeline for this process is to have the draft document completed by September; a public forum to be held in October; introduction and adoption of the Standards in November.

In regards to Certified Local Government, after further meetings and considerations, the Township Committee has determined to submit application for the CLG program. Please understand and appreciate that we are committed to this continuing to be a transparent process.”

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

Dorothy Argyros, 2100 Rutherford Avenue, asked what the term “caps” means in the resolution to introduce the budget. Mr. Bascom stated that the cap is a budget limit. Expenditures are subject to the cap; however, some types of expenditures are outside of the cap calculation. Ms. Argyros asked for the price of the acquisition of property on South Riverside Drive and why is it being purchased. Mr. Gadaleta stated that this is the last remaining piece of vacant property along South Riverside Drive in the flood zone. The Township has made application to Green Acres for a grant and the purchase price is \$1,250,000. Ms. Argyros asked why security cameras are needed at the marina. Mr. Gadaleta stated that security cameras have been planned since the Township acquired the property and cameras were in place prior to Hurricane Sandy.

Kennedy Buckley, Broadway, asked if there are things in the budget that were cut due to revenue constraints. Mr. Bascom stated that budget cuts were made across the board. Mr. Buckley asked if he were to donate \$50,000, what would the extra money be used for. Mr. Bascom stated that there is no particular item that would be purchased.

Michael Fornino, 120 Fulham Place, stated that Beverly Holland is a resident at Housing Authority property and she is being re-appointed to the Housing Authority this evening. He asked if that was a conflict. Mr. Anthony stated that a person can live there and also be a member of the Housing Authority. He added that there may be certain matters for which she would have to recuse herself from voting.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-09 - ADOPTED

Mr. McMillan offered the following ordinance, moved and seconded by Ms. Rizzo, that it be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 17-09

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DEED OF DEDICATION WITH REGARD TO BLOCK 417, LOT 16 (FORMERLY BLOCK 208, LOT 30) 100 HIGHWAY 35, NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY TO THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE

The Mayor requested public comments on the above ordinance. There being no comments, he closed the public hearing.

The ordinance was adopted on the following vote: Lane, aye; McMillan, aye; Rizzo, aye; Williams, aye; and Brantley, aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-10 - APPROVED

Mr. Williams offered the following ordinance, moved and seconded by Mr. Lane, that it be approved:

ORDINANCE NO. 17-10

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME I, CHAPTER XVI, SECTION 16-2.1 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE BY AMENDING THE SEWER RENTAL RATE FOR BARBER AND BEAUTY SHOPS

The ordinance was approved on the following vote: Lane, aye; McMillan, aye; Rizzo, aye; Williams, aye; and Brantley, aye.

Mr. Cuttrell stated that the public hearing on Ordinance 17-10 will be held on Monday, March 27th.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Rizzo offered the following resolutions of the Consent Agenda, moved and seconded by Mr. Lane, that they be adopted:

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF WILLIAM SMALL AS A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Director has received a letter from William Small resigning as a School Crossing Guard effective March 2, 2017,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the resignation of William Small as a School Crossing Guard is hereby accepted effective March 2, 2017; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief of Police, Chief Financial Officer, Assistant C.F.O., and Human Resources Director.

APPOINT MEMBER TO THE NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP HOUSING AUTHORITY

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee hereby appoints Beverly Holland to the Neptune Township Housing Authority for a five year term expiring March 31, 2022; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Neptune Township Housing Authority.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF STEPHEN WISNER, JR. AS A PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Director has received a letter from Stephen Wisner, Jr. resigning as a Public Safety Officer effective February 13, 2017,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the resignation of Stephen Wisner, Jr. as a Public Safety Officer is hereby accepted effective February 13, 2017; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the EMS Director, Chief Financial Officer, Assistant C.F.O., and Human Resources Director.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF FRANCES KEEL AS A TRUSTEE TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

WHEREAS, Frances Keel has resigned as the Mayor's designee to the Economic Development Corporation effective immediately,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the resignation of Frances Keel as the Mayor's designee to the Economic Development Corporation is hereby accepted effective immediately; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Economic Development Corporation.

APPOINT TRUSTEE TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

WHEREAS, Frances Keel has resigned as the Mayor's designee to the Economic Development Corporation for the year 2017,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby consents to the Mayor's designee of Reverend Edmund Lee to the Economic Development Corporation for the balance of 2017; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Economic Development Corporation.

