

BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7, 2015
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

OPENING: Mayor John J. Nicholson, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

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.; Councilwoman Carol Andrews; Councilman Jonathan Fisher; Councilwoman Meghan Milano. Absent: Councilman Mark Armbruster; Councilwoman Christine Nucera; Council President Thomas Weaver. Also present was Solicitor George J. Botcheos.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR 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 MINUTES:

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3, 2015 REORGANIZATION- Councilman Fisher motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Andrews; Fisher; Milano. Absent: Armbruster; Nucera; Weaver.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING-Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Andrews and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Andrews; Fisher; Milano. Absent: Armbruster; Nucera; Weaver.

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2015 CAUCUS MEETING-Jenai Johnson noted that there were not enough votes to approve the minutes for February 3, 2015 due to the absence of Councilwoman Andrews at the February 3, 2015 meeting. The approval of the February 3, 2015 minutes was tabled for consideration at the next meeting.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2015-03 TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND ESTABLISH A CAP BANK PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:4-45.14. Mayor Nicholson read by title and opened the hearing to the public. Jenai Johnson noted that the Ordinance required a majority of the full membership to approve, which was not present at the current meeting. Councilwoman Andrews motioned to continue the public hearing to the April 21, 2015 meeting of council, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Andrews; Fisher; Milano. Absent: Armbruster; Nucera; Weaver.

PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED TO APRIL 21, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING.

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RESOLUTION R15-74 TO CONFIRM ADJUSTMENTS TO BILLING ON CERTAIN WATER ACCOUNTS IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Andrews and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Andrews; Fisher; Milano. Absent: Armbruster; Nucera; Weaver.

RESOLUTION R15-75 AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO BE FILED WITH THE CAMDEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE/FARMLAND PRESERVATION DIVISION, BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilwoman Andrews motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Andrews; Fisher; Milano. Absent: Armbruster; Nucera; Weaver.

RESOLUTION R15-76 AUTHORIZING REINSTATEMENT OF SENIOR DEDUCTION/VETERAL DEDUCTION FOR BLOCK 136, LOT 5, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 22 LAUREL ROAD. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Andrews; Fisher; Milano. Absent: Armbruster; Nucera; Weaver.

RESOLUTION R15-77 AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF USE OF THIRD PARTY DISPURSEMENT SERVICE ORGANIZATION FOR PAYROLL PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Andrews and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Andrews; Fisher; Milano. Absent: Armbruster; Nucera; Weaver.

RESOLUTION R15-78 APPOINTING JOHN HOLROYD TO THE OFFICE OF CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON EFFECTIVE RETROACTIVE TO APRIL 1, 2015. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilwoman Andrews motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Andrews; Fisher; Milano. Absent: Armbruster; Nucera; Weaver.

RESOLUTION R15-79 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH CASELLA TO THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER FOR THE CLEMENTON HOUSING AUTHORITY EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015 FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Andrews; Fisher; Milano. Absent: Armbruster; Nucera; Weaver.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

BOARD OF HEALTH RELATED DISCUSSION- Mayor Nicholson stated that he had information relating to MERCA, provided by the Camden County Mayors Association, and would be forwarding the information to the Council Committee responsible for the Board of Health.

COAH COURT RULINGS- Mayor Nicholson stated that there had been a recent court ruling and a meeting would likely be required with the COAH committee in attendance. Solicitor Botcheos stated that the Borough of Clementon had no matters pending, and has no protection. Solicitor Botcheos stated that he did not believe the Borough of Clementon had any type of plan and the town was open to litigation from other developers going to the courts for relief.

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TAX APPEALS- Mayor Nicholson stated that he had been contacted by the Tax Assessor, Charles Warrington, who wanted to ensure that Council was aware that the Clementon Park Tax Appeal was still pending, and that he was available to field any questions that may arise regarding this matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

REQUEST FROM CLEMENTON PARK TO HOST PROJECT GRADUATION FROM 10:00PM UNTIL 12:00AM ON JUNE 6, 2015- Jenai Johnson reported that a request had been submitted to the Planning and Zoning Board by Clementon Park, to extend their hours of approved operation on June 6, 2015 to host Project Graduation. Brief discussion occurred regarding the complaints that were vocalized by residents in the immediate vicinity of the park when this event had been previously held. Chief Freiling interjected that it was his belief that the school planning the event had backed out and the event no longer would require consideration. Jenai Johnson stated that she would contact the park to confirm this fact.

LADDER TRUCK REPAIR- Councilman Fisher stated that he had been advised by the Fire Chief that a cheaper vendor had been found for the necessary repair of the ladder truck, and the Borough had realized a significant savings.

CYAA OPENING DAY – Councilwoman Milano reported that the CYAA would be holding their annual opening day ceremonies on Saturday, at which Chief Randall Frieling would be throwing the ceremonial first pitch. Councilwoman Milano invited all members of the Governing Body to attend the event. Councilwoman Milano also reported that discussions were occurring with Clementon Park and consideration was being given to moving the Clementon Day Celebration back to the park. Councilwoman Nucera stated that she would have additional information to share on this topic at a future meeting.

DUNKIN DONUTS GRAND OPENING- Mayor Nicholson reported that he had been contacted by Mr. Patel, the owner of the new Dunkin Donuts, who invited all members of the Governing Body to attend a grand opening/ribbon cutting ceremony on April 18th at 10AM.

BUNNY HOP SPECIAL EVENT- Councilwoman Milano reported that the Bunny Hop holiday event had been a success and experienced positive attendance by residents.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Joshua Green, 124 Linden Ave- Mr. Green inquired regarding the status of the basketball courts, and reported that he had heard information indicating that the courts were being closed. Councilman Fisher advised Mr. Green that the bleachers had been removed, along with fencing, in preparation for a shredding event that would be taking place at that location.

The Mayor and members of Council recognized the bravery of young Mr. Green for attending the meeting and speaking to the Governing Body.

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

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ADJOURNMENT:

Councilwoman Andrews motioned to adjourn at 7:26PM, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and hearing none opposed, meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Jehai L. Johnson,
Administrator/Municipal Clerk