

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – JANUARY 11, 2021

Mayor Brantley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. In addition to live attendance, the Mayor announced that video and audio access to the meeting is available via townhallstreams.com/towns/neptune_nj.

The Mayor requested the Clerk to call the roll. The following members were present: Keith Cafferty, Robert Lane, Jr., Carol Rizzo, (via phone), Nicholas Williams, and Mayor Michael Brantley.

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

The Mayor announced 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 7, 2021, which indicated the ability to attend the meeting in person and included instructions on accessing and participating in the meeting virtually and through conference call. The Notice was filed with the Municipal Clerk and posted on the Township web site (www.neptunetownship.org), along with the meeting agenda, ordinances and resolutions.

The following items were discussed in open session:

The Committee reviewed a proposed resolution to establish Sub-Committees. The Mayor stated that this was started two years ago, there was no follow through, and he would like to bring it back. Mr. Anthony stated that the Township Committee can choose who serves on each Sub-Committee and the purpose is for the Township Committee to serve a greater role in the operations of the municipal government. The Committee reviewed the titles assigned to each Sub-Committee in the draft. Mr. Cuttrell and Stephanie Oppegaard, Human Resources Director, will review and update the draft to reflect current job titles.

The Committee reviewed amended language to the ordinance governing the Township Attorney to include a procedure for assigning attorneys to legal matters. Mr. Anthony stated that this process was started a few years back and will now be codified by ordinance. Mr. Anthony stated he recently discovered that Garden State Insurance Fund allows its fund members to select the attorney who will provide representation in litigation matters under their coverage. The amended ordinance would allow the Township Attorney or a designee (Township Committee) to assign legal counsel in any lawsuit that arises. The Committee indicated that the ordinance be placed on the next regular meeting for introduction.

The Committee reviewed a draft ordinance to increase the maximum salary allowed for appointed members to the Township of Neptune Sewerage Authority. The maximum was set at \$2,000.00 in 1973 with no amendment since that time. Mr. Anthony stated that it is usual for towns to periodically change and update an ordinance of this type. The proposed amendment changes the maximum salary to \$5,000.00 and \$5,500.00 to the Chairperson. The Committee indicated that the ordinance be placed on the next regular meeting for introduction.

Mr. Cafferty proposed the following amendments to the ordinance regulating the Police Committee: add the Mayor, or designee, as a member; require that a summation of each meeting be distributed within three days of the meeting; and update the mission statement. Mr. Gadaleta stated that the Police Committee could not have three members of the Township Committee, but you can have a Mayor's designee. Also, three days to produce minutes is onerous. Mr. Cafferty stated that he is looking for just a summation of the meeting, not a transcript. Mr. Gadaleta stated that a week was a reasonable amount of the time to produce a meeting summation. Mr. Gadaleta stated the Police Committee cannot take official action, which can only be done by the Township Committee. Mr. Anthony stated that the Appropriate Authority is designated by state statute but there is no requirement on how a Police Committee, when serving as Appropriate Authority, is structured. The Committee changed the ordinance in 2020 to set two year terms for the Police Committee members. If the ordinance is changed, members would have to be reappointed.

The Committee discussed membership and terms of the Police Committee. Mr. Williams stated that when the ordinance was discussed in August, 2020, it was decided that the Mayor was going to be a member of the Police Committee. Mayor Lane wrote a letter against it and at the next meeting it was changed to make it two Township Committee members, not necessarily the Mayor. He believes the Mayor should be designated as a member as the highest elected official in the Township. Mr. Lane stated that the present Police Committee has done more in four months than the prior Police Committee ever did. The prior Police Committee did not keep minutes so the present Police Committee is more transparent. The investigative report indicates that certain Township Committee members cannot serve on the Police Committee.

Ms. Rizzo stated the new Police Committee has done a good job. The Township Committee did not receive any reports from the prior Police Committee. She suggested the current Police Committee be left in place for the balance of 2021. Other issues need to be settled in court and she is concerned about the cost to the Township.

