



**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – April 10, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Cafferty calls the meeting to order at 7:02PM and asks the Clerk to call the roll:

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

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE 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."

Mayor Cafferty 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 5, 2023, 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, ordinances, and resolutions are posted on the Township web site ([www.neptunetownship.org](http://www.neptunetownship.org)) and the meeting is being streamed live via townhallstreams.com.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion offered by Lane, seconded by York, to approve the minutes of meetings of February 27, 2023.

Motion offered by Lane, seconded by Williams, to approve the minutes of meetings of March 27, 2023.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Proclamation Declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month

**COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS**

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

- Williams Mr. Williams stated the Library is open and the new desk has been installed. Mr. Williams stated the Marina has reopened on April 1<sup>st</sup> and there are only a few boats in the water.
- Brantley Dr. Brantley stated there are negotiations on the redevelopment projects. Dr. Brantley also stated he along with Mr. Williams attended a Vietnam Veterans Luncheon. Dr. Brantley was impressed with the luncheon as it had Veterans in attendance stand and announce where they were stationed. Dr. Brantley stated that one of the veterans was assigned to the group that was assigned for Osama Bin Laden and furthermore expressed how impressed he was with the service recognition.
- Lane Mr. Lane stated there was a Run-A-Palooza in Asbury Park last weekend. The recipient of the race was Jersey Shore Dream Center. Mr. Lane wanted to ensure residents knew of the services provided by Jersey Shore Dream Center.

Mr. Lane stated any organization wishing to walk in the Memorial Day Parade to please e-mail Mr. Lane.

- Committeeman Lane stated that Hometown Hoe Down will be honoring Wilbur V. Martin and Bud Magathan on April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00PM to 9:00PM at the American Legion Post #346.
- York Deputy Mayor York stated the EDC is hosting a breakfast on May 4<sup>th</sup> at Jumping Brook Golf Club.

Deputy Mayor stated the upcoming Neptune Graduation in June anticipates to occur at the Great Auditorium. Deputy Mayor York stated that the Post 266 American Legion will be presenting an "All White Affair" on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:00PM-8:00PM.

- Cafferty Mayor Cafferty stated there were two (2) Easter Egg Hunts and both were very successful. Mayor

Cafferty stated there will be another volunteer day for Disk golf Mayor Cafferty stated the employees will be participating in a flexible schedule. Mr. Lane noted the flex schedule allows a change in schedule and will allow for the offering of additional programs for those who could not attend between 8:00AM-4:00PM.

**REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR**

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

- **DPW Trash Collection Schedule Changes:** Effective May 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be a change in the garbage and recycling pick up for Zones C and D. Zone C (Bradley Park and Seaview Island) will now be collected on Fridays, and Zone D (West Neptune) will now be collected on Thursdays. Notices have been mailed to all affected residents and the schedule change will also be posted on the Township website and social media.
- **Ocean Grove Broadway Tennis Courts:** The Township has received notification that our Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) will be covering the costs of resurfacing the tennis courts. The funds will be distributed directly to the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association so that they may undertake the repairs necessary to reopen the courts.
- **Update on Homeless Encampment:** On April 6<sup>th</sup>, the Township hosted another meeting concerning the homeless encampment – participants once again included the DCA’s Office of Homeless Prevention, representatives for the property owner and various Township personnel; this time we were also joined by the Monmouth County Department of Human Services, the Mental Health Association of Monmouth County and Garden State Home. Among the things we learned are that, of the approximately 30 known residents of the encampment, 28 were willing and able to identify themselves to Township personnel, and as many as 7-10 of these individuals are already on County waiting lists for housing – unfortunately Monmouth County is also the most difficult county in New Jersey to rehouse someone due to the high cost of real estate and scarcity of available rental units. Immediate next steps include potentially having the Neptune Township Police Department become a signatory to the Monmouth County Continuum of Care, for which a resolution of the Township Committee would be required. The State, County and nonprofit agencies in attendance offered a variety of resources and logistical support and have been of great assistance in helping the Township develop a clear plan of action, for which we are extremely grateful. Communication among all stakeholders will continue on a regular basis and I look forward to continuing to update the Committee and the public on our progress.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS**

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

**For Resolution 23-163**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Patricia McCormick	Senior Center	On-Call Bus Driver	\$18.98/hr	4/11/2023

**For Resolution 23-164**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Roosevelt Bowles	Public Works	CDL Class A Driver	\$37,500.00	4/11/2023
Charles Laing	Public Works	CDL Class A Driver	\$33,000.00	4/11/2023

Public comments regarding resolutions presented on this agenda only.

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.

No Public Comments were made

**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 23-15** An Ordinance To Amend Volume I, Chapter VII Of The Code Of The Township Of Neptune By Adding A Resident Only Handicapped Parking Zone On Abbott Ave. And Removing A Resident Only Handicapped Parking Zone On Central Ave.

*Explanatory Statement: This ordinance authorizes a resident only handicapped parking zone in front of 84 Abbott Ave. and removes a resident only handicapped parking zone at 39 Central Ave.*

No Public Comments were made

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

**Ordinance 23-16** An Ordinance To Of The Township Of Neptune To Amend And Supplement Chapter 4 Business And Licensing Regulations By Amending Section 19 “Special Events And Temporary Displays”

*Explanatory Statement: This ordinance changes the title of permit to “Temporary Display” and amends the timeline for issuance of permit, requirements of permit and repeals §4-19-.8 “Repealer, Severability; when effective”.*

Name and Address	Comment
Nancy Clarke, 47 Embury Ave.	Ms. Clarke asked how this ordinance effects the sidewalks in Ocean Grove. Ms. Siboni clarified what the ordinance meant.

