

Council Room Borough of Neptune City

June 22, 2020

The Regular Hybrid Virtual Council Meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Wardell at 6:07p.m.

Borough Clerk Brown took roll call.

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

ABSENT:

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.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

PRESENTATIONS –

Borough Engineer Matt Shafai presented the FY 2021 CDBG application for the public. Mr. Shafai mentioned this meeting was advertised in the Coaster on June 9, 2020. Mr. Shafai further explained that this project is also known as phase 3. In 2017 phase 1 was completed to include curbs, sidewalks and ADA ramps on Merrit, S. Wall, W. Wall, Rosewood Avenues and a block on Steiner Avenue. Phase 2 was just completed which encompassed most of Steiner Avenue. The current application will be known as Phase 3 to include the reconstruction of handicap ramps, sidewalks and curbs on Steiner Avenue and Riverdale Avenue Subdivision (Locust Ave., Summerlan Place, Third Ave.) Mr. Shafai explained the importance of redoing the area that the ADA ramps are old and the area receives a lot of foot traffic with routes included in the walking route to school, parks and shopping. The estimate for the project is approximately \$420.00. He further explained that the Municipality will seek \$200,000.00 for this project. Borough Engineer Shafai opened the presentation to the Public. Mayor Wardell mentioned that Neptune City will soon be fully ADA compliant. Mr. Shafai explained how the funding works. No Public attended and no comment virtually.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT:

NONE

IN MAYORS AND COUNCIL REPORTS

MAYORS REPORT-

I. Covid-19

A. As of today Monmouth County has had 9,098 positive tests for Covid-19, but over the last few days the number of new cases has begun to drop significantly.

1. Neptune City has 64 cases

B. We have reopened Borough Hall to the public with steps to protect both the public and employees.

II. Reopening of Business

A. Our restaurants reopened on the 15th.

1. July 2nd will be the reopening of indoor dining at 25%

2. Playgrounds will be opening

B. As of today, hair and nail salons are reopening. We wish them the best of luck and urge them to follow all the safety measures as we know they will.

C. Please support your local business and be patient with the safety precautions.

III. Borough Business

A. Parks

1. First Responder's Park is moving along nicely

2. Memorial Park

a. Kayak Rack raffle was a success. Glad to see so many people already beginning to use it.

b. A lot of people are enjoying the park/beach. We must remember that no dogs are allowed to be off their leashes on public property

c. Improvements are moving along. Contracts should be awarded by the next meeting and work will begin soon thereafter.

d. I expect it to be done by late summer

e. Mr. Cherbini and I have a meeting set up tomorrow morning with a group who may be willing to pay for some if not all the cost of installing a mat at the end of the ramp at Memorial Beach for wheelchair access.

3. Basketball courts at Adams field have been reopened as well.

B. Library

1. Starting today NC Library will begin Door-side pickup Mon, Tue., and Thur. from 1-5:30. Friday and Saturday 10-1.

a. July 2nd should be the day they reopen, but waiting on more clarification before we officially announce that.

C. Route 35 & 3rd

1. Recently, during a heavy rain, a too common occurrence of flash flooding at the intersection of 35&3rd happened. However, this time a motorist

was trapped in the flood waters. Thankfully officer Matthew Holt was able to pull the woman to safety.

a. Councilman Thomas approached me about using this unfortunate event as a possible leverage on the state to finally act on this problem that they have created but won't address. I want thank Mr. Thomas for drafting a letter on our behalf to the Department of Transportation. Mr. Thomas' experience as Assemblyman Scharfenberger's Chief of Staff gives him insight into the state government that has been very valuable to us here in Neptune City.

IV. Happy Birthday!

A. I had the pleasure of presenting Mr. Jerry Magruder with a proclamation acknowledging and celebrating his 100th birthday.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE- Brian Thomas

C/Thomas reported there was a slight issue with the budget on the State level but it has been rectified and will move forward with adopting the budget. C/Thomas mentioned that we are currently keeping our eye on the PTR freeze and Homestead Credit programs. The State has until September to finish their budget.

PUBLIC WORKS- Brian Sullivan

C/Sullivan reported that the DPW is doing work in the Police Department and getting the ball fields at Adams Field ready for the season. C/Sullivan thanked the DPW for their dedication and the work they do.

