

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON  
APRIL 21, 2020  
COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**OPENING:** Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

**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 J. Weaver; Councilman Melvin Applegate; Councilman Mark Armbruster; Councilman Christopher Hammond; Councilwoman Meghan Milano; Councilman Thomas Shaw; Councilwoman Holly Strobl.  
Also present was Solicitor George J. Botcheos and Mark Basehore of Bach Engineering Firm.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor Weaver lead 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:** Mayor Weaver opened the floor to the public for matters appearing on the agenda.  
Hearing no comments from the public, Mayor Weaver closed the public portion of the meeting for matters appearing on the agenda.

**ENGINEER REPORT:** Mark Basehore of Bach Engineers provided a written report which has been filed in the appropriate manner and verbally reported on the following items:  
Mr. Basehore reported that the NJDOT Road Program Project was in the design phase and was expected to be ready to be placed out to bid in the near future. Mr. Basehore noted that he would be coordinating with Jenai Johnson on how to best accept bids during the closure of the Municipal Building due to COVID19.  
Mr. Basehore reported that the application for funding for Phase II of the Daniel Dougherty Complex Improvements were due on May 1<sup>st</sup>, and noted that Phase I of the improvements were now in the design phase.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7, 2020 CAUCUS MEETING- Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Shaw and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST:** Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve the bill list upon proper certification and review. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shaw and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate; Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION R20-82 GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF 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. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Applegate and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate; Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R20-83 AUTHORIZING LOCAL EXAMINATION OF 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate; Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R20-78 ESTABLISHING A GREEN TEAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. After brief discussion, it was determined that the group need to further discuss the creation of the committee and Councilman Armbruster motioned to table Resolution R20-78, seconded by Councilman Applegate and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate; Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R20-79 AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF OPEN SPACE TRUST FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO HERO'S PARK. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster noted that the improvements were necessary due to the damage incurred with the bridge repairs. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Applegate and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate; Armbruster; Hamond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R20-80 AUTHORIZING INTRODCUTION OF 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve the introduction of the 2020 Municipal Budget, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Aye: Applegate; Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl.

Mayor Weaver announced that the Public Hearing for the 2020 Municipal Budget would be held on May 19, 2020 at 7:00PM.

RESOLUTION R20-81 AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF CERTAIN BOROUGH OWNED VEHICLES TO CLEMENTON FIRE RESCUE. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate; Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Weaver reported that Atlantic City Electric had communicated that they would not be pursuing shut offs during the COVID19 State of Emergency, and noted that the Borough would also not turn any residents water off for delinquent payments.

Brief discussion occurred related to the possibility of an extended tax grace period if approved by the Governor, and additionally the need for possible future conversation relative to a decrease in the interest rate. It was noted that multiple factors would need to be considered in any decision to proceed with either of the aforementioned actions.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:** Mayor Weaver opened the floor to the public for anyone wishing to speak. Hearing no comments from the public, Mayor Weaver closed the floor the public.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilman Armbruster motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm, seconded by Councilman Shaw and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenai L. Johnson,  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

**Approved: May 19, 2020**