

**Council Room Borough of Neptune City
March 9, 2020**

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

Flag Salute

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No Minutes

COMMUNICATIONS

Police Report for February

Resolution passed by the Monmouth County Freeholder Board

Mayor Wardell asked for a motion to receive and file all correspondence

Motion to receive and file by C/ Thomas. Seconded by C/Pappas

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT:

Mr. Susino reported that Board of the Education is moving along w/ search for CSA. Budget that's balanced following meeting

PRESENTATIONS –

none

IN MAYORS AND COUNCIL REPORTS

MAYORS REPORT-

Mayor Wardell reported he and his father attended the viewing of longtime resident and fire police member Ed Rogers. He attended with C/Thomas the All-Star Evening presented by the Board of Recreation and was well attended. Thank you to the children and parents who took the time to

attend. Mayor Wardell also mentioned he was invited to read to some of the Wilson School classes during the Read Across America week. He had to opportunity to read his favorite book and even surprise and embarrass his son. He attended a conference call along with C/Pappas and Administrator Cherbini with the governor's office regrading Corona Virus. At that time there were no cases but understands that has changed and without knowing much about it chooses to not comment on it at this time. We are taking precautions and have a plan in place.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE- Brian Thomas

C/Thomas reported his committee has had some meetings regarding programs at the Community Center and is currently working with IRS to put in place a program for next tax season to help Seniors with their taxes. He has had discussions with some organizations around the state for some Mentoring programs for the children at the Community Center.

PUBLIC WORKS- Brian Sullivan

C/Sullivan reported County will be helping with the trees at First Responders Park at no cost.

LAW & ORDINANCE – Dave Calhoun

C/Calhoun reported discussed upcoming resolutions. There was some discussion regarding Joe Freda Park.

ADMNISTRATION & JUSTICE-Danielle Pappas

C/Pappas reported she has no report.

SPECIAL SERVICES-Pamela Renee

C/Renee reported that the rabies clinic will be on March 12, 2020 for rabies and licensing.

HUMAN SERVICES- Glen Kocsis

C/Kocsis reported he had a meeting with the Fire Department regarding their budget and addressing a noise complaint from a rental at the First Aid. He also announced the Fire Cadets will hold a fundraiser at Bruno's to raise funds for equipment.

Mayor Wardell wanted to announce that there will be a Senior Easter Luncheon on April 4 at the Community Center.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) -

Arlene Sciarappa- Tucker Drive is concerned with the resolution passed by Monmouth County. Although she respects the work that the freeholders have done, she disagrees with the resolution that was passed. She continued to voice her concerns.

Jen Coombs- Citizen Media, regarding the resolution passed by the commonsense gun legislation but mentions that she believes that this resolution is a result of an incident that happened to a security guard and she sent the governing body an email as such.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance 20-02

Borough Clerk Brown read the Ordinance 20-02 by title

C/Calhoun offered motion to open hearing. Seconded by C/Thomas

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

C/Calhoun offered motion to close hearing. Seconded by C/Pappas

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

**BOROUGH OF NEPTUNE CITY, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2020-02**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF
THE BOROUGH OF NEPTUNE CITY, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW
JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$842,000 THEREFOR
AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$383,455 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE
BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF
NEPTUNE CITY, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds
of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby
respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Neptune City, in the County of
Monmouth, New Jersey (the "Borough") as general improvements. For the several improvements
or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money
therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting
in the aggregate to \$842,000 including the aggregate sum of \$458,545 as the several down
payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments
have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement
purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets or grants.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$383,455 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

Purpose	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount on Bonds or Notes	Period of Usefulness
1) <u>Hawthorne and Woodland Avenue Improvements</u> Improvements to Hawthorne and Woodland Avenues (including a NJ DOT Grant of \$251,045) and all work necessary therefore and incidental thereto.	\$ 360,000	\$ 108,955	10 years
2) <u>Improvements to First Responder Park</u> Improvements to First Responder Park and materials necessary therefore and incidental thereto.	\$ 150,000	\$ 142,500	15 years
3) <u>Memorial Park Improvements</u> Improvements to Memorial Park (including a Monmouth County Open Space Grant of \$200,000) and materials necessary therefore and incidental thereto.	\$332,000	\$132,000	15 years
TOTALS	\$842,000	\$383,455	

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each purpose.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements that the Borough may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the costs thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 12 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$383,455, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$143,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated costs indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.

