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- Williams Mr. Williams stated the Library is closed currently as they are replacing the new lights in the Library. The dredging has started at the marina and the project is on schedule and it is necessary to be done. The slips were too shallow and the access was limited.
- Lane Mr. Lane stated that he attended the breakfast with Santa that was hosted by Neptune Recreation and had a great attendance.
Wreaths Across America is December 16. There will be a service at Veterans Memorial Park and the wreaths will be laid on veterans grave.
- York Deputy Mayor York stated she attended the Breakfast with Santa, Live Nativity in Ocean Grove and the tree lighting in Shark River Hills
- Cafferty Mr. Cafferty stated the Winter Bonfire will be on December 21 from 5-7PM. Mayor Cafferty encouraged attendance to foster community on the darkest night of the year.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

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

- **Recognition for Neptune EMS:** At the annual EMS awards program held during the National Conference on EMS in Atlantic City last month, Neptune Township EMS was recognized as the “Prehospital Program of the Year” by the New Jersey Department of Health and the New Jersey EMS Council. This award is given to the prehospital program that has demonstrated exemplary achievement in the areas of patient care, public access to EMS, disaster preparedness, public education and training. Neptune EMS was recognized for maintaining a positive image in the community and for taking meaningful steps to assure the quality of patient and clinician safety. Congratulations to EMS Director Bil Rosen and all the members of his outstanding team.
- **Homeless Encampment Issues:** The Monmouth County Continuum of Care will hold their next case conference regarding the encampment this Wednesday December 13th; I along with a representative of the Neptune Police Department will be in attendance. Additionally, in response to resident concerns regarding trash and debris in and around the encampment, the property manager of the Shop Rite complex will be undertaking a clean-up effort this week to include their parking lot and a portion of the wooded areas adjacent to the lots.
- **Citizen Leadership Applications:** Final reminder for anyone interested in serving on one of Neptune’s many volunteer boards -- Citizen Leadership Applications should be submitted by this Friday December 15th in order to be considered for appointment at the annual reorganization meeting on January 1st. The form can be found on the Township website or by coming to the Clerk’s office during normal business hours to pick up a form in person.
- **Vin Gopal Civic Association Toy Drive:** The Neptune Municipal building is serving as a drop-off site for new, unwrapped toys as part of the Vin Gopal Civic Association Holiday Toy Distribution effort. Donations will be accepted through Monday December 18th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

The Clerk will announce additional information regarding Separated Resolutions if necessary.

Resolution 23-430

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Thomas Alburtus	Public Works	Yard Attendant	\$17.48/hr.	12/12/2023

Resolution 23-431

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Robert Purgatorio	Code	Code Supervisor	\$78,000.00	12/12/2023

Public comments regarding resolutions presented on this agenda only.

Vote: Lane Yes Williams Yes York Yes Cafferty Yes

CONSENT AGENDA

Offered by: York Seconded by: Lane
Vote: Lane Yes Williams Yes York Yes Cafferty Yes

SEPARATED RESOLUTION

Res#23- 430 A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Public Works

Offered by: Lane Seconded by: York
Vote: Lane Yes Williams Yes York Yes Cafferty Yes

Res#23- 431 A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Code Department

Offered by: York Seconded by: Lane
Vote: Lane Yes Williams Yes York Yes Cafferty Yes

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address any concern relating to the Township.

The public comment portion of our meeting is to allow the public to bring to the Committee’s attention their concerns or comments. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10: 4-12(a) and the Neptune Rules of Committee, the Committee asks the public to limit their comments to five minutes or less. The Committee will respect the public’s time by refraining any comment until the speaker has finished with their allotted time. It should be further noted that public comment portion of our meeting is not structured as a question-and-answer session. If a member of the public has questions, they seek answers to, an appointment can be made with the appropriate office, Business Administrator or Township Committee Liaison during regular business hours. The Township Clerk will regulate the time during the comment portion of our meeting. The Committee reserves the right to respond to comments or questions at the conclusion of the speaker’s time.

Name and Address

Comment

Rich Robertson,
Hillside Dr.

Mr. Robertson asked if there have been any action regardless short-term rentals, specifically 401 Overlook Dr. Mr. Robertson asked if the Township Committee would be changing the ordinance regarding an ordinance to request saving trees. Mayor Cafferty stated there was an ordinance that was considered in 2008, he believes. He will need to look further into this matter and will provide an update. Mr. Cafferty indicated a discussion occurred in Workshop on this matter and would begin the process to consider an amendment to the ordinance.

Richard Williams,
Abbot Ave.

Mr. Williams spoke on Ocean Grove North End Development. Mr. Williams stated that the poll taking by the Homeowners Association indicated the residents wanted a COA requirement from HPC.

Mr. Williams stated the documents for consideration of the amendment to the redevelopment was not made public until November 10. In the past, a resident continually asked for an update on the litigation matter regarding OGNED and the answer from the committee was that they did not know. Mr. Williams stated that he didn’t believe the redevelopment was involved in the OGNED application. Mr. Williams stated the proper protocol to appeal a decision of the HPC to the zoning board of adjustment. Mr. Williams stated the litigation was a way around HPC Consideration and requirement for COA. Mr. Williams asked who was the representing of the Township in the litigation matter and who do they report to.

