

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON  
May 17, 2016  
COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**OPENING:** Mayor Thomas Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT:** Mayor Weaver read the following announcement, "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 called the roll, which resulted in the following members present: Mayor Thomas Weaver; Councilwoman Carol Andrews; Councilman Jonathan Fisher; Councilwoman Christine Nucera; Councilman Gordon Schaeffer. Absent: Councilman Mark Armbruster; Councilwoman Meghan Milano. Also present were Solicitor George Botcheos and Wayne Roorda of Bach Associates.

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

**ENGINEER REPORT:** Wayne Roorda of Bach Associates presented a written report, which has been filed in the appropriate manner, and verbally reported upon the following matters: *SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS-* Mr. Roorda reported that his office would be coordinating a meeting with the Chief of Police, Mayor and appropriate committee to discuss potential application projects for improvements at the elementary school and throughout the Borough to be funded via a SRTS grant. Mr. Roorda stated that the application deadline was June 27<sup>th</sup>. Jenai Johnson stated that she would attempt to schedule a meeting with the engineering committee for this purpose and would be contacting the appropriate individuals via email.

*NJDOT OHIO AVENUE PHASE II-* Mr. Roorda stated that his office had received a notice of grant award in the amount of \$200,000.00 for this project. Mr. Roorda reported that he had provided a proposal for preparation of bid documents and construction administration. There were no objections by the Governing Body to the proposed progress of the project. Jenai Johnson noted that she had contacted CDBG to inquire if year 36 remaining funds could be redesignated for design engineering costs of this project and was awaiting an answer at present.

*NJDOT SIDEWALK AND CROSSWALK IMPROVEMENTS-* Mr. Roorda stated that an additional application had been submitted by the Borough for pedestrian enhancements, but noted that the application had been denied. Mr. Roorda stated that the project could be resubmitted for discretionary aid and that he would forward a resolution authorizing the same to Jenai Johnson for the upcoming meeting.

*DANIEL DOUGHERTY SPORTS COMPLEX SOCCER FIELDS-* Councilman Fisher asked Mr. Roorda if he had received a response from the County relating to the easement needed for the commencement of the soccer field project. Mr. Roorda stated that Councilman Armbruster had previously indicated that he had a meeting scheduled with Frank Moran, but had not received any additional information. Mr. Roorda stated that he would contact Councilman Armbruster to determine if any discussion had occurred.

*COAH-* Solicitor Botcheos inquired with Mr. Roorda if any progress had transpired related to the COAH decision. Mr. Roorda stated that he had confirmed with Steve Bach that their firm was able to handle the matter. Mr. Roorda stated that he would request that Mr. Bach contact Solicitor Botcheos to formulate a plan of action.

Mr. Roorda was excused from the meeting at 7:14PM



**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 during the privilege of the floor.

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

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

*SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING*

ORDINANCE 2016-06 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 70 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES". Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to adopt on second reading, seconded by Councilman Schaeffer. Mayor Weaver opened the hearing to the public. Hearing no comments, the floor was closed and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Andrews; Fisher; Nucera; Schaeffer. Absent: Armbruster; Milano.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*CLEMENTON DAY RAIN DATE-* Councilwoman Nucera stated that she had been coordinating with all necessary entities to attempt to schedule a raindate for Clementon Day, in the event of inclement weather, which was being forecasted. Councilwoman Nucera stated that the event was planned for Saturday, May 21, 2016, but would be held on June 11<sup>th</sup> in the event of rain. Councilwoman Nucera stated that the decision would be made no later than Friday, and notice of any change would be posted on the electronic signage located at Railroad Park.

*OEM RESTRUCTURIZATION-* Councilman Schaeffer stated that he had been in communication with the emergency management coordinator, Sheila Freiling, related to a multitude of happenings within that department. Councilman Schaeffer asked that the members of the Governing Body provide Mrs. Freiling with emergency contact information for themselves to enable the creation of a fully inclusive emergency contact list. Councilman Schaeffer also noted that he would be discussing some other necessary actions related to office space with the department of public works and Jenai Johnson. Councilman Schaeffer concluded by noting that he would be providing a list for an initial committee for approval at Council at a future meeting.

*REQUEST FROM CLEMENTON PARK/OCTOBERFEST-* Mayor Weaver stated that he had received correspondence from Clementon Park related to an upcoming Octoberfest event at the facility. Councilman Weaver reviewed the plans provided by Clementon Park, inclusive of the security measures that would be in place. After brief discussion, it was determined that the Borough did not have any objection to the event, under the condition that the Park would meet with the Chief of Police and Mayor to further discuss the specifics in advance.

*TRASH COMPLAINT-* Councilwoman Andrews stated that she had witnessed issues with trash in the area of Harper's Pub on West Atlantic Avenue, which appeared to be created by patrons of the establishment. Councilwoman Andrews stated that she had already spoken to Jenai Johnson related to the matter and the issue would be presented to the owner of the property for rectification.

Councilman Schaeffer stated that a resident, Mrs. Albertson, had appeared at the previous council meeting to relay her concerns about an individual possibly residing in the woods located near her property, which was creating an eyesore. Councilman Schaeffer stated that he had contacted CSX police, who looked into the complaint and investigated the area. Councilman Schaeffer stated that they had determined that no person appeared to be residing in the wooded area. Councilman

Schaeffer stated that he had relayed this information to Mrs. Albertson and she expressed thankfulness for the attentiveness of the Governing Body to her concerns.

**LEASE OF LADDER TRUCK-** Councilman Fisher stated that Chief Busch was in attendance to present a proposal from the Borough of Pine Hill. Chief Busch stated that Pine Hill had contacted him to express interest in the lease of the Borough's Ladder Truck, with compensation at a rate of \$200.00 per day, with the understanding that they would also respond to all calls in Clementon with the equipment. Chief Busch stated that he had concerns related to the damage incurred to the Pine Hill equipment due to the fault of the driver. Mayor Weaver stated that this was an issue that should be more thoroughly discussed with the public safety committee and municipal administrator, who would then bring back a recommendation to the entire body. Mayor Weaver requested that Jenai Johnson schedule a meeting in the coming week to allow these discussions to occur. Chuck Warrington, Pine Hill Fire Commissioner, stated that he wished to briefly speak on the matter and emphasize that all of the drivers in their department have been retrained and re-disciplined in response to the issue that was experienced and caused damage to their equipment. Mr. Warrington stated that they were not under a huge time constraint and wished to further the discussion on this matter in an attempt at starting a good working relationship between the two municipalities. Mr. Warrington noted that the JIF had already approved the proposed lease amounts. Solicitor Botcheos stated that he would draft an agreement if this was the determined course of action at a later date.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

*Doris Venuti, Garfield Avenue-* Mrs. Venuti provided a history of the creation of a parks committee in 1985, and noted that the park committee had formerly taken care of parks within the Borough. Mrs. Venuti stated that she wished to request that the current signage labeling one specific park as "Spring Lake Park" be removed, and a new sign erected dubbing the area "Indian Spring Park". Council indicated that they would look into the matter.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Councilwoman Nucera motioned to enter executive session at 7:37PM for pending litigation and possible purchase of property, seconded by Councilman Schaeffer and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Councilwoman Andrews motioned to reenter open session at 7:49pm, seconded by Councilman Fisher and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

There was no action as a result of executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilwoman Andrews motioned to adjourn at 7:51pm, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jenai L. Johnson,  
Administrator/Municipal Clerk