

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETING – June 12, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

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>
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, Greg Pasquale, Labor Attorney, and Michael Bascom, Chief Financial Officer

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. The notice of meeting location was noticed to The Coaster and Asbury Park Pres on May 3, 2023. In addition, the meeting agenda is posted on the Township web site (www.neptunetownship.org).

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN OPEN SESSION

1. 2023 Capital Plans

Mr. Bascom stated through the budget process, the Committee reviewed the capital budget requests, they were reviewed internally and there were over 16 million dollars that were noted as not included. A memo has been circulated to note the recommended capital projects:

General Ordinance Authorizing the 2023 Road Improvement Program - \$2,00,000.00 ~

This would be a general ordinance funded by a down payment from the capital improvement fund of approximately \$100,000.00 and the issuance of capital debt in the amount of approximately \$1,900,000.00.

General Ordinance Authorizing Improvements to Bert Willis Fields - \$250,000.00 ~

This would be a general ordinance funded by a grant from the State of New Jersey in the amount of \$74,000.00 a down payment from the capital improvement fund of approximately \$8,500.00 and the issuance of capital debt in the amount of approximately \$170,000.00. Funding would provide for the following:

Converting ballfield # 3 into pickleball courts, volleyball courts and a dog park. Adding Bocce ball courts to the pavilion area of the park.

Sewer Utility Ordinance for Improvements to the Wells Brook Sewer Easement - \$250,000.00

This would be a sewer utility ordinance funded a down payment from the sewer utility capital improvement fund of approximately \$12,500.00 and the issuance of capital debt in the amount of approximately \$237,500.00. The purpose is to rehabilitate the sewer easement to facilitate access for repairs and maintenance.

General Ordinance Authorizing Improvements to Bradley Park, Sunshine Village Park, and Loffredo Field- \$350,000.00 ~

This would be a general ordinance funded by a down payment from the capital improvement fund of approximately \$17,500.00 and the issuance of capital debt in the amount of approximately \$332,500.00. Funding would provide for the following:

- Re-surfacing of basketball court - Bradley
- Additional playground equipment - Bradley
- Replacement of building – Loffredo

General Ordinance for Facility Improvements - \$300,000.00 ~

This would be a general ordinance funded by a down payment from the capital improvement fund of approximately \$15,000.00 and the issuance of capital debt in the amount of approximately \$285,000.00. Funding would provide for the following:

- Municipal Building Generator Load improvements
- Municipal Building water service relocation

Mr. Williams asked if the project on Neptune Blvd. Mr. Bascom stated the first phase ha begun and the next phase is being prepared for bid.

2. Proposed Amendment to the Police Organization Ordinance

Mayor Cafferty stated the proposed ordinance change was brought to the Police Oversight Committee and the committee has endorsed the ordinance. The ordinance would include a change to

- a. There is a Deputy Chief, there are two captains
- b. When there is no Deputy Chief, there are three captains
- c. An increase to the possible number of officers to

3. Boardwalk Bicycle Restrictions

Mayor Cafferty stated that Bradley Beach had reached out because the ordinance in Bradley Beach has modified to change the times for bikes, scooters, etc. Mayor Cafferty asked if the committee is

4. Committee Calendars

Dr. Brantley stated that Juneteenth is scheduled for June 17.

5. Personnel Discussion; Doug Johnson

Mr. Pasquale stated that Mr. Johnson is a custodian in Public Works and there was an unpaid leave granted from April to June 14. Mr. Johnson has requested additional time. Mr. Johnson is seeking unpaid leave to assist with a family member. The Township has reached out to see if Mr. Johnson is seeking to be reclassified as part time or request an additional unpaid leave. As the Township has not received the clarification, so the recommendation is to extend the leave until the end of June with the hope that clarification will be received in time for the June 26 meeting.

Res #23 - 227 Authorize An Executive Session As Authorized By The Open Public Meetings Act.

