

**MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
JULY 16, 2019
CAUCUS/COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

OPENING: Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

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: Lisa West called the roll which resulted in the following members present: Mayor Thomas J. Weaver; Councilman Melvin Applegate; Councilman Jonathan Fisher; Councilwoman Meghan Milano; Councilman Thomas Shaw. Absent: Councilman Mark Armbruster. Also present was Solicitor George J. Botcheos.

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

ENGINEER REPORT: Mark Basehore of Bach Associates provided a written report, which has been filed in the appropriate manner, and verbally reported on the following items:

NJDOT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT FY2020 MUNICIPAL AID APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JULY 19, 2019- Consensus of Council concurred with the Engineering Committee recommendation that Atlantic Avenue and Lake Avenue, Carver Avenue and Naylor Avenue Phase 2 be submitted as this year's application. Bach Associates is currently preparing the application and a Resolution in support of the application will be required within (30) thirty days of application submittal.

CAMDEN COUNTY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT - A meeting was held at the County Engineer's office on July 2, 2019, regarding the replacement of the water main on Blackwood-Clementon Road starting at Gibbsboro Road and extending to Garfield Avenue. Adam Norcross indicated the Borough may want to install a new fire hydrant within the project limits. It was discussed that the County would install a stub-off and valve to get out of the roadway and the Borough would install the new fire hydrant at Garfield Avenue. The County is currently coordinating with the Contractor regarding construction costs. It was agreed that the County would install the pipe at no cost to the Borough, other than providing police assistance during work within the Gibbsboro Road intersection.

LAKE AVENUE PHASE 2, CARVER AVENUE AND NAYLOR AVENUE- Since the right of entry releases for the widening of Lake Avenue Phase 1 (CL2018-2) have been resolved, the Engineering Committee has decided to combine NJDOT FY2019 funding with NJDOT FY2018 funding. Carver Avenue and Naylor Avenue have been field surveyed and our office is currently preparing contract documents for public bidding along with Lake Avenue.

IMPROVEMENTS AT BARRY PLACE- Bids were received on July 11, 2019, and Bach Associates submitted a letter recommending award of the construction project to R. Mosolwski Excavating in the amount of \$39,850.00. Upon award of the contract by resolution our office will prepare contract documents and schedule a preconstruction meeting.

CHERRY LANE IMPROVEMENTS - The solicitor provided Bach Associates with a revised Easement for the property at 39 Cherry Lane. Bach Associates is currently coordinating signatures with the homeowner. Revised plans were sent to the contractor and they are still negotiating cost adjustments for supplemental items.

LAKE AVENUE - Right of entry releases have been resolved. Bach Associates is currently finalizing the contract documents and will advertise the project for bids along with NJDOT FY2019 - Lake Avenue Phase 2, Carver Avenue and Naylor Avenue as one project.

OHIO AVENUE - Bach Associates is in receipt of an email from NJDOT regarding final inspection and are currently addressing their comments.

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 for matters appearing on the agenda only.

Unidentified Resident - Potholes on Barry Place, and if these were going to be repaired.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST: Councilwoman Milano motioned to approve the bill list dated ____, 2019, as presented upon proper review and certification, seconded by Councilman Fisher. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Councilman Applegate; Councilman Fisher; Councilwoman Milano; Councilman Shaw; Councilwoman Strobl.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE 2019-08 DELETING CHAPTER 308 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON ENTITLED, "NUISANCES" – Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilwoman Milano motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Applegate and the motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate, Fisher, Milano, Shaw, Strobl.

RESOLUTION R19-111 AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF ATLANTIC AVENUE, CARVER AVENUE AND NAYLOR AVENUE – PHASE II, AND LAKE AVENUE PHASE II - Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman Applegate motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Shaw and the motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate, Fisher, Milano, Strobl and Shaw.

RESOLUTION R19-112 AUTHORIZING FORECLOSURE OF CERTAIN TAX SALE CERTIFICATES - Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and the motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate, Fisher, Milano, Strobl and Shaw.

