

**Council Room Borough of Neptune City
May 17, 2016
Special Meeting**

The Regular Council Meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Robert Brown at 6:00 pm.

The Mayor asked everyone to join in on the Flag Salute.

Council Present: C/Pryor, C/Zajack, C/Renee, C/More, C/Wardell, C/Shafer, Mayor Brown
Absent: none

Mayor Brown announced that the Notice Requirements of Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 have been satisfied by the publication of said notice in the Asbury Park Press, and Coaster and by filing a copy with the Municipal Clerk.

Mayor Brown announced for those of you who are in the audience, just to give a brief summary of how we end up in our budget workshop, each council member is assigned a committee. That committee is made up of themselves and two other council members. They then, when it comes to budget time, they meet with the department head and the administrator. They go over the necessary needs, things they'd like. Their wish list. At that time, the committee goes through their budget line item for line item for each department. Once that's complete they turn it over with the administrator. Each committee does that. Then all that paperwork is given to the CFO, Mr. Antonides and then we have another meeting with the head of finance, myself, the CFO and the administrator and then we go line item and line item again. We're here tonight now to present each council member's committee's reports are all in one spot and they're all on paper and we can start reviewing them. At this point, I will turn it over. First, I'd like to thank everybody for your budget sessions and your meetings, because I know there's a lot of meetings when it comes to budget time. I will turn it over to Mr. Antonides.

Councilwoman Shafer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. Seconded by Councilman Pryor.

Be it resolved that the Mayor and Council recessed to Executive Session to discuss a matter pertaining to a legal matter.

On Roll Call the following vote was recorded:
Aye: C/Pryor, C/Zajack, C/Renee, C/More, C/Wardell, C/Shafer
Nay:

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

The Mayor and Council returned at 6:10 pm.

Mayor Brown announced that minutes were kept of the Executive Session but will not be made public until such a time as they have no bearing on the operation of the Borough.

Mr. Antonides stated the anticipated tax rate for this year is the exact same as last year. Last year we had 94.32 per \$100. We anticipate the exact same tax rate for the year of 2016 as we had in the year 2015.

The fund balance, last year we utilized a small amount of fund balance, smaller than last. We've been using like \$270,000 last year. This year we've got to bring that up to \$400,000. Looking at our fund balance and the regeneration of fund balance, we are generating that amount. We're generating \$400,000 plus each year, so in order to keep the tax rate at a level base, we're going to appropriate that to \$400,000 instead of \$270,000. I don't see anything the future is going to change that. It looks like we have been generating that kind of money for the past five, six years. Bringing that up to \$400,000 or the additional \$130,000 should not have any financial ramifications on the borough.

Again, we have two different caps. We have a levy cap and an appropriation cap. The levy cap basically at 2%. That levy cap now has so many loopholes in it that this somewhat has become a lot easier to deal with any appropriation cap. The appropriation cap is at 3 1/2%. We are within that also.

Biggest increase is in this year's budget. The PFRS or the Police and Firemen's Pension went up from \$363,807 to \$424,982. That's a \$61,175 increase or 16.82%. We have absolutely no control over that. That's computed annually by the state, Department of Pensions.

Another item that went up substantially is the clerk. The clerk went from other expenses from \$3300 to \$18,500. Most of that cost about \$15,000 was for a special election that you just had. Group insurance for employees is anticipated to go from \$759,200 to \$840,000. That's an increase of \$80,800 or 10.64%. All the other insurance, if you take all the insurance lines combined, that went from \$937,000 to \$1,033,797. That's a \$96,000 increase or 10.33%. \$1,033,797. That's all the insurances. That's your health insurance. Your liability insurance, workman's comp, all the insurance. And the insurances, again, that's substantial increase. 10.33%.

Police department is another large increase from \$1,675,000 to \$1,988,000. That's basically all that I have to say unless somebody has questions. That's just a quick summary of the budget.