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

**Ordinance 23-19** An Ordinance To Of The Township Of Neptune To Amend And Supplement Chapter 16 Sewers By Amending Section 2 “Sewer Rental Charges”

*Explanatory Statement: Statement: This ordinance amends Chapter 2 to include language regarding rooming house rooms, decrease the fee for additional rooms in rooming houses and update the format to remove outdated fee schedules.*

No Public Comments were made

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

**ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING**

There are no ordinances for first reading.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Res #23- 156** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing The Rates For The Municipal Marina
- Res #23- 157** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Accepting Resignations
- Res #23- 158** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing A Block Party On Sayre St.
- Res #23- 159** Approving Release Of Performance Guarantee Filed By PSI Atlantic Neptune, LLC For Site Improvements For Block 1709 Lot 1
- Res #23- 160** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing The Submission Of A Strategic Plan For The Neptune Municipal Alliance Grant For Fiscal Year 2024 (Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2020-June 2025)

**Res #23- 161** Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Submission Of An Application For DHMAS Grant Funding For Neptune Municipal Alliance Grant Term 9/1/2023 To 9/30/2023

**Res#23- 162** Authorize Payment Of Bills

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Offered by: Lane \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: Williams \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Brantley Yes Lane Yes Williams Yes York Yes Cafferty Yes

Deputy Mayor York noted she must recuse herself from the vote on Resolution 23-158

**SEPARATED RESOLUTIONS**

**Res #23- 163** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Senior Center

**For Resolution 23-163**

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Patricia McCormick	Senior Center	On-Call Bus Driver	\$18.98/hr	4/11/2023

Offered by: Lane \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: Brantley \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Brantley Yes Lane Yes Williams Yes York Yes Cafferty Yes

**Res #23- 164** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Public Works

**For Resolution 23-164**

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Roosevelt Bowles	Public Works	CDL Class A Driver	\$37,500.00	4/11/2023
Charles Laing	Public Works	CDL Class A Driver	\$33,000.00	4/11/2023

Offered by: Lane \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: Brantley \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Brantley Yes Lane Yes Williams Yes York Abstain Cafferty Yes

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

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Dianna Harris, 17 Willow Dr.	Ms. Harris stated there was a request made to Township Clerk Siboni this morning to consider reinstating the Urban Gateway Redevelopment program through NJDOT. Ms. Harris asked that the Township should seriously consider this request.

Ms. Harris stated there are multiple dead trees at Liberty Park that need to be

removed.

Ms. Harris stated there was an additional tank in the ground in the redevelopment property in West Lake Ave. There was previously a Brownfields Grant that may be available to remediate the issue. Mr. Anthony stated the property was previously investigated and it was determined that it was not an issue to Mr. Anthony's recollection.

Gary Brown, Cardinal Rd.

Mr. Brown thanked Ms. LaPlaca for the update on the homeless encampment. Mr. Brown asked Ms. LaPlaca to confirm if Neptune is still the lead agency or if the State has taken over. Ms. LaPlaca stated Neptune is still the lead agency, but there is a strong partnership with the other organizations. Mr. Brown asked if there is more work being done for violations of property maintenance of the parcel and with ShopRite. Mr. Brown stated with the winds recently, there has been trash blowing into the neighborhood. Ms. LaPlaca stated the Township is in contact with the property owners of both parcels in question. There have been discussions of remedies such as the installation of a fence. Mr. Brown stated there used to be a fence there.

Hank Coakley, Valley Rd.

Mr. Coakley asked when the center line will be painted on Neptune Blvd. Mr. Coakley also stated there are no numbers or addresses on the buildings for the schools, public works, and municipal building. Mr. Coakley stated there is a large bump on Washington Ave. and Neptune Blvd.

Mr. Coakley stated he hopes the Township stops spending money on the parking concern in Ocean Grove. Mr. Coakley stated that he chose his own property to accommodate the need for his families.

Mr. Coakley stated all municipal cars and marked cars should have taillights and head lights on in the rain!

Mr. Coakley suggested additional traffic stops to check licenses, registration, and headlights.

Erin O'Connell, 35 Embury Ave.

Ms. O'Connell stated that Ms. Randi Evangelista came to the Township Committee to state there was harassment regarding Serenity Inn. Ms. O'Connell stated she has previously attended the Township Committee meetings to state issues at Serenity Inn. Ms. O'Connell stated she has voiced concerns regarding the Township providing front end loaders to remove debris at the property, outside of the bulk pick up schedule. Ms. O'Connell quoted concerns she found about Serenity Inn that she found online. Ms. O'Connell also noted she found a review from Randi Evangelista regarding the property. Ms. O'Connell stated she has come multiple times to ask for assistance and inquired when she can expect help. Ms. O'Connell stated she has been harassed by Randi Evangelista and police reports have been filed.

Nancy Clarke, 47 Embury Ave.

Ms. Clarke spoke about a certified local government program. Ms. Clarke asked, if the Township of Neptune achieves the Certified Local Government Program, would the Township be eligible for grants.

Ms. Clarke stated there was an application submitted in 2020 and in April 2021 and that an e-mail was sent to Bernard Haney and Mayor Williams regarding comments on the application. There was no follow up from the Township on this matter since November 2022. Ms. Clarke stated the e-mail was forwarded to Mr. Haney and the Mayor at that time.

Ms. Clarke stated there would need to be changes to an ordinance and an update to the Historic Preservation Commission. Ms. Clarke summarized correspondence with Mr. Haney.

Eliza Greenblad, 102 Franklin

Ms. Clarke asked why this is not higher on the priority list.

Ms. Greenblad stated that she had inquired about the tents in Ocean Grove and why they are not subject to Certificate of Occupancies. Ms. Greenblad stated that Mr.

