

Council Room Borough of Neptune City
March 8, 2021

The Regular Council Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at the Neptune City Community Center called to order by Mayor Wardell at 7:00 p.m.

Borough Clerk Brown took roll call.

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

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

February 8, 2021 & February 22, 2021 Minutes Motion to receive and file offered by C/Kocsis. Seconded by C/Calhoun

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

COMUNICATIONS

February Police report Motion to receive and file offered by C/Kocsis. Seconded by C/Pietrunti.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation presented to the Smith Family for their Blessing Box by Mayor Wardell

Percolation presented to Mary Jodry for their Blessing Box by Mayor Wardell

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT:

NONE

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Andrew Wardell

Mayor Wardell reported on the following:

I. Covid-19

- A. 187 new cases in Monmouth County today
 - 1. 53,569 since March of 2020
 - 2. Neptune City is at 417 since March 2020

B. Hospitalizations

1. 231 hospitalized
2. 40 ICU
3. 24 Ventilators

C. Free Testing sites

1. Tuesday, March 9 in Long Branch from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Bucky James Community Center, 231 Wilbur Ray Ave.
2. Wednesday, March 10 in Asbury Park from 9 a.m. to noon at the Asbury Park Transportation Center, 1 Municipal Plaza
3. Saturday, March 13 in Neptune from 9 a.m. to noon at the Neptune Senior Center, 1607 State Rt. 33

II. Vaccine

A. As of today 182,668 vaccines have been administered in Monmouth County

1. 64,062 have has 2nd, approximately 10%

B. Residents of MoCo are encouraged to register for the County's vaccine program at www.visitmonmouth.com/health

C. I have been working with the State Senator and County Commissioners to set up a vaccination program here in Neptune City. I have offered our community center with the hopes of getting at minimum the residents of our Senior Center vaccinated.

1. In the meantime I have enlisted a few volunteers to help find and schedule vaccines for those who don't know how to navigate the sites well. This idea was actually shared with me by one of our own residents Joanne Jodry. As of date we have been able to help a few people, but not enough. If there is anyone who is willing to help please contact me or the borough.

III. School funding

A. Neptune City School district is currently slated to have a 23.29% cut in state funding.

1. This marks the second year in a row of cuts
2. Next two years are expected to be more cuts

B. I met with the BOE president, CSA, and Sen. Gopal last week to discuss our options for funding.

1. We discussed some options to get back a portion of the cuts, but there is no guarantee that we will.
2. Regionalization has been floated as a solution, but feasibility studies would show that it would actually be more costly for our residents and we would lose control of our children's education.
3. I have reached out to the governor to please reconsider his planned budget as it pertains to school funding.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Administrator Kane reported:

BOROUGH OF NEPTUNE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF: March 8, 2021

Thank you, Mayor. Just a few quick updates:

1. Preliminary Budget

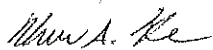
- I met with our CFO today to review the preliminary budget.
- The tentative presentation dates are as follows:
 - Introduction on April 12, 2021
 - Public Hearing on May 10, 2021
 - Adoption upon receiving final numbers from the State.

2. Police Department

- Chief Quagliato presented the police accreditation and the social media archiving to the Administration and Justice Committee.
 - Per discussion at the meeting, the Rodgers Group is available to present to the Mayor and Council at the March 22, 2021 council meeting.
 - I met virtually with Herman Perkins from ArchiveSocial for a presentation of their product. (Councilman Pietrunti happened to stop by and was able to sit in on some of the presentation).

Again, thank you to the Council Members and the staff for your help during this transition period. It is much appreciated!

Respectfully submitted:



Kevin A. Kane

Borough Administrator

March 8, 2021

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE- John Pietrunti

C/Pietrunti reported they had first budget meeting. The town has been fiscally responsible and would like to keep it that way. C/Pietrunti commended C/Pappas on her work with the Business Connection. C/Pietrunti also visited the Library and met with the Librarian and encourages everyone to do the same. He also stated that he sat outside of Quick Stop and was holding "coffee with a councilperson" and he was very moved by the unselfishness and kindness of the community.

PUBLIC WORKS- Pamela Renee

C/Renee reported Brush pick up will begin March 1. Leaf pick up will start April 15. She also stated that the street sweeper will be out this week.

LAW & ORDINANCE – Brian Thomas

C/Thomas reported he had a second law and ordinance meeting. C/Thomas discussed that C/Renee mentioned to possibly reach out to non-profits to help aid with ADA lacking areas. He also stated he had a meeting with drug free partnership and would like to set up a meeting the Governing Body and school with the organization to see what we can do to help the community.

ADMINISTRATION & JUSTICE-Glen Kocsis

C/Kocsis reported he had a committee meeting and had some discussion regarding the Police Department and doing a presentation regarding accreditation at the next meeting.

SPECIAL SERVICES-Danielle Pappas

C/Pappas reported that the rabies clinic will be on March 25 from 6-7. C/Pappas also stated that she is working with Pitty and Pals and SPCA looking into fundraising and awareness of overbreeding. She also stated Pitty & Pals will be hosting a virtual dog treat cooking class and host a pet food drive. C/Pappas stated she working on an Adopt A Spot Program. Arbor Day is 4/30 and she will be working on programs for the day. Monmouth County was able to chosen five towns to support for Arbor Day, and Neptune City was one of them. Meeting with previous chairs of committee to discuss previous projects. Neptune City Business Connection is going great.