Section 7. The Borough hereby declares the intent of the Borough to issue the bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3 of

this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

C/Sullivan offered motion to approve. Seconded by C/Kocsis
Aye: Councilmembers Calhoun, Kocsis, Pappas, Renee, Sullivan, Thomas

Mayor Wardell declared the Ordinance adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 20-49 Authorizing the Payment of Bills

Borough Clerk Brown read the resolution into the record.
C/Thomas offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. Seconded by C/Sullivan

RESOLUTION 20-49 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 \$330,004.60

C/Calhoun asked question regarding insurance. Administrator Cherbini stated that the insurance bill was received back in December by someone, but he never received and requested a copy of the invoice from the Insurance company.

On Roll Call the following vote was recorded:

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

Absent:

Mayor Wardell declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution 20-50 Honoring Wayne Kepler for 50 years of service to United Fire Co. #1

Mayor Wardell read the resolution into the record.
Mayor Wardell thanked Mr. Kepler for his service.

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

**A Resolution Honoring
Wayne C. Kepler
For Fifty Years of Service with United Fire Company No.1**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Neptune City has been fortunate in having the services of Wayne Kepler as a volunteer fireman for a period of fifty years and,

WHEREAS, Wayne joined United Fire Company No. 1 in March 1970, and

WHEREAS, each of those fifty years are indelible in the history of the Neptune City Fire Department and it is not without consideration that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City recognize his tremendous personal efforts on behalf of the people of the Borough, and

WHEREAS, Wayne has achieved his fifty years as a member in good standing serving as 1st Lieutenant in 1979, Captain in 1980, Assistant Chief in 1981, Chief in 1982, President of United Fire Co. 1 from 1988-1989, Treasurer in 1991, Wayne also served as the representative for the local Firemen's Relief Association from 1992-2008 and served as Executive Committeeman for the New Jersey State Firemen's Association from 1994-2008, and

WHEREAS, Wayne is a life member of United Fire Company No.1, New Jersey State Firemen's Association and New Jersey Firemen's Exempt Association, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City pay tribute to Wayne C. Kepler for his outstanding service these many years, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy transmitted to the aforesaid fireman.

On Roll Call the following vote was recorded:

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

Absent:

Mayor Wardell declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution 20-51 Honoring Michael Kepler for 25 years of service to United Fire Co. #1

Mayor Wardell read the resolution into the record.

Mayor Wardell mentioned that Michael Kepler is a retired police officer and an honor to present to father and son.

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

**A Resolution Honoring
Michael T. Kepler
For Twenty-Five Years of Service with United Fire Company #1**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Neptune City has been fortunate in having the services of Michael Kepler as a volunteer fireman for a period of twenty-five years and,

WHEREAS, Michael joined United Fire Company No. 1 in December 1995, and

WHEREAS, each of those twenty-five years are indelible in the history of the Neptune City Fire Department and it is not without consideration that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City recognize his tremendous personal efforts on behalf of the people of the Borough, and

WHEREAS, Michael has achieved his twenty-five years as a member in good standing and still continues to volunteer for the Neptune City Fire Department, and is now a life member of United Fire Company No. 1, and

WHEREAS, Michael is a life member of the New Jersey State Firemen's Exempt Association, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City pay tribute to Michael T. Kepler for his outstanding service these many years, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy transmitted to the aforesaid fireman.

On Roll Call the following vote was recorded:

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

Absent:

Mayor Wardell declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution 20-52 Appointing Tamara Brown as Custodian of Petty Cash

Borough Clerk Brown read the resolution into the record.

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

**RESOLUTION 2020-52
APPOINTMENT OF TAMARA BROWN AS A CUSTODIAN OF PETTY CASH**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Neptune City is in need of a Petty Cash Custodian, and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Administrator to appoint Tamara Brown as a Custodian of Petty cash.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City appoint Tamara Brown as the custodian of petty cash effective immediately

On Roll Call the following vote was recorded:

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

Absent:

Mayor Wardell declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution 20-53 Authorize the execution of an interlocal service agreement with Neptune Township for disposal of leaves

Borough Clerk Brown read the resolution into the record.