LAW & ORDINANCE – Dave Calhoun

No Report

ADMINISTRATION & JUSTICE-Danielle Pappas

C/Pappas reported that the PD is receiving numerous complaints about Memorial Park. Some of the complaints include loose dogs, smoking and drinking at the parks. Warnings have been issued and summons will follow. Ms. Pappas reminded everyone is you see something, say something, and that anyone holding gatherings of more than 10 people need to apply to the Borough for a permit. She also stressed those using fireworks, please be respectful and follow the noise ordinance. She reminded everyone to reach out to our PD for help because that's what they do best, help. Mayor Wardell mentioned that our beach is great but sometimes people need to be reminded of our local laws and ordinances.

SPECIAL SERVICES-Pamela Renee

C/Renee reported that the trek bench program is still going. You can drop your plastic bags off at Borough Hall, DPW or Community Center when it opens.

HUMAN SERVICES- Glen Kocsis

C/Kocsis reported that May 31 the NCFD was dispatched for a mutual aid with Wall Township call at Brisbane. He thanked all of the towns that came to the call. C/Kocsis also mentioned that the NCFA is still looking for new members.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATORS REPORT- Chris Cherbini

A/Cherbini reported that June 16 we opened our Municipal Office up to the public. Thanks to Gerrit from DPW for putting the social distance notices/hand sanitizing stations in place. People are following the rules. The Library is open effective today for curbside pick up and thank you to Theresa for implementing this plan. The Community Center remains closed. CC Director Tom Adcock has moved some programs to Memorial Park. Bathrooms are open at Adams Field and Memorial Park although there was a problem this past weekend. A/Cherbini asks please notify the PD if they notice anything out of the norm. Mr. Cherbini announced that First Responder Park is proceeding and we have now been able to add a sprinkler system. The Borough has applied for water service and NJAW has waived the fee. The Borough has purchased an outdoor movie theater system, we have purchased our own outside theater with a portion paid by Board of Recreation and the remainder from Capital. Our hope is to play some outdoor movies. A/Cherbini reported that with the Federal Cares Act., and the resolution that was on May 26th meeting we were approved to receive our first reimbursement from the fund. He also reported that although we had slight issue with our budget and were not sure we would be able to adopt tonight but were approved by the DCA and able to move forward.

Mayor Wardell reminded everyone please call the Police, you are not bothering them, please call.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) - NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 20-98 Community Development Block Grant 2021

Borough Clerk Brown read the resolution into the record.

C/Thomas offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. Seconded by C/Kocsis

Resolution 2020-98 Community Development Block Grant 2021

WHEREAS, there is a need to reconstruct handicap ramps, sidewalks and curbs on Steiner Avenue and Riverdale Avenue subdivision in the Borough of Neptune City, and

WHEREAS, the Borough is applying for a grant from the Monmouth County Community Development Block Grant Program for an amount of \$200,000.00 for construction, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of

Neptune City is authorizing the submission of the 2021 CDBG application and committing to partial funding of this project for 20% of the approved amount, plus engineering and design costs.

On Roll Call the following vote was recorded:

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

Absent:

Mayor Wardell declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution 20-99 Approval to read budget by title

Borough Clerk Brown read the resolution into the record.

C/Kocsis offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. Seconded by C/Calhoun

**RESOLUTION 2020-99
APPROVAL TO READ BUDGET BY TITLE**

WHEREAS, the 2018 Budget which was introduced on May 11, 2020 has been advertised according to N.J.S.A. 40A:4, and has been posted in the Municipal Building at least one week prior to the date of this hearing; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the same has been made available to each person requesting it during said week and during this public hearing, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that having conformed with the conditions set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8, the 2020 budget can be finally adopted.

On Roll Call the following vote was recorded:

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

Absent:

Mayor Wardell declared the resolution adopted.

C/Calhoun offered a motion to open public hearing for budget. Seconded by C/Sullivan
Voice Vote: Aye Councilmembers Calhoun, Kocsis, Pappas, Renee, Sullivan, Thomas
CFO William Antonides explained this year were under state review, and were approved to approve if we desire. CFO/Antonides commented that we are under both the Levy Cap and Appropriation Cap this year. Our tax levy will stay the same as last year. No reduction of services and outstanding debt is all held by the borough with no payable interest.

C/Thomas thanked everyone who took part in preparing the budget this year.