Mayor Brown commented, we can sit up here for four hours and go line item for line item, as we've talked about before but as I said in the beginning of the meeting, each committee's already done that. We've put everything together. What I'm going to do at this point, I'm going to start and I'm just going to go and after each council member if you have one particular item that you're concerned with or you think that there's a mistake or you don't know why the number is there or something like that, unless you guys are in agreement that you want to go every single line item again over and over again, is that all right? We continue on?

Mayor Brown stated this budget presents basically a zero increase in property tax to the residents of Neptune City As he said, we've been increasing our revenue and putting back into surplus each year and I believe each year, a little bit, it will continue to grow due to some of the pilot programs, the pilot program we have going on. They keep coming on board each year. Hopefully that whole plan is working out. We have another redevelopment coming up. It will help, continually help stabilize and help Neptune City with future taxes.

Councilman. Zajack said it's not necessary to go line by line.

Councilman More stated he agreed with procedure we're following tonight and at this time, the answer is no it is not necessary to go line by line over the budget.

Mayor commented to Mr. More thank you for all your work and all your meetings with public works and I know our Department heads, we put them through their, they're actually, we've got some great Department heads. They know the deal. They know this isn't a big town where we've got all kinds of money to play with, and the fact that most of them live in town. That helps. They don't want any increases either.

Councilman Pryor asked Actually, I see that we have a pretty dramatic increase in surplus. I'm just wondering how that came to be?

Mr. Antonides responded there was a big dip back around 2010, but it's actually been close to \$1,200,000. I do have a chart here that shows it. The end of '16 its \$1.2 million. The end of 2015, its \$1,040,000. At the end of 2014, it's a \$1,157,000. 2013 it was \$756,000. But we're only, out of that, we're basically building it up. The amount of fund balance reporting back in right now, is around \$500,000. There are some items that do not count towards fund balance because inter funds, if we borrow money for say a capital project, and we do issue capital no source sales, so that kind of stuff, it does decrease the amount that's available. The amount that we're anticipating using of \$400,000. I mean this year alone we put close to half a million dollars back. I don't see anything that's going to stop that right now, or anything that's going to make that decrease.

Actually, looking at it that should be going up. I think the first problem that we're actually going to have will not be the fund balance, it will be the appropriations cap because if you do have some older police officers retire, something like that, that will help it but that's the tightest thing that most accounts have to deal with because that 3 1/2%, and that's nothing we're looking at in the near future.

There is some money that's technically tied up according to statute. But there's certain things that we cannot use even though we actually have the fund balance. We can't use them because inter-funds, if the current fund lends money to the utility fund or the capital fund we can't use that, by law we can't use it as "fund balance" or "surplus". But the funds are available so if we start liquidating things as time goes on, it'll bring the number back up. What you should use it to somewhat stabilize the tax rate and that's what the purpose is. Say oh I have these spikes going up and down, you're trying to keep the tax rate pretty level. That's my intentions, to keep it as level as we can. We are getting hit with some pretty big increases for pensions and stuff like that which is out of our hands, but that stuff is, every town's going to be hit by that.

Mayor Brown mentioned we do need to maintain a certain fund balance because we need cash flow. We need cash flow to actually operate the borough until the taxes come in. Maintaining that type of surplus keeps us, we're safe. We don't have to worry about running out of money. Ms. Sapp said we use to run out of money in July but we haven't in the last five years.

Mr. Antonides commented you don't want to use all of your fund balance what happens is you're basically taking all your cash and throwing it out the window. As you know, we collect the money for the county and the school board and we have to pay them. They don't want to hear that 20% of the people didn't pay their taxes on time. They want their money. If we don't have it, we have to go out into the market and borrow it so that we can pay them which is costly to us because now we're paying interests.

Mayor Brown said there's a lot of late tax payments. A lot more than people might think and sometimes it doesn't take much. If a big business, one of our largest tax payers in towns, chooses not to pay their taxes on time, we still have to pay the school. We're collecting for them. They still need their money. We can't hold the school's payment. Good question. Thank you.

Councilman Pryor thanked Ms. Renee for taking care of the law and ordinance budget.

