

**BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
NOVEMBER 10, 2020
CAUCUS/COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

OPENING: Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

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. Notice has been posted on the Municipal Website of the change to the remote meeting format pursuant to the executive orders of the Governor of the State of New Jersey."

ROLL CALL: Jenai Johnson, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, called the roll which resulted in the following members present: Mayor Thomas J. Weaver; Councilman Mark Armbruster; Councilman Christopher Hammond, Councilwoman Meghan Milano; Councilman Thomas Shaw; Councilwoman Holly Strobl. Absent: Councilman Melvin Applegate. Also present was Solicitor George J. Botcheos.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Mayor Thomas Weaver led 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. Hearing no interested parties wishing to comment, Mayor Weaver closed the privilege of the floor.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST: Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve the minutes upon proper review and certification, with a second by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2020-14 AMENDING SALARIES AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2020. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Milano motioned to approve on first reading, with a second by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-140 REQUESTING APPROVAL OF TIEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION INTO 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:4-87. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, with a second by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-141 REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION INTO 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:4-87. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, with a second by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-142 AUTHORIZING PART TIME SEASONAL HIRE OF VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS TO THE UNCLASSIFIED POSITION OF CROSSING GUARD IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Milano motioned to approve, with a second by Councilwoman Strobl and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-143 FOR MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Milano motioned to approve, with a second by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R20-144 TO CONFIRM ADJUSTMENTS TO CERTAIN WATER ACCOUNTS IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Milano motioned to approve with a second by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-145 SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE LAND USE PLEDGE FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, with a second by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-146 SUPPORTING PLEDGE OF MUNICIPAL SUPPORT FOR NEW JERSEY'S WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve with a second by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-147 AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Milano motioned to approve, with a second by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-148 AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE MATERIALS AND RECYCLABLES. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve with a second by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-149 AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a FOR ACQUISITION OF TURN OUT GEAR. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve, with a second by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-150 AUTHORIZING SALARY FOR CLEMENTON FIRE RESCUE CHIEF AND LIEUTENANTS. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Milano motioned to approve with a second by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-151 AUTHORIZING APPLICATION OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CHARGES ON CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve with a second by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-152 AUTHORIZING CONTRACT AWARD TO ACSG FOR CERTAIN WIRELESS INTERNET EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve with a second by Councilman Hammond and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-153 ADOPTING A POLICY FOR THE SAFE TREATMENT OF MINORS. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, with a second by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-154 AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES AND MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATE #18-00016. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-155 AUTHORIZING SICK BUY BACK. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Milano motioned to approve with a second from Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-156 ALLOWING EMPLOYEES TO WAIVE HEALTH COVERAGE PURSUANT TO P.L. 1995, CHAPTER 259. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve with a second by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There were no matters for discussions related to unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

DESIGNATION OF 2021 ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING DATE- After brief discussion it was determined that the annual reorganization meeting would be held on the first Tuesday in January at 7:00PM via remote Zoom platform.

Councilwoman Strobl reported that the PD was participating in no shave November and had raised funds for a local charity.

Councilman Armbruster stated that Joseph Feldman requested that the Borough budget to begin the Master Plan Review, and would require \$8,000-\$12,000 to do so, noting that additional costs could possibly be incurred. There were no objections by the Governing Body and it was determined that they would incorporate this cost into the 2021 municipal budget.

Mayor Weaver stated that he wished to move forward in the beginning of the upcoming year with posting the planning and zoning vacancy part time position.

Mayor Weaver stated that there would not be a physical Veteran's Day Ceremony due to the COVID Pandemic, but noted that the Fire Department would display the flag at Hero's Park from 10:30AM until noon and residents were invited to place flags at the location.

Councilwoman Milano noted that there was no parade scheduled and Mayor Weaver concurred.

It was noted that Santa would still be around the town on fire apparatus but that the tree lighting would likely take place via Zoom.

Councilman Armbruster noted that he would volunteer for any house lighting contest that was able to be organized.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Mayor Weaver opened the public comment period for anyone wishing to speak.

Rebecca Holloway, Clementon Borough- Ms. Holloway stated that she wished to follow up with Councilman Armbruster as he had not been in attendance at the last meeting, as she wished to inquire why he had voted upon a matter that involved his spouse. Councilman Armbruster stated that he had listened to the recording and did not clearly believe that he had voted upon the matter, but advised that if he had done so, it was in absolute error and mistakenly. Councilman Armbruster noted that he had steadfastly avoided any involvement with matters related to his spouse and had taken measures to ensure there was not the illusion of influence.

Melanie Crowe, Clementon Borough- Ms. Crowe stated that she had submitted an OPRA today but wished to also ask if there were any permits issued for two women with megaphones and signs on the corner from approximately 1pm-2pm. Ms. Crowe stated that they had been utilizing hate speech in relation to homosexuality, and it was her understanding that they had done similar actions in surrounding towns. Solicitor Botcheos stated that a permit was not

required, and without causing harm, there were no actions to be taken. Solicitor Botcheos stated that excessive noise could be addressed, but cautioned that freedom of speech protected the individuals.

David Cornwell, Clementon Borough- Mr. Cornwell stated that the pantry that he had been organizing would take part in and collect toys and distribution, and were additionally doing a food drive. Mr. Cornwell noted that there were 65 meals donated to date. Mr. Cornwell requested permission for use of the fire apparatus on site on Thanksgiving. After brief discussion it was determined that Mayor Weaver and Councilman Shaw further wished to discuss the use of the fire apparatus for distribution of the drive and wished to speak to the Fire Chief. Councilman Shaw noted that he would reach back out to Mr Cornwell after consulting with the Public Safety Committee and Fire Chief.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

DISCUSSION REGARDING CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS CPA/FOP- Councilwoman Strobl motioned to enter executive session at 7:59PM for an anticipated period of 15-45 minutes to discuss FOP/CPA contract negotiations. Motion was seconded by Councilman Armbruster and it was noted that action could be taken following executive session. Hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Councilwoman Strobl motioned to re-enter open session at 8:16PM, with a second by Councilman Armbruster. Hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION R20-157 -A AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON AND CLEMENTON POLICE ASSOCIATION/FOP LODGE 9 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve following executive session, with a second from Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilwoman Strobl motioned to adjourn at 8:18, seconded by Councilman Shaw and hearing none opposed, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenai L. Johnson
Municipal Clerk/Administrator