

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETING – May 23, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Williams calls the workshop meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asks the Clerk to call the roll:

Roll Call	Present/ Absent
Dr. Michael Brantley	<u>Present</u>
Keith Cafferty	<u>Present</u>
Robert Lane, Jr.	<u>Absent</u>
Tassie D. York	<u>Present</u>
Nicholas Williams	<u>Present</u>

Also present: Gina M. LaPlaca, Business Administrator; Gene Anthony, Township Attorney; Gabriella Siboni, Municipal Clerk, Dainene Roberts, Deputy Municipal Clerk.

Mayor Williams 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 6, 2022, 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](http://www.neptunetownship.org)) and the meeting is being streamed live via townhallstreams.com.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN OPEN SESSION**

1. Committee Calendars

Dr. Brantley stated that he will be away June 8<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup>.

Committeewoman York stated the Homeowners Association meeting on Saturday she will be attending.

Deputy Mayor Cafferty stated that Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs is on June 5.

Mayor Williams stated there will be two parades Memorial Day Weekend; one in Shark River Hills and one that will begin in front of Town Hall.

2. **Review of Township Code §12-5 Abandoned and Vacant Properties**

Mr. Anthony sent an opinion letter to the committee to consider an amendment to the ordinance currently active. The proposed amendment would amend definitions, address increasing fees and address applicable lienholders. Mr. Anthony asked the Committee to review the opinion letter and has sent such to the Director of Code and Construction for review.

3. **Review of Township Code §4-20 Garage Sales**

Committeewoman York requested the ordinance to be reviewed to see how it compares to other municipalities. There is a limit on the Neptune Township Permits. Committeewoman York requested that we consider changing the 12 month period limit to two permits be amended to two permits in a calendar year.

Res # 246 Authorize An Executive Session As Authorized By The Open Public Meetings Act.

Offered by:	<u>Cafferty</u>	Seconded by:	<u>Brantley</u>
<i>Vote:</i>	Brantley <u>Yes</u>	Cafferty <u>Yes</u>	Lane <u>Absent</u>
		York <u>Yes</u>	Williams <u>Yes</u>

Dr. Brantley left at 6:25PM

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – May 23, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Roll Call	Present/ Absent
Dr. Michael Brantley	<u>Absent</u>
Keith Cafferty	<u>                    </u>
Robert Lane, Jr.	<u>Absent</u>
Tassie D. York	<u>                    </u>
Nicholas Williams	<u>                    </u>

Also present: Gina M. LaPlaca, Business Administrator; Gene Anthony, Township Attorney; Gabriella Siboni, Municipal Clerk, Dainene Roberts, Deputy Municipal Clerk.

### **Silent Prayer 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 Deputy Mayor Cafferty, seconded by, Committeewoman York, to approve the minutes of meeting of May 9, 2022. All present were in favor.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS**

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

Deputy Mayor Cafferty stated that Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs is on June 5 and encouraged everyone to come out. Deputy Mayor Cafferty also stated there has been progress on the development of an ordinance addressing Airbnb.

Mayor Williams stated that he Marina is up and running full this season at this time. Mayor Williams also stated that masks are required again in the Neptune Library.

### **REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR**

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

- **Green Team – Sustainable Jersey Application Submitted:** The Green Team has officially submitted its application on behalf of the Township for recertification under the Sustainable New Jersey program. The submission consists of both existing programs and policies and recommended new actions in the areas of Community Partnership & Outreach, Emergency Management, Energy, Natural Resources, Operations & Maintenance and Waste Management. If the Township wishes to be included in the annual recognition luncheon, all actions must be completed and certified by August 28<sup>th</sup>; the final deadline to be certified in 2022 is November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Township Website Re-branding:** The Township MIS department has completed work on the proposed re-branding of the Township website, incorporating a new red-and-black color scheme that will be more consistent with the branding currently used by the Police Department and the School District. A staged landing page has been set up to preview how the site will look once a launch date is selected by the Committee.
- **Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grants:** On May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup>, our Township Engineers submitted grant applications to both the NJDEP Community Charger Program and the BPU Electric Vehicle Tourism Program in conjunction with a proposal to install Direct Current Fast Charger electric vehicle charging stations at 70 South Main Street in Ocean Grove. The deadline for both programs was last week, so both applications are currently in the review stage at both agencies.
- **Library Automated Doors Project:** On May 17<sup>th</sup>, installation of the new automated doors at the Library was finally completed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS**

Public comments regarding resolutions presented on this agenda only. The public will be permitted one visit



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**Res # 257** Authorizing The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune To Execute Change Order #1 For \$76,951.20 With P&A Construction Inc. For 2021 Road Improvement Project For A New Contract Total Of \$1,769,833.04

**Res # 258** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Granting Permission For Closure Of Road In Relation To Juneteenth Celebration On June 18, 2022

**Res # 259** Authorize The Payment Of Bills

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Offered by: Cafferty Seconded by: York  
*Vote:* Brantley Absent Cafferty Yes Lane Absent York Yes Williams Yes

### **SEPARATED RESOLUTIONS**

**Res # 260** Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Public Works  
Ms. Siboni stated this resolution will be amended to include Kevin Jean, Turon Melvin and Nathaniel Parkman.

