

**MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
JANUARY 5, 2019
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

OPENING: Mayor Thomas J. Weaver called the meeting to order at 11:06AM.

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."

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

OATHS ADMINISTERED TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

SWEARING IN OF MARK ARMBRUSTER TO THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMAN IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS- Councilman Mark Armbruster was sworn in by Assemblyman Paul Moriarty to the office of Councilman in the Borough of Clementon for a term of three years.

SWEARING IN OF MELVIN APPEGATE TO THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMAN IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS- Assemblywoman Gabrielle Mosquera administered the oath of office to Councilman Melvin Applegate for the office of Councilman in the Borough of Clementon for a term of three years.

ROLL CALL: Jenai Johnson, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, called the roll which resulted in the following members present: Mayor Thomas Weaver; Councilman Melvin Applegate; Councilman Mark Armbruster; Councilman Jonathan Fisher; Councilwoman Meghan Milano; Councilman Thomas Shaw; Councilwoman Holly Strobl. Also present were various professionals and dignitaries.

NOMINATION OF BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Councilman Shaw motioned to nominate Mark Armbruster to the position of Borough Council President, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes; Applegate; Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Shaw; Strobl.

REMARKS FROM NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS AND SPECIAL GUESTS:

Councilman Applegate thanked the residents of the municipality for the chance to serve in the office of Councilman and stated that it was an honor and hoped to proceed in the right direction for the coming years in office.

Councilman Armbruster stated that he was honored to serve the residents of the Borough of Clementon and would perform the duties of the office to the best of his abilities. Councilman Armbruster also stated that he was going into his twentieth year in office, with his son being seven years old when he started. Councilman Armbruster noted that his son was now 21. Councilman Armbruster also thanked all of those in attendance for coming and supporting the governing body during the reorganization meeting.

Assemblywoman Gabrielle Mosquera wished everyone a wonderful new year, and thanked the members of the governing body for the invitation to the special event. Assemblywoman Mosquera stated that she felt that annual reorganizations were a wonderful opportunity for a fresh and new start. Assemblywoman Mosquera stated that she wished to extend a special thanks to the

members of the governing body for their hard work, noting that the residents were lucky to have such a dedicated group representing their Borough.

Assemblyman Paul Moriarty congratulated Councilman Applegate for his election and Councilman Armbruster for his return to the governing body. Assemblyman Moriarty stated that he wished the first responders of the Borough a safe and productive year as well. Assemblyman Moriarty stated that it was an honor to represent the Borough of Clementon and wished all of the elected officials and residents a great 2019.

Mayor Weaver requested a short break at 11:16AM to allow the special guests to depart to attend to other reorganization meetings. There were no objections.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2019-01 PROVIDING FOR THE SALARIES AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES AND OTHER OFFICIALS RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2018. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve on first reading, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate; Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R19-01 APPOINTING MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY, GEORGE J. BOTCHEOS, JR., 1202 LAUREL OAK ROAD, VOORHEES, NEW JERSEY. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate; Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R19-02 APPOINTING MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTANT BOWMAN AND COMPANY, LLP, 601 WHITE HORSE ROAD, VOORHEES, NEW JERSEY. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Shaw motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate; Fisher; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Abstain: Armbruster.

RESOLUTION R19-03 APPOINTING MUNICIPAL ENGINEER, BACH ASSOCIATES, 304 WHITE HORSE PIKE, HADDON HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate; Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R19-04 APPOINTING BOND COUNSEL, PARKER MCCAY , MOUNT LAUREL, NEW JERSEY. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Applegate motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate; Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R19-05 APPOINTING MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR CHERYL COHEN, FOR YEAR 2019. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate; Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R19-06 APPOINTING INSURANCE BROKER, HARDENBERGH INSURANCE AGENCY, MARLTON, NEW JERSEY. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Applegate motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate; Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R19-07 APPOINTING LABOR COUNSEL, GRACE, MARMERO & ASSOCIATES, LLP, 44 EUCLID STREET, WOODBURY, NEW JERSEY. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate; Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R19-08 APPOINTING PUBLIC DEFENDER, CHARLES WIGGINTON, GLOUCESTER CITY, NEW JERSEY. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Applegate and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate; Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Shaw; Strobl.

Mayor Weaver read the following resolutions by title:

RESOLUTION R19-09 ADOPTING ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER.