Joan Venezia, Mt Hermon Way	<p>Mr. Anthony stated the Joanne Vos and Ron Cucchiaro represented Neptune Township. Mr. Williams stated the firm is Maraziti Falcon.</p> <p>Mr. Anthony stated Maraziti Falcon reported to the Redevelopment Committee.</p> <p>Ms. Venezia stated she has comments on the documents released regarding OGNED that she will supply in writing. Ms. Venezia requested clarification on who Ms. Vos was reporting to through the settlement process. Ms. Venezia stated she does not agree with some of the language included in the documents including that the rooftop deck was originally included, that the previous hotel had rooftop access, and fire safety issues. Ms. Venezia stated the HPC critiques that include options that would cost too much to the development. Ms. Venezia stated the document includes a notation for the height of the building that is not included.</p>
Barbara Burns, Ocean Ave.	<p>Mayor Cafferty stated there will be an additional presentation on OGNED at a future meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Burns wanted to confirm the representation of the attorneys and Mr. Williams stated the Joanne Vos is the redevelopment attorney. Ms. Burns asked if Ms. Vos provided updates to the redevelopment committee on the OGNED matter. Ms. Burns asked who received the progress reports from Ms. Vos. Mr. Williams stated that Mr. Haney, professionals and attorneys would be present for progress reports.</p> <p>Ms. Burns encouraged the committee to review the development plans for access of fire trucks. Specially Figure 3.</p>
Eileen Michaels, Seaview Ave.	<p>Ms. Burns stated the redevelopment plan was approved in 2008. The stormwater management plan is outdated and there will be more larger scale weather events.</p> <p>Ms. Michaels thanked Mr. Williams for his efforts. Ms. Michaels asked why the Township Committee was sued and not the Historic Preservation Commission in regard to the OGNED matter.</p> <p>Ms. Michaels contacted the Police Department to confirm that the resident only handicapped space at La Pierre would be changed. Ms. Michaels stated she believes this is an issue for the ingress/egress of the property with the location of the resident handicapped spaces.</p>
Dan Muller, 236 Hillside Nancy Clarke, Embury Ave.	<p>Ms. Michaels expressed disappointment in the legal representation of the Township for OGNED. Ms. Michaels does not believe the information was properly or easily relayed to the Township. Ms. Michaels asked the Township Committee to honor that the residents do not trust the developers of OGNED</p> <p>Mr. Muller appreciated the Township is considering changes to address issues with short term rentals.</p> <p>Ms. Clarke stated the Township received documents and asked when they would be available. Ms. Siboni indicated the link was already updated with the documents. Ms. Clarke asked who made the decision to make a presentation to the Township Committee. Mr. Cafferty stated it was brought to the Township Committee to review, hear and consider. Ms. Clarke asked why the matter was not included in a workshop. Mr. Cafferty stated the intent was to allow for public comment and public comment is not included in the regular meeting. Mr. Cafferty stated that the intent was to listen to residents and have an opportunity to answer with the professionals.</p>
Robert Ingato, Seaview Ave.	<p>Mr. Ingato wanted to confirm that the new document does not include substantive changes. Mr. Cafferty stated the document is a change in formatting to see the changes more clearly. Mr. Ingato asked if there could be a summary or more clear change to the plan. Mr. Ingato asked who he would be able to direct questions to and Ms. Siboni stated questions can be sent to her to relay to the professional who would be best to provide a response. Mr. Ingato stated he would encourage a professional who is well versed with historically architecture to address concerns.</p>
Joyce Klein, Mt Hermon Way	<p>Mr. Ingato stated there are about 15 spaces that are included that go to the lake. Mr. Ingato asked if the 15 spaces will be accommodated in the plan.</p> <p>Ms. Klein invited the Township Committee to the Ocean Grove Homeowners association holiday party.</p>

Ms. Klein agreed with many of the questions raised about OGNED by her neighbors. Ms. Klein stated she reviewed the ordinance for Asbury Park. Ms. Klein stated the Asbury Park Ordinance states that a rental may only have 1 car per 2 people, which may be something to consider in the Neptune Amendments. Ms. Klein highlighted the enforcement for parking issues lead to removal of access to be a Short-Term rental. The Asbury Park Ordinance has some strong rules, but Ms. Klein encouraged the Township to consider a minimum stay of one week.

Frank Gashafama,
Spray Ave.

Mr. Gashafama stated the work on the project at Ocean Grove North End Development would be allowed to work for 6 days on construction and asked the Township Committee to limit it to 5 days of work. Mr. Gashafama also asked that the Township Committee require the construction of the 10 single family homes prior to the rest of the construction to allow for buffer. Mr. Gashafama requested to the Township Committee put in writing coverage that the allowance of a higher building by the Township.

Paul Kaplan, Mt. Zion

Mr. Kaplan asked who on the committee authorized the settlement. Mr. Cafferty stated it was presented and there was an agreement that was negotiated, and it would allow an opportunity to discuss it by the Township Committee and gather public input.

Gary Brown, Cardinal
Rd.

Mr. Brown thanked Ms. LaPlaca for her efforts in abating the issues with the homeless encampment. Mr. Brown asked for clarification of where the 25 feet in from the curb line would begin. Ms. LaPlaca stated she would gain clarity and follow up with Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown asked for the potential number of violations amount to and are they being paid? Mr. Brown expressed continued concern about the use of drugs, use of propane tanks and open flames that are posing a significant risk to the residents. Mr. Brown stated there have been warrants for arrest and a neighborhood burglary.

Mr. Anthony stated there are summons out to the property owner, but they have not yet been in court.

Mr. Brown expressed his biggest concern is the propane tanks and open flames.

ADJOURNMENT

Offered by: Lane Seconded by: York

Time adjourned: 8:27PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Gabriella Siboni
Township Clerk