Mr. Anthony stated that the litigation and investigative report cannot be discussed and should not be the basis for changing the ordinance. The members of the Police Committee would be appointed later by resolution, not by the ordinance. Mayor Brantley stated that it is an improvement that there are now minutes of the Police Committee meetings. He added that Mr. Williams and Mr. Cafferty simply believe that the Mayor, by title, should be on the Police Committee and that the proposed changes to the ordinance be put on for introduction at the January 25th meeting.

Mr. Anthony will prepare the amendment and send a copy to the Labor Attorney for review before sending it to the Township Committee. This may not be ready until the first meeting in February.

Mayor Brantley noted that Hamilton First Aid is closing.

The Mayor asked about funding for police body cams. Mr. Gadaleta stated that the state is requiring body cams and will provide funding for their purchase only. Michael Bascom, CFO, stated that the Chief has submitted a request for body cams support, maintaining the video record and for copying via OPRA requests. Grants are not yet available for anything other than the purchase of the cameras.

The Mayor and Mr. Cafferty asked if any Township employees were in Washington DC or entered the US Capitol on January 6th.

The Mayor suggested renaming Loffredo Fields after Douglas Hill who recently passed away. Mr. Bascom stated that a new building is going to be built there and suggested naming the building after Mr. Hill.

The Mayor stated that he wants to attend the swearing in of police officers and asked to be notified when that occurs in the future.

The Mayor announced that the Township Committee meeting format will be changed to all virtual for at least two months. Mr. Cuttrell and Mr. Gadaleta will set up the meetings to be conducted via Zoom.

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

Mr. Williams offered the following resolution, moved and seconded by Mr. Lane, 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 – Status of AFSCME Local 1844 contract negotiations
Litigation – Township v. Raval
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: Cafferty, aye; Lane, aye; Rizzo, aye; Williams, aye; and Brantley, aye.

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

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

Mayor Brantley called the regular meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. by announcing that in person attendance is permitted. In addition, video and audio access to the meeting is via townhallstreams.com/towns/neptune_nj. Questions and comments will also be accepted via conference call at 732-447-9901, Conference Code Number: 948430

The Mayor requested the Clerk to call the roll. The following members were present: Keith Cafferty, Robert Lane, Jr., Carol Rizzo, (via phone), Nicholas Williams, and Mayor Michael Brantley.

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

The Mayor led a moment of Silent Prayer and the Flag Salute.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Lane offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 21, 2021. All were in favor, except Mr. Cafferty who was not eligible to vote because he was not a member of the Township Committee at that time.

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS

Mr. Lane stated that he has not attended many events due to the passing of his brother, but he did present a proclamation to the Elks and MaryAnn Smith in memory of Harry Smith.

Mr. Cafferty stated that he met with Mr. Bascom, via phone, to discuss finance and emergency management. He also spoke to Dawn Thompson, Recreation Director and brought up the idea of installing a disk golf course at one of the Township parks. He will be attending the budget hearings for his departments this week.

Mr. Williams stated Public Works did a good job in the recent minor storm. His first Library Board of Trustees meeting is upcoming.

Ms. Rizzo stated that she has been attending meetings via phone and will have more information later.

Mayor Brantley conveyed his desire to thrive and grow as a community. We have been presented with a new challenge to govern during the covid pandemic but there is light at the end of the tunnel with the vaccine. The Committee and the Township can face and defend all challenges.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Brantley asked for 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. Public comments will also be accepted via conference call at 732-447-9901, Conference Code Number: 948430.

There were no comments on resolutions.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-01 - APPROVED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME I, CHAPTER VII OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE BY REMOVING A HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONE ON BROADWAY AND A HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONE ON ABBOTT AVENUE

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

Mr. Cuttrell stated that the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 21-01 will be held on Monday, January 25, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Cafferty offered the following resolutions of the Consent Agenda, moved and seconded by Mr. Williams, that they be adopted:

AMEND RESOLUTION #21-55 BY REMOVING TECHNICAL ASSISTANT TO THE CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL AS A PART-TIME POSITION

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2021, the Township Committee adopted Resolution #21-55 which established salaries for part-time positions not covered by contract; and,

WHEREAS, Technical Assistant to the Construction Official was included in the list of said positions; and,

WHEREAS, the stipend for Technical Assistant to the Construction Official has been rolled into a different job title which is covered by a bargaining unit and is longer compensated as a separate job title,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby amends Resolution #21-55 by removing Technical Assistant to the Construction Official from the list of part-time stipend positions; and,

