

**MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
JULY 15, 2014
COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

OPENING: Mayor John J. Nicholson 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 Thomas Avellino; Councilman Jonathan Fisher; Councilwoman Christine Nucera; Council President Thomas Weaver; Councilman Thomas Williams. Absent: Councilman Mark Armbruster.

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

ENGINEER REPORT: Wayne Roorda of Bach Associates prepared a written report, which has been filed in the appropriate manner, and verbally reviewed several items.

RAILROAD PARK- Mr. Roorda reported that three quotes had been obtained for the project and that the final plans for the project had been provided to the Borough for comments. Mr. Roorda stated that Quality Landscaping was the lowest quote at \$45,165.00. Mr. Roorda stated that he would be sending out the bids electronically for review by Council. Mr. Roorda also inquired as to whether the Mayor and Council would consider utilizing Open Space Trust Fund monies if necessary, to supplement the existing \$25,000 Camden County Open Space grant money that was available. There was no objection to this idea from the Governing Body.

LEEWOOD VILLAGES AT ROWAND POND, PHASE I- Mr. Roorda reported that Michael Fink of Leewood Development, had received a compliance letter from Bach Associates confirming that all requirements had been met in regard to water improvements, and recommendation for endorsement of BWSE application materials.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT- Mr. Roorda reported that his office had consulted with Borough personnel and an application was not prepared for SRTS grant for this cycle, as additional funds were required in the event that a grant was awarded. It was noted that the Borough did not currently have the proper funding in place. Mr. Roorda stated that the Borough would begin discussions regarding preparedness for application in 2015 for improvements at the Elementary School.

FIRE HALL EMERGENCY GENERATOR- Mr. Roorda reported that the contracts had been endorsed by the contractor for the Fire Hall Emergency Generator project, and that the Borough would be required to endorse the contracts upon review of the paperwork by the Solicitor. Mr. Roorda stated that a preconstruction meeting would be scheduled for this project following legal review and approval. Solicitor Botcheos noted that they had the opportunity to review the bonds and they appeared to be acceptable. Councilman Weaver requested that Mr. Roorda notify him of the preconstruction meeting upon scheduling, as it was his desire to be in attendance. Councilman Weaver also inquired as to the anticipated completion date of the project. Mr. Roorda reported that completion was anticipated for December.

PRINCETON AVENUE RECREATION PARK- Mr. Roorda reported that pricing had been previously received by Bellmawr and would remain unchanged. It was noted that the start date for the project was slated for the last week in July/first week in August. Mr. Roorda stated that the preconstruction meeting would be scheduled to take place no later than the following week. Councilman Weaver requested that he be advised of the preconstruction meeting to enable him to attend.

SANITARY SEWER REPAIRS AT RAILROAD CROSSINGS- Mr. Roorda reported that his office would be coordinating with Borough personnel to re-advertise this project for bid. Mr. Roorda stated that he anticipated a better price for this project when rebid.

WELL PUMP VFD'S- Mr. Roorda reported that payment application #2 had been submitted in the amount of \$20,580.00, and this payment appeared on the current meeting agenda. Councilman Weaver inquired if the equipment was up and running, and Mr. Roorda reported that it was.

OHIO AVENUE- Councilman Avellino stated that he wished to obtain a status update on the straightening out of Ohio Avenue due to his concern over the concept. Mr. Roorda stated that there had not been any progress on the second phase of Ohio Avenue Reconstruction, as the Borough had not been awarded any NJDOT Aid. Mr. Roorda noted that Bach Associates had submitted an application for discretionary aid on behalf of the Borough for the project, but had not received a decision. Councilman Avellino stated that he was not in favor of the proposed straightening of Ohio Avenue and was content to hear that there had been no progress. Upon completion of review of the engineer report, Mr. Roorda was excused from the meeting.

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 related to matters appearing on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST:

Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve the bill list upon proper review and certification, seconded by Councilman Williams and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams. Absent: Armbruster.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING- Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2014 Council Meeting, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver. Abstain: Williams. Absent: Armbruster.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 17, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING- Councilman Williams motioned to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2014 Council Meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams. Abstain: Avellino. Absent: Armbruster.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2014-11 TO ESTABLISH A GOVERNMENT-PRIVATE ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICE FOR RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION ACT OF 2003 (P.L. 2003, c.24). Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Williams motioned to approve on first reading, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams. Absent: Armbruster.

Public Hearing scheduled for August 19, 2014 at 7:00 PM at 101 Gibbsboro Road, Clementon, New Jersey.

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2014-12 GRANTING RENEWED CONSENT AND PERMISSION TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY TO USE THE PUBLIC STREETS TO FURNISH GAS FOR LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Williams motioned to approve on first reading, seconded by Councilman Weaver and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams. Absent: Armbruster.

Public Hearing scheduled for August 19, 2014 at 7:00 PM at 101 Gibbsboro Road, Clementon, New Jersey.

RESOLUTION R14-100 AUTHORIZING SUSAN RUPP FOUNDATION TO DECORATE BOROUGH OWNED PROPERTY WITH TEAL RIBBONS IN RECOGNITION OF OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN SEPTEMBER. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Weaver motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Williams and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams. Absent: Armbruster.

RESOLUTION R14- 101 AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF CERTAIN LIQUOR LICENSES IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON FOR THE 2014-2015 LICENSE TERM. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Williams motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams. Absent: Armbruster.