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

**RESOLUTION 20-53
AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT
WITH THE
TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE FOR DISPOSAL OF LEAVES**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Neptune City and the Township of Neptune desire to enter into an agreement for disposal of leaves collected by the Borough and the Neptune Township Public Works Yard for ultimate disposal and recycling by the Township through a contracted third party; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Neptune City and the Township of Neptune desire to enter into an Interlocal Service Agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq. to serve the best interests of residents in both municipalities by enjoying the benefits of economies of scale through this arrangement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough will agree to transport leaves collected from Borough residents to the Neptune Township Public Works Yard and pay the Township at a specified rate per cubic yard; and

WHEREAS, this Interlocal Service Agreement shall be effective for three (3) years beginning on January 1, 2020; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City authorize the execution of an Interlocal Service Agreement with the Township of Neptune, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk, providing for the disposal of the Borough's leaves at the Township of Neptune Public Works Yard for three (3) years beginning January 1, 2020 at a rate of \$5.75 per cubic yard in 2020 and \$5.85 per cubic yard in 2021 and 2022 payable to the Township of Neptune; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, Public Works Director and Township of Neptune

On Roll Call the following vote was recorded:

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

Absent:

Mayor Wardell declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution 20-54 Awarding Professional service contract to CivicPlus for the Borough Website

Borough Clerk Brown read the resolution into the record.

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

Mayor Wardell stated that this will revamp the website and make it a little more user friendly. Mr. Cherbini stated the work will begin immediately on the site.

C/Renee asked if it was within the confines of not needing to go to bid. Mr. Cherbini stated it was.

C/Calhoun asked for the breakdown and Mr. Cherbini explained the breakdown and maintenance. Discussion continued.

**RESOLUTION 20-54
AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT TO CIVICPLUS FOR
BOROUGH'S WEBSITE**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Neptune City maintains an internet website which requires routine maintenance and website enhancement, including but not limited to the development of new pages, and data for the website, and

WHEREAS, CivicPlus possess then necessary skill and knowledge to perform these services, and

WHEREAS, the Borough has decided to acquire the services of CivicPlus as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, and

WHEREAS, CivicPlus has completed and submitted Business Entity Disclosure Certifications which certify that said businesses have not made any contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough that would bar the award of this contract and that this contract will prohibit said businesses from making any contributions through the term of the contract, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the borough of Neptune City do award a professional contract to CivicPlus located at 302 S. 4th Street, Suite 500 Manhattan, KS 01719. And this contract shall have a term of one (1) year from the date of full execution. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law because

CivicPlus has professional knowledge which is particularly valuable to the Borough and this service is acquired as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to N.J.S.A 10:44A-2.05.

On Roll Call the following vote was recorded:

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

Absent:

Mayor Wardell declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution 20-55 Approving the hiring of Susan Elmer as a Recreation Assistant

Borough Clerk Brown read the resolution into the record.

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

Resolution 20-55

APPROVING THE HIRING OF SUSAN ELMER AS A RECREATION ASSISTANT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Neptune City is in need of a Recreation Assistant, and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Borough Administrator and Community Center Director to hire Susan Elmer, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City hire Susan Elmer as a Recreation Assistant effective March 1, 2020 at a salary within the Salary Ordinance.

C/Kocsis mentioned that there were two new hires on the agenda, and he would like to be consulted in the future because only one was discussed. Mayor Wardell explained this is an no additional cost to the Borough and that they both offer unique things to the Borough. He also mentioned that these are part time positions and they are the responsibility of the Mayor and Administrator to hire. Discussion continued.

On Roll Call the following vote was recorded:

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

Absent:

Mayor Wardell declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution 20-56 Approving then hiring of Tracy Brand as Recreation Assistant

Borough Clerk Brown read the resolution into the record.

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

Resolution 20-56

APPROVING THE HIRING OF TRACY BRAND AS A RECREATION ASSISTANT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Neptune City is in need of a Recreation Assistant, and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Borough Administrator and Community Center Director to hire Tracy Brand, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City hire Tracy Brand as a Recreation Assistant effective March 1, 2020 at a salary within the Salary Ordinance.

