

Council Room Borough of Neptune City
October 22, 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 asked all to stand to salute the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 9, 2018

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Police Report, September

Borough Clerk Brown read the summary report into the record.

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

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

PRESENTATION – there was no presentation before Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Brown reported the hearing for Bennett's Burial Ground will be on 10/26 before the Superior Court for Neptune City to take possession of the land. The Borough is not anticipating contestation. Mayor Brown thanked all who worked on being able to take possession of the land. Mayor Brown noted 87 Rosewood, formally known as Ice House is on the agenda tonight. Mayor Brown thanked C/Kocsis and C/Renee for attending the Jack Green Reality opening. Mayor Brown reminded all to change their smoke detector batteries; noting if residents can't change them or don't know how, please contact the Fire Department who will assist. Mayor Brown acknowledged former Administrator Popkin who was in attendance.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE – Councilmember Pappas-Long

C/Pappas-Long reported Trunk or Treat will be held from 11-1 on 10/27; if handing out candy, please be in the parking lot by 10:30 a.m.

C/Pappas-Long offered a motion to amend the agenda to add resolution 18-133 celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Monmouth County Library. Seconded by C/Zajack.

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

The agenda was amended to add Resolution 18-133.

HUMAN SERVICES – Councilmember Wardell

C/Wardell noted it is Fire Prevention season, reporting the Fire Department visited the school last week. The 7th/8th grade class trip to D.C. is coming up; the classes are looking to fundraise in addition to their mum sale and Candy Bingo. Sponsors are being sought – for a \$100 donation the businesses name will be printed on a t-shirt. C/Wardell reminded all to check the Booster Facebook page for more fundraising events.

ADMINISTRATION & JUSTICE – Councilmember Zajack

C/Zajack noted the Administration and Justice Committee would be meeting directly after the Council Meeting.

SPECIAL SERVICES – Councilmember Kocsis

C/Kocsis attended the Jack Green ribbon cutting; noting the property looks great. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pasta fundraiser for Coats for Kids at a cost of \$20.00 per person.

LAW & ORDINANCE – Councilmember Renee

C/Renee reported the Law and Ordinance Committee met on the Snow Ordinance which she hopes to introduce at the next meeting. C/Renee thanked Director DeVos for his input. C/Renee noted the Jack Green ribbon cutting went well. The Emmanuel Cancer Foundation bocce tournament had a good turnout. C/Renee shared she is pleased to hear progress with the school, especially with STEM. C/Renee reminded all children to wear bright cloths and carry a flashlight on Halloween. The Neptune City Board of Recreation along with Bradley Beach will hold an instructional basketball clinic, which is presented through the generosity of sponsors; sponsors are being sought for \$200 per sponsors. On 10/28 at 1:30, the 50th Anniversary of Monmouth County Library will be celebrated at the Eastern Branch in Shrewsbury Borough.

PUBLIC WORKS – Councilmember Pryor

C/Pryor reported recycling can be co-mingled, but cannot be put in a plastic bag. C/Pryor noted it is leaf collection season and that more information will be forthcoming regarding the same.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments from the public.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 18-129 Payment of Payroll and Bills

Resolution 18-130 Halloween Curfew

Resolution 18-131 2019 TTTF Project Application

Resolution 18-132 Auth. Designation of Lead Professional to Prepare Redevelopment Plan for Block 13, Lot 1

(87 Rosewood Place)

Resolution 18-133 Recognition of the Monmouth County Library Eastern Branch 50th Anniversary

Resolution 18-129

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

RESOLUTION 2018-129

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 18-130

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

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

Mayor Brown noted the temporary curfew will be posted outside Borough Hall, on the website and will be distributed to students through the school.

**RESOLUTION 2017-130
TEMPORARY CURFEW**

WHEREAS, in the interest of safety and wellbeing in the Borough of Neptune City, it is desired of the Mayor and Council to establish a temporary curfew, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City hereby adopt a curfew to be enforced by the Neptune City Police Department, between the hours of 8:30 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. prevailing time for the dates starting October 30th and October 31st for those under the age of 17, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this curfew restricts and prohibits the wearing of masks by any person during the times and dates set forth above.

