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Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council was convened at 7:03 p.m. on August 3, 2020 virtually via Zoom meeting with Mayor Donovan presiding.

Mayor Edward Donovan read the statement re: Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 and that adequate notice has been provided by transmitting the Resolution of Annual Meetings to the Asbury Park Press and the Coast Star, by posting it in the Borough Hall on a bulletin board reserved for such announcements, and by posting it on the official website of the borough.

Mayor Donovan welcomed the audience and invited them to join in a moment of silent prayer and a salute to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Council Members Jason Bryant, Jeffrey Lee, Michael Mangan, Gregg Olivera, Richard Read, and James Walsh

Absent: None

Council Member Read was muted for roll call but was on the meeting via phone.

Also present was Borough Attorney Mark Kitrick and Borough Administrator Thomas Flarity.

### **Audience Participation**

Council Member Bryant made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Council Member Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no comment, Council Member Walsh made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Council Member Olivera. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

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Council Member Lee made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Council Member Walsh. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Blue Line Presentations:**

Joey DeSomma, 713 Rabbit Run, Brick presented his side to remove the blue line down the center of Main Street.

Hannah Pettit, 58 Pearce Avenue presented her side to remove the blue line down the center of Main Street.

Sandra Schlatter, 140 Morris Avenue read a statement on behalf of retired Manasquan Captain Jake Kleinknecht who has submitted this statement and a petition with over 2500 names in favor of keeping the blue line down the center of Main Street.

Council Member Mangan apologized for both sides for the format of the meeting as this is an emotional topic for both sides. He thanked the young adults that spoke for their advocacy regardless as to what brings you to your belief, you had to know that your opinion would be met with resistance. He voiced his concerns and opinions and went over what the Manasquan police are hired to do as it relates to their duties as first responders.

Council Member Walsh echoed Council Member Mangan's words and advised that he remembers very well in 2016 when the blue line was approved by Mayor and Council. He stated that this line was for all police including latino, blacks and whites and he is certain that the issues that Mr. DeSomma brings up does not resonate in Manasquan. He stated that there are enough checks and balances with Manasquan police and he believes them to be top notch. He also agreed that this was not the proper format for this issue.

Council Member Bryant echoed the comments of both Council Member Mangan and Walsh. He thanked both sides for bringing this up and making it a point of conversation and he thinks the format could have been better. He stated that he stands to keep the blue line on Main Street. He voiced his opinions on the subject. He hopes that both sides will show respect for each other as we are all practicing our first amendment rights.

Council Member Lee voiced his opinion and stated that the blue line represents more than just the police in Manasquan, it represents all first responders. He stated that he can support both avenues.

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Council Member Read thanked Joey and Hanna for the way they presented their argument. He stated that he too stands for the Black Lives Matter Movement and walked in Asbury Park and Manasquan and believes this to be an important issue and he does believe that the playing field is not level. He agrees with Council Member Lee in that you can support both and he believes there are enough checks and balances and can expect accountability from our police department. He stated that he respects Mr. Desomma and Ms. Pettit position and he appreciates the passion in which they bring to tonight's meeting. He stated that he is in favor of keeping the blue line.

Council Member Olivera thanked Joey, Hannah and Sandra for their presentation tonight as well as their passion. He stated that he supports keeping the blue line. He stated that he was part of the group that wanted the blue line put in place in 2016 and he is in full support of keeping it now.

Mayor Donovan stated that he met with Joey and Hannah and some others outside of Borough Hall and he stated that police officers are law enforcement officers and if there is a law you think is systemically racist you need to go to your legislatures. He stated that police officers only enforce laws that are passed by the legislatures and that police officers are watch by different departments of the United States government. He also stated that there is always room for improvements and changes to policies and procedures. He stated that he supports keeping the blue line.

**Use of Borough Property**

E47-20 Boardriders Surf Contest New Date Request

Council Member Lee made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Council Member Olivera. Motion carried unanimously.

**Open Space Report**

Mr. Kitrick stated that there are meetings where as the borough attorney he reads a closed session resolution and as part of that resolution there is a statement that says that this matter will be made public. He stated that this is one of those subjects that will be made public and is a follow up to that closed session resolution. Mr. Kitrick stated that Mayor and Council authorized him and Mr. Flarity to reach out to the owner of the property at 21 N. Main Street to discuss the availability of the property. He stated that he and Mr. Flarity had the opportunity to speak to the owner and they were advised by the owner that he was already finalizing an agreement for the property. He stated that there will be no further discussion on this property unless it becomes available at a later date which he does not believe will happen.

