

MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
MARCH 16, 2021
COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

OPENING: Mayor Thomas J. Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

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. Notice has been posted on the Municipal Website of the change to the remote meeting format pursuant to the executive orders of the Governor of the State of New Jersey.”

ROLL CALL: Jenai Johnson, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, called the roll which resulted in the following members present: Mayor Thomas J. Weaver; Councilman Mark Armbruster; Councilman Robert Dorsey; Councilwoman Brenda Franks; Councilman Christopher Hammond; Councilman Thomas Shaw; Councilwoman Holly Strobl.

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

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 related to matters appearing on the agenda only for a period not to exceed 10 minutes.

Christopher Taylor, Clementon Borough- Mr. Taylor sought clarification on the area being referred to as “Bottoms Lake Dam Recreation Area”. Mayor Weaver clarified that the property was Borough owned ground located on White Horse Avenue.

Hearing no further parties interested in speaking, Mayor Weaver closed the floor to the public.

ENGINEER REPORT: Mark Basehore of Bach Associates was in attendance and submitted a written report. Mr. Basehore briefly reported on the following matters:
Sewer and Road Improvements on Reed Avenue were the submitted project selection for the Community Development Block Grant Funding. The Well #9 Bid Submission date was postponed via Addendum to allow for Electrical plan modifications, with a new bid opening date of April 6, 2021.

Councilwoman Franks stated that she had a question for the engineer related to the 168 White Horse Pike project. Councilwoman Franks inquired if the liens included in the Planning/Zoning Board Approval for the project would allow the Borough to install sidewalks at the location. Mr. Basehore stated that the Joint Land Use Board agreed to allow the developer to pay the Municipality in lieu of installing sidewalks. The Borough intention was to install sidewalks on the south side of Ohio Avenue, opposite the retention pond.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST: Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve the bill list upon proper review and certification. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franks and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2021-02 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 243 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON ENTITLED, “STORMWATER CONTROL”, TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STORMWATER MANAGEMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS BEING IMPLEMENTED ON MARCH 2, 2021 PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 7:8 ET SEQ. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve on second reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dorsey. Mayor Weaver opened the hearing to the public for any comments related to the ordinance. Hearing no comments from interested parties, the hearing was closed. Motion to adopt was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-61 RESOLUTION FOR MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM WITH THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN FOR SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, with a second by Councilman Dorsey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-62 AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PURE TECHNOLOGIES US INC. FOR THE WATER VALVE EXERCISING PROJECT. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, with a second by Councilman Dorsey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-63 AUTHORIZING REFUND OVER PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAX FOR BLOCK 159, LOT 9 and 10, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 77 WEST EVANSON AVENUE. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Franks motioned to approve, with a second by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-64 AUTHORIZING HIRE OF SEASONAL PART TIME CROSSING GUARD IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, with a second by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Franks inquired if the governing body was agreeable to opening the Borough Hall in April. Mayor Weaver stated that the Public Safety Committee had not had the opportunity to meet to discuss the matter to date, but would do so prior to the Council Meeting in April, and bring forth their recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION RE OPEN SPACE APPLICATION DUE APRIL 1, 2021 PROJECT SELECTION-ANOTHER PHASE OF THE ALL PURPOSE FIELD AT THE DAN DOUGHERTY SPORTS COMPLEX OR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BOTTOMS LAKE RECREATION AREA- After brief discussion it was determined that the project submitted would be for the Bottoms Lake Recreation Area and Mayor Weaver would get the mock plan to Mark Basehore to distribute to Council prior to the next meeting resolution, to show what the application would encompass.

FIELD USE APPLICATION FROM PINE HILL RAMS FOR DANIEL DOUGHERTY SPORTS COMPLEX- Mayor Weaver stated that the matter would need to be discussed and considered at the next scheduled meeting after ascertaining the needs of the Clementon Youth Athletic Association.

DISCUSSION REGARDING STATUS OF BASKETBALL COURTS AND SENIOR CENTER- After brief discussion, it was determined that the basketball nets would be resurrected and the courts opened at the beginning of April. Mayor Weaver requested that public works ensure signage is posted continuously stating that the courts are operational from dawn to dusk. It was also noted that signage for social distancing practices would be prominently displayed to ensure the safety of the visitors.

It was recommended and determined that discussion for the reopening of the senior center would be postponed to a future meeting due to the increased risk of the senior population. It was noted that strict masking and social distancing measures would need to be implemented.

SHREDDING EVENT- Councilwoman Franks stated that Lindenwold Borough was desirous of cooperatively hosting a shredding event with the available funding. There was no objection to jointly hosting the shredding event and Councilwoman Franks would return with additional details once planned.

Councilwoman Strobl stated that she had noticed that the ivy that had been planted at the location of the Lake Avenue Improvement project had died and needed to be addressed. Mark Basehore stated that the improvements were still under maintenance bond, but the contractor had twice replaced the planting already and noted that it would not survive without being maintained and watered by Public Works. It was determined that Councilman Armbruster would work with Mr. Basehore to arrive at an alternate scaping solution.

Councilman Dorsey stated that he had been made aware of homeless persons lingering on private property at the plaza outside of Scotto's Pizza. After brief discussion it was determined that Mayor Weaver would discuss the matter with Sgt. Boyle. Councilman Hammond noted that the Borough may wish to assist with the homeless population and provide information on resources.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Rebecca Holloway, Clementon Borough- Ms. Holloway inquired why it was necessary to pass Resolution R21-56 at the February 16th Meeting. Councilman Armbruster noted that it was intended to make the enforcement of Title 39 a priority to address speeding in the Borough, of which resident complaints were received. Ms. Holloway inquired if a contract had been reached with the Chief of Police, as his contract expired 12/31/20. Mayor Weaver noted that the contract negotiations were ongoing. Ms. Holloway wished to receive clarification on the reason for the absence of the Chief of Police and command of department by Sergeant Boyle. Ms. Holloway was advised that it was a personnel matter that the body was not able to discuss.

Pam Navrot, Clementon Borough- Ms. Navrot stated that she wished to provide input into the plans for the recreation area improvements potentially scheduled for Bottoms Lake Dam. Councilman Armbruster invited her feedback and encouraged Ms. Navrot to become involved in the Environmental Commission or Shade Tree Commission.

Hearing no further comments from the public, Mayor Weaver closed the floor to the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There were no matters for discussion in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Armbruster motioned to adjourn at 8:09PM, with a second by Councilwoman Franks and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenai L. Johnson,
Administrator/Municipal Clerk

Approved: April 6, 2021