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

Left for Executive Session at 6:16PM

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – June 12, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Cafferty calls the meeting to order at 7:14PM 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, Greg Pasquale, Labor Attorney.

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."

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion offered by Lane, seconded by, Williams, to approve the minutes of meetings of May 22, 2023. All present in favor.

PRESENTATION

- Recognizing Juneteenth Day 2023

WHEREAS, the residents, businesses and governmental institutions of Neptune Township are firmly committed to celebrating and promoting diversity, inclusion and cultural traditions of our Township's communities, and;

WHEREAS, On June 19, 1865, nearly nine decades after our Nation's founding, and more than 2 years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, enslaved Americans in Galveston, Texas finally received word that they were free from bondage. As those who were formerly enslaved were recognized for the first time as citizens, Black Americans came to commemorate Juneteenth with celebrations across the country, building new lives and a new tradition that we honor today, and;

WHEREAS, In its celebration of freedom, Juneteenth is a day that should be recognized by all Americans as it is a day of profound weight and power, and;

WHEREAS, On Juneteenth, we recommit ourselves to the work of equity, equality, and justice. We celebrate the centuries of struggle, courage, and hope that have brought us to this time of progress and possibility. That work has been led throughout our history by abolitionists and educators, civil rights advocates and lawyers, courageous activists and trade unionists, public officials, and everyday Americans who have helped make real the ideals of our founding documents for all, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith Cafferty, Mayor of the Township of Neptune, along with the entire Township Committee, do hereby recognize and commemorate June 19, 2023 as Juneteenth Freedom Day.

- Mayor recognizing the Late Honorable Judge Lisa Thornton

On May 26, the state of New Jersey lost a remarkable person with the passing of the Honorable Judge Lisa Payne Thornton. For those of you who did not know Judge Thornton, she was a powerful advocate for

justice and diversity. During her career, the legislative landscape of New Jersey had been made better thanks to her having been a part of it.

While we had the privilege of having her as our Municipal Court Judge here in Neptune from 1999 to 2001, it was her later work that really set her legislative legacy. She was Special Deputy Commissioner until 2006 and then later worked for Governor Corzine, eventually being appointed as Superior Court Judge in 2008. She set a high bar for excellence during her tenure in this position and was soon appointed to become the first Black Woman to serve as an Assignment Judge in New Jersey in 2014. This is where she still served until the day she left us and we will be forever grateful for her service.

In honor of her lifelong dedication to the pursuit of justice and achieving diversity, the New Jersey State Bar Association has established a scholarship in her name for young African American women seeking to attend law school. We at Neptune mourn Judge Thornton's passing and extend our sympathies to her family and friends

RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE POLICE OFFICERS

- The candidates who are recommended for promotion will be announced.

Chief Fisher thanked those in attendance to witness the promotion of the well deserving officers.

Deputy Chief Gualario provided the biographies of the candidates being submitted for recommendation for promotion, Jesse Dallago and Kaan Williams.

- Public comments regarding Resolution #23-228 only. The public will be permitted one visit to the microphone with a limit of five minutes.

Res #23- 228 A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune To Promote Officers In The Police Department

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

Mayor Cafferty swore in the officers.

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 Marina is open and operating unfortunately the weather has not been cooperating. Mr. Williams stated that the Reading Program at the Library will begin on June 20 where they have over 100 prizes for children, teens and adults who complete the reading assignment.
- Brantley Dr. Brantley stated he attended the Veterans Park Memorial Service, Shark River Hills Memorial Parade and the Township Memorial Day Parade.
- Lane Mr. Lane stated the Veterans Service where the 69 veterans who were killed in action were honored. Mr. Lane stated there were benches added and coordinated flowers used to highlight the American Flag. Mr. Lane stated Hooked on Fishing was a great event and was well attended. The Hometown Hero banner program was very successful and the Township Committee wishes to extend the program. If you would like to be included for Veteran’s day, please submit by October.
- York Mr. Lane stated that the Senior Center is hosting the MVC to assist with Real IDs. Ms. York stated the Ocean Grove Flea Market was a phenomenal event. The Town Wide Yard Sale is ongoing and zones can apply for their permit online. Tents and Cottages are open and have been inspected. Ms. York attended the Pride Flag raising. Juneteenth is on June 17 and encourages all to attend.
- Cafferty Mr. Cafferty thanked everyone who attended the Pride Flag raising as it is very important to him and his family.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