Mr. Flarity went over the process that was taken to get to this point regarding the property including the Open Space Grant application.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION  
182-2020**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Manasquan that:

**WHEREAS**, a refund for the Tax Title Lien Redemption for the below described property is due in the amount designated as follows:

**BLOCK: 186.03 LOT: 9 NAME: VIRGINIA L GRIFFIN**

**PROPERTY LOCATION: 552 PERCH AVE**

**AMOUNT: \$35,226.43**

**REASON FOR REFUND: REDEMPTION OF TTL #17-00113**

**REFUND CHECK TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO:**

PAUL SAMUEL  
1212 WASHINGTON ST APT 3S  
HOBOKEN, NJ 07030

**BLOCK: 186.03 LOT: 9 NAME: VIRGINIA L GRIFFIN**

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**PROPERTY LOCATION:** 552 PERCH AVE

**AMOUNT:** \$21,200.00

**REASON FOR REFUND:** RETURN OF PREMIUM PAID AT TAX SALE

**REFUND CHECK TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO:**

PAUL SAMUEL  
1212 WASHINGTON ST APT 3S  
HOBOKEN, NJ 07030

**WHEREAS,** the Tax Collector has certified that the current lien holder is entitled to the refund.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in the said amount to the above listed property with said warrant to be charged against the General Ledger.

**RESOLUTION  
183-2020**

**RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE GRACE PERIOD TO AUGUST 28, 2020 FOR THE AUGUST 1, 2020 TAX QUARTER.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Manasquan that:

**WHEREAS,** State statute provides that the Grace Period must be extended to allow for 25 days from the date of mailing of the tax bills for payments of the August 1, 2020 tax quarter to be made without interest; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tax Collector has set the last day to pay the August 1, 2020 tax quarter at August 28, 2020 being the next business day after the 25 calendar days from the date the tax bills were mailed, and;

**WHEREAS,** the extension only applies to the August 1, 2020 tax quarter. The normal Borough grace period will apply to all other tax quarters on the bill.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Manasquan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes that:

The Governing Body of the Borough of Manasquan memorializes the extension of the grace period to August 28, 2020 for the August 1, 2020 tax quarter and recognizes that the normal Borough grace period will apply to all other quarters on the tax bill.

**RESOLUTION  
184-2020**

**WHEREAS,** the borough council is desirous of amending Resolution 29-2020 to include the following: professional service provider:

Jennifer Beahm – COAH Planner and Borough Planner

**WHEREAS,** the borough council has determined that there is a need for professional services during the 2020 calendar year; and

**WHEREAS,** the borough council has determined to provide the need to acquire these professional services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N. J. S. A. 19:44A-20.5; and

**WHEREAS,** the chief financial officer of the municipality has determined and certified in writing that the value of these professional services may exceed \$17,500; and

**WHEREAS,** the anticipated term of these contracts are one year (January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020); and

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This appointment is made pursuant to N. J. S. 2B:12-1 et seq.

**WHEREAS**, a certification as to the availability of funds executed by the chief financial officer is attached to this resolution pursuant to the provisions of N. J. A. C. 5:30-5-4;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Manasquan, Monmouth County, New Jersey, on this -3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2020 as follows:

1. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification of these professionals and the Determination of Value Certification of the chief financial officer shall be filed in the office of the municipal clerk, and shall be available for public inspection.
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with these professionals to provide professional services to the municipality for the 2020 contract year at the agreed upon rate that is contained in the contract/proposal on file in the Clerk's Office.
3. A notice stating the nature, duration, service and the amount of this contract shall be published in the Coast Star and this resolution shall be maintained on file and available for the public inspection in the office of the municipal clerk.
4. A certified copy of this resolution shall be sent to the professionals included in this resolution.

**RESOLUTION  
185-2020**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Manasquan is desirous of appointing Seasonal Beach Employees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Manasquan, Monmouth County, New Jersey, on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2020 appoint the following Seasonal Beach Employees to work during the 2020 Summer Season.

