

**Council Room Borough of Neptune City
November 12, 2018**

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

Borough Clerk Brown took roll call.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Pryor, Zajack, Renee, Wardell, Kocsis, Pappas-Long, and Mayor Brown.

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 the Coaster and by filing a copy with the Municipal Clerk.

Mayor Brown invited all to stand for the flag salute, and asked that all remain standing for a moment of silence for all Veterans and for the victims of the fires in Southern California.

Mayor Brown recognized resident, Richard Connors, who wrote a wonderful tribute to all Veteran sites in Monmouth County. Dr. Connors book will be placed in the library. Mayor Brown thanked Dr. Connors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 22, 2018

Motion by C/Wardell to receive and file; seconded by C/Pappas-Long.

Voice Vote - AYES: Councilmembers Pryor, Zajack, Renee, Wardell, Kocsis, and Pappas-Long.

COMMUNICATIONS

Police Report, October 2018

Borough Clerk Brown read the police report into the record.

Motion by C/Zajack to receive and file; seconded by C/Wardell.

Voice Vote - AYES: Councilmembers Pryor, Zajack, Renee, Wardell, Kocsis, and Pappas-Long.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments from the public.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 18-134 Payment of Bills

Resolution 18-135 Firefighter application

Resolution 18-136 Best Practices Acknowledgment

Resolution 18-137 Designation of Bennett's Burial Ground as Historic Site

Resolution 18-138 Award of bid for 2019 Dump Truck

Resolution 18-139 Budget Transfer #1

Resolution 18-140 Appointment to Historic Society

Resolution 18-134

C/Pappas-Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. Seconded by C/Renee.

C/Renee asked if the Gramco payment was for the recording system and if the system was all new. Borough Clerk Brown confirmed it is a new system for use by Council, the Court and Land Use Board.

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 \$ 30,722.45.

Roll Call - Aye: Councilmembers Pryor, Zajack, Renee, Wardell, Kocsis and Pappas-Long.

Mayor Brown declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution 18-135

Borough Clerk Brown read the resolution into the record by title.

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

Mayor Brown congratulated Mr. Noriega wishing him the best and welcoming him to the team.

RESOLUTION 2018-135 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; Ralph Noriega, and

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

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

Roll Call - Aye: Councilmembers Pryor, Zajack, Renee, Wardell, Kocsis and Pappas-Long.

Mayor Brown declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution 18-136

Borough Clerk Brown read the resolution into the record by title.

C/Pryor offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. Seconded by C/Zajack.

C/Renee commented on the first question, asking the financial documents posted on the website be dated and signed. Borough Clerk Brown explained the Annual Financial Statement is sent to the State electronically. C/Renee requested the copy of the budget marked "adopted" be posted on the website. c/Renee asked the date of the audit submission be added to the Best Practices as well as the comments from the corrective action plan for the audit. Attorney Aikins explained that Council is not voting on the Best Practices, that the resolution is acknowledging Council received the document. C/Renee pointed out the answers of "N/A" on questions 13 and 20. Mayor Brown explained CFO Antonidies will have to check into those items. Mayor Brown asked C/Renee why she did not share her questions and concerns earlier. C/Renee explained her feeling that there should have been a work meeting for Best Practices and that CFO Antonidies should have attended. Discussion continued on questions from Best Practices. Mayor Brown, Attorney Akins and Borough Clerk Brown all noted Neptune City is eligible to receive State Aid based on the responses to Best Practices. C/Renee reiterated that she does not want to be inaccurate which may cause State Aid to be lost. Mayor Brown explained if questions and comments were received before the meeting, they could have been addressed and CFO Antonidies would have been requested to attend. Discussion continued on timing of receiving information in order to ask questions. Further discussion continued on Best Practice questions. Mayor Brown reiterated the resolution was to acknowledge receipt of the Best Practices Inventory. C/Kocsis requested a meeting next year before the Best Practices acknowledgement.

RESOLUTION 2018-136 BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WHEREAS, the Best Practices Inventory for the Borough of Neptune City has been completed for the year 2018, and

WHEREAS, submission of the Best Practices Inventory are required to be submitted to the State of New Jersey, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City acknowledge the receipt of the 2019 Best Practices Inventory.

Roll Call - Aye: Councilmembers Pryor, Zajack, Renee, Wardell, Kocsis and Pappas-Long.

Mayor Brown declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution 18-137

Borough Clerk Brown read the resolution into the record by title.

C/Wardell offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. Seconded by C/Renee.

