

Council Room Borough of Neptune City
January 13, 2020

The Meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Wardell at 7:00 p.m.

Susan Hewitson took roll call.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Renee, Kocsis, Calhoun, Thomas, Pappas, Sullivan 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 Acting Municipal Clerk.

Mayor Wardell invited all to stand for the Flag Salute.

COMMUNICATIONS-

None.

PRESENTATIONS-

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS –

Kelly Stazdas, 3 Overbrook Place, with Brown & Brown, last year we did not have an insurance company. We had someone on retainer, unpaid unless we needed them. Mayor Wardell stated no. I believe that we hired someone. Ms. Strazdas continued to ask about Mr. Wardell working for the company. Mayor Wardell stated that his father stepped down from anything with the Borough the day he was elected as councilmen. Ms. Strazdas asked why we need this. Mayor Wardell responded that they are needed to help with any insurance questions or issues. I believe it is necessary to have all professionals for our employees and they deserve all the resources we can provide for them. Administrator Cherbini stated that Brown & Brown is also there to help with things like workmen's comp and all things to do with the Joint Insurance Fund. Recently we had something come up with drug testing for all the employees with CDLs. They help us with that. It's not all for the medical benefit side, more so for the workmen's comp, insurance on the building, liability for the town, etc. Ms. Strazdas also asked about the Borough Clerk position. We had a person here last year that did both Administrator and Clerk for one salary and one benefit package. How can we justify having both again, after going a whole year without? Mayor Wardell responded that we did not have both for the whole year. We went several months without a clerk and the Borough suffered by not having both positions. As far as salary and benefits, Mr. Cherbini is not taking benefits, as well as he is doing it for \$10,000 less than the previous Administrator. I feel it is a benefit to the town to have both a Clerk and Administrator and they are both important positions. Ms. Strazdas asked if the Clerk could be a part time position or a shared service. Mayor Wardell stated it should not be. We need to have someone here full time to handle the job. The Attorney stated that each Municipality is required to have a Clerk as per statue and vacancy need to fill in a certain amount of time. Ms. Strazdas asked if there was a name of a person for the position for tonight. Mayor Wardell stated that we have to wait for the Council to make a motion tonight. Ms. Strazdas stated her opinion, to make a gesture in non-politics to have somebody that come from outside the area, or someone who did not hold the position previously that walked away from the position. Mayor Wardell thanked Ms. Strazdas for her opinion.

OLD BUSINESS-

None.

NEW BUSINESS-
Resolution 20-16 Award of Contract for Municipal Auditor

RESOLUTION 20-16
AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR MUNICIPAL AUDITOR

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-3, the Borough of Neptune City (the “Borough”) has a need to acquire the professional services of a Registered Municipal Accountant to conduct the Borough’s annual audit and to provide related professional services as needed; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Neptune City solicited and received bids for this position using the Fair and Open process; and

WHEREAS, based on that process the Mayor has appointed, with the advice and consent of Council, Robert W. Allison, RMA to serve as municipal auditor for the Borough with an anticipated term of one year running from January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, funds shall be available in the Annual Municipal Budget of the Borough of Neptune City to support these services and the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of these funds; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1) Robert W. Allison, RMA agrees to serve and is hereby appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of Council, to serve as municipal auditor for the Borough of Neptune City, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey for the year 2020 at the rate set forth in his response to the Request for Proposal issued by the Borough; and
- 2) The Mayor and the Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement for the provision of such professional services, a copy of which shall be maintained by the Clerk and advertised in the Borough’s official newspaper pursuant to law.

Motion for adoption was made by C/Thomas, seconded by C/Kocsis. C/Calhoun asked if this is the audit that is for 2020 which will be done in 2021. Mayor Wardell said yes, it is. So Far, who we hired last year, will be doing 2019’s audit. Mayor Wardell said yes, he believes it starts in March. C/Renee asked if they are qualified. Mayor Wardell stated yes they are. They do work for many towns in Monmouth County, and they were also the only ones to submit an RFP for the position. The resolution was approved unanimously by roll call.

Resolution 20-17 Mayor’s Appointments for 2020

RESOLUTION 20-17
MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS FOR 2020

WHEREAS, the following appointments of employees and volunteers to positions for the Borough of Neptune City for one-year terms from 1/1/2020 to 12/31/2020 unless otherwise noted as made by the Mayor are hereby confirmed.