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

- Update on Homeless Encampment: On June 7th, I met with Director Callahan of DCA’s Office of Homeless Prevention to provide an update on progress made at the homeless encampment, and to also alert the State to some of the roadblocks the Township has been encountering in making more progress more quickly. As a result, the DCA has agreed to facilitate a case conference, to be hosted by the Township, in conjunction with Monmouth County and the associated nonprofit agencies who have partnered with us on this matter, where we will literally go line-by-line through each identified resident of the camp and see what steps can be taken now to rehome them to appropriate housing.
- New Jersey Natural Gas Upgrades – Green Grove Road: Beginning on June 19th, New Jersey Natural Gas will be upgrading their natural gas services on Green Grove Road between Route 66 and West Bangs Avenue. As a result, residents will see a temporary interruption in their natural gas service while the utility is working in the area – notices are being sent out to residents as we speak and posted on Township social media and our website. Every effort will be made by NJ Natural and their contractors to contact residents directly to schedule their work and minimize service interruptions. Work is expected to continue for a few weeks.
- Municipal Offices Closed for Juneteenth: As a reminder, please be advised that Neptune Township will be observing the Juneteenth Holiday on Monday June 19th, and all municipal offices will be closed for the day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

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

For Resolution 23-258

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Mark Lyons	Public Works	Part Time Recycling Attendant	\$17.48/hr	June 13, 2023
Joseph Beckett	Public Works	CDL Class B Driver	\$34,500.00	June 13, 2023
Jayne Narciso	Public Works	Recycling Coordinator	\$3,000.00 stipend	June 13, 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.

Joyce Klein, 105 Mt. Hermon Way Resolution 23-234 Ms. Klein asked in paragraph 2 of the settlement indicates that the Township or Insurance Carrier will pay the settlement. Mr. Pasquale stated the carrier will pay.

Nancy Clarke, 47 Embury Resolution 23-257 asked why a personnel matter occurred in public session. Mr. Pasquale stated the employee requested that under RICE notice.

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 23-22 Ordinance Authorizing Grant Of Deed Of Open Space Easement To The County Of Monmouth On Block 1807, Lot 2 (Formerly Known As Block 307.26, Lot 5) Owned By The Township Of Neptune

Explanatory Statement: This ordinance authorizes the deed of open space easement to Monmouth County for Block 1807 Lot 2 There was no public comment

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

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

Ordinance 23-23 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 Central Ave

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

The Clerk announces the public hearing on ordinances listed will be held on June 26, 2023

CONSENT AGENDA

- Res #23- 229** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions-Police Department
- Res #23- 230** Authorize Use Of Previously Appropriated American Rescue Plan – Local Fiscal Recovery Funds For An Additional Authorized Purpose
- Res #23- 231** Place Lien On Various Properties
- Res #23- 232** Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Recreation
- Res #23- 233** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Public Works
- Res#23- 234** Resolution Approving Settlement Of Brian Butch Lawsuit
- Res#23- 235** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Granting Leave Of Absence
- Res#23- 236** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Accepting Resignations
- Res#23- 237** Authorize Temporary Street Closing In Connection With National Night Out On August 1, 2023
- Res#23- 238** Authorize Temporary Street Closing In Connection With World Changer’s Beach Party On July 19, 2023
- Res#23- 239** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Waiving Municipal Portion Of Construction Permit Fees And Dumpster Fees For World Changers Rehabilitation Projects
- Res#23- 240** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Application To The Lead Grant Assistance Program
- Res#23- 241** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing A Chapter 159 Budget Amendment To Insert Revenue Received For The Sustainable Jersey Grant
- Res#23- 242** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing A Chapter 159 Budget Amendment To Insert Revenue Received For The Clean Communities Grant