Councilman Wardell mentioned he had actually recognized that was the one thing that I was worried about that jump in surplus. Thank you. So there are no questions

Councilwoman Renee commented, I don't really have a budget in my committee. I do have some questions about the overall budget if you don't mind. I'm wondering if the state aid is increasing at all.

Mr. Antonides replied No, the state aid will not increase. State aid, as you recall about probably 10 years ago, they took our gross receipts and franchise tax that the towns were supposed to get and they are now taking all that money and using it for their budget. The towns no longer get that increase that we're supposed to get. The state aid has been flat for at least 10 years, I think now it's been 10 or 11 years. We're supposed to get in the past before that every year we did get an increase and it, whatever the utilities paid, we got an increase. The state decided they're going to use that for their budget and we get nothing. Mayor Brown commented, it was supposed to originally pass through. We were supposed to collect it and they'd give it back to us and the more we did get collected we would get more back but the state realized how much they can take of it and spend it or give it away. They give a lot of it away. They're just not giving any more of it back to us.

Mr. Antonides stated Back in the 60s the towns used to assess it ourselves and they money would come directly to us. The state took that over and they realized that they could take it. So they took what they thought was their fair share which was anything above what we got from that base year, they kept. They still keep.

Ms. Renee asked you're saying that the municipal tax rate is going to stay the same? Mr. Antonides replied the municipal tax rate will be 94.32 cents, same as it was last year. Ms. Renee asked, no percentage increase at all? Mr. Antonides said percentage of? In the tax rate? No. Not in the tax rate.

Ms. Renee asked Last year we used about \$60,000. We were supporting our budget, our general funds with about \$60,000 of our correct? Mr. Antonides answered yes. Ms. Renee asked you're anticipating how much that we're going to be using to support our general fund? Mr. Antonides said I believe it was the same amount we used. I can double check that. Yeah, same amount. \$60,000. Ms. Sapp said from Sewer.

Ms. Renee asked do we see any increase in retables at all. Mr. Antonides replied we have a ratable increase which we're allowed to use. There is a certification that comes from the tax assessor every year that we're allowed to increase our budget by. That gave us an increase of \$9,025. I'm not sure what the exact, that's somewhere downstairs. But there actually is a form that they have to fill out saying what the new retables were. And then we can increase our budget by that amount for both the levee cap and the appropriation cap. Ms. Sapp mentioned our evaluation did go up for this year and we do have the Key East Commons coming back on the pilot program. Their acceptance are coming up each year.

Ms. Renee asked will we see that before we need to approve the budget? Ms. Sapp explained the evaluation happens in October, is when the added properties come on. We don't have that for budget time. If there's any building that was done between October of last year, and September of this year, they get an added assessment bill in November so we don't have that right now, however there's a lot of construction going on in town depending on what completed, that's when we'll know what we have but it won't be until September. We'll get the money by taxes in November, January and February and May. But then it won't be included into our evaluation until next year.

Mr. Antonides explained they do have a benefit in that you do keep the municipal and school portion of those added assessments. We do have to pay the county their share but the school's share we get to keep here so it's kind of a windfall. It didn't make that October 15th listing for the county. Some of that money

comes to us which is a little bonus that we get which is beneficial to us. But it's a onetime deal. Just get it the first year, and if that thing comes on ad assessment we get to keep that additional added tax revenue for ourselves.

Ms. Renee said this question would be more about the committee. I know that the library was taken off of the special services committee. The community center was taken off of the special services committee. The environmental committee and the shade tree commission are two separate committees? I know a lot of towns have them on the same committee so there's not inter-funds and confusion that way. Is it possible to, maybe for next year, change those committees so that environmental and the shade tree are on the same. Mayor Brown said well, we can talk about that later but that's not part of the budget.

Ms. Renee commented I know environmental has a lot of budget and we're looking at it with the shade tree commission about things we want to do and it's available through the environmental portion but I don't know if that is considered inter-funds and I don't want it to be, you know.

