

**MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
APRIL 7, 2020
CAUCUS MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

OPENING: Mayor Thomas J. Weaver called the remote meeting to order at 7:00PM. The Meeting was held via Zoom Application and access instructions were posted at the Municipal Building and published on the Borough Website to ensure public access and participation.

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, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, called the roll which resulted in the following members present: Mayor Thomas J. Weaver; Council President Thomas Shaw; Councilman Mark Armbruster; Councilman Christopher Hammond; Councilwoman Meghan Milano; Councilman Thomas Shaw; Councilwoman Holly Strobl. Absent: Councilman Melvin Applegate. Also in attendance was Solicitor George Botcheos.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2020 CAUCUS/ COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2020 EXECUTIVE SESSION- Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve the minutes of the January 21st Caucus/Council Meeting and Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Councilman Armbruster and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2020 CAUCUS MEETING- Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING-Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Shaw and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 2020 CAUCUS MEETING- Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Shaw and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST DATED MARCH 25, 2020: Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve the bill list upon proper review and certification, seconded by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR A TOTAL TIME NOT TO EXCEED 10 MINUTES FOR ITEMS APPEARING ON THE AGENDA ONLY: Mayor Weaver opened the floor to the public for comment relating to matters appearing on the agenda only. Hearing no comments from the public, Mayor Weaver closed the public comment period.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Introduction/First Reading

ORDINANCE 2020-06 TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:4-45.14. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve introduction of Ordinance 2020-06, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

Introduction/First Reading

ORDINANCE 2020-07 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 51 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON ENTITLED, “POLICE DEPARTMENT”. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to introduce Ordinance 2020-07, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

Introduction/First Reading

ORDINANCE 2020-08 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 168 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON ENTITLED, "LICENSES AND PERMITS". Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to introduce Ordinance 2020-08, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

Introduction/First Reading

ORDINANCE 2020-09 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 298 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON ENTITLED, "ZONING". Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve on first reading, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-69 APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY FOR YEAR 2020. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Milano motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes; Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-70 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF FEES FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Milano motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-71 AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1(FINAL) FOR THE BRAND AVENUE CONTRACT IN THE INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$20,024.13. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-72 APPROVING PAYMENT APPLICATION #2 FOR BRAND AVENUE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,943.96. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Milano motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-73 APPROVING PAYMENT APPLICATION #3 FOR BRAND AVENUE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,445.45. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Milano motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-74 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF 2020 RECREATION FACILITY ENHANCEMENT APPLICATION FOR ALL PURPOSE FIELD AT DANIEL DOUGHERTY SPORTS COMPLEX. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-75 AUTHORIZING BACH ASSOCIATES TO PROCEED WITH OPTION #1 OF PROPOSAL FOR DESIGN OF THE NJDOT FY2020 PROJECT. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-76 ADOPTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE POLICY FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYERS. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent; Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-77 AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF OPEN SPACE TRUST FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500 FOR CLEAN UP AND MAINTENANCE OF WATERWAY FROM BOTTOMS LAKE DAM TO BOROUGH HALL. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Milano motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mayor Weaver invited discussion related to matters of unfinished business and it was determined that there were no matters for discussion at the time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Shaw stated that he had been contacted by Clementon Fire Rescue who had requested the installation and painting of “do not block” boxes in the front of the Fire Hall, as it was difficult to exit during high volume traffic times. Councilman Armbruster stated that application would need to be made to the County, as it was their road. After brief discussion, it was noted that there were no objections to application being submitted and Chief Randall Freiling of Clementon Fire Rescue would be directed to make the application.

Jenai Johnson reported that she had been in communication with the Chief Financial Officer, and Ms. DiMattia had stated that she would be distributing the budget electronically in the coming days. Ms. Johnson noted that any feedback should be submitted immediately as introduction would occur at the April 21st meeting.

Councilman Hammond stated that he had continued concerns with speeding on specific streets in the Borough, and believed that a plan needed to be devised to address the chronic issue. Councilman Armbruster noted that in addition to the multiple streets that Mr. Hammond indicated on a map, Garfield Avenue experienced the same issues. Councilwoman Strobl noted that White Horse Avenue also was a site of frequent speeding. Councilman Hammond noted that he believed speeding to be a rampant problem within the municipality. Councilman Armbruster stated that the concerns would need to be relayed to the Chief of Police to devise a solution and address the concerns. Councilman Armbruster further noted that the Governing Body could relay the concerns to the Chief, but could not dictate how they were to be addressed, as that would lie in the daily operations of the department.

Solicitor Botcheos noted that Vincent D’Elia, an attorney from Voorhees, was in virtual attendance and wished to address the Governing Body on behalf of a potential developer.

Mr. D’Elia introduced himself and noted that his client wished to apply for a variance on a currently approved age restricted approved plan. Council noted that they did not have objections to the idea, and recommended that contact be made with the Joint Land Use Board to present their concept and variance application.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Weaver opened the public comment period for anyone in virtual attendance who wished to speak.

Melanie Crow, 146 Pawnee Avenue- Ms. Crow stated that there were excessive speeding issues in her neighborhood which were not being addressed. Ms. Crow requested the possible installation of speed bumps off of Berlin Road.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Armbruster motioned to adjourn at 7:30PM, seconded by Councilman Shaw and hearing none opposed, the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**Jenai L. Johnson,
Municipal Clerk/Administrator**