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

Resolution 18-131

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

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

**Resolution 2018-131
Transportation Trust Fund 2019 Application**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation has notified all municipalities of the availability of funding under the Transportation Trust Fund Municipal Aid Program for the Fiscal Year 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Neptune City is desirous of submitting an application under this program for the following purpose:

- Improvements to Hawthorne and Woodland Avenues

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of Neptune City, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Engineer, Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2019-Hawthorne and Woodla-00469 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Neptune City; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Neptune City and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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

Resolution 18-132

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

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

Attorney Aikins noted Matt Shafai is a Principal Engineer at Leon S. Avakian as referred to in the title of the resolution. Mayor Brown explained the Borough is doing their due diligence and following the letter of the law with the help from the Borough Professionals.

Resolution 2018-132

Authorize the designation of Leon S. Avakian, Inc, Borough Engineer and Jennifer C. Beahm, Borough Planner as lead professionals for the preparation of a redevelopment plan for Block 13 Lot 1, otherwise known as 87 Rosewood Place

WHEREAS, 87 Rosewood Place has been an abandoned property for several decades, during which time no municipal property taxes have been paid; and

WHEREAS, Extensive prior environmental contamination of 87 Rosewood Place has contributed to the property’s decline, with the current and past Mayor of the Borough of Neptune City having worked diligently over many years to secure grants to mitigate such environmental contamination at the property; and

WHEREAS, The property will receive further mitigation of the environmental condition once redevelopment of the property occurs and there is thus a need to proceed with the preparation of the necessary plans, studies and documents to designate 87 Rosewood Place as a site in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, The Borough of Neptune City has successfully conducted an In Rem foreclosure on the property for failure to pay municipal taxes, and is now the owner of 87 Rosewood Place;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Neptune City Borough Council designates Matt Shafai, P.E. and Jennifer C. Beahm, P.P. of Leon S. Avakian, Inc., Neptune, New Jersey to serve as professionals for the preparation of the necessary plans and documents required to designate 87 Rosewood Place as a site in need of redevelopment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Matt Shafai, P.E. and Jennifer C. Beahm, P.P. of Leon S. Avakian, Inc., Neptune, New Jersey.

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

Resolution 18-133

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/Renee.

Resolution 2018-133

RECOGNITION OF THE MONMOUTH COUNTY LIBRARY EASTERN BRANCH 50TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, The Monmouth County Library System was created in 1922 to provide county residents access to free public library services and due to County growth, the Eastern Branch was opened in 1968, and

WHEREAS, The Eastern Branch has served the residents of Monmouth County for 50 years providing excellent traditional library services and a plethora of other social, educational and community activities, and

WHEREAS, The Eastern Branch has become a community asset not only for the local Shrewsbury/Red Bank neighborhood but also for entirety of Monmouth County, providing residents with a gathering place filled with conversation, education and opportunities for self-enrichment, and

WHEREAS, The Eastern Branch is hosting a month long calendar of activities to demonstrate to the residents of Monmouth County the wide range of exceptional resources that are available at the Eastern Branch.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City congratulate the Monmouth County Library Board and the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders on the 50th anniversary of the Eastern Branch of the Monmouth County Library System.

BE IT FURTHER Resolved that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City recognize the invaluable assets the County Library System provides to the residents of Monmouth County and the residents of Neptune City Borough.

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

Mayor Brown requested Director DeVos bring the Borough flag to the eastern branch in Shrewsbury.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Ted Wardell asked if Neptune City Recreation has its own tax i.d. or if they are under the Boroughs. Borough Clerk Brown confirmed they are under the Borough. Mr. Wardell then clarified comments from last meeting, noting his references to beach badges and the cemetery were in fact two separate things and beach badges were not found at the cemetery; he apologized for any confusion.

ADJOURN 7:19 p.m.

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

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

Mayor Robert Brown

Tamara Brown, Municipal Clerk