Administration and Finance

Borough Clerk/Elections
 Finance Treasurer
 Community Center
 Borough Attorney
 Municipal Engineer
 Library

Administration and Justice

Municipal Court
 Prosecutor
 Police Department
 Public Defender
 Alliance to Prevent Drug & Alcohol Abuse

Special Services

Street Lights
 Dog Licenses
 Environmental Committee

Public Works

Public Works Department
 Sewer Department
 Parks & Playgrounds
 Recycling/Solid Waste
 Shade Tree

Law & Ordinance

Construction Officials
 Zoning Officials
 Law & Ordinance Committee

Human Services

Fire Department
 Fire Prevention Bureau
 First Aid Liaison

PACO	2020	1 year	Christopher Cherbini
Block Grant Committee			
Delegate	2020	1 year	Andrew Wardell
Alternate Delegate	2020	1 year	Christopher Cherbini
Fund Commissioner	2020	1 year	Christopher Cherbini
Deputy Fund Commissioner	2020	1 year	Municipal Clerk
Safety Officer	2020	1 year	Robert Reynolds, Jr
Board of Recreation			
Council Liaison	2020	1 year	Dave Calhoun
Risk Management Consultant	2020	1 year	Brown & Brown
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer	2020	1 year	Christopher Cherbini
Community Center Director	2020	1 year	Tom Adcock
Deputy Community Center Director	2020	1 year	Janet Collier
Borough Librarian	2020	1 year	Theresa Ricardello
Borough Prosecutor	2020	1 year	James Carton IV
Housing Enforcement	2020	1 year	Kevin Diaz
Code Enforcement	2020	1 year	Robert Reynolds, Sr.
Deputy Court Administrator	2020	1 year	Lynn Tremarco
Collector of Dog License	2020	1 year	Municipal Clerk
Personnel Officer	2020	1 year	Christopher Cherbini
Administrative Officer	2020	1 year	Matt Shafai

Emergency Management**LEPC Member**

Mayor	2020	1 year	Andrew Wardell
Police	2020	1 year	Matthew J. Quagliato
Council	2020	1 year	Danielle Pappas
Administrator	2020	1 year	Christopher Cherbini
Public Works	2020	1 year	Gerrit Devos
Education	2020	1 year	Dr. R. Ferrie
Municipal Clerk	2020	1 year	Municipal Clerk
Fire Department	2020	1 year	Richard Maher
First Aid	2020	1 year	Kenny Sprague
Health Department	2020	1 year	Christopher Merkel
Construction	2020	1 year	William Doolittle
Chaplain	2020	1 year	Chris Hansen

Office of Emergency Management

Coordinator	2020	1 year	Ed Zakerowski
Deputy Coordinator	2020	1 year	Keith Mitchell
Assistant Deputy Coordinator	2020	1 year	Larry Cross
Assistant Deputy Coordinator	2020	1 year	Ed Kirschenbaum
Member	2020	1 year	Robert Reynolds, Sr.
Member	2020	1 year	Brian McGrath
Member	2020	1 year	Christopher Cherbini
Member	2020	1 year	Gerrit Devos
Member	2020	1 year	Municipal Clerk
Member	2020	1 year	Bruce Weiss
Law Enforcement Liaison	2020	1 year	Michael Vollbrecht

License Collector

2020

1 year

Municipal Clerk

Deputy License Collector

2020

1 year

Christopher Cherbini

Memorial Day Committee

Chairperson	2020	1 year	Christopher Cherbini
Mayor	2020	1 year	Andrew Wardell
Coordinator	2020	1 year	Tom Adcock
First Aid	2020	1 year	Kenny Sprague
Fire	2020	1 year	Richard Maher
Reverand	2020	1 year	Chris Hansen
Police	2020	1 year	Keith Mitchell

Official Assessment Searcher

2020

1 year

Al Jardine

Recycling Coordinator

2020

1 year

Gerrit Devos

Assistant Recycling Coordinator

2020

1 year

Robert Reynolds, Jr.