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

ASSIGN TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT EMPLOYEE IN A MUNICIPAL COURT MATTER ARISING FROM AN ACCIDENT ON THE JOB

WHEREAS, an individual has filed a Citizen Complaint against Joseph Leone, Public Works Driver, in connection with a vehicle accident that occurred while performing his duties as a Public Works employee; and,

WHEREAS, the employee has consented to have the Township Attorney advise and represent him in Municipal Court,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes Gene Anthony, Township Attorney, to advise and represent Joseph Leone, Public Works Driver, in a Municipal Court matter arising from a vehicle accident that occurred while performing his duties as a Public Works employee; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, Human Resources Director and Township Attorney.

APPOINT MEMBER TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Doug Rowell, Neptune Fire District #1 Fire Official, has retired and no longer represents the Fire District on the Local Emergency Planning Committee,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that Sean Donohue be and is hereby appointed to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for the year 2021, replacing Doug Rowell as the Neptune Fire District representative; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Emergency Management Coordinator.

AUTHORIZE REVOCABLE LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OCEAN GROVE CAMP MEETING ASSOCIATION, THE WESLEY LAKE COMMISSION, AND NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP FOR THE USE OF THE LAKE AVENUE WALKWAY ADJACENT TO WESLEY LAKE FOR ACCESS AND SIGNAGE CONNECTED WITH AN EFFORT TO DETER CANADA GEESE

WHEREAS, it is the best interest of Neptune Township and the Wesley Lake Commission to be allowed to use Block 101, Lot 2, a/k/a Lake Avenue Walkway South adjacent to Wesley Lake owned by the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association to provide, install, maintain, and remove at

the sole discretion of the Township and Wesley Lake Commission specified signage and have access for dog geese chasers, egg addlers, and the application of Rejexit to deter geese; and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain the aforesaid arrangement, the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association must provide the Township with a Revocable License Agreement for access to this private property for geese deterring activities,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune hereby authorizes a Revocable License Agreement between the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, Neptune Township, and the Wesley Lake Commission, in with regard to Block 101, Lot 2, a/k/a Lake Avenue Walkway South, located in Ocean Grove adjacent to Wesley Lake to be utilized for access and signage to deter geese, as needed, and the parties are entering into this Revocable License Agreement in order for the Wesley Lake Commission and Neptune Township to perform said consideration; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Revocable License Agreement, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution, accompanied by the executed Revocable License Agreement, be forwarded to the Township Attorney, Wesley Lake Commission and Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association.

AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION BY THE NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP HOUSING AUTHORITY OF A SECTION 18 APPLICATION TO HUD FOR PERMISSION TO DEMOLISH THE PROPERTY AT 1130 HECK AVENUE

WHEREAS, based on an environmental assessment prepared by Dominion Due Diligence Group and a request by the Neptune Township Housing Authority, there is a need to demolish an existing Housing Authority apartment complex located at 1130 Heck Avenue, Neptune Township, New Jersey; presently consisting of three (3) story apartment structures constructed in the early 1960's; and

WHEREAS, the demolition is with the intent to construct a new building in its place for the same purpose as the old building; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires submission of a Section 18 Application to HUD seeking permission to demolish the subject property, based on the engineering study that the site requires a substantial amount of funds to repair, and that a new building instead would be most beneficial to the community; and

WHEREAS, the consultant, Dominion Due Diligence Group supports the aforesaid assessment, which allows the approval by HUD and the Neptune Township Housing Authority to develop a financing strategy so the subject property can be rebuilt and continue to provide affordable housing for the community; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires the Township to approve of the aforesaid Application for Demolition and goal to proceed for reconstruction of affordable housing by execution of the "Environmental Assessment Determinations and Compliance Findings for HUD-assisted Projects."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, that the governing body hereby approves of the submission of a Section 18 Application to HUD for permission to demolish the existing apartment structures at 1130 Heck Avenue, Neptune Township, New Jersey, and have the Neptune Township Housing Authority seek financing to rebuild and construct new affordable housing units for the community at the aforesaid site; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign as the Responsible Entity Agency on the "Environmental Assessment Determinations and Compliance Findings for HUD-assisted Projects" and return the same to the appropriate authority with this resolution of approval; and,

