

Council Room Borough of Neptune City

August 24, 2020

The Regular Council Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at the Neptune City Community Center and was called to order by Mayor Wardell at 6:00p.m.

Borough Clerk Brown took roll call.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Calhoun, Kocsis, Pappas, Renee, Thomas and Mayor Wardell

ABSENT: C/Sullivan

Mayor Wardell 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 the Coaster and by filing a copy with the Municipal Clerk. Mayor Wardell also noted that the 48 hour notice was advertised and posted as required

Flag Salute

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 27, 2020

Motion by C/Calhoun to receive and file seconded by C/Kocsis

Voice Vote: Aye, C/Calhoun, Kocsis, Pappas, Renee, Thomas

Absent: C/Sullivan

COMMUNICATIONS

Police reports for May, June and July 2020 were read into record.

Motion by C/Pappas to receive and file seconded by C/Calhoun

Voice Vote: Aye, C/Calhoun, Kocsis, Pappas, Renee, Thomas

Absent: C/Sullivan

PRESENTATIONS:

None

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT:

None

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Christopher Cherbini

A/Cherbini reported

- 1) Update on parks
 - a. First Responders Park looking at monuments, sprinkler system in, waiting on NJAW to connect.
 - b. Memorial Park – playground equipment and gazebo have been ordered. Thank you DPW for all the work
 - c. Joe Freda park - Fencing has been installed, orange fencing around new area due to an issue with the rubber that was installed. Waiting for the repair.
- 2) Movies in the park are going well. Due to weather concerns, one movie has been postponed two times. Possibly will be shown at Halloween.
- 3) Borough Hall improvements will begin. We will be awarding the paint contract this evening.
- 4) Monmouth County has agreed to do shoulders on W. Sylvania Avenue, it should slow traffic down.
- 5) The online Municipal Auction is taking currently taking place. It will continue for a few more days and is going well.
- 6) The Veteran parking signs were created and installed by the DPW. They are located at Borough Hall, Community Center, Memorial Park and Adams Field.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Andrew Wardell

Mayor Wardell reported:

I. Covid-19

- A. As of today, Monmouth County is reporting 10,685 positive cases since they began tracking.
- B. Neptune City is reporting 70
 1. This number has dropped after clerical errors of location of infected.
- C. Monmouth County is offering free testing for residents' w/o symptoms or need of prescription. Today they are being offered at the Midtown school in Neptune until 7 pm. There are only 100 tests available so cannot guarantee that test will be available to all.

II. First Responder's Park

- A. The project has been delayed waiting for the irrigation to be installed, but it would appear that is about to begin.
- B. The departments are in the process of picking out their monuments and hopefully we will complete that project soon.

C. Cannot thank our First Responders and DPW enough for all their hard work and dedication.

III. Memorial Park

A. Tonight, we will be awarding a contract to have the curbs and sidewalks are memorial park to make the access to the new park ADA compliant

IV. Community Events

A. Last Thursday we had another installment of our Movie in the park with the viewing of Sing. I want to thank the Board of Recreation for their work on this and providing snacks and drinks to the kids.

B. The BOR is also holding two more family friendly events, tonight and next Monday are the last two. Pizza will be served as well.

V. Overdose Awareness

A. Some of you may have noticed the purple flags in front of borough hall. These flags represent the people who died of drug overdose just in Monmouth county to this date in 2020. When we were approached asking to take part in this I did not hesitate. I believe in the power of recovery, I have many friends still around today because of it.

1. During the pandemic I often worried about those in recovery trying to maintain their sobriety.
2. Tonight, we are passing a resolution to recognize August 31st as Drug Overdose Awareness Day

VI. Sad News

A. We as a community mourn the passing of Bill Steel. M/Wardell said many kind words about Mr. Steel. He also mentioned he is a History Teacher because of Mr. Steel. His passion for teaching was infectious.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE- Brian Thomas

C/Thomas reported that he will setting up a Capital Improvement Budget meeting for the upcoming year in the near future.

PUBLIC WORKS- Brian Sullivan

No Report.

LAW & ORDINANCE – Dave Calhoun

C/Calhoun reported he attended a meeting with A/Cherbini and C/Thomas to discuss concrete ideas. They discussed having a movie in the park and hand out candy in celebration of Halloween. C/Calhoun discussed participatory budget ideas. He mentioned he would like to utilize the survey monkey for voting this year. C/Calhoun also discussed the possibility of a community garden. C/Calhoun also mentioned he is happy we are doing Resolution 119. He is an active volunteer at the Brady Beach Food Pantry.

ADMINISTRATION & JUSTICE-Danielle Pappas

C/Pappas reported the Police have been doing extensive driving patrols lately due to the increase of MVAs they have seen and will be doing driving patrols through Labor Day weekend. The Neptune City Business Connections letters went out to all businesses in town and she is looking forward to receiving feedback and setting up meetings with our local businesses. C/Pappas will embrace any ideas anyone has. C/Pappas also mentioned that there will be a fundraiser held on September 13 at 1:00 at Memorial Park for Rosemary Thomas who was part of the Neptune City First Aid Department along with her family for many years. Chris, her son is the current Fire Department Chief. C/Pappas stated that the Thomas family has been dedicated endless hours to our community for many years and now it is our turn to give back to them so please come out and show your support.