On Roll Call the following vote was recorded:

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

Absent:

Mayor Wardell declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution 20-57 Supporting then effort to bring the new headquarters of the Army's 4th Corps to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst

Borough Clerk Brown read the resolution into the record.

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

RESOLUTION 20-57

SUPPORTING THE EFFORT TO BRING THE NEW HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY'S 4TH CORPS TO JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST

WHEREAS, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst is a 42,000-acre Tri-Service military installation active duty base and the only Tri-Service Joint Base in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Base supports 80 mission partners and is a critical asset for the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and NJ National Guard; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Joint Base in 2010 has resulted in increased coordination and collaboration between the military services and achieved greater efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, as part of an Operational Command Post in Europe, the United States Army is considering the activation of a Fourth Army Corps Headquarters to be based in the continental United States; and

WHEREAS, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst is one of thirty-one (31) installations being considered for housing the Fourth Army Corps Headquarters; and

WHEREAS, the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders have a long history of support for Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and supports the locating of the Fourth Army Corps

Headquarters on the Joint Base; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City that they fully support the siting of the Fourth Army Corps at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Neptune City forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, President of the State Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, Monmouth County Legislative Delegation, the County Administrator, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the New Jersey Defense Enhancement

On Roll Call the following vote was recorded:

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

Absent:

Mayor Wardell declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution 20-58 Proclamation for MS Awareness Week

Councilwoman Pappas read the resolution into the record.

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

Proclamation

2020 MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting 2.3 million people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis - New Jersey Chapters reports that in our State more than 14,000 people are living with MS, and that the disease generally strikes people in the prime of their life, between the ages of 20 through 50, and the cause and course of the often debilitating symptoms of MS remains unknown and no cure currently exists; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed for 74 years to a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge about and insight into the disease; and

WHEREAS, since 1946 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatments, and a cure, and has invested more than \$1 billion in groundbreaking research; and

WHEREAS, funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel \$34 million funding 320 research projects at the best medical centers, universities and other institutions throughout the United States and abroad, leading to many breakthroughs in the treatment of MS; and

WHEREAS, stopping MS in its tracks, restoring what has been lost, and ending MS forever is the mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and one that all Americans and New Jerseyans should support; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Neptune City recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS and expresses its appreciation for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society - New Jersey Chapters has shown toward creating a world free of MS.

NOW, THEREFORE WE, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City in the County of Monmouth within the State of New Jersey, by the virtue of authority vested in us by the Constitution and the laws of the great State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim March 8th-14th, 2020, as **MS AWARENESS WEEK**.

On Roll Call the following vote was recorded:

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

Absent:

Mayor Wardell declared the resolution adopted.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

John Vanderhoff of W. Sylvania Avenue mentioned he put a complaint in a couple Saturdays ago regarding dogs barking at Brighton Arms apartments. He mentioned that they have been barking since November. He is asking that something needs to get done, there is too much crime in the area. He also wants to make the Borough aware that Brighton Arms charges a security fee and monthly fee to have a dog, he stated that there is no place for these dogs to run and residents are not cleaning up after their dogs. He asked if the Borough was notified when a resident move in if they have a dog? Mayor told him no, but they are supposed to license their dogs. Discussion continued. Mayor reassured him he did the right thing by calling the Police Department.

Administrator Cherbini mentioned he and the Police Chief will be setting up a meeting with PRC to discuss several topics. Mr. Vanderhoff shared his concerns with the overcrowding in the two-bedroom apartments.

Jen Coombs- She mentioned she sent an email to Tammy regarding dog license with OPRA requests. She wanted us to know that dog license applications are public information based on Case Law.

Gabby Wardell asked if she and her brother were too old to attend the Easter Egg hunt. Mayor told her he believed she is too old. It was mentioned that the age is 13.

C/Thomas mentioned as a longtime owner of “bully breeds” and thanked Mr. Vanderhoff for contacting the Police Department regarding the dogs and helping get them into safe hands. Chief Quagliato thanked Chief Ross Lacitra and his staff for their assistance.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Mayor Andrew Wardell

Tamara Brown, Municipal Clerk