RESOLUTION R14-102 TO CONFIRM ADJUSTMENTS TO WATER ACCOUNTS FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES 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: Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams. Absent: Armbruster.

RESOLUTION R14-103 TO SHRED CHECKS FOR VARIOUS CLOSED BENEFICIAL BANK ACCOUNTS. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Williams and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams. Absent: Armbruster.

RESOLUTION R14-104 APPROVING PAYMENT APPLICATION #2 FOR THE WELL PUMP VFD INSTALLATION PROJECT, WELLS NO. 9, 10 AND 11, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,580.00 TO WILLIER ELECTRIC. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Weaver and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There were no matters for discussion regarding unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT- Councilwoman Nucera announced that National Night out would be held on August 5, 2014 from 6pm-8pm on Garfield Avenue. Councilwoman Nucera noted that there would be interests for all ages, including a moon bounce for the youth. Councilwoman Nucera asked Jenai Johnson to have the even posted on the electronic sign and Channel 19. Ms. Johnson stated that the event would also be posted on the Borough website.

ABANDONED HOMES ORDINANCE- Mayor Nicholson reported that he had become aware that the mayor of Collingswood, James Maley, together with a group of surrounding mayors, were working with students of Rutgers University to develop an abandoned home ordinance. Mayor Nicholson noted that this had become an issue with which many towns were having difficulties both financially and with the quality of life. Mayor Nicholson stated that he would continue to keep the governing body abreast of any developments.

SOCCER FIELD/DANIEL DOUGHERTY SPORTS COMPLEX- Mayor Nicholson reported that he had met with the engineer, Jenai Johnson, Councilman Fisher and Melvin Applegate regarding the development of soccer fields with the \$25,000 Camden County Open Space Grant money that had been awarded. Mayor Nicholson noted that the Borough had also applied for an additional \$25,000 in funding through the Camden County Open Space Grant Fund for phase II of the project. Mayor Nicholson stated that the project would require Bach Associates to perform a survey of the property. Mayor Nicholson added that the proposed project would include grading, drainage tiles, fencing, and all other components necessary to develop a soccer field. There were no objections from Council to moving forward with the project as anticipated.

LEEWOOD DEVELOPMENT- Mayor Nicholson stated that he had attended a meeting with Michael Fink of Leewood, and the Camden County Improvement Authority. Mayor Nicholson stated that Mr. Fink was anxious to break ground on the project at Rowand Pond. Mayor Nicholson reported that Leewood was currently waiting for permits from the State to start, and intended to hold an "Open House" and start immediately thereafter. Mayor Nicholson stated that the projected timeframe for this to occur was likely late September or early October of 2014.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Nicholson opened the floor to the public.

Kelly Ann Galarza, 16 Trout Avenue- Ms. Galarza stated that she had been experiencing difficulties with the contracted trash company, specifically that her cans had not been picked up on several occasions. Ms. Galarza stated that her most recent negative experience occurred when the whole neighborhood had been missed for scheduled trash pickup the previous Friday. Ms. Galarza noted that the items were eventually picked up on the following Monday. Ms. Galarza reported that she additionally had issues with Central Jersey Waste refusing to take select items and bags. Ms. Galarza suggested taking the negative experiences of the residents into consideration when awarding the next waste hauling contract.

Mayor Nicholson stated that the Borough was aware of the issues being experienced and had been documenting each occurrence.

Keith Cybulski, Clementon Borough- Mr. Cybulski stated that he had spoken at length via telephone with Councilman Armbruster regarding the lack of acceptable service provided by the current trash company. Mr. Cybulski stated that they had missed a total of five streets in his neighborhood on the scheduled pickup day the previous Friday. Mr. Cybulski emphasized that the trash was allowed to sit for the entire weekend, before being picked up the following Monday. Mr. Cybulski stated that he did not believe this to be acceptable to the residents of the Borough. Mr. Cybulski stated that he wished to have his complaints related to the poor service provided by Central Jersey Waste on the record for consideration during future contract awards. Mr. Cybulski stated that Councilman Armbruster had recommended that he voice his concerns so that they could be properly documented by the Borough of Clementon. Mr. Cybulski offered to assist the Borough with documenting the poor trash pick up service by attending each meeting and placing his concerns upon the record.

Hearing no further comments from the public, Mayor Nicholson closed the public portion of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION R14-105 AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR MATTERS RELATING TO PERSONNEL: DISCUSSION REGARDING HIRE OF POLICE OFFICER AND EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MATTER. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Williams motioned to approve and enter executive session at 7:39pm seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams. Absent: Armbruster.

Councilman Weaver motioned to reenter open session at 7:58pm, seconded by Councilman Fisher and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.


ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION R14-106 AUTHORIZING HIRE OF MATHEW BUCHHOFFER TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Williams motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams. Absent: Armbruster.

RESOLUTION R14-107 AFFIRMING TERMINATION OF LINDA SCHAEFFER, DEPUTY CLERK, EFFECTIVE JULY 15, 2014. Mayor Nicholson read by title. Councilman Weaver motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Williams and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Avellino; Fisher; Nucera; Weaver; Williams. Absent: Armbruster.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Weaver motioned to adjourn at 7:58pm, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jenai L. Johnson,
Municipal Clerk/Administrator