School Crossing Guards

Guard	2020	1 year	Karen O'Brien
Guard	2020	1 year	Dolores Ayers

Guard	2020	1 year	Sharon Colon
Guard	2020	1 year	Anthony Matarazzo
Guard	2020	1 year	Vicky Canalis
Shade Tree Committee			
Member	2020	1 year	Tom Arnone
Member	2020	1 year	Gerrit Devos
Member	2020	1 year	Andrew Wardell
Member	2020	1 year	Christopher Cherbini
Deputy Tax Collector	2020	1 Year	Michele Narcisco
Police Matron	2020	1 year	Susan Hewitson
Police Matron	2020	1 year	Janet Collier
Housing Liaison	2020	1 year	Christopher Cherbini
Land Use Board Members			
Member	2020	1 Year	Andrew Wardell
Member	2020	1 Year	Robert Reynolds, Jr.
Member	2020	1 Year	Brian Thomas
Alternate 3	2020-2023	2 years	Erin Maciorowski
Zoning Officer	2020	1 year	William Doolittle
JIF Representative	2020	1 year	Christopher Cherbini
Alternate JIF Representative	2020	1 year	Municipal Clerk
Safety Officer	2020	1 year	Robert Reynolds, Jr.
Fire Sub code Inspector	2020	1 year	William Doolittle
Veteran's Liaison	2020	1 year	Ronald Biggs
Drug Alliance			
Chairperson	2020	1 year	Michaela O'Brien
Member	2020	1 year	Andrew Wardell
Member	2020	1 year	Tom Adcock
Member	2020	1 year	Christopher Cherbini
Member	2020	1 year	Lisa Emmons
Member	2020	1 year	Tracy Brand
Member	2020	1 year	Pam Goldberg
Member	2020	1 year	Ed Zakerowski
Member	2020	1 year	Pam Montemurno
Member	2020	1 year	Michele McGuigan
911 Coordinator	2020	1 year	Matt Quagliato
Building Inspector	2020	1 year	William Doolittle
Public Defender	2020	1 year	Ron Troppoli
Registrar of Vital Statistics	2019-2021	3 year	Sylvia Laughlin
Deputy Registrar	2020	1 year	Kathleen Kepler
Alternate Deputy Registrar	2020	1 year	

Environmental Committee

Chairperson	2020	1 year	Gerrit Devos
Member	2020	1 year	Tom Arnone
Member	2020	1 year	Andrew Wardell
Member	2020	1 year	Shane Toohey

Historical Society

Chairman	2020-2021	2 year	Ronald Wardell
Member	2020-2021	2 year	Randy Rossman
Member	2020-2021	2 year	Richard McKay
Member	2020-2021	2 year	Jim Clayton
Member	2020-2021	2 year	Jack Crawford
Member	2020-2021	2 year	Joel Popkin
Member	2020-2021	2 year	Andrew Wardell

Motion for adoption was made by C/Pappas, seconded by C/Thomas. C/Kocsis stated that a person put up for Drug Alliance started a petition for the recall of a Councilwomen and I cannot support this. C/Calhoun asked why there are only 2 people per committee instead of 3 like in years past. Mayor Wardell responded that the Mayor is a member of all committees as it is but unfortunately having 3 per committee means the Mayor cannot attend the meetings since it would be a violation of OPM. Keeping it at 2 allows the Mayor to attend each of the meetings. C/Calhoun continued and asked why there were changes from last year committees to this year. Mayor Wardell stated that these committees are structured. They do not add any authority, and they just help with the day to day running of the Borough. C/Calhoun questioned where the Green Team was now under. Mayor Wardell stated that will fall under Public Works/Shade Tree. C/Calhoun asked about a Court Administrator and if we plan to get one in the near future. Mayor Wardell stated that is underway with applications, which is actually handled by the court themselves. Administrator Cherbini added in that interviews are starting tomorrow. C/Calhoun continued with OEM, asking if there was a need for two deputy assistant coordinators, asking if we needed Mr. Kirschenbaum since he has other obligations in Belmar. Mayor Wardell stated that he doesn't see why not and having the former Public Safety Director would be a good idea since he has experience. Chief Quagliato stated that it is beneficial to the Police to have another person.

Voice Vote - AYES: Councilmembers Thomas, Pappas and Sullivan. Mayor Wardell
 NAYS: Councilmembers Renee, Kocsis, and Calhoun.

