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**Council Room Borough of Neptune City  
FEBRUARY 26, 2018**

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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 Zajack, Renee, Wardell, Tallman, Kocsis, and Mayor Brown.

ABSENT: Councilmember Pryor.

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 asked everyone to join in on the Flag Salute and to remain standing for a moment of silence for Molly Berkowitz, a longtime member of the Neptune City First Aid Squad and for the victims and their families in Florida.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

February 12, 2018

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

Voice Vote - AYES: Councilmembers, Zajack, Renee, Wardell, Tallman, and Kocsis.

ABSENT: Councilmember Pryor.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – there were no communications before Council.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Brown invited Director Kirshenbaum to the floor to speak about what is going on in Neptune City in relation to the events in the nation. Director Kirshenbaum noted the police have participated in active shooter training at the Neptune City School since 2011 with Monmouth County Emergency Response Team. Director Kirshenbaum explained the program began with four towns including Avon in 2013, and has evolved into the Southern Monmouth County Active Shooter/Active Threat Partnership. The program is administered by Director Kirshenbaum and funded through a special trust as provided for by Administrator Underhill as well as by fees paid by each town annually. Twelve towns and the Monmouth County Prosecutors Office are now involved. Director Kirshenbaum spoke in more detail of the training that between forty and fifty police officers over twelve towns (including: Brielle, Avon, Bradley Beach, Neptune City, Neptune Township, Belmar, Spring Lake, Sea Girt, Spring Lake Heights, Manasquan, Wall Township and the Monmouth Prosecutors Office) take part in, as well as the funding for the training. Director Kirschenbaum went into detail about how Officers are trained to respond to active threats and who else is involved including tactical emergency medical technicians. Director Kirshenbaum explained the program is expanding throughout Monmouth County. Director Kirshenbaum noted the Police Department and School have always been and will remain proactive.

**IN MAYORS AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Brown commended Director Kirshenbaum for the active shooter program. Director Kirshenbaum spoke about the importance of Shared Services approach and response. Mayor Brown reported last Saturday he had a Mayor's roundtable with the Governor, and was able to speak to him about local and national issues. Mayor Brown shared there will be another roundtable with other smaller towns who face different issues than larger towns. Mayor Brown spoke to Senator Gopal regarding budgeting for School Resource Officers; Senator Gopal will look into the ideas presented in order to be able to provide more services to the schools. Mayor Brown shared the Neptune City Mayor's Ball will be April 7; inviting all to attend to raise funds for Colton and Friends.

**LAW & ORDINANCE** – Councilmember Renee

C/Renee thanked Director Kirschenbaum for his presentation and his expertise. C/Renee spoke about being on the CERT Team and the value of being able to train with other towns. C/Renee offered condolences to the victims in

Florida and everywhere else. C/Renee attending the visitations for Jack Long and Molly Durkin Berkowitz, offering condolences to their families and appreciation for their services to Neptune City. C/Renee announced a tentative Law & Ordinance Committee meeting for Tuesday 3/6 at 6:00 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE – Councilmember Tallman**

C/Tallman reported on the last committee meeting where items for the upcoming financial statement and administrative salaries were discussed. A tentative meeting was scheduled for next week, but may be moved out depending on the financial statement. C/Tallman announced the Family Foundation website is up and the new spring events are planned.

**PUBLIC WORKS – Councilmember Pryor**

C/Pryor was absent.

**ADMINISTRATION & JUSTICE – Councilmember Zajack**

C/Zajack announced the Neighborhood Watch Meeting has been moved to March 14 at 7:00 p.m. The Police Committee meet last week to review the budget. C/Zajack offered congratulations to Michael Vollbrecht, NJ PBA Local 50 Member of the Year. C/Zajack offered congratulations to James Clayton on his retirement, thanking him for his twenty-five years of service to Neptune City.

Director Kirshenbaum shared the names of Officers who were honored at the Valor Awards including James Van Etten, Lt. James Isacson, Michael Volbrecht and other lifesaving awards. Director Kirshenbaum will send a memo for the next meeting.

**SPECIAL SERVICES – Councilmember Kocsis**

C/Kocsis attended an offshore oil drilling testimony last week and voted to oppose allowing offshore drilling. The rabies clinic will at the Public Works Building at 6:00 p.m. on March 15.

**HUMAN SERVICES – Councilmember Wardell**

C/Wardell offered condolences to the family of Molly Berkowitz, speaking of her kindness. A Human Services meeting was held last Wednesday to discuss their budgets. More volunteers have joined which will require more equipment, but is great to have so many new volunteers. C/Wardell attended the County Board of Health meeting – anyone looking for a flu shot; free flu shots are being offered to any Monmouth County resident on February 28 from 2:00 – 5:00 in Freehold.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

Mr. Gunderson shared his opinion that the bill list has become truncated, showing less information than in the past. Mr. Gunderson questioned why the change was made to the presentation of the bill list. Mayor Brown explained he did not understand what Mr. Gunderson felt was missing. Discussion followed. Mayor Brown requested Mr. Gunderson come into the office to review an old bill list with the CFO to show the differences. Mr. Gunderson commented there are still many 2017 accounts active, asking how that is being done, as in the past he thought a resolution was needed to bring forward balances from the prior year. Mayor Brown noted a resolution was not necessary. Discussion continued on charges on the bill list.

**OLD BUSINESS** - there was no Old Business before Council.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 18-29- Payment of Bills**

**Resolution 18-30 – Budget Transfer # 3**

**Resolution 18-31 – Read Across America**

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

**RESOLUTION 2018-29  
PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**Be It Resolved** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City that the bills on the attached list in the amount of \$616,876.15 be paid as presented.

On Roll Call the following vote was recorded:

AYES: Councilmembers, Zajack, Renee, Wardell, Tallman, and Kocsis.

ABSENT: Councilmember Pryor.

Mayor Brown declared the resolution adopted.

Borough Clerk Brown read the resolution into the record.

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

**RESOLUTION 2018-30  
2017 BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFER #3**

**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>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b><u>Current Fund - Transfers from</u></b>	
Employee Group Insurance	\$ 7,300
<b><u>TRANSFERS TO</u></b>	
<b><u>Current Fund – Transfers to</u></b>	
Vehicles Maintenance – Other Expenses	\$ 5,200
Solid Waste Collection- Other Expenses	2,100
	<u>\$ 7,300</u>

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

On Roll Call the following vote was recorded:

AYES: Councilmembers, Zajack, Renee, Wardell, Tallman, and Kocsis.

ABSENT: Councilmember Pryor.

Mayor Brown declared the resolution adopted.

Borough Clerk Brown read the resolution into the record.

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

**Resolution 2018-31  
READ ACROSS AMERICA 2018**

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the Borough of Neptune City stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Borough of Neptune City has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is key to the community's well being and long-term quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, "NEA's Read Across America," a national celebration of Dr. Seuss's 114th birthday on March 2, 2018, promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council calls on the residents of the Borough of Neptune City to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 2, 2018;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City enthusiastically endorses "NEA's Read Across America" and recommits our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

On Roll Call the following vote was recorded:

AYES: Councilmembers, Zajack, Renee, Wardell, Tallman, and Kocsis.

ABSENT: Councilmember Pryor.

Mayor Brown declared the resolution adopted.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – there were no comments from the public.

**ADJOURN 7:34 p.m.**

Motion to adjourn by C/Wardell. Seconded by C/Tallman.

Voice Vote - AYES: Councilmembers, Zajack, Renee, Wardell, Tallman, and Kocsis.

ABSENT: Councilmember Pryor.

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Mayor Robert Brown

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Tamara Brown, Municipal Clerk