

**MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
FEBRUARY 16, 2016
COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

OPENING: Mayor Thomas Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:07PM.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor Weaver 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."

ROLL CALL: Jenai Johnson, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, called the roll, which resulted in the following members present: Mayor Thomas Weaver; Councilwoman Carol Andrews; Councilman Mark Armbruster; Councilman Jonathan Fisher; Councilwoman Meghan Milano; Councilwoman Christine Nucera; Councilman Gordon Schaeffer. Also present were Solicitor George J. Botcheos and Municipal Engineer Wayne Roorda.

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

ENGINEER REPORT:

Wayne Roorda of Bach Associates provided a written report, which has been filed in the appropriate manner and verbally reviewed the following items:

Mr. Roorda stated that he had nothing new to report and opened the conversation to questions from the members of the Governing Body. Councilwoman Nucera inquired regarding the status of the Soccer Field at Daniel Dougherty Ball Fields. Mr. Roorda stated that he had spoken to Councilman Armbruster and Councilman Fisher regarding the project, who would be meeting to review the plans that were developed by Bach Associates.

Councilman Armbruster stated that he had received correspondence regarding a meeting being scheduled with the Camden County Engineer, regarding the bridge on Clementon Berlin Road. Councilman Armbruster stated that the bank appeared eroded and the sidewalk was falling on the Gambale Concrete side of the road. Councilman Armbruster requested that Mr. Roorda visit the location to look at the issues, and include in the repairs planned for the bridge area.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR A TOTAL TIME NOT TO EXCEED 10 MINUTES FOR ITEMS APPEARING ON THE AGENDA ONLY: There were no comments from the public related to items appearing on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST: Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve the bill list as presented upon proper review, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Andrews; Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Schaeffer.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2016-01 ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2016. Mayor Weaver read by title. Jenai Johnson noted that this Ordinance was being presented again due to an error in publication by the newspaper, which required rescheduling a public hearing. Mayor Weaver opened the floor to the public. Hearing no comments, Mayor Weaver closed the

hearing. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to adopt on second reading, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Andrews; Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Schaeffer.

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2016-02 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON ENTITLED "FIRE RESCUE". Mayor Weaver read by title and opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments from the public, Councilman Fisher motioned to adopt on second reading, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Andrews; Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Schaeffer.

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2016-03 BANNING THE SALE OF DOGS AND CATS FROM PET SHOPS. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve on first reading, seconded by Councilwoman Andrews and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Andrews; Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Schaeffer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENT OF FIRE SERVICES COORDINATOR- Mayor Weaver stated that he wished to appoint John Busch Sr. to the office of Fire Services Coordinator for a term of one year, effective February 16, 2016. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve the appointment, seconded by Councilman Schaeffer and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Andrews; Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Schaeffer. The oath of office was administered to John Busch Sr. by Solicitor George Botcheos.

APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY FOR CHIEF OF POLICE- Solicitor Botcheos stated that an inquiry was posed at the previous meeting related to the appropriate authority dictated within the ordinance, to which the Chief of Police was required to report. Solicitor Botcheos stated that the ordinance mandates that the Chief of Police shall be responsible to the Mayor and Council as the appropriate authority, through the Borough Administrator.

NEW BUSINESS:

CROSSING GUARD HIRES- Jenai Johnson stated that the Mayor and Council had been previously made aware of the need to hire additional crossing guards within the Borough to fill vacancies existing. Jenai Johnson reported that she had received recommendations for hire from the Chief of Police earlier in the day. Ms. Johnson requested that approval be given to hire Helen Miller of Clementon and Florence Kinssella of Gloucester Township. Councilwoman Andrews motioned to authorize the hires as recommended, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Andrews; Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Schaeffer. (MEMORIALIZED BY RESOLUTION R16-55 and RESOLUTION R16-56)

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Ernest White, 120 Princeton Road- Mr. White stated that he wished to get involved and was looking for suggestions on how to put forth any ideas for the community that he may have in the future. Councilman Armbruster stated that a meeting with Councilmembers can be arranged dependent upon what type of ideas he wished to present. It was noted that the Council email addresses were listed and available on the website.

Dina Massey, 19 Elm Avenue- Mrs. Massey stated that she had continued concerns with the curve by Sandbergs, as she was almost hit by another vehicle on several occasions. Mrs. Massey inquired if any actions were planned for correction of that roadway. Councilman Armbruster

stated that the concerns have been presented to the County on several occasions and that the County reported that money was not budgeted for widening of the roadway. Councilman Armbruster stated that the County did appear to be receptive to looking into the troubled area.

Hearing no further comments from the public, the floor was closed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilwoman Andrews motioned to adjourn at 7:27PM, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jenai L. Johnson,

Municipal Clerk/Administrator