

**MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
DECEMBER 15, 2015
CAUCUS/COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

OPENING: Mayor Fred Busch called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor Busch 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 Fred Busch; Councilwoman Carol Andrews; Councilman Jonathan Fisher; Councilwoman Christine Nucera; Council President Thomas Weaver.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Mayor Busch 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 reported upon the following items:

Rehabilitation of Well NO. 9 (NJEIT)- Mr. Roorda stated that his office had received a technical and administrative review letter from NJDEP dated July 17, 2015. Their office would be revising the plans and specifications for resubmission to NJDEP. Mr. Roorda noted that the project would possibly qualify for interim funding and noted he would consult with Parker McCay and Bowman, to discuss options for carrying thru until the next closing, scheduled for December of 2016.

Mohawk Avenue Storm Drain- Mayor Busch stated that he had previously brought up an issue with the dead end storm drain on Mohawk Avenue, and wanted to make the issue a priority prior to the spring rains. Mr. Roorda stated that he was aware of the issue, and would be attempting to speak to the County Engineer in reference to the matter and possible improvements.

Camden County Open Space Soccer Fields- Councilwoman Nucera stated that she was seeking the status of the soccer field project at Daniel Dougherty Sports Complex. Mr. Roorda stated that he was waiting to ascertain if other grant funds were available, and noted that they needed to make a decision on the layout of the fields, and necessity of the County providing access to a portion of the property. Mr. Roorda stated that it was his belief Councilman Armbruster was attempting to contact the County to discuss an easement onto county property.

**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 regarding matters appearing on the agenda.

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION R15-180 AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENT OF WATER BILLING FOR BLOCK 125, LOT 9, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 33 PARK BOULEVARD

RESOLUTION R15-181 AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENT OF WATER BILLING FOR BLOCK 24, LOT 9, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 36 LINCOLN AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON

RESOLUTION R15-182 CONFIRMING TRANSFER OF OVERPAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON

RESOLUTION R15-183 AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF OVERPAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO STATE TAX APPEAL

RESOLUTION R15-184 AUTHORIZING USE OF ALTERNATE STATE CERTIFIED FIRE OFFICIALS IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON

RESOLUTION R15-185 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON AND ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY OF CAMDEN COUNTY FOR SHELTERING SERVICES FOR YEAR 2016

Mayor Busch read Resolutions R15-180 thru and including R15-185 by title. Councilman Weaver motioned to approve Resolutions R15-180 thru and including R15-185, seconded by Councilwoman Andrews and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Andrews; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver. Absent: Armbruster; Milano.

RESOLUTION R15-186 AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON DATED APRIL 15, 2014, SECTION THREE, PAID HOLIDAY POLICY. Mayor Busch read by title. Councilman Weaver motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Andrews and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Andrews; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver. Absent: Armbruster; Milano.

RESOLUTION R15-187 PROCLAIMING SUPPORT AND AWARENESS OF FIBRODYSPLASIA OSSIFICANS PROGRESSIVA (F.O.P)

RESOLUTION R15-188 APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION R15-189 APPROVING PAYMENT #1 TO THINK PAVERS HARDSCAPING LLC FOR THE TROUT AVENUE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,941.40

RESOLUTION R15-190 AUTHORIZING CARRY OVER OF VACATION TIME TO 2016 CALENDAR YEAR FOR ROBERT FREILING

Mayor Busch read by title. Councilman Weaver motioned to approve Resolutions R15-187 thru and including Resolution R15-190, seconded by Councilwoman Andrews and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Andrews; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver. Absent: Armbruster; Milano.

RESOLUTION R15-191 AUTHORIZING CANCELLATIONS OF CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATIONS. Mayor Busch read by title. Councilman Weaver motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Andrews; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver. Absent: Armbruster; Milano.

RESOLUTION R15-192 AUTHORIZING CERTAIN BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS. Mayor Busch read by title. Councilman Weaver motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Andrews; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver. Absent: Armbruster; Milano.

RESOLUTION R15-193 AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN PRIOR YEARS PAYROLL RESERVE BALANCES. Mayor Busch read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Andrews and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Andrews; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver. Absent: Armbruster; Milano.

RESOLUTION R15-194 AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION R15-175, AMENDING CREDIT DUE TO BLOCK 75, LOT 11.01

RESOLUTION R15-195 AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF APPOINTMENTS FOR LINE OFFICERS OF CLEMENTON FIRE RESCUE

RESOLUTION R15-196 AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO THE CITY OF AVALON FOR A PORTION OF EXAMINATION, TRAINING AND HIRING COSTS, UPON SUCCESSFUL HIRE OF MICHAEL CRUZ TO THE POSITION OF SLEO CLASS II OFFICER, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000.00

Mayor Busch read by title. Councilman Weaver motioned to approve Resolutions R15-194 thru and including Resolution R15-196, seconded by Councilwoman Andrews and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Andrews; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver. Absent: Armbruster; Milano.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There were no discussions regarding unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eyeglass Reimbursement Request- Jenai Johnson reported that a request had been received for reimbursement of eyeglasses from Richard Godin, a laborer in the public works department. Ms. Johnson noted that his glasses were damaged in the course of work and that reimbursement in the amount of \$358.40 was being requested. Councilman Weaver motioned to approve the eyeglass reimbursement, seconded by Councilwoman Andrews and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Andrews; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver. Absent: Armbruster; Milano.

(MEMORIALIZED BY RESOLUTION R15-199)

Abandoned Properties- Mayor Busch stated that he had been working with the tax collector, chief of police, and code enforcement department to attempt to remedy the system with which the Borough deals with abandoned properties. Mayor Busch stated that it was his hope that the incoming Mayor would continue to work on this issue and reduce the number of abandoned properties within the Borough.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Keith Cybulski, Clementon Borough- Mr. Cybulski stated that he wished to know where the old parking bumpers were. Mr. Cybulski also noted that he believed the Borough Governing Body was contradicting themselves and not thinking about the long term consequences relating to the change in Fire Department Line Officers.

Thomas Avellino, Clementon Borough- Mr. Avellino stated that he was a resident of town for 60 years, and noted his taxes had gone from \$4,000 to almost \$8,000. Mr. Avellino inquired why the Governing Body determined it necessary to purchase an artificial tree that cost \$5,000, when \$800.00 was previously spent on a live tree at Railroad Park. Councilman Weaver noted that there was never an intention to utilize the tree at Railroad Park as the Holiday Tree, due to safety concerns surrounding the tree lighting ceremony. Councilman Weaver also noted that it was his belief that the specs had been changed and the Borough had not purchased the \$800.00 live tree, to which Mr. Avellino referred.

Hearing no further comments, the floor was closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilman Weaver motioned to enter executive session to discuss the following matters at 7:45PM-

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATION

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATION

It was noted that the anticipated length of executive session was ten minutes. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Councilman Weaver motioned to reenter open session at 8:04PM, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION:

RESOLUTION R15-197 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS UPON ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSED TERMS BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS. Councilman Weaver motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Andrews and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Andrews; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver. Absent: Armbruster; Milano.

RESOLUTION R15-198 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE SUPERVISORS OF PUBLIC WORKS, UPON ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS PROPOSED BY THE BOROUGH.

Councilman Weaver motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Andrews; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver. Absent: Armbruster; Milano.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Weaver motioned to adjourn at 8:05PM, seconded by Councilwoman Andrews and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Jenai L. Johnson,
Municipal Clerk/Administrator