SPECIAL SERVICES-Pamela Renee

C/Renee reported she spoke with Freeholder Arnone and he informed her that the trees that were removed from the wetlands will be replaced.

HUMAN SERVICES- Glen Kocsis

C/Kocsis thanked Ryan Maher for his application to be a Volunteer Firefighter. He also reported the Neptune City First Aid is looking for volunteers. He also stated that the First Aid and Fire Department are looking for donations because they could not rent out their banquet halls during the pandemic.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) -

Jen Coombs asked for additional information on Resolution 20-122 on the agenda. A/Cherbini explained the State of Emergency and we can pay things with the funds due to the storm and Fema may reimburse for expenses.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Mayor and Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council member (s) so request it, in which case the item (s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. The one motion signifies and adoption of all resolutions received and file letters, correspondence, reports and approval of applications and minutes.

Mayor Wardell read the following resolutions into the record.

C/Calhoun offered the following resolutions and moved their adoption. Seconded by C/Kocsis

Resolution 20-117 Payment of Bills

RESOLUTION 20-117
AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

BE IT RESOLVED that the bills as presented, all have been certified and approved as complete as to form, goods having been delivered, and/or services performed and sufficient funds being available for payment for said bills, be paid in the amount of \$126,884.62.

Resolution 20-118 Permission to conduct a coin toss

RESOLUTION 2020-118
PERMISSION TO CONDUCT A COIN TO TOSS

WHEREAS, the Neptune City Fire Department has requested permission to conduct a coin toss at the intersection of Brighton Avenue and West Sylvania Avenue on the following 2020 dates:

September 3, 4, 5
September 16, 17, 18
October 1, 2

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council approve this request pursuant to the conditions from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation and the approval from the County of Monmouth.

Resolution 20-119 Recognition of September as Hunger Action Month

RESOLUTION 20-119
SEPTEMBER AS HUNGER ACTION MONTH

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of grave concern in the United States, the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Neptune City is committed to taking steps to raise awareness about the need to combat hunger; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Neptune City is committed to working with Fulfill, formerly The FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties, to educate people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and

WHEREAS, more than 215,000 individuals in Monmouth and Ocean Counties now rely on food provided by Fulfill and its partners since the beginning of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the unemployment level is the highest it has ever been in the history of the State and the poverty level for a family of four is \$25,465 and 9.5% of families live below that level; and

WHEREAS, since March 13th, 2020, Fulfill has provided 1,986,909 meals including 16,000 **more** meals **per day** than the year before and 903,984 of those meals were provided to Monmouth County residents; and

WHEREAS, due to the pandemic, one (1) in every six (6) people in Monmouth and Ocean Counties received “emergency” food from Fulfill and their network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, food banks across the country, including Fulfill, will host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and attention to encourage involvement in efforts to end hunger in their local community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey do hereby recognize September, as HUNGER ACTION MONTH in Borough of Neptune City, and call this observance to the attention of its citizens.

Resolution 20-120 Approval of Firefighter Application

RESOLUTION 2020-120 APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Neptune City Fire Department is always in need of volunteers, and

WHEREAS, the following person has made application to become a member of the Neptune City Fire Department; Ryan Maher, and

WHEREAS, the applicant has been recommended for membership by the Neptune City Fire Department, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Ryan Maher be approved as a member of the Neptune City Fire Department.

Resolution 20-121 Award of contract for curbs and sidewalks at Memorial Park

RESOLUTION 20-121 AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR NEW CURB AND SIDEWALK AT MEMORIAL PARK

WHEREAS, the Borough of Neptune City has been awarded a grant from the Monmouth County Open Space Program in the amount of \$200,000, for playground equipment and a gazebo in Memorial Park, and;

WHEREAS, unadvertised bids were requested from three (3) contractors for concrete and sidewalk to provide ADA access to the existing and proposed playground and;

WHEREAS, Fernandes Construction, Inc., Monroe, NJ, is deemed to be the lowest, responsible bidder in the amount of \$11,500.00, as shown on the attached bid tabulation, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City, hereby awards a contract to Fernandes Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$11,500.00 for these improvements at Memorial Park;

BE FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Borough Administrator be authorized to sign a contract for the above contract.

Resolution 20-122 Authorizing Borough Use of Storm Recovery Reserve for Hurricane Isaias

RESOLUTION NO. 20-122

**BOROUGH OF NEPTUNE CITY
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH USE OF STORM RECOVERY RESERVE
FOR HURRICANE ISAIAS**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-62.1 authorizes municipalities to establish a storm recovery reserve, which may be used “for any purpose necessary to protect the safety, security, health, and welfare, of its citizens from damage” caused by an emergency that has been declared by the President of the United States or the Governor of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order 174, Governor Phil Murphy declared a State of Emergency in response to Hurricane Isaias; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has incurred expenses in its response to Hurricane Isaias, including but not limited to overtime for personnel associated with emergency response and removal and disposal of storm debris.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Committee of the Borough of Neptune City, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Borough Committee hereby authorizes the use of the Borough’s storm recovery reserve in order to fund its response to Hurricane Isaias.
2. The Borough Administrator and Borough Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps reasonably necessary to effectuate the foregoing.