- Res#23- 243** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing A Chapter 159 Budget Amendment To Insert Revenue Received For The Monmouth County Division On Aging, Disabilities & Veterans Services Grant
- Res#23- 244** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Execution Of Memorandum Of Understanding With New Jersey Office Of Emergency Management Relating To Grant Applications Under FEMA
- Res#23- 245** Authorize The Cancellation Of Grant Receivable
- Res#23- 246** Resolution Authorizing Maraziti Falcon, LLP To Represent The Township Of Neptune And All Other Relevant Defendants In The Of Township Of Wall And Wall 34 Realty, LLC V. Township Of Neptune; Ocean Grove Sewerage Authority; Township Of Neptune Sewerage Authority Filed In The Superior Court Of New Jersey, Law Division, Monmouth County, Under Docket No. MON-L-597-23
- Res#23- 247** Authorizing The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune To Execute Change Order #1 For \$8,000.00 With Albert Marine Construction For Shark River Living Shoreline” For A New Contract Total Of \$861,690.00
- Res#23- 248** Authorizing The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune To Execute Change Order #1 For \$72,137.50 With Fernandes Construction Inc. For Improvements To Neptune Blvd For A New Contract Total Of \$571,767.02
- Res#23- 249** Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Law Enforcement Firearms Equipment & Supplies Armor Express Razor III With Lanigan Associates Under New Jersey State Contract #17-Fleet-00763 For \$20,000.00
- Res#23- 250** Authorizing The Purchase Of 2022 Ford Bronco From Nielsen Ford In An Amount Not To Exceed \$25,982.92
- Res#23- 251** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Submission Of A Grant Application And Execute A Grant Contract With The New Jersey Department Of Transportation For The Improvements To Myrtle Avenue Project
- Res#23- 252** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Appointing Members To The Zoning Board Of Adjustment
- Res#23- 253** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Acknowledging Mayoral Appointments To The Historic Preservation Commission
- Res#23- 254** Authorize Renewal Of Liquor Licenses For The 2023-2024 Licensing Year
- Res#23- 255** Authorizing the Payment of Bills
- Res#23- 256** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Co-Sponsoring The Neptune Soccer Association Soccer Tournament
- Res#23- 257** A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Granting Leave Of Absence To Douglas Johnson

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Cafferty stated that resolution 23-248 will be removed from the agenda for consideration because it is not necessary at this time.

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

SEPARATED RESOLUTIONS

Res #23- 258 A Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Neptune Authorizing Certain Personnel Actions- Public Works

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Mark Lyons	Public Works	Part Time Recycling Attendant	\$17.48/hr	June 13, 2023
Joseph Beckett	Public Works	CDL Class B Driver	\$34,500.00	June 13, 2023
Jayne Narciso	Public Works	Recycling Coordinator	\$3,000.00	June 13, 2023

Offered by: Lane Seconded by: Williams
Vote: Brantley Yes 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.

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Paul Kaplan, 89 Mt. Zion Way Mr. Kaplan stated there is lots of division in Ocean Grove including land rent, cross shaped pier, closures of the beach on Sunday, yoga not being allowed on the boardwalk, among others. Mr. Kaplan asked the Committee what role local government has in addressing these issues.

Mr. Anthony stated there was a ruling that 1st amendment speech must be respected, there must be a separation of Church and state and an allowance for religious practice

Jarod Yaskowits, 15 Surf Jarod stated that the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting no longer states they are Methodist, so does that allow some wiggle room on the statements.

Mr. Anthony stated their charter noted they are a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Anthony stated they are not formally Methodist, and their mission is much broader. Mr. Anthony stated whether they are Methodist or not, they are still a religious organization.