RESOLUTION R19-113 AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO WATER MAIN IN THE AREA OF 49 BERLIN ROAD - Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilwoman Milano motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Applegate and the motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate, Fisher, Milano, Strobl and Shaw.

RESOLUTION R19-114 AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF INACTIVE LIQUOR LICENSE, CCC PROGRESSIVE, FOR THE 2019-2020 LICENSE TERM PURSUANT TO NJSA 33:1-12:39 - Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Shaw and the motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate, Fisher, Milano, Strobl and Shaw.

RESOLUTION R19-115 AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE 2019-2020 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE- Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilwoman Milano motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and the motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate, Fisher, Milano, Strobl and Shaw.

RESOLUTION R19-116 AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR BARRY PLACE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MUNICIPAL ENGINEER - Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman Applegate motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Shaw and the motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate, Fisher, Milano, Strobl and Shaw.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION AS TO POSSIBLE POLICE OFFICER AT CLEMENTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – Councilman Fisher discussed that an officer has left the police department. Another officer will be starting in August and another at the end of August. Councilman Fisher and Chief Grover had meeting with School Board to try to have an officer placed in the school. Would like the residents of Clementon to help encourage this.

NEW BUSINESS:

BLOOD DRIVE – Mayor Weaver discussed that resident Lynn Loftland has requested that she may use the Community Center for a blood drive on September 23, 2019 between 3 pm and 8 pm. Ms. Loftland requested that the fees to use the Community Center be waived. Mayor Weaver asked Council if there were any objections. No objections. (**MEMORIALIZED BY R19-117**).

SENIOR CENTER – Councilwoman Strobl asked Mark Basehore if there was a possibility if they could check the Senior Center due to the construction.

Mayor Weaver advised that Robert Freiling of public works has made a list of all equipment, etc. to be auctioned off at govdeals.com. Any additional vehicles, etc. to be added Rob is to email the Borough Administrator, Jenai Johnson.

Councilwoman Milano requested permission for a town wide yard sale. Town wide yard sale is to take place on September 21, 2019. Residents are to have the yard sale at their own residences. Councilwoman Milano requested that yard sale fees be waived. There were no objections.

Councilwoman Strobl advised that the Summer Reading Program hosted by the library is every other Wednesday starting at 1:00 p.m. Also, there will be an Overdose Awareness Night on August 29, 2019, at the lot behind Wooster's at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Weaver advised that the Housing Authority Commission is vacant one member. Lynn Loftland expressed her interest in same.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Weaver opened the floor to the public.

George Boyle – 46 California Avenue – Concerned about traffic speeding down the street. Would like speed bumps installed or signs posted to slow down. Mayor Weaver asked the Chief to supply more detail to that street to see what is going on. He also went on to say that he was concerned about the rental property on California as it has overgrown weeds and that there was a fire safety concern. Mayor Weaver advised him that after the council meeting was over that he would drive by to check out his concerns.

Elizabeth Gault – Chelsea Circle – Was following up on the street lighting. Mayor Weaver advised her that he took video and does see a need for it. Mayor Weaver advised her that the “ball” is rolling and she might want to speak with Association. Also, end of street maybe could use reflectors. Mayor will need to speak with Public Safety Board. Ms. Gault also advised of the parked cars along Brand Avenue. Believes some of those vehicles are abandoned.

Steven Dilks – 15 Spruce Lane – Mr. Dilks expressed how he would like to put a driveway and fence around his property, however, due to the property he purchased being Open Space he is questioning will he be able to do so. All he would like to do is put a driveway and a fence in. Solicitor Botcheos advised that he did not see a reason that he could not put a fence or driveway, however, he expressed to Mr. Dilks that he will have to speak to the Planning/Zoning Board Attorney, Mr. Rhodes.

Christopher McKelvey – 28 Harwood Lane – He reminded everyone about coming out to National Night Out on August 5, 2019.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Fisher motioned to adjourn at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Milano and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. West
Deputy Municipal Clerk