3. The Borough Clerk shall transmit a true copy of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs.

Resolution 20-123 Governors Council on Alcoholism and Drug Grant Cycle July 2020-June 2025

**RESOLUTION 20-123
Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2020-June 2025**

FORM 1B

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the **Borough of Neptune City**, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Monmouth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Neptune City, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Neptune City Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2021 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$ <u>5,200.00</u>
Cash Match	\$ <u>1,300.00</u>
In-Kind	\$ <u>3,900.00</u>

2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Resolution 20-124 ABC License Renewals

**RESOLUTION 2020-124
APPROVAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LICENSES**

WHEREAS, the following Alcoholic Beverage Control Licenses have met the requirements to renew their licenses for the period of October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021:

Jay & Reddy, Inc. T/A Foley's Liquor Mart 76 Highway 35 Neptune City, NJ 07753	1335-44-004-002	\$720.00
Neptune City Liquors, Inc. T/A Max's Beer, Wine & Liquor 116 Third Avenue Neptune City, NJ 07753	1335-44-003-008	\$720.00
96 Woodland Avenue Corporation T/A Pete & Elda's Bar and Grill 93 Summit Avenue Neptune City, NJ 07753	1335-33-008-002	\$1400.00
Maavida LLC. T/A Pop's Liquor 314 W. Sylvania Avenue Neptune City, NJ 07753	1335-44-002-004	\$720.00
Kelly's Tavern 43 Laird Avenue Neptune City, NJ 07753	1335-33-0006-005	\$1400.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City hereby approve the renewal of the above listed applications for renewal of their Alcoholic Beverage Control License.

Resolution 20-125 Award of Contract to Jet Pro Painting

**RESOLUTION 20-125
AWARDING CONTRACT TO JET PRO PROFESSIONAL PAINTING
FOR PAINTING OF BOROUGH HALL EXTERIOR**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Neptune City Borough Hall building exterior is in need of painting,
and

WHEREAS, the Borough has provided funds for building maintenance in the 2020 Municipal Budget, and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Borough Administrator to award the contract to Jet Pro, Professional Painting, of Neptune City who submitted the lowest quote, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City hereby awards a contract to Jet Pro, Professional Painting for the painting to be of the exterior of the building of Borough Hall, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Administrator be authorized to sign a contract for the above contract.

Resolution 20-126 Recognition of Overdose Awareness Day

RESOLUTION 20-126 RECOGNITION OF OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, addiction is a chronic disease, characterized by compulsive or difficult to control drug use despite harmful consequences; and

WHEREAS, addiction is seen by both the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization as a fast-growing epidemic that can all too easily lead to overdose and death; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, 67,367 individuals died from drug overdoses in the United States; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey alone, 2,900 people died from drug overdoses in 2018; and

WHEREAS, furthermore, for every drug overdose that results in death, there are many more nonfatal overdoses, each taking an emotional and economic toll on the individual, their family, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, addiction can fuel feelings of shame, guilt, embarrassment, depression, and hopelessness, causing individuals to resist seeking treatment and support; and

WHEREAS, Overdose Awareness Day is a global event held on August 31 of each year that aims to raise awareness of drug overdoses, reduce the stigma of a drug-related death, and to acknowledge the grief felt by families and friends remembering those who have died or had a permanent injury as a result of a drug overdose; and

WHEREAS, to further the goals of Overdose Awareness Day, all flags throughout the State should be flown at half-staff for the day's duration; and

WHEREAS, Overdose Awareness Day in New Jersey sends a strong message to former or current substance users, namely, that they are valued, and that overdose death is preventable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City and State of New Jersey:

1. August 31 of each year shall be designated as "Overdose Awareness Day" in the Borough of Neptune City to raise awareness of overdose and reduce the stigma of a drug-related death.

2. The Governor is respectfully requested to order flags be flown at half-staff and to issue a proclamation calling upon public Officials and the citizens of this State to observe "Overdose Awareness Day" with appropriate activities and programs each year.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Aye: Councilmembers Calhoun, Kocsis, Pappas, Renee, Thomas

Absent: C/Sullivan

Mayor Wardell declared the resolutions adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jenn Coombs, asked how was the meeting being documented? Mayor explained that it is being recorded by his phone streaming to Facebook live, herself and there was a recording devise on the dais.

What is the address that was being discussed for a community garden? M/Wardell stated it was on Midwood but did not have the block and lot at this moment. Jen also asked if the employees were notified of the possible breech. Mayor assured her that they were and all precautionary measures are in place.

Motion to Adjourn offered by C/Pappas. Seconded by C/Renee.

Voice Vote: Aye Councilmembers Calhoun, Kocsis, Pappas, Renee, Thomas

Absent: C/Sullivan

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Tamara Brown, Municipal Clerk