Eileen Michael 15 Seaview Ave. Ms. Michael stated she has concerns over safety. There was a post on social media that was very frightening to her, which was to pray to get rid of those who do not follow Jesus. Ms. Michael’s is concerned with the level of rhetoric that is being used and it raises safety concerns for members of the community. Ms. LaPlaca reached out to the Police Department to address the public over the concerns expressed. Ms. LaPlaca stated the Police Department reviewed whether organizers have successfully held events in the past. There will be officers present at the event and private security at the event.

Eliza Greenblad 142 Franklin Ms. Greenblad stated a sign was posted in Boswell Park that states the park is owned by the Camp Meeting, but maintained by Neptune Township. Ms. Greenblad noted that Rev. Boswell was a part of OGCMA when the Ku Klux

	<p>Klan was invited to speak at the Great Auditorium. Mayor Cafferty stated he was unaware of the history of the name of the Park and would encourage Camp Meeting to reconsider the name of the park.</p> <p>Ms. LaPlaca stated the ordinance exempts certain parks and signage from permits.</p>
Harriet 82 Broadway	<p>Harriet stated that the event of Bridgefest has occurred for many years, but the culture and climate has changed significantly. The presence of a speaker known to be racist and homophobic is very concerning.</p>
Douglas Johnson, 7 th Ave.	<p>Mr. Johnson stated he was RICE today. Mr. Johnson stated it was inaccurate that he wanted to be part time. Mr. Johnson stated that he was told by Director Milmoie that he was not supposed to go to HR or Administrator. Mr. Johnson stated he wanted an accommodation to leave one hour early.</p> <p>Mr. Anthony stated that he does not believe this is appropriate to discuss this matter in public especially when other employees are being discussed.</p> <p>Mr. Johnson claimed harassment from David Milmoie and Melvin Fitzpatrick including being asked what he is doing throughout the day. Mr. Johnson noted that there was a change in the schedule. Mr. Johnson stated he was discriminated against because the Township would not accommodate the request to change schedule or to work through break to leave an hour early. Mr. Pasquale noted that Public Works Hours were always 6am-3pm. Mr. Johnson noted that due to his child being Autistic, he should be granted this accommodation. Mr. Johnson believes he should have been granted the accommodation. Mr. Johnson stated he submitted a grievance against Mr. Milmoie.</p>
Paul Martin, Ocean Grove	<p>Mr. Martin has stated that Mayor Cafferty noted that banners would be placed in honor of Pride Month.</p> <p>Mr. Martin asked if the Township Committee had issue with small pride flags being placed in the median. Mr. Anthony stated it is public property. Mayor Cafferty stated he does not have an issue</p>
Barbara Burns Joyce Klein, 105 Mt. Hermon Way.	<p>Ms. Burns stated the sign at Boswell Park is not a bronze sign.</p> <p>Ms. Klein congratulated the organizers of Art on the Porch and it was a wonderful event Ms. Klein stated there was a workshop regarding the regulations on the boardwalk and asked for a timeline. The Homeowners are in support of the ordinance.</p>
Theresa Checkey Mt. Tabor way.	<p>Ms. Checkey stated the streets are appalling. There is debris in the street, the parks are in disrepair. Ms. Checkey asked that Public Works look into this to clean up the area.</p>
Joan Venezia 107 Mt. Hermon Way	<p>Are dumpsters allowed in Ocean Grove from Memorial Day to Labor day? 63 Cookman had chicken wire around the poles and now the chicken wire has been removed and there is a caution tape on the porch. It is under construction, but it is not safe. Ms. Venezia stated she has not seen progress and it's an unsafe situation. Mayor Cafferty stated bussing is impossible to schedule or it is priced out of the program availability.</p> <p>The shuffleboard club has been in contact with Recreation to create a program. The issue seems to be that there isn't a bus or bus diver available.</p> <p>Ms. Venezia stated there is a program for children in Asbury to receive Beach Badges. Can a program like that be considered in Ocean Grove.</p>
Gary Brown, Cardinal Road	<p>Mr. Brown thanked Ms. LaPlaca for her work trying to remedy the issue the neighborhood is facing. Mr. Brown asked if there is a remedy for those in the encampment who do not want to move or to utilize the assistance offered. Mr. Brown stated a neighbor witnessed someone walking around the house. He was initially scared off, but returned to break into the property The Neptune Police</p>

