

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETING – September 12, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

Deputy Mayor Cafferty 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>Present</u>
Tassie D. York	<u>Absent</u>
Nicholas Williams	<u>Absent</u>

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

Committeewoman York arrived at 6:01PM

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

Mr. Lane stated there are 2 events September 24 is Pound the Pavement at the Headliner. September 25 is the rededication of the World War II Memorial

Deputy Mayor Cafferty stated the grand opening for the pump track is upcoming and will be excited for the date.

Res # 405 Authorize An Executive Session As Authorized By The Open Public Meetings Act.

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

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – September 12, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.**

Deputy Mayor Cafferty calls the meeting to order at 7:08PM 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>Present</u>
Tassie D. York	<u>Present</u>
Nicholas Williams	<u>Absent</u>

Also present: Gina M. LaPlaca, Business Administrator; Gene Anthony, Township Attorney; Gabriella Siboni, 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 Lane, seconded by, York, to approve the minutes of meetings of August 22, 2022. All in Favor by those present at the meeting.

### **PRESENTATION**

Proclaiming September 11, 2022 as Remembrance Day

**WHEREAS**, On September 11, 2001, the United States of America suffered from a terrorist attack at the World Trade Center, Pentagon and onboard United Flight 93 and almost 3,000 innocent people lost their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Neptune Township sent a team of EMS volunteers as part of the New Jersey EMS Task Force that responded in New York City to assist the FDNY. Two of those EMS volunteers, Louis Rochelle and Molly Berkowitz were two of the many first responders who became ill after their efforts at Ground Zero. Sadly, both succumbed to their illnesses, and

**WHEREAS**, we continue to offer support to the families and friends who lost loved ones in the devastating events and remember the heroic actions of those brave individuals who provided aid through this tragedy; and

**WHEREAS**, Barack Obama said "Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, is a way to honor those we lost, a way to reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11"

**THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that I, Nicholas Williams, Mayor of the Township of Neptune, along with the entire Township Committee, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2022 as Remembrance Day

### **COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS**

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

Committeeman Lane stated Neptune Day was a great event and there were fun free rides. Mr. Lane stated it has been 21 years since the tragic day that was 9/11 and we will never forget. On Sept. 24, Pound the Pavement will be occurring. On Sept. 25 there will be a re-dedication of the World War II monument. October is considered Older Persons Month. We value our seniors in Neptune. The Senior Center will have testing, vaccines, and boosters during another COVID Clinic. Mr. Lane also stated to look forward to the numerous Trunk or Treats that will be scheduled for this Halloween season.

Committeewoman York stated she attended the Home Owners Association breakfast and stated it was very nice and Senator Gopal and the Assemblywoman also attended. Ms. York attended the Ocean Grove giant Flea Market and then went to Neptune Day. Neptune Day was a wonderful event for the children, including her grandchildren. Committeewoman York attended the September 11<sup>th</sup> ceremony at the VFW and Ms. York believes it is so important to recognize the members of our service.

Deputy mayor Cafferty stated the Pumptrack is underway. There were some artists that did some graffiti style artwork and we are looking forward the grand opening.

Deputy Mayor Cafferty is happy with the return of Neptune Day and as excited with the turnout and the vendors who participated. Mr. Cafferty gave special recognition to Department of Public Works and Recreation Department for their hard work to make Neptune Day the success that it was.

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

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

- **2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application:** The Township Engineer

will be presenting our CDBG Grant Application to the County on September 21<sup>st</sup>. If successful, this grant would be used to upgrade and modernize ADA accessibility in the Township building – specifically to make improvements to the existing elevator and improve handicapped access to the Courtroom and court bathroom facilities.

- **Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Grants:** The Township has been awarded grants of up to \$150,000 (from BPU) and up to \$75,000 (from DEP) for the installation of EV Charging Stations. The Township Engineer has scheduled a site visit at the proposed installation locations for this Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup> so that a cost estimate can be prepared.
- **Broadway & Central Tennis Court Sinkhole:** The Township Engineer, in conjunction with our Public Works Department, has surveyed the damage to the tennis courts and prepared a rough estimate for potential repair costs so that quotes may be solicited for the work. The next step will be for the Engineer to video the box culvert to determine what is causing the sinkhole. From there the Township will work with the OGCMA on acquiring a drainage access easement to make the necessary repairs.
- **Neptune Day “Thank You’s”:** Special thanks to all of the Township employees who helped make Neptune Day a success, with special gratitude to our Recreation Department for organizing the event, and the many representatives of our Police Department, Public Works Department, Office of Emergency Management and the Senior Center who spent the day talking with residents and spreading the word about the many programs and services the Township provides. Thanks also goes to the members of our Green Team, who partnered with the NJ Electric Vehicle Association to display two electric vehicles and provide residents with information on where to find EV charging stations in town.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS**

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.