Mr. Antonides said there's not inter-funds within the same operating budget, it's not an inter-fund. It's the same taxation.

Ms. Sapp mentioned and a lot of the environmental money that get, a lot of that is reimbursement from the recycling tonnage grant that we file each year. We set it aside. We do a lot of recycling. We do a lot of recycling. You've all heard me say we can't believe there's any more trees in town because we recycle so much brush. We pay for a lot of the brush removal with our environmental account. Some equipment, some repairs, but it's outside of the current account.

Mr. Antonides also said that's a recycling truck. That's a dedication by rider which it doesn't go through the budget process. Any dedications by rider are just for any items that we're not sure what the dollar amount is. The state will allow you to, instead of appropriating your budget, put them in a trust fund and it continues year after year. It doesn't end on December 31st of any given year. Things like that just keep rolling year after year. It's like a capital ordinance except these are dedicated revenues.

Mayor Brown commented I know what you mean. There's money that look like they're environmental but they're not there for anybody to spend on special interests or anything like that. That money's already, it's dedicated. Some of it's through grant and when the grants are done, they have to be appropriated to what the grant was got for which is like I said, recycling is one of the biggest ones and that's through environmental. Ms. Renee asked if we are anticipating any new grants this year. Mayor Brown explained we will go over that after reviewing the capital budget.

Councilman Zajack commented I probably sent it to everybody, I just want to commend the mayor, all the committee chairs, for keeping the costs down. I know how hard it is in a small town like ours. We can't just go through ratable. We can't put in parking meters to gain new ratable, but I think everybody should commend themselves. To have a zero increase in a tax rate is big, I think. I just want to say well done, Mary, Bill, great job, and Finance Chair Barbara Shafer.

Mayor Brown asked if we wanted to move on to capital. Councilwoman Shafer stated I just wanted to only just thank the department heads and everything. How they keep the costs down, how they fix their equipment as opposed to keep asking for new. Everybody's got issues. Everybody. Everybody wants something new but I must say that the police department gets their cars fixed and repaired and uses them for as long as they can and public works is always fixing their equipment or having an agreement with Avon or another town where they use our equipment, we use theirs and that's also helping to keep our tax rate down. It's been many years since we've seen the zero expense tax increase in Neptune City. I want to thank everybody for their hard work and diligence with the budget.

Mayor Brown commented. I keep going back to our fire chief's vehicle and this is how Neptune City is, is the way I was always taught, even from Bob Deeves and Tommy Arnone. That fire chief's vehicle was a 2000. Jack Rose was the fire chief at the time. Barbara you were fire commissioner, weren't you, when Jack got that? She said yes. In 2000 and we used it for 15 years. I could tell you right now, there's nowhere around, I know most of the fire departments in the area, nobody else had a fire chief's truck that was 15 years old. These guys get like five years out of them and not only did we replace our fire chief's vehicle, but then we recycle. That's what we do here in Neptune City. That fire chief's vehicle got brought down to the public works building. They went over it. They took the lettering off it. They buffed it up. They put new lettering on it. And it replaced a 20-something year old code enforcement car. Now that vehicle is in code enforcement. It's not necessarily an emergency vehicle anymore, but we'll recycle that thing until, and then I think we even sold that car. We're selling that car at the next meeting. We'll get \$500 back from it. We don't just keep buying stuff over and over again. We like to recycle. We like to recycle vehicles and employees.

We wanted to talk about the capital projects as a group. One of the things that we really are in major need of is repairs throughout the entire building. From the carpets, to the blinds, to these disgusting chairs. There's a lot of improvements that need to be made in flooring. We would like to ask for \$30,000 for capital to be put, it does not necessarily all have to be used this year. I got a price on carpeting which is about \$15,000 and I know in the library they have not had new furniture or equipment. The code enforcement office, it's a hodge podge in there. We want to tighten everything up and make it look good and do things that we've been trying for years to put these improvements into the current budget and what happens is an HVAC unit goes, to the tune of \$15,000, or something more emergent comes up and then we don't have the money to do these projects. By doing a capital we would have that money set aside and as I said, it doesn't have to all be used this year. We can go ahead and do a maintenance project, maybe, which is \$30,000 this year, we could put \$5,000 into it next year for the next few years so we can improve the things that we need to improve.

