
**MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
REORGANIZATION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JANUARY 4, 2014 @ 11:00AM**

OPENING/ CALL TO ORDER: Mayor John "Jack" Nicholson called the meeting to order at 11:02AM.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor Nicholson read the following statement, "This Meeting has been properly advertised and posted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, the Open Public Meetings Act".

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Mayor Nicholson led in the salute to the flag.

OATHS ADMINISTERED TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

SWEARING IN OF THOMAS WEAVER TO THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS: Councilman Thomas Weaver was sworn in by Councilman Thomas Williams. Councilman Weaver was accompanied by his wife and four sons.

SWEARING IN OF JONATHAN FISHER TO THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS: Councilman Fisher was sworn in by Councilwoman Christine Nucera, with his wife and three daughters standing beside him.

ROLL CALL: Jenai Johnson, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, called the roll which resulted in the following members present: Mayor John "Jack" Nicholson; Councilman Mark Armbruster; Councilman Thomas Avellino, Sr.; Councilman Jonathan Fisher; Councilwoman Christine Nucera; Councilman Thomas Weaver; Councilman Thomas Williams. Also present was Solicitor George Botcheos.

NOMINATION OF BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Councilman Armbruster nominated Councilman Thomas Weaver to the position of Council President, seconded by Councilman Williams and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams.

INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES:

Mayor Nicholson announced that there were several dignitaries in attendance for the reorganization meeting, including Assemblyman Paul Moriarty, Assemblywoman Gabriella Mosquera and Mayor Armano of Berlin. Mayor Nicholson thanked them for their support and attendance.

REMARKS FROM NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS, MAYOR, COUNCIL AND SPECIAL GUESTS:

Assemblyman Moriarty explained that they had arrived later than anticipated due to the change in venue of the meeting. He wished everyone a happy new year, and noted that he enjoyed attending the reorganization meeting of the Borough of Clementon, and was grateful to represent its' residents. Assemblyman Moriarty stated that he wished to congratulate the newly sworn in members of Council, and always enjoyed being witness to the peaceful transfer of power from year to year.

Assemblywoman Gabriella Mosquera stated that she wished to echo the comments made by Assemblyman Moriarty, and congratulated the newly sworn in members of the Governing Body. Assemblywoman Mosquera stated that tough economic times would pose challenges to government officials in the coming year, but noted that she was confident that the residents of the Borough of Clementon were being represented well. Councilwoman Mosquera also noted that the annual reorganization meetings were a true symbol of what it is to be an American.

Mayor Armano wished a happy new year to all and congratulated the newly sworn in members of Council.

Councilman Weaver thanked the residents of the Borough of Clementon for entrusting him to serve them on the Borough Council, and noted that it was an honor to do so. Councilman Weaver stated that he looked forward to contributing his best efforts in the coming years working for the community.

Councilman Fisher stated that he wished to thank his wife, Lisa, and three daughters, for their continued support during the election process, as well as his friends who had supported him tremendously.

Councilman Fisher concluded by stating that he was looking forward to servicing the Borough in the coming years.

Councilman Armbruster stated that he was excited to have Councilman Weaver continue in the capacity of Council President for the Borough. Councilman Armbruster stated that Councilman Weaver had been an extreme asset to the body, and noted that Councilman Weaver was extremely involved in numerous aspects of the Borough. Councilman Armbruster commented that he was equally as thrilled to welcome Councilman Fisher as a member of Borough Council. Councilman Armbruster stated that Councilman Fisher was one of his closest friends, as well as an integral component of the Clementon Youth Athletic Association. Councilman Armbruster stated that he expects fantastic results from the newly sworn in members of Council.

Mayor Nicholson stated that he wished to congratulate and welcome Councilman Fisher and Councilman Weaver. Mayor Nicholson stated that he was involved with the Clementon Youth Athletic Association for a period of 10 years in the 1990's and realizes the efforts involved. Mayor Nicholson stated that he was extremely pleased with the fact that Councilman Weaver would continue to be an asset to the Governing Body, and noted his continued dedication and work upon the Redevelopment of the Route 30 Market Property with Leewood Developers. Mayor Nicholson stated that he enjoyed working with the excellent employees of the Borough, Professionals and members of Council. Mayor Nicholson stated that he looked forward to a productive 2014.

Councilman Williams stated that the conclusion of campaign season allows the opportunity to put aside political parties and work in unison as a Governing Body, which he believed had been nicely accomplished by the members of the Governing Body. Councilman Williams stated that it was his belief that Councilman Weaver and Councilman Fisher were the best suited individuals to be elected, and looked forward to working together with them in 2014.

Mayor Nicholson announced at 11:25AM that a short recess was necessary to allow guests to attend other Reorganization Meetings being held.

Mayor Nicholson reopened the meeting at 11:40AM.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-01 PROVIDING FOR THE SALARIES AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES AND OTHER OFFICIALS RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2014. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve on first reading, seconded by Councilman Williams. Councilman Avellino inquired if any increases were being implemented to the existing salaries. Jenai Johnson advised Councilman Avellino that the ordinance was authorizing the Borough to provide salaries to employees for 2014 and that the figures remained unchanged from the 2013 ending salaries. Hearing no further comments, motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams.

RESOLUTION NO. R14-01 APPOINTING MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY, GEORGE BOTCHEOS, JR., 1202 LAUREL OAK ROAD, VOORHEES, NJ. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Avellino motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams.