**RESOLUTION 20-18
 ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:53-1, the Borough of Neptune City (the "Borough") may designate official newspaper(s) for the publication of all advertisements or notices required by law; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1) During the year 2020, the official newspapers for the Borough shall be the Star Ledger, the Asbury Park Press and The Coaster pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:53-1 and N.J.S.A. 40:53-2.

Motion for adoption was made by C/Calhoun, seconded by C/Sullivan. There was no discussion and the resolution was approved unanimously by roll call.

**RESOLUTION 20-19
BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFER #1**

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, in order to meet the fiscal obligations of the Borough, the following attached transfers are necessary:

<u>TRANSFERS FROM</u>		<u>TRANSFERS TO</u>	
Account Name	Amount	Account Name	Amount
Current Fund		Current Fund	
Employee Group Insurance	\$ 57,356	Solid Waste Collection - Other Expenses	\$ 51,756
		Vehicle Maintenance - Other Expenses	5,000
		Water	600
	\$ 57,356		\$ 57,356

Motion for adoption was made by C/Pappas, seconded by C/Thomas. C/Calhoun asked the Administrator to give an overview of why we need the transfer. Administrator Cherbini responded that from his understanding, in October there was a changeover in Delisa and we did not get our billing the right way, and started billing us late on some and the pricing went up on recycling. I spoke with our Public Works Superintendent and we are going to drill down to make sure it is meeting what our contract is. With the vehicle maintenance was for a fire truck, and was an emergent situation on which the previous Administrator said to get the work done, but the bill just came in for it. The water one, I am not positive on and would have to find out more for you. Mayor Wardell also commented that this was at the recommendation of the CFO. The resolution was approved unanimously by roll call.

Resolution 20-20 Appointment of Municipal Clerk

Motion to appoint Tamara Brown was made by C/Pappas, seconded by C/Thomas. C/Renee commented to remember the beginning of last year. Mayor Wardell mentioned to remember that we are talking about employee prospect that has not been RICE Noticed and if there is going to be discussion about a particular person, we should go into executive session to do so. The Attorney stated that the motion would need to be withdrawn or voted on before you can go into executive session. C/Renee made a motion to withdrawal the motion to go into executive session; seconded by C/Kocsis. Motion was approved unanimously by roll call.

ORDINANCE 2020-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEPTUNE CITY IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NJ FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICES AND EMPLOYEES” ADOPTED MARCH 4, 1965

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City seek to introduce an amended salary ordinance to provide for payment of Borough employees, which shall be funded through the necessary budget appropriations; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Neptune City in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that the following positions are hereby created; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Neptune City, County of Monmouth in the State of New Jersey that the following minimum and maximum salaries and other remuneration shall be paid to the officials and employees of the Borough of in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, as set forth below during the calendar year 2020 with said rates being effective January 1, 2020.

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Borough Administrator	\$85,000.00	\$95,000.00
Municipal Clerk	\$60,000.00	\$65,000.00
Deputy Municipal Clerk	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Bookkeeper	\$25,000.00	\$35,000.00
Tax Collector	\$10,000.00	\$11,000.00
Deputy Tax Collector	\$50.00 per hour	\$50.00 per hour
Tax Assessor	\$17,000.00	\$26,000.00
Emergency Management Secretary	\$800.00	\$2,000.00
Director of Public Works	\$60,000.00	\$105,000.00
Superintendent of Public Works	\$50,000.00	\$85,000.00
Judge	\$3,000.00	\$37,000.00
Prosecutor	\$22,000.00	\$38,000.00
Public Defender	\$6,000.00	\$14,000.00
Construction Officer	\$15,000.00	\$25,000.00
Zoning Officer	\$1,200.00	\$5,000.00
Sub Code Building Inspector	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
Sub Code Plumbing Inspector	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
Sub Code Fire Inspector	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
Electrical Inspector	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
Housing Official	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
Code Enforcement Officer	\$14,000.00	\$18,000.00
Land Use Board Secretary	\$7,000.00	\$14,000.00
Librarian	\$14,000.00	\$22,000.00
Library Aid 1	\$12.50 per hour	\$16.00 per hour
Library Aid 2	\$12.50 per hour	\$16.00 per hour
Library Aid 3	\$12.50 per hour	\$16.00 per hour
Library Aid 4	\$12.50 per hour	\$16.00 per hour