Mayor Brown reminded everyone as everybody remembers we have shared agreements with other towns. This municipal building generates funds. This court, our court offices. This courtroom definitely, council chambers, courtroom, it definitely needs to be cleaned up a little bit. There's some, I believe there's even some new regulations. If you've ever been up here in court, I'm just going to say, I've seen some folks sitting in the chairs and I'm just glad they're not sitting in my chair that I got to sit in.

They need to be vinyl like most other courts. The nice cloth chairs, there's stains on them and finally there's no food allowed up here but this court, Bradley Beach and Avon pay us, to use, they basically rent our court facilities from us. As I always say it's like running a business. I agree with Mary and I think the finance committee said that there's the office downstairs, when they redid them last year, the main office, that was the first time since the building, since they moved into building, since they moved into it in 1998.

Ms. Sapp mentioned the other thing we have this each year, is for the fire department equipment. Two sets of gear, so that would be \$5,000. Bill had proposed that a lot of towns would just put one time capital project of \$30,000. Again, our intent would only to be to pay \$5,000 a year for the next six years but then we have a capital improvement program in place. That's normal. Mr. Antondies also said if it saves you, most towns will adopt an ordinance for fire department equipment. They won't say exactly what it is because that way if they need something, emergency.

The money's there instead of going out and trying to grab at the last second or trying to change the ordinance. Most of them will put, and for the municipal building improvements and furnishings which is vague enough to take care of all of the stuff that has to be done. If you don't want to make them, I know some of them were pretty, in the past, were like improvements to Bennett Avenue. Well, what if the next

street over needs improvements so you're kind of limited. By making the terms in there somewhat vague you do have the ability to use it for other things that you may need it for.

Mayor mentioned we currently do that now with some of our projects. If there's something else that needs to get done and we know that we have something going on in town and there's money in the grant and the bond and we get a really good price, while the contractors here, we may say you know what, go replace this too at the same time. And it's all under the same bond and same grant and things of that nature.

Ms. Sapp said the only difference is that we would be doing \$30,000 for six years instead of doing it the \$5,000 each year. I don't necessarily know that we have to share that with the fire chief. I don't necessarily think that. But at least we know. It's a plan. It's not hard cash money back where it's not affecting our budget.

Mr. Antonides said and again, we only have to put 5% cash down. That's required by statute although there's been some move to get rid of that. As of now, we still have to put 5% hard cash down on any of these ordinances that we do and we get basically, we've been paying them off over a 10 year period. We do have a plan. Every year we raise about \$300,000 in our budget to pay off the notes that we have done in the past. You're pretty lucky in the fact that you don't have any long term debt. You have no serial bonds. You have no loans out there. You've been basically paying as you go, although it's been taking 10 years, but you're in pretty good shape that way. There's a lot of other requirements when you go out into the public. There's a lot of requirements that you have to do from the SEC and that becomes costly. You're talking probably \$12,000 plus a year to meet all the reporting requirements. That's one thing that you luckily don't have to worry about without having any permanent debt.

Ms. Sapp also mentioned the other thing that we usually do each year is we have some kind of grant usually each year that we put in as a capital project. In 2015, we received transportation trust fund money for Union, Poplar and Grey. We're doing the project this year. We've also been approved for a project for 2016 which we won't be doing in 2017, which would be the west wall, curb sidewalks throughout town. Road projects, curb sidewalks that need to be done throughout town. We'd have a complete grant for that. The grant that I'm talking about for Union, Poplar and Grey, the bid actually came in less than what we were awarded. We're not doing a capital grow project this year. It wouldn't be our recommendation to do one.