No Public Comment

C/Renee offered a motion to close public hearing for budget. Seconded by C/Pappas

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

Resolution 20-100 Adoption of Municipal Budget

Borough Clerk Brown read the resolution into the record.

C/Thomas offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. Seconded by C/Calhoun

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-100
ADOPTION OF THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the 2020 Municipal Budget was introduced on May 11, 2020, advertised in the Coaster on June 4, 2020 and a Public Hearing was held on June 22, 2020, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City do hereby approve the 2020 Municipal Budget.

On Roll Call the following vote was recorded:

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

Absent:

Mayor Wardell declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution 20-101 Proclamation for Mr. Jerry Magruder

Borough Clerk Brown read the resolution into the record.

C/Kocsis offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. Seconded by C/Pappas

**RESOLUTION 20-101
Proclamation of the
Borough of Neptune City**

Whereas, Mr. Jerry Magruder of the Borough of Neptune City celebrates his 100th birthday on June 13, 2020, and

Whereas, Mr. Magruder was born on June 13, 1920, and spent his youth in Chicago, IL, and

Whereas, Mr. Magruder is a proud member of the Class of 1945 Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY, and

Whereas, Mr. Magruder and his wife Marion Reiley Magruder were married for 60 years raising two sons and a daughter in Lake Mohawk, NJ where they were very active in community affairs including their Presbyterian Church, and

Whereas, Mr. Magruder takes great pride in his family, and has four granddaughters and one great granddaughter, and has always been a good citizen, friend and neighbor, and

Whereas, Mr. Magruder enjoyed physical fitness including jogging and lifting weights, and now enjoys Tai Chi sessions at Coral Harbor Rehabilitation Center led by a friend from his former residency at Asbury Towers, and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City, do hereby pay tribute to Mr. Jerry Magruder on his **100th** Birthday and extend best wishes for his happiness and wellbeing, and

Be It Further Resolved that Mayor Andrew Wardell declares June 13, 2020 as Jerry Magruder Day, and a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Borough of Neptune City and a copy be presented to Mr. Jerry Magruder.

On Roll Call the following vote was recorded:

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

Absent:

Mayor Wardell declared the resolution adopted.

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.

Borough Clerk Brown read the following resolution into the record.

C/Pappas offered the following resolutions and moved its adoption. Seconded by C/Renee

Resolution 20-102 Payment of Bills

RESOLUTION 20-102 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 **\$247,051.90**

Resolution 20-103 Authorization to execute Municipal Assistance/Shared Services Agreement with Monmouth County.

RESOLUTION 20-103 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE/SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq) authorizes local units such as this Municipality to enter into shared service agreements with other local units; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monmouth, a local unit, has offered to provide municipal assistance/shared services to this Municipality; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of this Municipality to enter into the proposed Municipal Assistance/Shared Services Agreement with the County of Monmouth.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Neptune City that the Mayor or Borough Administrator and Municipal Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute the attached Municipal Assistance/Shared Services Agreement with the County of Monmouth

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk forward a certified copy of this resolution, along with the executed municipal Assistance/Shared Services Agreement to the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, County of Monmouth, Hall of Record, 1 E. Main street, Freehold, New Jersey 07728

Resolution 20-104 Authorizing the Execution of a Commodity Resale Agreement with the County of Monmouth

**Resolution 20-104
Authorizing the Execution of a Commodity Resale Agreement with the
County of Monmouth**

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.15 authorizes local contracting units to enter into commodity resale agreements for the purchase of certain commodities from other contracting units; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monmouth has authorized the creation of Monmouth County Commodity resale system; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of this Municipality to become a member of the Monmouth County Commodity Resale System.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of Borough of Neptune City that the Mayor or Borough Administrator and Municipal Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute the attached Commodity Resale Agreement with the County of Monmouth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk forward a certified copy of this resolution, along with the executed Commodity Resale Agreement to the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, County of Monmouth, Hall of Records, 1 Main Street, Freehold, NJ 07728.

On Roll Call the following vote was recorded:

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

Absent:

Mayor Wardell declared the resolution adopted.

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

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

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Wardell congratulated the 2020 Graduates and although the graduation at Wilson School is virtual M/Wardell was proud to be able to record and present this year's leadership award to Mr. Liam Barry.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Tamara Brown, Municipal Clerk