Lifeguards

Tom Pollock	\$10.30 per hour
Kayvon Haghighi	\$10.30 per hour

Mobile Rescue Technician

Marshal Bitsko	\$14.00 per hour
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**RESOLUTION  
186-2020**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Manasquan that Barbara Ilaria, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Manasquan, be and is hereby authorized to advertise a Bid Notice for Cleaning Services for the interior of Borough Hall, 201 East Main Street.

**RESOLUTION  
187-2020**

**WHEREAS**, application has been made to the Borough Council of the Borough of Manasquan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey by Driftwood Hospitality Group LLC, t/a The Salty Whale & Guest House for the renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License (Hotel/Motel Exception) No. 1327-36-001-010 to cover premises at 390 E. Main Street, Manasquan, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body makes the following findings with respect to Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License No. 1327-36-001-010 issued by it:

1. The submitted application is complete in all respects.

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2. The applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all statutory, regulatory and governmental A. B. C. Laws and Regulations.
3. The applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and/or any additional financing obtained in the previous license term for use in the licensed business.

**WHEREAS**, the said Driftwood Hospitality Group LLC, t/a The Salty Whale & Guest House judged to be entitled to a Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License (Hotel/Motel Exception).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Manasquan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the Borough Clerk is hereby designated, authorized and instructed to issue and deliver a Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License (Hotel/Motel Exception) to the said, Driftwood Hospitality Group LLC, t/a The Salty Whale & Guest House to sell alcoholic beverages at 390 East Main Street in the Borough of Manasquan, New Jersey, until midnight, June 30, 2021, subject, however, to the following conditions:

- a. There shall be no live music or entertainment of patrons by any group exceeding four people; however, the applicant shall have the privilege of applying to the governing body, or its designated committee, to have a larger group on special occasions. In such event, the applicant shall advise the governing body of the proposed date for the entertainment by live music of a group exceeding four people, the proposed time of the event and the number of entertainers proposed at the event.
- b. There shall be no consumption of alcoholic beverages outside of the structure on the property, except for the "proposed outdoor area" shown on a diagram submitted as part of the renewal application for this liquor license. The outdoor area consists of 510 square feet to the east of a portion of the structure labeled on the diagram as "ENCLOSED PORCH – roof over." Alcoholic beverages may only be served and consumed in this area between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Alcoholic beverages shall be available to patrons only through service by waiters or waitresses. Only a service bar may be maintained in this area. No patrons may be seated or standing at the service bar. No live music or amplified music shall be conducted in this area except for an acoustic guitar. Landscaping shall be provided in accordance with the diagram outlining this area. It is the intention of this provision to prohibit the consumption of alcoholic beverages in the yard or parking lot areas of the premises known as The Salty Whale & Guest House, except in the outdoor area described above.
- c. The total lineal feet of public bar shall not exceed seventy (70) linear feet.
- d. No alcoholic beverages sign on the exterior or adjacent grounds shall exceed 4½ square feet in area.
- e. No renewal or transfer of this license will be allowed, except for or to a hotel containing at least 50 rooms.
- f. The licensee shall provide two (2) qualified, uniformed security persons who shall be assigned to duty, about or adjacent to the parking lot serving the licensed premises from the hours of 7:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. on those Fridays, Saturdays and Holidays from May 15<sup>th</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup>, when the licensee shall be open for business. At least one of the security persons shall be stationed directly in the parking lot during the hours of 7:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.
- g. The licensee shall provide a litter patrol which will remove litter within 200 feet of the licensed premises before 9:00 a.m. each morning following an operational day from May 15<sup>th</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- h. No bottles or cans shall be dumped in the solid waste dumpster maintained by the license holder between the hours of midnight and 7:00 a.m.
- i. At any time the licensed premises offers live entertainment or amplified music, all doors shall remain closed except for access to and from the licensed premises and all windows shall be closed. Exterior doors shall not be left open continuously. This condition does not apply to any rooms available for rent.
- j. No live music is permitted at the licensed premises after 1:30 a.m.
- k. Alcoholic beverages shall be available for patrons in conjunction with food service in Dining

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Area "D."

- l. Alcoholic beverages shall be available to patrons only through service by waiters or waitresses in Dining Area "D."
- m. Alcoholic beverages may be served and consumed between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, and 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday in Dining Area "D".
- n. Dining Area "D" shall be vacated by 10:00 p.m. between Memorial Day and Labor Day and by 11:00 p.m. between Labor Day and Memorial Day. After that hour, there shall be no service of alcoholic beverages or food in this area.
- o. No amplification devices shall be located on the exterior of the building.
- p. No outside bar area, portable bars or similar structures or equipment shall be located in Dining Area "D."