Then as far as the community development block grant, we all know that we just completed the boardwalk. We can only apply for that grant every other year so that would be from 2014's fund, that's completed now. Now in '16, we are going to apply for another project. We're going to have a hearing on Monday to discuss what the projects are going to be. Basically what happens is the engineer and the public works and the mayor and we just all go out and determine what is in the most need and community development is mostly with ADA requirements so it would probably be some kind of curbs and sidewalks that doesn't have either a sidewalk or the sidewalk's in bad repair, or it needs ADA compliance. We don't really need a capital for those large projects.

One thing for consideration, two things, public works has requested a storage building and a lean to to cover his vehicles. He does have a building on Laird Avenue. It's pretty rusted out. We do have a lot of equipment. We have a lot of lot of equipment that's in our parking lot right now. We have a lot of equipment that we try to keep nice as it can be kept. It's not covered. That's something to consider. I don't know if you necessarily need to consider it tonight. We did get some pricing. Both of those things together are probably about \$110,000. But I have asked him to give us more solid pricing. One thing to consider and then the other thing which I don't think would be for this year, probably be for next year. The yellow F150 or whatever it is that is from 1998, that the Superintendent drives, it is a functioning plowing vehicle but it is aging out. It's getting costly to repair. It may not last through another snow

storm. That's something to consider and those trucks with the plows, probably about \$55,000. Then again, I don't know if it's something you all want to consider a portion of it, or some of it could probably go to sewer and then that brings to the sewer capital. We want to continue doing what we're doing with the sewer capital. We're putting money aside for prevention, for maintenance.

She also mentioned lining the sewer lines so we're televising the lines throughout town. Some of them that we know might be in a little bit more older or in need of help so we're televising the lines right now and then what we do is select where we're going to line it. That could save us an emergency repair for a sewer could be \$25,000 to \$40,000. Easily. It starts at \$25,000 basically. I think we were proposing to put \$25,000 into the sewer capital budget to keep that project going and because it's sewer funds, it's separate from the current.

Mayor reminded everyone Remember, the capital improvement stuff is like the things you would do. It having a plan. I'm very big on plans. And a program for things instead of that panic buy. If we set up programs and I hate to use this as an example but the lease program we did with the police cars several years ago has worked out really good. The lining in the sewer lines, these aren't like a panic, we need to fix this or we spend the money on it, you get a plan going. It's kind of just like things that you would do at your house. Your dining room floor, are you going to buy paint or eventually have to replace your car. If you have a plan to do it, it's better than having a I can't, sometimes, things aren't planned but a plan is much better. It's controlled. A plan is definitely controlled.

I just want to address something real quick about the capital improvement stuff. These capital plans is that every capital project we do, almost every single one, I believe, has a grant attached to it. We don't do too much unless we can get some money. I actually got a negative comment about the boardwalk.

Unfortunately the person who sent me their little letter, didn't have the courage to put their name on it because they're clearly just angry about something and very uninformed. They really have no clue what they're talking about because first of all, it's Memorial Park. The boardwalk portion of it is like the capping of the main purpose. There's a bulkhead

Those that lived here during Sandy knew what Memorial Park looked like and how much erosion it got. If we did eventually do something, for bulk-heading, Memorial Park would eventually just continually deteriorate. We were losing a couple feet a year. The bulkheads were falling in. They would wash away. The sand was gone. No real sea life at Memorial Park and we did this project. When we initially did it it was about the preservation of erosion of our Memorial Park and our beach. Anybody who had been down there prior to that would seen that it was basically clay left. There wasn't much sand.

Last week, we had 200 cubic yards of sand brought to the beach, spread out and by Sunday afternoon, there were two horseshoe crabs mating on Memorial Beach. I don't know when the last time I saw that, as a matter of fact, I saw it and I took a picture of it and sent it to Billy Sciarappa. Billy came down because the horseshoe crabs have not been at Memorial Park for quite some time and actually that's where they spawn. They spawn in the sand. There's a lot more than it just being a boardwalk. Besides the fact that it is absolutely gorgeous and we can't give enough respect to our veterans and all of those who we memorialized for that park. That's what these grants are doing. The infrastructures on the roads, sidewalks, curbs, you won't see Neptune City out putting new curbs in where we just put new curbs. We're not repaving new streets.