Mayor Brown thanked Attorney Aikins and Borough Clerk Brown for all the background work they did to be able to designate the site as historical. Mayor Brown gave an overview of the process for Neptune City to obtain the property and to preserve it as a historical site. Mayor Brown noted the burial ground contains the Founding fathers and mothers of the Borough of Neptune City.

RESOLUTION 2018-137

A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE CEMETARY KNOWN AS THE BENNETT BURYING GROUND FOR REGISTRY ON THE NEW JERSEY REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.

WHEREAS, 5 Oak Drive also known as Lot 6 in Block 116, is also known as the Bennett Burying Ground, is estimated to have been established prior to 1800 AD' and

WHEREAS, Historical records indicate that this site is the final resting point for several of Neptune City's founding families; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Robert J. Brown has made significant efforts to save the site from development by authorizing the Borough Attorney to undertake litigation in the Superior Court of New Jersey to secure ownership of the parcel; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Robert J. Brown previously assigned an Historical Committee comprised of Borough citizens to begin collecting the necessary information to have the site added to The New Jersey Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Katie A. Gummer, Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, has ordered that the Borough of Neptune City has full title to Lot 6 of Block 116 known as 5 Oak Drive.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City herewith designate Lot 6 in Block 116 also known as 5 Oak Drive on which exists the Bennett burying ground as described in the Neptune City Millennium History, a Borough Historical site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Historic Committee and Borough Staff are authorized to take the necessary actions to seek grants for the preservation of the site and its inclusion on the New Jersey Register of Historic Places pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1B-15.128 et seq..

Roll Call - Aye: Councilmembers Pryor, Zajack, Renee, Wardell, Kocsis and Pappas-Long.
Mayor Brown declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution 18-138

Borough Clerk Brown read the resolution into the record by title.

C/Pryor offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. Seconded by C/Renee.

RESOLUTION 2018-138

AWARD OF BID FOR 2019 DUMP TRUCK FOR PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Neptune City is in need of a dump truck for the Public Works Department, and

WHEREAS, the Borough has provided funds for this truck through Ordinance 2018-10 and 2018-11, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, the Borough advertised for bids for a 2019 dump truck, and

WHEREAS, one bid was received on September 20, 2018 for \$112,766.32, and

WHEREAS, Larson Ford of Lakewood, New Jersey was the lowest bidder at \$112,766.32 and their bid was found to be responsive, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City hereby awards a contract to Larson Ford of Lakewood to provide a 2019 Dump for the cost of \$112,766.32, and

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

Roll Call - Aye: Councilmembers Pryor, Zajack, Renee, Wardell, Kocsis and Pappas-Long.
Mayor Brown declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution 18-139

Borough Clerk Brown read the resolution into the record by title.
C/Pappas-Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. Seconded by C/Wardell.

**RESOLUTION 2018-139
2018 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:

TRANSFERS FROM

Account Name	Amount
Current Fund	
Gasoline - Other Expenses	\$ 11,000

TRANSFERS TO

Current Fund	
Police- Other Expenses	\$ 5,000
Engineering- Other Expenses	5,000
Water- Other Expenses	1,000
	<u>11,000</u>

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

Roll Call - Aye: Councilmembers Pryor, Zajack, Renee, Wardell, Kocsis and Pappas-Long.
Mayor Brown declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution 18-140

Borough Clerk Brown read the resolution into the record by title.
C/Wardell offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. Seconded by C/Kocsis.
Mayor Brown spoke about Mr. Clayton and his commitment and volunteer efforts in Neptune City.

HISTORIC SOCIETY APPOINTMENT

WHEREAS, the Neptune City Historic Society has a vacancy on the Board of Commissioners.

WHEREAS, due to this vacancy the Mayor has appointed James Clayton to fill the unexpired term.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City hereby appoint James Clayton to fill the one year unexpired term on the Neptune City Historic Society.

Roll Call - Aye: Councilmembers Pryor, Zajack, Renee, Wardell, Kocsis and Pappas-Long.
Mayor Brown declared the resolution adopted.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Director Kirshenbaum invited all to the Special Meeting on December 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the First Aid Building for the changing of the guard meeting.

Mr. Kirshenbaum asked C/Renee if the budget is the most important aspect of running a town; to which C/Renee explained it is one of the important aspects. Mr. Kirshenbaum asked if it is so important then why had C/Renee miss the budget meetings, further explaining it is important for all of Council to be involved with and understand the budget.

ADJOURN 7:26 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by C/Wardell. Seconded by C/Pappas-Long.

Voice Vote - Aye: Councilmembers Pryor, Zajack, Renee, Wardell, Kocsis, and Pappas-Long

Mayor Robert Brown

Tamara Brown, Municipal Clerk