

**MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
SEPTEMBER 18, 2018
COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

OPENING: Mayor Thomas Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor Weaver 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 Thomas Weaver; Councilman Mark Armbruster; Councilman Jonathan Fisher; Councilwoman Meghan Milano; Councilwoman Christine Nucera; Councilman Thomas Shaw; Councilwoman Holly Strobl.

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

ENGINEER REPORT: Wayne Roorda of Bach Associates was present and submitted a written report which has been placed on file in the appropriate manner. Mr. Roorda verbally reported on the following items:

NJDOT FY2018 LAKE AVENUE- Mr. Roorda reported that his office would be preparing estimates for use of retaining walls or grading within construction easements for the proposed road widening, and would advise the Borough accordingly following review of the costs associated with retaining wall versus re-grading of embankments. Mr. Roorda also stated that his office would coordinate with the easements with adjacent owners on Lake Avenue to accommodate retaining wall and grading improvements.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL- Mr. Roorda stated that his office had submitted the application based on the information obtained by both Clementon Elementary School and the Borough. Determination of the application would rely upon the number of students walking, bike rodeos and several other components that the Borough and BOE have been cooperatively working to support. Mayor Weaver noted that the school needed to obtain bike racks prior to the hosting of any bike rodeos, which had been an ongoing discussion.

NJDOT FY2016 OHIO AVENUE PHASE II- Mr. Roorda stated that his office was seeking confirmation regarding the use of remaining funding for speed humps or additional fencing along the replaced cutoff walls. After brief discussion, the Borough indicated that they desired the funding to be applied to speed humps.

Discussion continued related to the possibility of Lindenwold participating and sharing the cost of overlay in the area of the junction of the two municipalities, reducing the cost.

Mayor Weaver also asked if the funding could be utilized to pay for 4 way stops signs in the area of construction

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR A TOTAL TIME NOT TO EXCEED 10 MINUTES
FOR ITEMS APPEARING ON THE AGENDA ONLY:**

Mayor Weaver opened the floor to the public. Hearing no comments from the public regarding matters appearing on the agenda, the floor was closed.

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION R18- 134 CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S "ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964".

Mayor Weaver read by title Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R18-135 ADOPTING AMENDED PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURES DRAFT DATED SEPTEMBER 4, 2018. Mayor Weaver read by title.

Councilwoman Milano motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R18-136 CONFIRMING APPLICATION OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CHARGES ON CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R18-137 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT #3 TO GAMBALE CONCRETE, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,246.24 FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF OHIO AVENUE PHASE II PROJECT. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R18-138 CONFIRMING ADJUSTMENT TO WATER ACCOUNT FOR BLOCK 127, LOT 24, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 31 TROUT AVENUE. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R18-139 AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF CARVER AVENUE, NAYLOR AVENUE AND LAKE AVENUE-PHASE II PROJECT. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Milano motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CAPITAL PURCHASE OF POLICE CARS- Councilman Fisher stated that he wished to advise the councilmembers that the Chief would proceed with the purchase of two new police vehicles. It was noted that the funding had been included in the general capital previously approved. There was no objection. Discussion continued related to the other items included in capital for the police department, including the purchase of a pole barn and alcohol test system. It was determined that the Borough would not proceed with those two purchases at the present, until the new alcohol test system had run through the initial roll out and issues resolved.

ALBERTSON AVENUE REGRADING- Councilwoman Nucera reported that regrading would be necessary at the Albertson Avenue playground, which would cost approximately \$925. Councilwoman Nucera stated that she would be placing this on an upcoming agenda for approval.

Mayor Weaver inquired about the status of moving the electronic sign from its current location. Jenai Johnson reported that Robert Freiling had contacted several vendors to obtain pricing for the moving of the sign, and would report when additional information became available.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Fisher stated that he wished to thank the police department and the chief for making the Crump Cup successful, even with traffic problems that were caused by a malfunctioning traffic light.

FALL FEST- Meghan Milano stated that the Fall Fest was being held on Saturday, and wished to obtain approval for the waiver of fire safety permit fees for the vendors. It was noted that the fee to be waived was \$45 per vendor. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to waive the fees, seconded by Councilman Fisher and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

MEMORIALIZED BY RESOLUTION R18-140.

Councilwoman Milano asked if the Borough would agree to provide a crossing guard from 11am-4pm at the light intersection. The police chief noted that he would schedule the guard, noting that the cost would be \$12 per hour.

LITERACY DAY- Councilwoman Strobl reported that Literacy Day was scheduled for October 6th at the Clementon Library from 12pm-4pm. Councilwoman Strobl noted that there would be authors present, and Rita's Water Ice would be served. Councilwoman Strobl also noted that the Camden County Literacy Committee would be in attendance.