**RESOLUTION  
188-2020**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Manasquan that Barbara Ilaria, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Manasquan, be and is hereby authorized to advertise a Bid Notice for the Mount Lane Improvement Project in the Borough of Manasquan..

**RESOLUTION  
189-2020**

**WHEREAS**, application has been made to the Borough Council of the Borough of Manasquan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey by Squan Tavern, Inc. for the renewal of the Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License No. 1327-33-005-003 to cover premises at 15-17-19-21 Broad Street, Manasquan, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body makes the following findings with respect to Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor Licenses issued by it:

1. The submitted application form is complete in all respects.
2. The applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all statutory, regulatory and local governmental A.B.C. Laws and Regulations.
3. The applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority has reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and/or additional financing obtained in the previous license term for use in the licensed business.

**WHEREAS**, the Squan Tavern, Inc. is adjudged to be entitled to a Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Manasquan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that the Borough Clerk is hereby designated, authorized and instructed to issue and deliver a Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License to Squan Tavern, Inc. to sell any alcoholic beverages at 15-17-19-21 Broad Street, Manasquan, New Jersey until midnight, June 30, 2021, subject, however, to the following condition;

1. At any time the licensed premises offers live entertainment or amplified music, all doors shall remain closed except for access to and from the licensed premises and all windows shall be closed. Exterior doors shall not be left open continuously.

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- 2. Alcoholic beverages will only be served in the permitted outdoor area only between 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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190-2020**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Manasquan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that:

**WHEREAS**, a refund of monies are due to the following:

NAME: Carolyn Passes  
19 Main Street  
Manasquan, NJ 08736

AMOUNT OF REFUND DUE: \$60.00

REASON FOR REFUNDS: Cancellation of Manasquan Recreation Joe Mitchell Soccer Clinic.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in the said amount to the above listed refunds with said warrant to be charged against the General Ledger.

**RESOLUTION  
191-2020**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN, IN THE County of Monmouth, New Jersey** (not less than three (3) members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

- 1. All bills or claims as reviewed and approved by the Administration & Finance Committee and as set forth in this Resolution are hereby approved for payment.
- 2. The Mayor, Municipal Clerk and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized and directed to sign checks in payment of bills and claims which are hereby approved.

The computer print-out of the list of checks will be on file in the Clerk’s Office.

Current Fund	\$60,029.19
Capital Fund	\$9,681.27
Water/Sewer Fund	\$16,064.90
Water/Sewer Utility Fund	
Beach Utility Fund	\$7,590.88
Beach Capital Fund	\$12.30
Recreation Building Trust	\$1,723.31
Tourism Trust	\$1,540.00
Junior Lifeguard	\$27.98
Misc Tr I	\$1,000.00
Developer’s Escrow	\$777.50

Council Member Read made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Walsh. Motion carried by the following vote: “yes” Council Members Bryant, Lee, Mangan, Olivera, Read, and Walsh. “No” none.

**Committee Reports**

Finance Committee – Council Member Olivera stated that he has nothing to report at this time.

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Administration Committee – Council Member Read stated that he has nothing to report at this time.

Code & Zoning Committee – Council Member Bryant reported on the code/constructions transactions for the month of July. He thanked the department for their professionalism and the degree as to how they are keeping on top of things during this difficult time.

Public Works Committee – Council Member Walsh reported on public works and the projects they have been working on which includes replacing boards at the Brielle Road pier, Stockton Lake Blvd. bulkhead filling with blacktop, leaf pickup, and the ongoing park enhancements. He stated that Mallard Park is starting to be used for traveling baseball teams and the coaches stated that it is great with the new infield.

Beach & Recreation Committee – Council Member Mangan thanked the recreation staff under the direction of Kim Ward who have been re-tasked for the ‘Mask Up’ campaign for Manasquan. He thanked all the beach staff and the police for working with the public to try and make the most of and safe summer at the beach.

Public Safety Committee – Council Member Lee reported that the Special Law Enforcement Officers Class II finished their course work and graduated on Friday. They joined Manasquan over the weekend to help with the larger than normal crowds this summer. He reported Chris Sullivan Class II Officer was the recipient of the Academic Award for his class. He reminded the residents to lock down items for the upcoming high winds.