Office Manager (Admin Office)	\$2,000.00	\$6,000.00
Payroll Manager	\$4,000.00	\$6,000.00
Fire Prevention Official	\$7,000.00	\$14,000.00
Fire Prevention Inspector	\$500.00	\$2,500.00
Sewer Operator	\$8,000.00	\$18,000.00
Assistant Sewer Operator	\$3,500.00	\$12,000.00
Recycling Coordinator	\$2,500.00	\$5,200.00
Assistant Recycling Coordinator	\$300.00	\$1,000.00
Secretary 1	\$25,000.00	\$45,000.00
Secretary 2	\$25,000.00	\$36,000.00
Secretary 3	\$12,000.00	\$22,000.00
Registrar of Vital Statistics	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Assistant to Finance Officer	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00
Court Administrator	\$65,000.00	\$75,000.00
Deputy Court Administrator	\$40,000.00	\$52,000.00
Violations Clerk	\$23,000.00	\$30,000.00
Mayor	\$4,500.00	\$6,600.00
Council	\$3,500.00	\$5,800.00
Community Center Director	\$35,000.00	\$74,000.00
Assistant Community Director	\$12,000.00	\$22,000.00
Police Administrative Clerk	\$25,000.00	\$66,000.00
OPRA Clerk (Police)	\$2,500.00	\$5,500.00
Chief of Police	\$140,000.00	\$166,000.00
Captain of Police	\$130,000.00	\$156,000.00
Lieutenant	\$88,000.00	\$135,000.00
Sergeant	\$82,000.00	\$127,000.00
Patrolman Ninth Year	\$105,501.00	\$110,000.00
Patrolman Eighth Year	\$99,000.00	\$110,000.00
Patrolman Seventh Year	\$95,000.00	\$96,000.00
Patrolman Sixth Year	\$86,000.00	\$94,000.00
Patrolman Fifth Year	\$81,000.00	\$85,000.00
Patrolman Fourth Year	\$75,000.00	\$80,000.00
Patrolman Third Year	\$68,000.00	\$73,000.00
Patrolman Second Year	\$61,000.00	\$65,000.00
Patrolman First Year	\$56,000.00	\$60,000.00
Probationary Patrolman	\$50,000.00	\$54,000.00
Academy Pay	\$40,000.00	\$45,000.00
Class 2-3 Special Officer	\$15.00 per hour	\$50.00 per hour
Crossing Guard	\$15.00 per hour	\$16.50 per hour
Part Time/Seasonal/ Hourly	\$11.00 per hour	\$20.00 per hour
Mechanic	\$59,000.00	\$66,000.00
Public Works Employee 1	\$58,188.00	\$65,000.00
Public Works Employee 2	\$56,000.00	\$62,000.00
Public Works Employee 3	\$55,000.00	\$61,000.00
Public Works Employee 4	\$54,000.00	\$59,000.00
Public Works Employee 5	\$37,000.00	\$41,000.00

Public Hearing and Possible Adoption will be held on January 27, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Motion: Introduce Ordinance 2020-01, **Moved by** Councilman Sullivan, **Seconded by** Councilman Thomas

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** yes=6).

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion for adoption with corrections was made by C/Sullivan, seconded by C/Thomas. C/Calhoun asked why the numbers changed from December of last year to now. Mayor Wardell responded that some of the changes are with minimum wages having been increased. We had to correct the numbers for secretary. Basically the numbers that were introduced at the hearing were the wrong numbers according to our CFO. C/Calhoun asked why the numbers were so far off. Mayor Wardell stated the numbers were based on previous years. C/Kocsis asked about the raises for Mayor and Council. Mayor Wardell responded that this is the guide, but if you do not take the raise, then that can trickle down to other departments and we do not want to set a precedent like that for our employees. C/Renee asked if every departments range increased. Mayor Wardell stated that no, not every department has, some of this is contractual. C/Calhoun stated that the crossing guards are not on this updated ordinance. Mayor Wardell confirmed that must have been an oversight. Administrator Cherbini stated that it will be corrected. The resolution was approved unanimously by roll call.

Motion to go into executive session made by C/Renee; seconded by C/Sullivan. Motion was approved unanimously by roll call.

Susan Hewitson took roll call to enter back from executive session.