**No Public Comment on resolutions**

**ORDINANCES** - For each ordinance with a public hearing, the public is permitted one visit to the microphone with a limit of five minutes.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance 22-44** An Ordinance Creating And Setting The Salary Range For New Job Titles And Amending The Salary Ranges For All Other Existing Job Titles Of The Township Of Neptune And Repealing All Parts Of Previous Ordinances Inconsistent Herewith

**No Public Comment**

*Explanatory Statement: This ordinance amends all salary ranges for titles within the Township of Neptune to comply with contract changes.*

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

**ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING**

*There are no Ordinances for First Reading this evening.*

The Clerk announces that the Public Hearings on Ordinances will be held at the next Township Committee meeting on September 26, 2022.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Res # 406** Authorize Agreement Mastercraft Iron For Two (2) Conex Box Stairs In An Amount Not To Exceed \$33,190.00
- Res # 407** Resolution Authorizing The Purchase TranSTAR Pipeline Inspection Transporter With Rvcc And Motorized Lift And TrakSTAR Led Camera With Diagnostics Subsite Under Houston Galveston Area Cooperative- Hgacbuy Co-Op, Contract # Sc01-21a In An



court does not seem effected and wants to know if they are able to use that court.

Ms. LaPlaca stated the issue was caused by a stormwater pipe. The view from the camera will give a better idea of the issue and determine safety. Until that occurs, caution is the best course of action.

Ms. Paynard asked if there was a timeline for this issue to be rectified. Ms. LaPlaca stated it may be too early to determine a timeline but is hopeful for quotes at the next meeting

Richard Williams, 1 Abbott Ave.

Mr. Williams thanked the Committee for their recognition of the green team booth at Neptune Day.

Mr. Williams asked if there is a gap between the grant and the cost of the charging station. Ms. LaPlaca stated the application for a grant normally has the information regarding funding, but Ms. LaPlaca will need to follow up with engineering to determine what was included in the application.

Mr. Williams thanked those who showed up for the concerns regarding pickleball.

Veronica Cobbs, 540 Myrtle Ave.

Ms. Cobbs stated she was here at the previous meeting asking for assistance from the Committee. Ms. Cobbs asked if there is any update or anything that can be done. Ms. Cobbs stated there is excessive debris, rodents and continued issues. Ms. Cobbs also noted an issue with cats.

Mr. Anthony gave Ms. Cobbs an update regarding the process and the notice of violations that have been noted and timeline for issuance of a summons.

Julie Hekker, 113 Pilgrim Pathway

Ms. Hekker wanted to address traffic and safety in Ocean Grove. Ms. Hekker expressed concern over street signs, cross walks and speed limits. Ms. Hekker stated there should be additional street limit signs posted through Ocean Grove. Ms. Hekker suggested repainting the bold white stripes at Stop Signs, an example is Stockton and Jersey. There is a specific concern regarding Broadway and Central, is there a consideration for a 4 way stop at this location. Pilgrim Pathway and Broadway is a very busy street where there is a lot of pedestrian traffic as well as vehicle traffic.

Ms. Hekker also asked if there was an option for installation of sidewalk by the tennis courts. Deputy Mayor Cafferty stated that would be a request to the Camp Meeting Association

Diana Harris, 17 Willow Dr.

Ms. Harris asked regarding permit process for special events

Ms. Harris asked that there are rumors about the trees being removed that would allow for a better space for special events to occur.

Deputy Mayor Cafferty asked that Ms. Harris send her "wishlist" regarding this area so the committee could better consider.

Ms. Harris commented Deacon Webb, treasurer for MURC. Asked for a recognition.

Ms. Harris asked if there was any movement on West Lake Ave. Ms. LaPlaca stated the redevelopment committee is reviewing applications.

Deborah Conch 1102 Green Grove Rd.

Ms. Conch received a letter regarding redevelopment plan. The permits are with the NJDEP. Ms. Conch asked questions regarding the plan and approvals.

Hank Coakley, Valley Rd.

Mr. Coakley asked the Township Committee to ban black roofs and that

the effective date would be 2023. Mr. Coakley's proposed ban would only be for new construction, renovations, etc. Those that are already exist would not need to change until they require replacement.

Shane Martins, 38 Mt. Hermon Way.

Mr. Coakley condemned President Biden for the proposal for College Loan Forgiveness. Mr. Coakley does not believe it is fair to have to pay for others education, when he worked to provide for his children. Mr. Martins met with the Mayor, Business Administrator and Township Attorney to discuss the proposed pier from Camp Meeting which has been touted as a cross.

Mr. Martins stated he was disappointed with Mr. Anthony could not provide citations of why the permit would be overseen by the Township.

Mr. Martins stated the Camp meeting Association is rallying White Nationalists. The ADF represents the Camp Meeting Association, which is a group that is pushing to make same sex relations illegal, medically castrate transgenders

**ADJOURNMENT**

Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Brantley

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_  
York

Time adjourned: 7:55PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Gabriella Siboni  
Township Clerk