I know some of these projects we did there were grass coming through the blacktop. Without doing these capital projects your town would completely fall apart. My goal is, and as long as I sit here, I'll continue to do that. I will aggressively seek those grants and I'll keep our infrastructure, continue repairing it. Just like I do at my house. Just like I do in my business as I do for my home, which is the entire Neptune City.

This Council Chambers, although it looks good, the carpet's nasty. The seats are nasty. You really can't clean them. We have a lot of traffic here. If you've ever been here during the day. There's three courts operate out of here during the week. During the day, there's day sessions and there's night sessions so I know you've got some other ideas for the vestibule downstairs and cleaning the courtroom up and I'm in favor of it. I don't want to see our municipal building look like it's something that nobody wants to walk into.

Mr. Antonides also mentioned I just say with the capital the state does require you to have a capital plan. In Neptune City's case it is a three year capital plan you're required to do. The reason they do that is to make sure you have enough down payment, to make sure you're thinking ahead. Because again you don't want to get caught short and then all of a sudden realize that we need this, this and this and we don't have any down payment, that 5%. They do make you do that for that purpose. It forces the town to think about what you'll actually need in the future and obviously we do have pretty good concepts of what we do need and what we want to do.

Ms. Renee asked about the sand, basically. That money came from the grant we got because of Sandy, right? Mayor Brown responded, no. There's two grants down there. One was Department of Transportation. One was an open space grant. The grant for Sandy was not used on Memorial Park. That was something totally different. Ms. Renee said I just want to make sure if the sand gets eroded again, do we have enough in our budget so that we can keep replenishing it. So is that something we need to look into? Mayor Brown explained it shouldn't erode again, not like it was, because there's a bulkhead. If you haven't seen Memorial Park prior to four years ago, prior to Sandy. it would just wash out

Ms. Sapp explained what the difference is, it was basically grass and telephone poles holding things in place and they had been there for 40 years. They had started to, especially since Irene, but the sand, honestly, we got a lot of it and it wasn't an exorbitant amount of money. And it was very good quality sand. It's nice sand. Mayor said I think we put, what's 200 cubic yards which is, it was 11 tandem truckloads of sand. It was a lot of sand. I think it was \$3500. We shopped. I'll go back again. I got Bobby Reynolds on the sand thing. Bobby Reynolds shopped around. We went from \$28 from Plate and Block to \$24, we found sand for \$17 a cubic yard, delivered. It was not that expensive. Ms. Sapp said we do not have to replace the sand everyone year like the clay on the ballfield. Mayor reminded you're not going to get the erosion. The erosion was from the land down the beach, and it would wash, you would literally get ruts from when it would rain. It would just wash sand right out into the river. And we did drainage improvement too. It's a complete project and a lot of it was based on, one of the reasons we got the grant they loved it, was preservation. To eliminate erosion and preservation of the park.

Mayor mentioned he would like to add a gazebo to the three year capital project plan. Mr. Anotonides stated you put the plan and you personally have to have an ordinance to appropriate it so you have to get the ordinance and after that you still have to approve the purchase of it. So you have two steps to go. The plan is just the plan. There's no authorization to spend a dime out of that.

Ms. Renee said that might actually save us money in the long run too. Right? Because don't we rent, or is it donated when we have musicians and things for Neptune City day. Mayor told Ms. Renee that they are donations. Mayor Brown mentioned Neptune City Day is a completely self-funded. It has nothing to do with any of that. That's a self-funded thing. We rent a stage but a gazebo couldn't be used as a stage for Neptune City Day. The other times we rent, we don't rent it, we borrow Neptune's stage. Their little wagon to the rock stars on. Mayor asked any other questions?

Moved and seconded (Zajack/More) to adjourn the meeting. Carried.

Mayor Robert Brown

Tammy Brown, Deputy Municipal Clerk