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

RESOLUTION 2020-20 APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL CLERK

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133, the Borough of Neptune City (the “Borough”) is required to have a Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the position of Municipal Clerk is presently vacant; and

WHEREAS, Borough has advertised the vacant position of Municipal Clerk to the general public and has received multiple responses to the advertisement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council had determined that Tamara Brown, a Registered Municipal Clerk of the State of New Jersey, has agreed to serve in this position and possess the qualifications and experience that best suit the needs of the Borough; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1) The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey hereby appoint Tamara Brown, RMC, to serve as Municipal Clerk for the Borough for a term of three (3) years.

Motion to appoint Tamara Brown was made by C/Pappas, seconded by C/Thomas.

Voice Vote - **AYES:** Councilmembers Thomas, Pappas and Sullivan. Mayor Wardell

NAYS: Councilmembers Renee, Kocsis, and Calhoun.

Mayor Wardell stated he wants to make a change to the Agenda going forward, and wants to put committee reports back on the agenda. It was an oversight for this meeting. If anyone has any updates they would like to share now.

C/Calhoun commented on the Participatory Budget, which the winner. The next step is to meet with Administrator Cherbini and Mr. DeVos to get it construction. We will look to rent them and pricing will be similar to other local towns. That will be determined by resolution.

C/Renee commented how great the kayak racks will be for the town, both for convenience for residents and for income to the town.

Mayor Wardell wanted to thank everyone in town for their support and professionalism in this first week in a new position. Also wanted to give publicly condolences to C/Renee on the passing of her mother, so sorry for your loss.

BOARD OF EDUCATION LIASION –

We are moving forward with the CSA search, down to 2 candidates.

C/Calhoun stated that it was missed for coming out of executive session with minutes being kept. The Attorney stated that minutes were kept and as soon as the discussion subject matter become of no consequence to the Borough notes will be made available to the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

Stacy Higgins, 29 Coastal Drive, following up on TFH what will be done going forward. Mayor Wardell stated they did have a meeting with Mr. Axelrod, and he believes the filtration system they had put in was not enough and are in the process of adding on to that which should be done by Memorial Day. Mr. Axelrod did state that he is not promising this will get rid of the smell, some days, as he put it, when there is a low ceiling, it does not disperse into the atmosphere properly.

Jenn Coombs, Citizen Media, what made the difference with Mr. Axelrod. Mayor Wardell stated that Mr. Axelrod is not blind to the concerns to residents in town. He has a lot of his employees that live in town. TFH has been in the town for a long time, and he wants to stay a part of the Borough. Mr. Axelrod is trying to be a good neighbor.

Christine Oppegaard, 34 Myron Ave, in regards to hazardous spills and remediation for those. There are several active remediation sites in Neptune City, including at the TFH property which is a carcinogen. The concern for that is if it gets into the water. As far as the smell, I called Freeholder Arnone after the reaction we are getting from the Health Department, saying unless the smell is coming into our homes there is nothing they can do. Mayor Wardell stated that they are doing everything they are required to do at this point in time with it. As far as my position on the Board of Health, I do not deal with any of the employees. You would have to talk to the director of the Board of Health for anything regarding employees. I want everyone to know, I care about this town and I am doing everything I can, within the boundaries of the Mayor and Council.

C/Renee stated she was glad to see an environmental committee appointed again this year. I would like to speak to you about what you envision for this committee, and see what we can do to help and assist the residents.

Stacy Higgins, 29 Coastal Drive, we had requested an environmental collation with legal authority to be formed last year to help with issues which might be helpful and be able to report back to you. Mayor Wardell said it is something to consider, but he does not know if we can give legal authority to private citizens. The Attorney stated as per statue you appoint members to the environmental

commission and they have authority to make written recommendations to the Mayor and Council then the Mayor and Council can act or not act on those recommendations. Ms. Higgins stated that it can be a checks and balances system to make sure things are being done properly.

John Pietrunti, 95 Riverview, asked about the economic development and where that would be. Mayor Wardell responded that there was no set area for any economic development. What I envision it to be is a business partnership. This would be made up of business owners as well as residents to help with how to grow the town economically.

Sharon Williams, 32 Windsor Ct, I found my deed and it says Windsor Court, what do we do now. Mayor Wardell stated that he will look into. The Attorney wanted to clarify that the residents' deed says Windsor Court, but the tax map and sign say Windsor Avenue. The legal name is what the tax map says, but I will look into it.

