

**MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
APRIL 1, 2014
CAUCUS MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

OPENING: Mayor John J. Nicholson, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor Nicholson 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 John J. Nicholson, Jr; Councilman Mark Armbruster; Councilman Jonathan Fisher; Councilwoman Christine Nucera; Councilman Thomas Williams. Absent: Councilman Thomas Avellino; Council President Thomas Weaver. Also present was Municipal Engineer Wayne Roorda of Bach Associates.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Mayor Nicholson 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:

Keith Cybulski, Clementon Borough- Mr. Cybulski inquired if it were possible to raise the fees for the amusement games licenses for Clementon Park, which was slated for approval on the agenda. Jenai Johnson advised that she would have to look into the issue, as it was her belief that the municipal fees were dictated, or at the very least capped by state statute. Ms. Johnson noted that the State fees were determined and fixed by the State of New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission. Ms. Johnson stated that she would do some research and report back to Mayor and Council with her findings. Mr. Cybulski stated that the fees seemed nominal and should be raised if it were possible.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 4, 2014 CAUCUS/COUNCIL MEETING-Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Williams and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Amrbruster; Fisher; Nucera; Williams. Absent: Avellino; Weaver.

ADMINISTRATOR/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Williams – Councilman Williams stated that the prospective new police officer hire was undergoing his psychological evaluation as the next step in the hiring process. Councilman Williams also announced that Officer Bradley Redrow was recognized by the Haddon Twp Police Department for his assistance in solving an ongoing police investigation in their department. He noted that 2 new businesses were issued Mercantile Licenses by the Borough: La China Poblana and PC Doctor. Councilman Williams also reported that AT & T had applied to the Planning/Zoning Board for additional apparatus to be placed on the existing East Clementon Water towers. New items would blend in with tower and be removed when no longer in use.

Councilwoman Nucera – Councilwoman Nucera reported that the Bunny Hop would be held on Saturday April 2, 2014 at the Community Center. Councilwoman Nucera also announced that the 2nd Annual Clementon Block Party would be held on Saturday May 31st and asked to meet with Police Chief Freiling to discuss road closure for the event. She also asked for volunteers for the Dunk Tank that day. Councilwoman Nucera also noted that the CYAA Opening Day had been scheduled for April 12th at the Daniel Dougherty Fields.

Councilman Armbruster – Councilman Armbruster stated that he wished to clarify an issue that was discussed at the previous meeting. Councilman Armbruster noted that the public works department was not entirely to be blamed for the appearance of the Borough, and that blame also fell with the Governing Body.

Councilman Fisher – Councilman Fisher reported that the backstop at the ball field had been torn down and that Atco Fence had been retained to replace the backstop in preparation of the upcoming season. Councilman Fisher noted that he had met with the Mayor and members of the Senior Affairs Committee at the John Leshner Senior Center to discuss the issues being faced by the group. Councilman Fisher stated that he wished to explore any possible options for providing the senior center with some budgetary funding. Councilman Fisher reported that he had been working closely with the Department of Public Works in an effort to replace various signs throughout the Borough to improve the overall appearance. Included in the signs to be replaced were the “Welcome to Clementon” signs, to be placed at all major entrances to the Borough.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2014-04 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 277 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON ENTITLED “MUNICIPAL FACILITIES”. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Mayor Nicholson opened the hearing to the public. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve on second reading, seconded by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher, Nucera, Williams.

RESOLUTION R14-61 CONFIRMING ADJUSTMENTS TO CERTAIN WATER ACCOUNTS Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Williams motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher, Nucera, Williams.

RESOLUTION R14-62 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS OF CLEMENTON FIRE RESCUE FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Williams motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher, Nucera, Williams.

RESOLUTION R14-63 APPROVING AMUSEMENT GAME LICENSES FOR CLEMENTON PARK/SPLASH WORLD FOR THE 2014 SEASON. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher, Nucera, Williams. Resolution was tabled for APRIL 15, 2014 Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION R14-64 AUTHORIZING HIRE OF PATRICIA WHELAN TO THE POSITION OF CROSSING GUARD IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON RETROACTIVE TO MARCH 25, 2014. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Williams and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher, Nucera, Williams

RESOLUTION R14-65 AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF OPEN SPACE FUNDS FOR IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00 FOR LAWN MAINTENANCE AND FERTILIZATION SERVICES FOR BOROUGH OWNED GROUNDS. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Discussion was held regarding contract vs. quotes. Councilman Fisher asked that the council not lose sight of why this was being done. Councilman Williams motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher, Nucera, Williams.

RESOLUTION R14-66 AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF MERCANTILE LICENSE FOR LA CINA POBLANA LOCATED AT 10 BERLIN ROAD IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Williams and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher, Nucera, Williams

RESOLUTION R14-67 AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF MERCANTILE LICENSE FOR PC DOCTOR LOCATED AT 20 BERLIN ROAD IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Williams and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher, Nucera, Williams

RESOLUTION R14-68 APPROVING APPLICATION FOR WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION FOR LEEWOOD VILLAGES AT ROWAND POND, CONTINGENT UPON TERMS SET FORTH IN ENGINEER REVIEW LETTER DATED MARCH 28, 2014. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher, Nucera, Williams.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS- Councilman Armbruster reported that a portion of the bond ordinance recently adopted was intended to allow improvements to the Borough owned facility, inclusive of new kitchen cabinets, sinks and other items to make the facility more functional. Councilman Armbruster stated that he wished to volunteer his time and abilities to install the cabinets and to perform any other minor improvements of which he was capable. There were no objections to the request.

REQUEST FOR USE OF FIELDS/SOUTH JERSEY REBELS 16U- Jenai Johnson stated that she was in receipt of a request for use of ball fields for practice on Sundays, Tuesdays & Thursdays. After brief discussion, the use was approved beginning on June 7th for weekdays, and Sundays upon availability. It was determined that the point of contact for scheduling would be Councilman Fisher due to his knowledge of use by other teams. Brief discussion occurred regarding the fees charged by other towns, and a possible increase in fees charged by the Borough of Clementon. Jenai Johnson stated that she would have a Borough employee attempt to collect some data on fees charged by surrounding towns.

RESIDENTIAL AGGREGATE ENERGY- Mayor Nicholson stated that he had emailed council regarding residential aggregate energy, and information provided by Good Energy. Mayor Nicholson stated that the program was similar to that contracted by the Borough through EMEX. Mayor Nicholson stated that the purchase of aggregate energy would be available to all residents, and that residents would have the ability to opt out of the program.

Mayor Nicholson stated the Mayor Passante of Somerdale felt it to be the best of the companies offering this program (largest company and supporters of the NJLM). Mayor Nicholson indicated that there was no heavy work for the municipalities. Mayor Nicholson stated that he was seeking direction from council as to whether this was a concept that they wished to pursue. Mayor Nicholson stated that it seemed to be an opportunity for residents to save some money. Councilman Armbruster said he spoke to Solicitor Botcheos who was of the opinion that the residents would not be obligated to participate. It was determined that Solicitor Botcheos would review the ordinance and provide it to Jenai Johnson to place on the agenda at a future meeting.

OTHER MATTERS: There were no other matters for discussion.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: There were no comments during the public portion of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There were no matters for discussion in executive session.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Armbruster motioned to adjourn at 7:57 PM, seconded by Councilman Williams and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenai I. Johnson
Municipal Clerk/Administrator