

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON  
MAY 6, 2014  
CAUCUS MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**OPENING:** Mayor Jack Nicholson called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT:** Mayor Jack 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:** Peggy Giordano called the roll which resulted in the following members present: Mayor Jack Nicholson; Councilman Armbruster; Councilman Avellino; Councilman Fisher; Councilwoman Nucera; Councilman Weaver; Councilman Williams.

**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:** None

**ADMINISTRATOR/COUNCIL REPORTS:**

*Councilman Fisher* – Stated that they are moving forward with the ADA Compliance projects at Daniel Dougherty Field and with Solicitor Botcheos permission they would like to proceed with the fencing needed by the end of May. Public Works Department should be able to take care of paving the Handicap Accessible parking spots to meet the ADA Compliance.

*Councilman Weaver* – Councilman Weaver, Public Works Director Mel Applegate and Mayor Nicholson meet with the Camden County Open Space Committee regarding the \$25,000 grant to establish a soccer field behind the existing t-ball field. There are issues because some of the land to be used is county property that could be used for recreation purposes but that issue would have to be looked into.

*Councilman Armbruster* – reported that the Public Works Department starting the chipping in the Borough last week. Councilman Armbruster also reported that he attended the Shade Tree Committee meeting and spoke with Committee member Jack Kuns regarding landscaping modifications needed between the Community Center and the Library. In addition to the landscaping, a new irrigation system would be needed to sustain the new landscaping. Councilman Armbruster stated that he would like to use Open Space funding for this.

*Councilwoman Nucera* – Asked for volunteers for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Clementon Day Block Party. She also wanted to get Council's consensus on placing flags/signs throughout town, and wanted to know if funding from the Bond Ordinance that had been approved could be used for this.

*Councilman Williams* – Reported that he, Chief Freiling, and Lt. Grover were scheduled to meet with Police Department Candidate Hooper; Councilman Williams was unable to attend so Councilman Armbruster took his place. Councilman Armbruster reported that the interview with the new candidate was okay. The Chief will be following up with additional hiring procedures. Councilman Armbruster is confident that a new officer will be in place within 2-3 months and he wants to make sure that the candidate is right for the Borough.



**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**

**ORDINANCE 2014-08 AMENDING THE SALARIES AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES AND OTHER OFFICIALS RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2014.** Mayor Nicholson read by title.

Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Weaver and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster, Avellino, Fisher, Nucera, Weaver and Williams.

**•PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 20, 2014**

**RESOLUTION R14-77 AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENT OF CERTAIN WATER ACCOUNTS IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON.** Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Williams motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Weaver and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster, Avellino, Fisher, Nucera, Weaver and Williams.

**RESOLUTION R14-79 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00 FOR RENTAL OF MUNICIPAL FACILITIES TO CHRISTY WEAVER.** 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, Avellino, Fisher, Nucera, Weaver and Williams.

**RESOLUTION R14-80 AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF CERTAIN VEHICLES NO LONGER IN SERVICE TO CLEMENTON FIRE/RESCUE FOR TRAINING EXERCISES.** Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Fisher questioned how long this process would take to make sure it was not an eyesore for the Community. Chief Freiling assured him that the process would be done in a timely manner. Councilman Weaver motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Williams and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster, Avellino, Fisher, Nucera, Weaver and Williams.

**RESOLUTION R14-81 AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH AMENDMENT WITH THE LARUEL LAKE REGIONAL FIRE SERVICE ALLIANCE.** 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, Avellino, Fisher, Nucera, Weaver and Williams.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON 2014 AMENDED BUDGET** – No Comments

**RESOLUTION R14-82 ADOPTING 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.** Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Weaver and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster, Avellino, Fisher, Nucera, Weaver and Williams.

**RESOLUTION R14-83 AUTHORIZING PRECISE SALARIES AND WAGES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON** - Tabled

**RESOLUTION R14-84 AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO QUALITY LANDSCAPING FOR FERTILIZATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OWNED GROUNDS.** Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Fisher questioned whether any benefit was seen by the Borough by outsourcing these services and not having the Public Works Employees do the work. Mayor Nicholson responded that he saw improvements and that for some services needed, fertilization, etc., it was necessary to have licensed individuals. Councilman Weaver motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Williams and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster, Avellino, Fisher, Nucera, Weaver and Williams.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING CODE ENFORCEMENT OBJECTIVES** – Councilman Armbruster began the conversation of the need for the Code Enforcement Officers to work on Saturdays during the summer months. The current schedule of the two officers does not allow for the majority of Borough residents who work during normal business hours to have access to the Code Enforcement Department. Councilman Armbruster met with Jenai Johnson, Borough Clerk, and found no reason contractually or a Borough policy for the two officers to work on Saturdays. Councilman Weaver bought up the fact that the department now has two separate officers, one for residential and the other for commercial properties and that his thought is



that the two officers shouldn't cross responsibilities. Councilwoman Nucera stated that the officers should be scheduled and that such schedule should be placed on the Borough Website. Another question raised; would this cause overtime issues – No, officers would be given a day off during the normal work week. Councilman Williams stated that he did not agree with having the Code Enforcement Officers working on Saturdays from Memorial Day thru Labor Day. Councilman Armbruster stated it was necessary to have the officers looking for violations that may only occur on the weekends that the enforcement officers would not see during normal working hours. The majority of the Council agreed to have the Code Enforcement officers work two Saturdays a month. The Chief of Police and the Municipal Clerk are to meet with both officers to work out a schedule a report on said schedule at the next Council Meeting.

**APPROVAL OF HOSTING OF CAMDEN COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS AND FIRE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION MEETING ON MAY 8, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR EVENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$350 –** Council voted yes on this after discussion and it was suggested by Councilman Armbruster that the Ordinance for the Community Center Rentals be readressed to clarify insurance issues and fees.

Councilman Fisher asked for an explanation from Chief Freiling regarding the large discrepancies between the officers when it came to issuing traffic tickets. The Chief explained some officers tend to issue more traffic citations while others follow up on the crimes committed in the Borough. Councilman Armbruster stated that this was not unique to Clementon. Councilman Fisher also requested information on the police vehicle maintenance issues, as well as information on the vehicle leases the Chief would like for the upcoming year. The Chief stated that there has been quite a few large repair issue with the vehicles and also stated that the leasing of two new vehicles would be to replace the (2) 2003 currently in the fleet. Two new vehicles have been purchased to replace the (2) 2001 vehicles. Councilman Armbruster stated that patrol vehicles should not be 13 years old, and that the Borough should get on a regular schedule of purchasing new vehicles, with the goal of having one vehicle per officer. Councilman Armbruster also suggested that Councilman Fisher and Chief Freiling meet at a later date to discuss the matter more thoroughly.

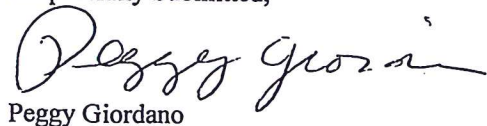
Councilman Fisher asked for Council's permission to have the exterminator that currently services the other Borough Buildings be sent to the Concession Stand at Daniel Dougherty field from May through October - permission was granted.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Councilman Weaver made a motion to enter Executive Session at 8:27 pm with a second from Councilwoman Nucera. A discussion pursued in regards to the Business Agent contract for Jenai Johnson. A motion was made by Councilman Williams at 8:53 pm to return to open with a second from Councilwoman Nucera. All were in favor, and motion was carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilman Williams motioned to adjourn at 8:56 pm, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Peggy Giordano