Mr. Flarity reported on the upcoming Tropical Storm Isaias with winds, flooding, rain, and surf.

Mayor Donovan reminded everyone to complete the Census and that it is important because the Census is used to allocate federal money to towns. He asked everyone to be safe during the upcoming storm.

### **Audience Participation**

Council Member Olivera made a motion to open the public portion, seconded by Council Member Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

Maggie Patutka, 92 Wyckoff Avenue voiced her opinion on the removing the blue line and cited the statute regarding the double yellow lines.

Pat Connolly, 65 Ocean Avenue inquired about the Open Space report and wanted to know if there was an environmental investigation done by the Borough on 21 N. Main Street.

Council Member Mangan stated that there was no investigation done as it never got that far.

Ms. Connolly inquired about applying for the grant without having an environmental impact study done.

Council Member Bryant stated that he does not know how you would do it otherwise until you actually go under contract for the property. He stated that he shares her concern as no one would want to buy something that cause the Borough to have to do a cleanup and put a burden on the taxpayers.

There was back and forth with Ms. Connolly and Council Member Mangan regarding the environmental impact study.

Mr. Kitrick weighed in to explain how a transaction like this would work.

There was more back and forth with Ms. Connolly regarding the environmental impact study.

Mr. Flarity went over how the grant process works.

Mr. Kitrick stated that if there was a contract the Borough would have ordered their own impact study.

Colleen DeSomma, 713 Rabbit Run, Brick stated that she is very proud of her son Joey and Hannah Pettit to stand up for their beliefs. She voiced her opinion about removing the blue line.

Tom Watson, 8 Acpoan Place voiced his opinion on keeping the blue line. He wanted to get an update on the painting of the water tower.



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Council Member Walsh stated that this has been discussed and they are in the process of getting quotes. He stated that he will reach out to Mr. Watson when he has more information.

Mary Ryan, 113 Beachfront inquired about the open space acquisition and wanted to know if Mr. Flarity reached out to Andrew Waring.

Mr. Kitrick answered for Mr. Flarity that it was.

Ms. Ryan voiced her concerns about the property and her opinion as to how the process took place. She also voiced her concern and opinion on the cleanup of the property by Andrew Waring.

Council Member Mangan went over the process that has taken place and stated that he is offended by the comments made tonight about the accusations that the council is not being transparent or that they wouldn't care about the environmental conditions of the property.

Council Member Walsh stated that casting despairing's on Andrew Waring is wrong. He echoed Council Member Mangan's comments and he is offended also by Ms. Ryan's comments.

Mr. Kitrick stated that back in September 2019 he stated that the Borough would never buy a property which was not cleaned up from an environmental prospective. He also stated as a lawyer representing a client there is absolutely no way that he would allow a client to close on a property that wasn't environmentally clean.

Ms. Ryan stated that she is sorry that they are all offended but she was offended too as to the sense of secrecy about the property. She voiced her feelings on the way the council handled the closed session on the Clarke Property. She stated that she spoke with Mr. Waring and Mr. Flarity regarding the property.

Mr. Kitrick stated that he is not offended he is disappointed. He stated that the information Ms. Ryan received was from another avenue is fine but the Borough was in closed session and the resolution stating that it would be making it public and it was made public this evening.

Daniel Marlin, Laurel Avenue, Sea Girt voiced his opinion and concerns about the blue line and is in favor of removing it. He recited the NJDOT rules.

Emily Neiberlien, 39 Minerva Avenue voiced her opinion and concerns about the blue line and is in favor of removing it.

Sarah F. resident of Holmdel is in favor of removing the blue line and voiced her concerns and opinion on the matter.

Quinn Giblin, 263 E. Main Street voiced his concern and opinion on the blue line and is in favor of removing the blue line.

Diana White, 49 Pearce Avenue voiced her concerns and opinion on the blue line and is in favor of keeping the blue line.

John Garbarini, 19 Muriel Place voiced his opinion and concerns on the blue line and is in favor of keeping the blue line.

Council Member Walsh stated that, if in fact, the symbol of the blue line has been coopted by bad groups then the police should step forward and say that is not the meaning. He stated that he knows why it was passed.