RELEASE ALL SURETY BONDS AND DEVELOPERS ESCROW FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT RESTAURANT DEPOT (ROUTE 66)

WHEREAS, Restaurant Depot posted a two year maintenance guarantee in the form of cash in the amount of \$45,120.00, guaranteeing the maintenance of site improvements for two years at the project known as Restaurant Depot, located on State Highway 66; and,

WHEREAS, the two year maintenance period has expired and the Township Engineer has

conducted an inspection; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer certified that all site work has been completed and said maintenance guarantee may be released,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes the release of the maintenance guarantee as stated herein for improvements at Restaurant Depot, State Highway 66 ; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all remaining balances of the cash performance guarantee account and inspection escrow account be and are hereby authorized to be refunded; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Developer and Township Engineer.

APPOINT MEMBER TO THE FLETCHER LAKE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Township Committee member position on the Fletcher Lake Commission,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that Nicholas Williams be and is hereby appointed as the Township Committee member to the Fletcher Lake Commission for the year 2017; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Fletcher Lake Commission.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF TIFFANY BAILONI AS A CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator has received a letter from Tiffany Bailoni resigning as a Customer Service Representative in the Administration Office effective March 15, 2017,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the resignation of Tiffany Bailoni as a Customer Service Representative in the Administration Office is hereby accepted effective March 15, 2017; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Business Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Assistant C.F.O., Human Resources Director, and AFSCME Local #1844.

RECLASSIFY EMPLOYEE TO THE POSITION OF DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARY IN THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of Departmental Secretary in the Administration Office; and,

WHEREAS, the position was duly posted and applicants interviewed; and,

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Director and the Business Administrator have made a recommendation to reclassify an existing employee to said position; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be provided for the first three months of 2017 in the 2017 Temporary Budget and funds for the balance of 2017 will be provided in the Budget for the year 2017, when finally adopted, and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that Ashleigh Curtis be and is hereby reclassified to the position of Departmental Secretary in the Administration Office at an annual salary of \$34,500.00 effective March 16, 2017; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Business Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Assistant C.F.O., Human Resources Director, and AFSCME Local #1844.

AUTHORIZE TOWNSHIP EMS PROGRAM TO PARTICIPATE IN FIELD TRAINING WITH EMS STAFF OF OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune staffs an Emergency Medical Services Program that provides first responder medical services to its residents; and,

WHEREAS, other governmental agencies with trained EMS staff that provide similar services desires to partner with the Neptune Township EMS Program to obtain required on-hands field training through "ride alongs" with Township staff; and,

WHEREAS, there is no revenue or cost to the Township to participate in this training,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes the Township EMS Program to participate in field training with other certified governmental EMS agencies to be coordinated through the Township EMS Manager; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with participating agencies, as required, to effectuate this training program; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Business Administrator, OEM Coordinator and EMS Manager.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 101 SOUTH RIVERSIDE DRIVE, KNOWN AS BLOCK 5305, LOT 1 FROM SHARK RIVER HILLS ESTATES

WHEREAS, Shark River Hills Estates is currently the owner of 2,86 acres of vacant land located at 101 South Riverside Drive, also known as Block 5305, Lot 1; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune has determined that it is the public's best interest to seek acquisition of said property for the preservation of open space,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Shark River Hills Estates for the purchase of real property located at 101 South Riverside Drive, knows as Block 5305, Lot 1; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Business Administrator and Township Attorney.

APPOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of Economic Development Corporation Assistant Director/Secretary; and,

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator has made a recommendation to appoint a current employee to the position; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be provided for the first three months of 2017 in the 2017 Temporary Budget and funds for the balance of 2017 will be provided in the Budget for the year 2017, when finally adopted, and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that Michael Schnurr be and is hereby appointed to the position of Economic Development Corporation Assistant Director/Secretary at an annual salary of \$4,000.00 effective March 16, 2017; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Economic Development Corporation Director, Chief Financial Officer, Assistant C.F.O., and Human Resources.

AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF NETWORK SECURITY FOR FIREWALL UPGRADES

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent solicited quotes for the purchase of network security for municipal and Police Department firewall upgrades; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of said item is less than the bid threshold but exceeds \$17,500.00 and therefore must be awarded by Resolution of the governing body; and,

WHEREAS, said quotes were reviewed by the Purchasing Agent and MIS Director who have recommended that the low quote be accepted in accordance with the Open Public Contracts Law; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be provided in Ordinance No. 15-33, and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the purchase of network security for municipal and Police Department firewall upgrades be and is hereby authorized through CDW-G pursuant to their quote of \$25,750.00; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, Assistant C.F.O., and MIS Director.

AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY NO PARKING IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW

WHEREAS, the annual Craft Show is planned for the Pathway in Ocean Grove on Saturday, June 17, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, for the safety of the participants and to permit an area to unload goods, a temporary no parking zone is necessary,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes the establishment of temporary no parking zones on Saturday, June 17, 2017, between the hours of 5:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. at the following locations:

- 1) the north side of eastbound Ocean Pathway and the south side of westbound Ocean Pathway from Central Avenue to Ocean Avenue
- 2) both sides of Beach Avenue between eastbound Ocean Pathway and westbound Ocean Pathway
- 3) the west side of Ocean Avenue between eastbound Ocean Pathway and westbound Ocean Pathway
- 4) the east side of Central Avenue between eastbound Ocean Pathway and westbound Ocean Pathway

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Beach Avenue between eastbound Ocean Pathway and westbound Ocean Pathway shall be closed be vehicular traffic on Saturday, June 17, 2017, between the hours of 5:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief of Police, Director of Public Works, and Ocean Grove Fire Official.

AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SECURITY CAMERAS AT THE MUNICIPAL MARINA

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent solicited quotes for the purchase and installation of security cameras for the Shark River Municipal Marina; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of said item is less than the bid threshold but exceeds \$17,500.00 and therefore must be awarded by Resolution of the governing body; and,

WHEREAS, said quotes were reviewed by the Purchasing Agent and Harbor Master who have recommended that the low quote be accepted in accordance with the Open Public Contracts Law; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be provided in Ordinance No. 15-33, and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the purchase and installation of security cameras for the Shark River Municipal Marina be and is hereby authorized through Security Cam Depot.com, LLC pursuant to their quote of \$24,165.00; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, Assistant C.F.O., and Harbor Master.

APPOINT MEMBER TO THE SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that Joseph Kraft be and is hereby appointed as a member of the Neptune Township Senior Citizen Advisory Council for the year 2017; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Senior Center Director.

The resolutions of the Consent Agenda were adopted on the following vote: Lane, aye; McMillan, aye; Rizzo, aye; Williams, aye; and Brantley, aye, except abstain on the resignation of Frances Keel.

INTRODUCE 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mr. McMillan offered the following resolution, moved and seconded by Mr. Lane, that it be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2017; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in The Coaster in the issue of March 23, 2017,

General Appropriations

Appropriations within "CAPS"	\$34,134,193.00
Appropriations excluded from "CAPS"	\$7,356,858.22
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$2,120,000.00
Total General Appropriations	\$43,611,051.22

General Revenues

Anticipated Revenues Other Than Current Property Tax	\$13,867,507.14
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	\$28,490,083.85
Minimum Library Tax	\$1,253,460.23
Total General Revenues	\$43,611,051.22

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, County of Monmouth, on March 13, 2017. A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Neptune Township Municipal Complex, Township Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, 25 Neptune Blvd., Neptune NJ on April 10, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2017 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

The resolution was adopted on the following vote: Lane, aye; McMillan, aye; Rizzo, aye; Williams, aye; and Brantley, aye.

EXTEND OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POSITION OF BOOKKEEPER IN THE TAX COLLECTION DEPARTMENT

Mr. Lane offered the following resolution, moved and seconded by Ms. Rizzo, that it be adopted:

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of Bookkeeper in the Tax Collection Department; and,

WHEREAS, the position was duly posted and applicants have been interviewed; and,

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Director and Tax Collector have made their recommendation; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be provided for the first three months of 2017 in the 2017 Temporary Budget and funds for the balance of 2017 will be provided in the Budget for the year 2017, when

finally adopted, and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that an offer of employment be and is hereby extended to Kyle VanCleaf for the position of Bookkeeper in the Tax Collection Department, on a probationary basis for a period of not less than 90 days and not exceeding one year, pending favorable results of the required physical, effective March 20, 2017, at an annual salary of \$30,000.00; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector, Deputy Tax Collector, Assistant C.F.O., AFSCME Local #1844, and Human Resources Director.

The resolution was adopted on the following vote: Lane, aye; McMillan, aye; Rizzo, aye; Williams, aye; and Brantley, aye.