SANDBERGHS- Councilman Armbruster stated that Brenda Franks had spent much effort obtaining information on the Sandbergh property. Brenda Franks reported the building to be a barbershop in 1923; a lending library in 1925 and in 1940 was moved to its current location. Mrs. Franks stated that the property and house were for sale and asked permission to research possible grant funding for the acquisition of the property as a historical site. Councilman Armbruster noted that the property would likely need to be subdivided. There were no objections to the research proposed by Mrs. Franks.

ELECTRONIC SIGN- Mayor Weaver stated that as reported earlier, Robert Freiling of Public Works was attempting to obtain quotes for the relocation of the electronic sign, which was currently located at Railroad Park. It was noted by the Mayor that the feasibility of relocation would be determined based on the cost. Mayor Weaver asked Fire Chief John Busch if he was able to get the donated electronic sign functioning in front of the Fire Hall/Community Center. Chief Busch reported that he had exhausted all efforts and would see if penalty money was available from the Fire Marshall Office for the possible purchase of a new sign. Fire Safety money would be justified by posting messages related to their department.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Chris Hammond, 22 Higgins Avenue- Mr. Hammond stated that he resided near the wildlife preserve and daycare facility located at the end of Higgins, at which location a perpetual vehicle speeding issue existed. Mr. Hammond stated that the police department had placed a radar sign in January, which slowed people down temporarily.

Mr. Hammond inquired if there were any possibility of permanent solutions, such as installation of speed bumps. Councilman Armbruster stated that the County of Camden maintained

ownership of the road, which prohibited the Borough from installing any type of speed restriction device. Councilman Armbruster stated that the Chief of Police could address his concerns with speed enforcement. Chief Grover noted that officers had been made aware of the speeding complaints in the area and had been on location frequently. Chief Grover stated that he would look into posting radar signage to assist in addressing the resident concerns.

Christopher McKelvey, 28 Harwood Lane- Mr. McKelvey stated that the school board would be honoring the crossing guards at the board meeting scheduled for the following Monday. Mr. McKelvey stated that they would be recognized for their service. Mayor Weaver noted that he would be in attendance.

Brenda Franks, 46 Erie Avenue- Mrs. Franks stated that Rob Freiling should be promoted officially to the title of Public Works Director, noting that he appeared to be performing all of the associated duties and more. Mrs. Franks stated that Mr. Freiling continuously fielded work related calls on vacation and did not understand what was causing the delay in his promotion. Mayor Weaver stated that he agreed with Mrs. Franks. Councilman Fisher stated that there was certain criteria for the position, which Mr. Freiling did not yet possess. Councilman Fisher noted that additional funds had been required to be spent in the past to obtain individuals willing to utilize their licenses for the Borough when the Public Works Director did not possess them.

Keith Cybulski, Clementon Borough- Mr. Cybulski stated that he wished to be apprised of the status of the installation of the four way stop signs on Ohio Avenue. Mr. Cybulski also noted that an increase in traffic was being experienced on Higgins Avenue, as motorists were utilizing the route as a "cut thru". Mr. Cybulski asked if it were possible to install temporary speed bumps on Van Horne.

Mr. Cybulski stated that he had spoken at the privilege of the floor at the prior meeting, noting his concern with the municipal prosecutor, who was facing charges. Mr. Cybulski stated that he was unable to understand how it were possible for the prosecutor to prosecute other individuals for the same charges he was facing. Mayor Weaver stated that this was a matter that he wished to discuss with the municipal solicitor, who was unfortunately not able to attend the meeting.

Mary Pate, 350 Blackwood Clementon Road, Pine Hill- Mrs. Pate stated that she had received an offer from a vendor willing to donate replacement carpeting for the meeting room below the library. Mrs. Pate stated that she wished to obtain approval for the carpet donation, to improve the facility during her approved non profit organization weekly usage.

After brief discussion it was determined that Mrs. Pate would provide carpet samples for selection by the Borough, and that Robert Freiling would provide Mrs. Pate with the measurements for the room.

Mrs. Pate noted that she hoped to coordinate her first meeting at the location with Literacy Day to boost the attendance and exposure of her free services.

Hearing no further comments from the public, Mayor Weaver closed the floor to the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Fisher motioned to enter executive session at 7:44PM for an anticipated duration of twenty minutes for the following matters:

DISCUSSION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS- Terms of Employment Senior Police Clerk and Part Time Construction Officials

Motion was seconded by Councilman Shaw and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Councilman Fisher motioned to re-enter open session at 7:59PM, seconded by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action was taken as a result of executive session.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Armbruster motioned to adjourn at 8:00PM, seconded by Councilman Fisher and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jenai L. Johnson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jenai L. Johnson,
Municipal Clerk/Administrator