RESOLUTION R19-10 ADOPTING LEGAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON: THE CENTRAL RECORD AND COURIER POST

RESOLUTION R19-11 AUTHORIZING LEGAL DEPOSITORIES OF FUNDS: BENEFICIAL BANK, NA; T.D. BANK N.A.; SOVEREIGN BANK; REPUBLIC BANK; NJ CASH MANAGEMENT FUND

RESOLUTION R19-12 AUTHORIZING OFFICIALS TO SIGN CHECKS: MAYOR, COUNCIL PRESIDENT, CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER, MUNICIPAL CLERK, DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK

RESOLUTION R19-13 AUTHORIZING OFFICIALS TO SIGN TAX TITLE LIEN CHECKS: TAX COLLECTOR AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

RESOLUTION R19-14 AUTHORIZING PETTY CASH FUNDS

RESOLUTION R19-15 AUTHORIZING BONDS FOR BOROUGH OFFICIALS

RESOLUTION R19-16 AUTHORIZING BONDS FOR COURT OFFICIALS

RESOLUTION R19-17 AUTHORIZING INTEREST CHARGES FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

RESOLUTION R19-18 AUTHORIZING CHARGE FOR DUPLICATE TAX BILLS

RESOLUTION R19-19 ADOPTING 2019 SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

RESOLUTION R19-20 AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND COUNCIL EXPENSES

RESOLUTION R19-21 ADOPTING POLICE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION R19-22 DESIGNATING DELEGATES TO THE CAMDEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR 2019

RESOLUTION R19-23 AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM AND NAMING THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Councilwoman Milano motioned to approve Resolutions 2019-09 through and including 2019-23. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shaw and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate; Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R19-24 APPOINTING BROWN & CONNERY AS LABOR COUNSEL FOR YEAR 2019. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate; Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Shaw; Strobl.

Mayor Weaver read the following Resolutions by title:

RESOLUTION R19-25 AUTHORIZING SUBSEQUENT APPOINTMENTS/POSITIONS HELD FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION AT 2019 COUNCIL MEETINGS

RESOLUTION R19-26 TO ADOPT 2016 MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY POLICE AGENCIES

Councilwoman Milano motioned to approve Resolutions R19-25 and R19-25. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate; Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R19-27 TO ADOPT 2019 TEMPORARY BUDGET. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Shaw motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate; Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R19-28 CONFIRMING COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2019. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Milano motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Applegate and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate; Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R19-29 AWARDING CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN AND INCLUDING JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate; Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Shaw; Strobl.

Mayor Weaver read the following Resolutions by title:

RESOLUTION R19-30 ACCEPTING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR 2019

RESOLUTION R19-31 AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER TO REFUND CERTAIN ESCROW BALANCES AND VARIOUS OTHER REVENUES ON DEPOSIT WITH THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON FOR YEAR 2019

RESOLUTION R19-32 AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO NJSA 4A:11-12a

RESOLUTION R19-33 AUTHORIZING INTERLOCAL SERVICES PARTICIPATION BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON AND COUNTY OF CAMDEN FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING FOR YEAR 2019

RESOLUTION R19-34 AFFIRMING RESOLUTION R00-92, OPEN SPACE REFERENDUM

RESOLUTION R19-35 AUTHORIZING USE OF GOVDEALS FOR ONLINE AUCTIONING OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

RESOLUTION R19-36 APPOINTING PHOENIX ADVISORS AS CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGENT REGISTERED MUNICIPAL ADVISOR FOR YEAR 2019

Councilman Fisher motioned to approve Resolutions R19-30 through and including R19-36. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shaw and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate; Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Shaw; Strobl.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Mayor Weaver opened the floor to the public for comment- *Brenda Franks, 46 Erie Avenue*- Ms. Franks stated that she had concern with the Fire Department issue and understood totally that problems with response were being experienced, but that she did not feel that Council was handling the matter in a transparent fashion. Ms. Franks expressed concern with members of council meeting with members of Clementon Fire Rescue, without the public involved, and noted that it was her understanding that the attendance by council had been staggered to avoid a quorum. Ms. Franks requested that a town meeting be held on the matter and allow for ideas to be presented to save the department. Councilman Armbruster noted that the Fire Rescue had invited Councilmembers at specific times, and the meeting was hosted by Clementon Fire Rescue.

Christy Weaver, 131 Garfield Avenue- Mrs. Weaver stated that she wished to thank all members of the governing body for their service. Mrs. Weaver remarked that it appeared that there had been more collaboration than ever before within the body. Mrs. Weaver stated that she recognized the time each member sacrificed and spent away from their families. Mrs. Weaver stated that all of their work was much appreciated by her, and many other residents of the Borough.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Shaw motioned to adjourn at 11:37AM, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jenai L. Johnson,
Municipal Clerk/Administrator