Offered by: Cafferty Seconded by: York  
*Vote:* Brantley Absent Cafferty Yes Lane Absent York Yes Williams Yes

**Res # 261** Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Police Department  
Ms. Siboni stated this resolution will be amended to include Irma Burgos.

Offered by: York Seconded by: Cafferty  
*Vote:* Brantley Absent Cafferty Yes Lane Absent York Yes Williams 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.

Lauren and Brant Cherny Ms. Cherny stated they are living across the street from 45 Broadway where there was a fire a few years ago. Ms. Cherny asked what is going to be happening with this property. The property was previously including 6+ units and the neighbors would like to know what the permits, plans, progression of this project are.

Virginia Ms. Virginia asked if the property will be able to be the same number of units as it had previous to the fire.

Mr. Anthony stated the Director of Construction has to determine whether a certain percentage has been destroyed and needs to be rebuilt. If it is under the certain percentage, it is considered pre-existing and they are allowed to build in the same manner. If it over that percentage, it will be required to build to new standards.

As the committee does not have specific information, they cannot answer specific questions on this property.

Joyce Klein Ms. Klein requested that the Township Committee consider the 3 hour parking limit that was considered in 2018 that she suggested be brought back to the Committee for consideration.

Ms. Klein asked about the lining of scooter and Vespa spaces in Ocean Grove.

Deputy Mayor Cafferty thought those were already lined, but will follow up.

Ms. Klein stated that ordinance 13-3.1 "Permit Required" needs clarifying and she believed that there was agreement that clarification is needed.

Ms. Klein also requested a discussion about bike racks to be considered in the future.

Nancy Clarke  
47 Embury Ave.

Ms. Clarke stated she agreed that garage sales should be changed to 2 per calendar year.

Ms. Clarke stated there is 6 months allowed on response for a vacant property. Is there any way to reduce the amount of time allowed for response. Mr. Anthony stated that 6 months is the determination that the property is vacant.

Joan Venezia  
107 Mt. Hermon Way

Ms. Venezia asked about the status of the Parking Survey. Deputy Mayor Cafferty stated they have reached out to a couple companies to get quotes and have heard from one company. There are still items being worked out as this progresses. It is anticipated to be released this summer.

Ms. Venezia stated that at 63 Cookman there are no railings or bannisters. It is a multi-unit property that now has chicken wire as a bannister.

Karen Mason  
105 Cardinal Rd.

Ms. Mason commented the Planning Board Meeting for the dispensary. Deputy Mayor Cafferty stated there is a hearing at the Planning Board so he cannot comment on it and the comments should be directed there.

Ms. Mason congratulated Ms. LaPlaca on her baby. Ms. Mason asked if there is any room in the Sustainable Jersey/ Green Team for Bee Keepers. Ms. LaPlaca stated she will have to review with Green Team, Gabriella and Dainene.

Ms. Mason asked for an update on the Shore Holdings violations. Mr. Anthony stated he is waiting on certain documentation regarding the eviction of the tenant from the property. If the paperwork is not filed, then Mr. Anthony will move forward on the terms of the agreement that they had previously imposed.

Richard Williams  
1 Abbott Ave.

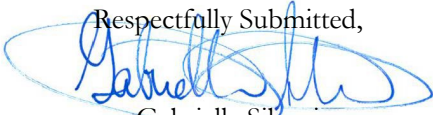
Mr. Williams thanked the Township for their work at Memorial Park. Mr. Williams stated he is working with the Green Team on their Sustainable Jersey Certification. Mr. Williams asked about Electric Charging Stations, how do they take payment and who receives the money? Mr. Anthony stated that at this time we are just applying for grants and negotiating a revocable license agreement. Mr. Williams looks forward to the ordinance related to Airbnbs and hopes that it will include a 7 day minimum. Mr. Williams asked what stops Ocean Grove properties from getting a liquor license. Mr. Anthony stated it is because the property is owned by Camp Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Offered by: Cafferty

Seconded by: York

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:52PM**

Respectfully Submitted,  
  
Gabriella Siboni  
Township Clerk