did arrest him, but he was released the next day. Mr. Brown requested an update on crime watch. Mr. Brown stated that the use of cameras really helped the police apprehend the person who tried to break into the property. Mr. Lane stated the crime watchers' program is outdated, but the Police Department has a new program and the Deputy Chief stated if the neighborhood is interested, the department will work with them to operate the new program.

Shane Martins, Mt.
Hermon Way

Mr. Martins acknowledged Mr. Gilligan who recently passed away and served many years on the Zoning Board. Mr. Martins asked that the resolution be amended to reflect his passing

Mr. Martin commented on the number of settlements that the Township has made. Mr. Martins stated the Township Committee, with the exception of Tassie York, is not an Ally to the LGBT community.

Robert Pagano, Seaview
Ave.

Mr. Pagano stated the traffic pattern on Route 33 eastbound to Route 35 where the lane changes from two lanes to turn only in the left lane.

Mr. Pagano stated a family spoke to him regarding the beach entrance being blocked on Sunday. The Family did go on the beach after being told the police would be called The Police department stated the family should leave, but could not cite the law that required them to leave. Mr. Pagano stated the young child was upset from the situation. Mr. Pagano asked if the Township Committee can request that Camp Meeting comply with the Public Trust Doctrine and Green Acres.

Nancy Clarke Embury Ave.

Ms. Clarke stated that on behalf of he Ocean Grove Homeowners Association, they support the change in boardwalk restrictions to the time to match Bradley Beach and request that motorized bikes or scooters not be allowed on the boardwalk.

Ms. Clarke asked if the signs that are posted are from the Township or Camp Meeting, but they are unclear and asked that it is looked into.

Ms. Clarke asked why the police are responding to residents accessing the beach prior to noon. Police should be notified that the access is not illegal.

Ms. Clarke stated that there are a number of vitriolic comments that need to be deleted on Ocean Grove Open Dialogue is growing. There have been comments calling other residents "terrorists" and on another site they were called "satanists" Ms. Clarke stated this is not the way things should be happening in our town.

Katie Burke Schindler
Court

Ms. Burke expressed her disappointment with the Township Committee as they post a banner about being an ally, but is not being a good ally. Ms. Burke stated there is a sign in the park noted a person who invited the KKK. Ms. Burke stated that an event not having issues in the past, but times are different now and hopes there are more protocols for safety put in place. Ms. Burke questioned what the Township Committee can do.

Josh Ballard, Schindler
Court

Mr. Ballard hopes that there is a sense of urgency to the Committee and that can be bestowed to Police Department so the residents of Ocean Grove can feel safe and secure. Mr. Ballard wishes the Committee showed more support to the community rather than to Camp Meeting.

Mr. Ballard also expressed concern that past events should not be judged the same way as the times and atmosphere has changed.

Mr. Ballard asked why the police are responding to calls for access to the Beach when there is not a law that is being broken and why the response is not being made to the attendant inhibiting the person from going on to the beach.

Mary Beth Rodd, 90
Broadway

Ms. Rodd stated she is in favor of the changes to boardwalk restrictions for the changes in times and the restriction on types of vehicles. Ms. Rodd stated she believes signage is important in order to notify attendees of the regulations. Ms. Rodd stated the current signs are confusing and small. Ms. Rodd encouraged the Committee to post clear signage and to have clear enforcement.

ADJOURNMENT

Offered by: Lane

Seconded by: York

Time adjourned: 8:47PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Gabriella Siboni
Township Clerk