EXTEND OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POSITION OF CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE IN THE CODE/CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

Mr. Lane offered the following resolution, moved and seconded by Mr. Williams, that it be adopted:

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of Customer Service Representative in the Code/Construction Department; and,

WHEREAS, the position was duly posted and applicants have been interviewed; and,

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Director and Construction Official have made their recommendation; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be provided for the first three months of 2017 in the 2017 Temporary Budget and funds for the balance of 2017 will be provided in the Budget for the year 2017, when finally adopted, and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that an offer of employment be and is hereby extended to Kathleen Muscillo for the position of Customer Service Representative in the Code/Construction Department, on a probationary basis for a period of not less than 90 days and not exceeding one year, pending favorable results of the required physical, effective March 20, 2017, at an annual salary of \$27,300.00; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Construction Official, Assistant C.F.O., AFSCME Local #1844, and Human Resources Director.

The resolution was adopted on the following vote: Lane, aye; McMillan, aye; Rizzo, aye; Williams, aye; and Brantley, aye.

AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Ms. Rizzo offered the following resolution, moved and seconded by Mr. McMillan, that it be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the following bills be paid if properly certified:

CURRENT FUND	\$551,456.98
GRANT FUND	17,425.25
TRUST FUND	31,523.57
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	200,931.56
SEWER OPERATING FUND	14,109.27
MARINA OPERATING FUND	7,613.38
MARINA CAPITAL FUND	40,660.00

DOG TRUST	121.80
UDAG TRUST	10,000.00
LIBRARY TRUST	2,910.91
BILL LIST TOTAL	\$876,752.72

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Assistant C.F.O.

The resolution was adopted on the following vote: Lane, aye; McMillan, aye; Rizzo, aye; Williams, aye; and Brantley, aye.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Hank Coakley, Valley Road, requested the Committee support Senator Beck in not allowing any elected official committed of a crime to receive a pension. He also requested the Committee put in the next newsletter a reminder to the residents that when driving in the rain or snow to put their head lights on.

Dorothy Argyros, 2100 Rutherford Avenue, questioned whether Bill Doolittle had a file on the Warrington Hotel prior to the fire.

Mr. Gadaleta confirmed that there was a construction file because there was work going on at the Warrington Hotel.

Mrs. Argyros questioned whether she could take a look at the file if she files an OPRA Request.

Mr. Gadaleta stated she certainly could if she submitted an OPRA request.

Mrs. Argyros requested an explanation as to how Ordinance 16-40 corrected 14-36 which was found to be unconstitutional.

Mr. Anthony stated it was never found to be unconstitutional. The judge said there were areas of the ordinance that had to be clarified and the new ordinance did exactly that.

Ms. Argyros questioned whether Ms. Sollee was convicted under that ordinance.

Mr. Anthony stated she was found not guilty under the first ordinance but not because it was held unconstitutional.

Mrs. Argyros also requested the police cover themselves for liability because it would be a deterrent. She read an excerpt of an article into the record.

Sandra Sollee, Birdsall Road, Farmingdale, questioned how many violations have there been for 22 Lake Avenue since 2012. She stated it was in poor condition and questioned what was done about it.

Mr. Gadaleta stated he did not have the numbers in front of him but stated he would be happy to get that information for her.

Ms. Sollee stated Mr. Doolittle made a big deal about her house being vacant but the Warrington was vacant and caught fire. She questioned whether the workers caused the fire.

Mr. Gadaleta stated he did not know what caused the fire.

Mayor Brantley state the investigation was still ongoing.

Ms. Sollee questioned whether the police walked around large vacant buildings on a daily basis to make sure there were no break ins.

Mr. Gadaleta stated when the police department is notified about concerns of a vacant property they respond and address it.

Ms. Sollee also stated she thought that Ordinance #16-40 was an amendment to Ordinance #14-36. She inquired about a printed hard copy of the vacant property list. Mr. Cuttrel informed her the list was online.

Mr. Anthony stated it was an amendment to the original ordinance.

Michael Fornino, 120 Fulham Place, stated coming east on Route 33 to Amdur Pavilion there's a sign that says no left turn. He recommended they paint no left sign. He felt there was going to be a horrendous crash that would kill a lot of people. He stated he was aware that they could not do the highway but suggested they make a recommendation that there should be no left turns.

Dr. Brantley stated that both Lt. Zarro and Police Commissioner McMillan would look into that.