Tom Weiczerak, 100 Broad Street voiced his opinion on the blue line and stated that he is in favor of keeping the blue line.

Claire Wang, 117 Bond Drive, Marlboro voiced her concerns and opinion on the blue line.

Deborah Wayne, 124 Morris Avenue voiced her opinion and is in support of removing the blue line. She wanted to know what type of training the council has had regarding bias and racism and what the council is doing to make this a town a safe and inclusive town for all those that live and visit here.

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Council Member Mangan stated this is not how it works. The Borough employees the police department and their policies and procedures are established by the State. He asked if Ms. Wayne is asking to expand beyond the State.

Ms. Wayne stated that she is not specifically asking about the police she is asking about being the leaders in the town. She wanted to know if the Borough is not willing to take steps to remove a racist symbol what are you doing to make it an inclusive and safe town for the people of color that visit and live here.

Council Member Walsh stated that after the equality walk in town he fielded a few emails from people in town that were so completely idiotic. The emails were not kind and they were against him walking for equality. He stated he believes the borough has a handle on what goes on in town and if issues actually came up they would be addressed.

Ms. Wayne voiced her concerns about the inclusion and safe town for people of color and if the town would be open to having an equity committee similar to what the school has.

Mayor Donovan stated that he would be glad to sit down with Ms. Wayne and discuss her concerns. He stated that personally he has had many years of inclusion training. He stated that he hasn't had one complaint until the last 3 months that someone has been treated disparately.

Council Member Mangan agreed with the Mayor as to any complaints coming in prior to the last 3 months.

Ms. Wayne stated that it is unlikely that people of color will bring up racism to a group of white men who don't experience it. She stated that they will not feel confident that they are going to be heard and that changes are going to be made.

Mayor Donovan stated that is a shame and he does not know how to correct the confidence of being heard and changes being made.

Ms. Wayne stated that she would love to discuss this more.

Mayor Donovan stated that Ms. Wayne should reach out to him to set up an appointment to discuss.

Council Member Mangan stated that all of the council members phone numbers and email addresses are listed on the website.

Mayor Donovan stated that he doesn't believe any of the council would have denied talking to anyone if they received a complaint. He stated that all the council is responsive and they take everything seriously.

Council Member Bryant stated that not only complaints should be forwarded but they are open to suggestions also.

Council Member Walsh stated that he wished Ms. Wayne would have reached out to him regarding her son and issues he was having as child of color.

Council Member Olivera made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Council Member Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Walsh made a motion to reopen the audience participation, seconded by Council Member Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

Julian Donadeo, 65 Parker Avenue went over an incident that occurred in Franklin Township in Gloucester County. He voiced his concerns and opinion of the blue line.

Hannah Pettit, 58 Pearce Avenue voiced her opinion on Council Member Walsh's comment about what the blue line means and the police should step up. She stated that other towns have made police officer's remove the blue line and she hopes Manasquan will remove the blue line before the symbol has taken on a different form. She voiced her concerns about how the meeting was being run and she believes the council is not open minded to any other opinion then their own.

Council Member Mangan stated that he doesn't think the council is closed minded just because they don't agree. He stated that he appreciates everyone who shared their perspective tonight.

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Council Member Bryant responded to Ms. Pettit's comments and stated that he appreciates her comments and that is why the meeting was re-opened for audience participation to make sure that everyone's voice was heard.

Eileen Huang, 10 Huntley Road, Holmdel stated that she is the person who started the remove the blue line petition for Holmdel. She voiced her concerns and opinion on the removal of the blue line and how the council performs their jobs.

Megan Young, 142 Second Avenue stated she wanted to respond to everyone on the call not living in Manasquan who are against the blue line. She stated that the petition to keep the blue line greatly outnumbers the petition to remove the blue line. She voiced her concerns and opinion on how people have responded during the meeting. She stated that there should be respect for individual opinions.

Eileen Huang, 10 Huntley Road, Holmdel interrupted the process of audience participation.

Mayor Donovan advised Ms. Huang that she needs to be recognized before she can speak again.

Mr. Kitrick stated that this should not be a point- counter point discussion.

Eileen Huang, Holmdel NJ unmuted herself to state remove the blue line.

Council Member Lee made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Council Member Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Olivera made a motion to close the regular meeting at 8:57 p.m., seconded by Council Member Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Ilaria, Municipal Clerk

DATE APPROVED 8/17/2020