HUMAN SERVICES- Dave Calhoun

C/Calhoun reported he had a meeting with Fire Chief and First Aid Captain. The Bathrooms at the Fire House are being upgraded to include a decon shower. Discussions included fundraising and updates they would like to see done. C/Calhoun stated they discussed possibly getting a new truck and rotation of equipment. C/Calhoun stated the First Aid will fundraise through mailings. Volunteers for both organizations are on the upswing. C/Calhoun stated C/Thomas is in touch with Hackensack Meridian regarding a powerlift stretcher. Volunteers are doing a fantastic job. C/Calhoun stated his thoughts regarding Wilson School and the school funding.

Mayor Wardell also thanked the volunteers for doing a great job.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) -

NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

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.

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

Resolution 21-65 Authorizing payment of bills

RESOLUTION 21-65 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 **\$78,770.33**

Resolution 21-66 Release of bond for Coral Harbor

RESOLUTION 21-66 RETURN OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE CORAL HARBOR

WHEREAS Coral Harbor Rehabilitation & Health Care Center posted a performance bond and a cash deposit in conjunction with the construction at Coral Harbor Rehabilitation & Health Care Center at 2025 Sixth Avenue, Neptune City, Block 106 Lot 15

WHEREAS Leon S. Avakian, Inc. the Borough Engineer has certified that the improvements necessitating by the performance bond and cash deposit are complete, and

WHEREAS Coral Harbor Rehabilitation & Health Care Center has requested that the performance bond be returned, and

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Neptune City that the performance bond supplied by Coral Harbor Rehabilitation & Health Care Center be returned

Resolution 21-67 Approval of Non-Contractual employee salaries for 2021

**RESOLUTION 21-67
SALARY RESOLUTION**

Be it further resolved that the following salaries become effective January 1, 2021

Borough Administrator	\$95,000.00
Municipal Clerk	\$66,300.00
Tax Collector	\$10,404.00
Deputy Tax Collector	\$1,500.00
Tax Assessor	\$25,274.79
Emergency Management Secretary	\$1,500.00
Director of Public Works	\$103,799.28
Superintendent of Public Works	\$84,129.78
Judge	\$36,301.80
Prosecutor	\$27,500.00
Public Defender	\$9,400.00
Construction Officer	\$22,797.00
Zoning Officer	\$3,112.74
Sub Code Building Inspector	\$9,145.10
Sub Code Plumbing Inspector	\$7,260.79
Sub Code Fire Inspector	\$9,889.65
Electrical Inspector	\$8,219.16
Housing Official	\$6,762.60
Code Enforcement Officer	\$16,884.88
Land Use Board Secretary	\$11,869.61
Librarian	\$19,797.89
Library Aid 1	\$16.25 per hour
Library Aid 2	\$13.77 per hour
Office Manager (Admin Office)	\$5,100.00
Payroll Manager	\$5,100.00
Fire Prevention Official	\$12,916.00
Fire Prevention Inspector	\$1,500.00
Sewer Operator	\$17,257.76
Assistant Sewer Operator	\$11,064.15
Recycling Coordinator	\$2500.00

Assistant Recycling Coordinator	\$863.83
Secretary 1	\$45,294.00
Secretary 2	\$43,076.00
Secretary 3	\$36,414.00
Registrar of Vital Statistics	\$2,000.00
Assistant to Finance Officer	\$1,000.00
Court Administrator	\$73,400.00
Deputy Court Administrator	\$51,000.00
Mayor	\$6,531.63
Council	\$5,730.52
Community Center Director	\$73,798.20
Police Administrative Clerk	\$65,858.56
Opra Clerk (Police)	\$5,306.04
Crossing Guard	\$16.50 per hour
Class 2 -3 Special Officer	\$30.00 per hour
Part Time/Seasonal/ Hourly	\$12.00-\$20.00 per hour

Resolution 21-68 Authorization for Budget Transfer #2

RESOLUTION 2021-68 2021 APPROPRIATION RESERVES BUDGET TRANSFER #2

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-58 provides that a Municipality may transfer budget appropriations during the last two months of the fiscal year and the first three months of the subsequent year, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in order to meet the fiscal obligations of the Borough, the following attached transfers are necessary:

TRANSFERS FROM

Account Name	
<u>Current Fund</u>	
Employee Group Insurance	\$ 11,800
Tax Assessor - Other Expenses	4,600
	\$ <u>16,400</u>

TRANSFERS TO

Current Fund

Engineering - Other Expenses	\$ 3,200
Recycling - Other Expenses	12,500
Vehicle Maintenance - Other Expenses	700
	\$ <u>16,400</u>

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City approve the attached list of budget transfers.

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

Absent:

Mayor Wardell declared the resolutions adopted

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ted Wardell, Tucker Drive commented about the school funding issue. Our School closing will save the state money. This is a serious issue. Mr. Wardell commented that we will need to do something, expand this issue to other legislatures. If the school sits empty, we will still have the debt from the school. Discussion continued. C/Calhoun and C/Pietrunti commented.

Councilman Thomas stated funding cuts will continue to 2025. He stated the State should share the burden of the special need's education services. Trenton and the Courts need to seriously look at the school funding. Discussion continued.

Motion to adjourn at 7:47 offered by C/Calhoun. Seconded by C/Pietrunti.

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

Tamara Brown, Municipal Clerk