RESOLUTION NO. R14-02 APPOINTING MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTANT BOWMAN AND COMPANY, LLP, 601 WHITE HORSE ROAD, VOORHEES, NJ. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Weaver and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams.

RESOLUTION NO. R14-03 APPOINTING MUNICIPAL ENGINEER, BACH ASSOCIATES, 304 WHITE HORSE PIKE, HADDON HEIGHTS, NJ. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Weaver motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams.

RESOLUTION NO. R14-04 APPOINTING PARKER, MCCAY AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Weaver and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams.

RESOLUTION NO. R14-05 APPOINTING MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR, SINGLEY & GINDELE, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, 129 W. EVESHAM RD, VOORHEES. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Thomas Williams and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams.

RESOLUTION NO. R14-06 APPOINTING INSURANCE BROKER, HARDENBERGH INSURANCE AGENCY OF VOORHEES, NJ AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR SAID SERVICES. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Weaver motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams.

RESOLUTION NO. R14-07 APPOINTING LABOR COUNSEL, BROWN AND CONNERY, 360 HADDON AVE, WESTMONT, NJ. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams.

RESOLUTION NO. R14-08 APPOINTING CHARLES WIGGINTON PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Weaver and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams.

Mayor Nicholson read the following resolutions by title:

RESOLUTION NO. R14-09 ADOPTING ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER

RESOLUTION NO. R14-10 ADOPTING LEGAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON: THE CENTRAL RECORD, THE COURIER POST, AND THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

RESOLUTION NO. R14-11 AUTHORIZING THE LEGAL DEPOSITORIES OF FUNDS: BENEFICIAL BANK, NA; T.D. BANK N.A.; SOVEREIGN BANK; NJ CASH MANAGEMENT FUND

RESOLUTION NO. R14-12 AUTHORIZING OFFICIALS TO SIGN CHECKS: MAYOR, COUNCIL PRESIDENT, CHIEF MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER, MUNICIPAL CLERK, DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. R14-13 AUTHORIZING OFFICIALS TO SIGN TAX TITLE LIEN CHECKS: TAX COLLECTOR, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO. R14-14 AUTHORIZING PETTY CASH FUNDS

RESOLUTION NO. R14-15 AUTHORIZING BONDS FOR BOROUGH OFFICIALS

RESOLUTION NO. R14-16 AUTHORIZING BONDS FOR COURT OFFICIALS

RESOLUTION NO. R14-17 AUTHORIZING INTEREST CHARGES FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

RESOLUTION NO. R14-18 AUTHORIZING CHARGE FOR DUPLICATE TAX BILLS

RESOLUTION NO. R14-19 ADOPTING 2014 SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

RESOLUTION NO. R14-20 AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND COUNCIL EXPENSES

RESOLUTION NO. R14-21 ADOPTING POLICE RULES AND REGULATION FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AS AMENDED 1/28/03

RESOLUTION NO. R14-22 DESIGNATING DELEGATES TO THE CAMDEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, 2014 AND THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR AS ALTERNATE

RESOLUTION NO. R14-23 OF PARTICIPATION, SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM, AND NAMING RANDALL FREILING, CHIEF OF POLICE, AS THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve Resolutions R14-09 thru and including R14-23, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams.

RESOLUTION NO. R14-24 CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS FOR 2014. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Williams motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams.

RESOLUTION NO. R14-25 AUTHORIZING SUBSEQUENT APPOINTMENTS/POSITIONS HELD FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE 2014 COUNCIL MEETINGS. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Weaver motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams.

RESOLUTION NO. R14-26 TO ADOPT 2014 MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY POLICE AGENCIES. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams.

RESOLUTION NO. R14-27 TO ADOPT TEMPORARY BUDGET. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams.

Mayor Nicholson read the following resolutions by title:

RESOLUTION NO. R14-28 CONFIRMING COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2014

RESOLUTION NO. R14-29 AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES WITH CAMDEN COUNTY FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN AND INCLUDING JANUARY 1, 2014 TO DECEMBER 31, 2014

RESOLUTION NO. R14-30 ACCEPTING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR 2014

RESOLUTION NO. R14-31 AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO REFUND CERTAIN ESCROW BALANCES AND VARIOUS OTHER REVENUES ON DEPOSIT WITH BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON FOR YEAR 2013

RESOLUTION NO. R14-32 AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO NJSA 4A:11-12a

RESOLUTION NO. R14-33 AUTHORIZING INTERLOCAL SERVICES PARTICIPATION BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON AND THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING FOR THE YEAR 2014

RESOLUTION NO. R14-34 ADOPTING AN AMENDED TOWING LIST FOR 2014

RESOLUTION NO. R14-35 AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF TERMS OF APPOINTMENT FOR OFFICERS OF CLEMENTON FIRE RESCUE, FOR A PERIOD OF 60 DAYS

Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve Resolutions R14-28 thru and including Resolution R14-35, seconded by Councilman Williams and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams. Nays: Councilman Avellino opposed Resolution R14-29.

MAYOR APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Nicholson announced the following Mayoral Appointments:

Edward Kunkel- Class IV Planning/Zoning Member Term Expiration December 31, 2017

Jacob Kuns- Class IV Planning/Zoning Member Term Expiration December 31, 2017

Jason Lomax- Alternate #1 Two Year Term Term Expiration December 31, 2015

David Dorman- Alternate #2 Two Year Term Term Expiration December 31, 2015


PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

There were no comments from the public during the public portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Armbruster motioned to adjourn at 11:46AM, seconded by Councilman Williams and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jenai L. Johnson,