Kelly Strazdas, President of the Neptune City Home Owner Association, we have been trying to come up with ideas to try to help us with the smells from TFH. We are hoping you come up with an idea for your Land Use Board, so things like this big factory expansions would not happen. Mayor Wardell said that we cannot go into the past. I hope that going forward it will be taken into consideration. Ms. Strazdas stated she wanted to hear that the Mayor say he cares about the environment and will really look into it. Mayor Wardell stated he does care about our environment it is important to me. I will do everything that is within our ability according to the law when it comes to the environment. There was continued discussion back and forth on this topic.

Jenn Coombs, Citizen Media, people want transparency, checks and balances for their town, plain and simple. Mayor Wardell agrees, and believes that he has been as open as he can be. At the end of the day I do not want to regret any decision I make for the Borough.

Sharon Williams, 32 Windsor Court, What do we do if the Board of Health is not enforcing in regard to the smell, since they handle that for us. Mayor Wardell stated that you just have to keep doing what you're doing. We have done what we can at our level. Ms. Williams asked if the Board of Health reports back to us. Mayor Wardell stated that they give us reports, but they do not report back to us. There was continued discussion on this. Mayor Wardell will reach out to the Board of Health to look into the concerns.

Ted Wardell, 9 Tucker Drive, How is the calendar going, is that coming out? Mayor Wardell responded I do not know why the calendars did not go out this year; no one on this current Governing Body is at fault for them not going out. If we were to put an order in now, the earliest we would get them is March. We have created flyers with the information for this year and I promise the calendars will be back for 2021. Mr. Wardell continued that at the beginning of the meeting, where it was said that I am making money off the Borough from my company, I am not, but once something negative is said, you can't retract it, it is then in people's heads that it is true. It could have been handled better and should not have ever been brought up. I have not made money from this Borough since you (Mayor Wardell) started on the Council. You know that. I know that as well as the Governing Body knew that. Someone also said that TFH is polluting the air and is polluting the ground, without verifiable proof of that. Please everyone be careful with your words. Words have meaning. Last thing, C/Calhoun, How many people voted in the Participatory Budget? C/Calhoun responded there were about 86 people that voted.

John Pietrunti, 95 Riverview, I brought up at our meeting about going to sit in front of Stop and Shop to encourage people to go out and vote, but I got push back that we would be persuading residents. When good people want to do good things for our town, people pushing back because they think there is an agenda behind it, is ridiculous. That is something you, Mayor Wardell, have

to rectify. Mayor Wardell responded that if it is something I see firsthand, I can correct it, but I cannot tell people how to think or what they can think. C/Calhoun stated that when he picked the people for the Participatory Budget Committee, people that were longtime residents as well as new residents were picked.

Christine Oppegaard, 34 Myron Avenue, just to defend myself, there is a remediation site for pollution in the ground. And I believe it is my opinion, that it is not just odors coming out.

Sharon Williams, 32 Windsor Court, On the Participatory Budget, the racks will not cost \$20,000 so where does the rest of the money go. My thoughts are maybe we can just go down the list. C/Calhoun stated that it was something we will talk about for the future. Ms. Williams, so where does the rest of the money go. Mayor Wardell stated that it rolls back into the Capital Budget. Mayor Wardell stated that just because we have the money, does not mean we need to spend it all.

C/Renee, most towns have an Ordinance for an Environmental Commission, run by State Law, that assist the Land Use Board when projects come forward to make sure they are not environmental hazards there are development are going on. If we can go forward with an Ordinance to create an Environmental Commission in the future. Mayor Wardell responded that we will look into that.

Mayor Wardell stated that there is a fundraiser event for one of our residents, Sue Cousins, who was diagnosed with ALS. It will be an indoor bocce tournament that will be held on February 15th and 16th, if you would like to sign up, you can do so at the Community Center.

Ted Wardell, 9 Tucker Drive, in regards to the recycling center, at one time it was open all the time. Now it has very limited hours. Would it be possible to have one night a week to have night hours. Mayor Wardell stated he will look into that.

ADJOURN 8:45 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by C/Pappas. Seconded by C/Kocsis.

Approved unanimously by roll call.