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

AUTHORIZE THE CANCELLATION OF GRANT RECEIVABLE AND GRANT RESERVE

WHEREAS, a Grant Receivable and Grant Reserve balance remains open for the FY18 Federal Bulletproof Vest Program which was not used and has since expired; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, County of Monmouth, that the following grant receivable and grant reserve be and is hereby authorized to be cancelled:

| GRANT NAME | APPROPRIATION CANCELLED | RECEIVABLE CANCELLED |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| FY18 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program | \$ 633.46 | \$ 633.46 |

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

AMEND RESOLUTION #20-361 ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 16, 2020 TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER CERTAIN AREAS ALONG ROUTES 33 AND 35, KNOWN INFORMALLY AS THE TOWNSHIP CROSSROADS AND IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 1106, LOTS 1-7 AND LOTS 8-17 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE, QUALIFY AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT (NON-CONDEMNATION) PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2020, the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune ("Township Committee") adopted Resolution #20-361 (the "Prior Resolution") authorizing and directing the Township of Neptune Planning Board ("Planning Board") to undertake a preliminary investigation (the "Study") to determine whether certain areas along Routes 33 and 35 identified on the Tax Map of the Township of Neptune as Block 1106, Lots 1-7 and Lots 8-17 and Block 1107, Lots 1-12 qualify as an area in need of redevelopment (non-condemnation) pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq. (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the real property identified as Block 1107, Lots 1-12 on the Township of Neptune Tax Map was inadvertently included in the description of the area to be subject to the Study and the Township Committee wishes to amend the Prior Resolution to remove Block 1107, Lots 1-12 from the area to be subject to the Study and affirm that only the real property identified as Block 1106, Lots 1-7 and Lots 8-17 shall be subject to this Study; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section III of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey establishes that the clearance, replanning, development or redevelopment of certain areas within the State shall constitute a public purpose and public use; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of New Jersey (the "Legislature") has adopted a comprehensive set of redevelopment laws, the centerpiece of which is the allowing for, *inter alia*, the substantial improvement to underutilized, unused, fragmented deteriorated or general blighted properties through the careful design, writing and implementation of redevelopment plans; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides a mechanism to assist local governments in their efforts to promote such programs of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Act sets forth the procedures for a municipality to declare an area in need of redevelopment and to develop and effectuate a redevelopment plan; and

WHEREAS, the Act specifically provides that no area of a municipality shall be deemed a redevelopment area unless the governing body of the municipality shall, by Resolution, authorize the planning board to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether a proposed area qualifies as an area in need of redevelopment by meeting the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:-12A-6, "[t]he resolution authorizing the planning board to undertake a preliminary investigation shall state whether the redevelopment area determination shall authorize the municipality to use all those powers provided by the Legislature for use in a redevelopment area other than the use of eminent domain (hereinafter referred to as a "Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area") or whether the redevelopment area determination shall authorize the municipality to use all those powers provided by the Legislature for use in a redevelopment area, including the power of eminent domain (hereinafter referred to as a "Condensation Redevelopment Area")"; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune reiterates that it is in the best interest of the Township and its residents to authorize and direct the Planning Board, pursuant

to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-4 and N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6, to undertake such a preliminary investigation of the real properties listed below which lie along Routes 33 and 35, in an area known informally as the Township Crossroads, which are identified as Block 1106, Lots 1-7 and Lots 8-17 on the Tax Map of the Township of Neptune (collectively, the "Study Area"), with the primary objective being to improve the quality of life of the Township's residents and to improve the economic foundation of the Township so that long term tax stability is achieved for all of the Township residents; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the parcels within the Study Area, by reason of faulty arrangement of design, deleterious land use, obsolescence, obsolete layout, and/or other factors, have remained stagnant, unproductive, underutilized and undervalued and as a result, may be detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the Township's residents and are specifically recommended to be studied by the Planning Board as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Township Committee of Neptune as follows:

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq., the Planning Board is hereby authorized and directed to undertake an investigation to determine whether the real property set forth below in the Property List, and as it is designated on the Tax Map of the Township of Neptune (collectively referred to herein as the Study Area), or any portion thereof, qualifies as an area in need of redevelopment in accordance with the criteria set forth at N.J.S.A. 40:12A-5.
2. The Planning Board shall conduct a public hearing regarding the Property and said public hearing shall be conducted after public notice has been given in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:12A-6 and after completing the public hearing and deliberation, the Planning Board shall submit a recommendation to the Township Committee whether or not the Study Area, or any portion thereof, should be determined and designated to be an area in need of redevelopment.
3. In the event that the Property or any portion thereof shall be determined and designated to be an area in need of redevelopment, the Township of Neptune shall be authorized to use all powers, except for the power of eminent domain, provided by the Legislature of the State of New Jersey for use in such a redevelopment area in order to accomplish the goals of redevelopment.
4. The Business Administrator and Staff of the Township of Neptune are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions as shall be deemed necessary or desirable to implement this Resolution.
5. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption, according to law.

Property List (collectively referred to herein as the Study Area):

Block 1106, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17.

The resolutions of the Consent Agenda were adopted on the following vote: Cafferty, aye; Lane, aye; Rizzo, aye; Williams, aye; and Brantley, aye.

AWARD BID FOR GABLES SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

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

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2021, the Township Engineer received bids for the award of a contract for Gables Sanitary Sewer Improvements; and,

WHEREAS, said bids were reviewed by the Township Engineer and Township Attorney who have recommended that the bid be awarded to the lowest bid submitted by Lucas Brothers, Inc.; and,

WHEREAS, said bids were advertised, received and awarded in a "fair and open" competitive bidding process in accordance with the Open Public Contracts Law; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be provided in Ordinances No. 19-32 and No. 20-21 and the Chief Financial Officer has so certified in writing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that a contract be awarded to Lucas Brothers, Inc. on their lowest responsible bid of \$1,471,965.30 (which includes the base bid of \$1,230,230.00 and Alternate #1 bid of \$241,735.30) for Gables Sanitary Sewer Improvements; and,

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

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Brantley asked for 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. Public comments will also be accepted via conference call at 732-447-9901, Conference Code Number: 948430. Comments were as follows:

Hank Coakley, Valley Road, stated that a center yellow line needs to be painted on Neptune Blvd near Shop-Rite. He was happy to see the street number placed on the Neptune First Aid building. Governor Murphy should extend the hunting season instead of paying someone to get rid of dead carcasses on the side of the road. He asked that the Police Department send out letters reminding people to turn on their car taillights when it is raining. He is against changing names and removing statues because that is history.

Nancy Clarke, 47 Embury Avenue, asked how people are chosen to serve on the TNSA. Mr. Gadaleta responded that the Township Committee makes the appointment after reviewing candidates when an opening becomes available. Mr. Anthony replied there are no requirements in the ordinance but the Committee looks at a cross-section of the Township and skills that might be helpful. Ms. Clarke asked if members are reviewed on their performance. Mr. Anthony replied that the Committee makes the appointment, but the TNSA is an autonomous body. Ms. Clarke asked how the Committee would know if they were doing a good job with no oversight or review. Mr. Anthony stated that there is always this type of question with independent authorities. The Mayor replied that they are getting the job done.

Richard Williams, 1 Abbott Avenue, stated there is no doubt that the new Police Committee is doing an excellent job. They should be allowed more time to work together. The terms should be for more than one year and the Police Committee should not be broken up to start the New Year.

Barbara Burns, 4 Ocean Avenue, agreed with comments of Mr. Williams. The Mayor is co-equal with the others, there is no additional authority or benefit for the Mayor by title. A two year term is good for continuity and anything less goes against the idea of meaningful oversight. Mayor Brantley replied that the Mayor is contacted when issues occur so the Mayor should be kept abreast of what is going on in the Police Department.

Tassie York, 1203 11th Avenue, congratulated Mr. Cafferty and stated that she looks forward to him doing an exceptional job. She extended sympathies to Mr. Lane on the passing of his brother. She believes that having the Mayor on the Police Committee is a phenomenal idea. The Mayor should not get information second hand. She is looking forward to a great year.

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

Richard J. Cuttrell,
Municipal Clerk