Ms. Rizzo stated they met with the DOT along with Jennifer Beck regarding those concerns last year and they are still waiting on a response.

Mr. Fornino questioned how much revenue has been gained from the \$10,000 that was allotted to investigate the taxes and property of Meridian Health Administration.

Mr. Anthony stated it was still in litigation and the investment doesn't take place until we either win the case or settle the case.

Mr. Fornino stated he also wanted to see the invoices that went into the parking study in Ocean Grove. Mayor Brantley stated he could put in an OPRA Request for it.

Mr. Bascom gave an update on the traffic around Jersey Shore University Medical Center.

Laura Granelli, 113 Highland Avenue, stated she was at the site of the Ocean Grove Memorial and stated the first aide and fire department did a wonderful job.

Pastor Lee, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, expressed his condolences to Commissioner McMillan on the passing of his father. He discussed gun violence in the Township and stated something really had to be done. He requested crime stopper literature so that he could pass it out. He also stated as far as snow removal he hoped the Township did a great job like they did before.

Nancy Clarke, 47 Embury Avenue, thanked the emergency personnel who reacted to the fire in Ocean Grove. She also thanked the Committee for having passed the ordinance on vacant and abandoned homes because there could be many other fires. She stated the properties must be protected. She also thanked the Committee for agreeing to submit the application to CLG and she will share that information with Kathy Arlt. She questioned whether there was a timeline or if any assistance is needed with it.

Mr. Gadaleta stated if they ran into concerns he would get in contact with her.

Mayor Brantley stated they've become aware of the vacant properties because they don't ignore them. They are police patrolled and code enforcement is involved.

Ms. Clarke questioned whether the Historic Preservation Committee was involved in the choice of hiring the architect and the attorney to review the Historic Preservation Guidelines.

Mayor Brantley stated they haven't been chosen but they have spoken to other municipalities who have architects in that area.

Ms. Clarke urged that the HPC be involved. She stated the last time she was here she made statement regarding undocumented legal immigrants. She felt immigrants might be fearful to talk to the police to report crimes.

Barbara Burns, 4 Ocean Avenue, stated the abandoned property owners list should list the name of the owners and requested steps be taken to include the names of the owners on the list. She felt it was not practical to have the police patrol the vacant buildings all the time because they cannot be everywhere. She stated the Warrington was not abandoned it was under construction which allowed them to be under the purview of construction, which would make sure that the owner secured the building. She questioned whether the report of the investigation be released to the public.

Mr. Gadaleta stated that action would come from the Prosecutor's office.

Ms. Burns stated it happened in Neptune and the Committee and the residents have an interest. She urged the Committee to request a report.

Mr. Bascom stated the Prosecutors office will release it after the investigation is done.

Mr. Anthony stated there were a number of owners on the vacant and abandoned property list that they do not know who the owners are. Some have passed away and they are in the process of addressing that issue because they are in limbo.

Rich Williams, 1 Abbott Avenue, thanked the Committee for the positive new regarding CLG and the things that they are planning on doing with respect to the HPC. He felt it was troubling that decisions were being made without input from the HPC. He stated he missed the last meeting but it was his understanding that Leanne Hoffman the Township Engineer was working on a plan to show the number of angled parking. He questioned whether she's given the Committee her results.

Mr. Gadaleta stated the final mapping has not been complete but both she and her staff have been diligently working on it and it should be forthcoming shortly.

Mr. Williams stated Mrs. Rizzo was going to meet with the Chamber regarding three hour parking on Main Street and wondered what the results were.

Ms. Rizzo stated the three hour parking was not approved by the parking tasking force.

Deborah Osepchuk, 88 Heck Avenue, stated she was glad that the Committee voted to submit an application to the CLG. She thanked them and said she was look forward to that for a long time. She stated she was also happy to hear that they were considering hiring a historic architect to review the guidelines. She reiterated that the HPC has not been involved in this process and have been ignored. She questioned why.

Mayor Brantley stated we are letting you know now and we haven't hired anyone. He stated their comments is what directed them and they would inform them more.

Pat Supplee, 11 Heck Avenue, urged the Committee to include the HPC members in the planning portion of it. She also expressed her concerns regarding the immigration issue in the world and locally.

Mr. Lane offered a motion, seconded by Mr. McMillan to adjourn. All were in favor.

Richard J. Cuttrel,
Municipal Clerk