

**MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
APRIL 17, 2018
COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

OPENING: Mayor Thomas Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:06PM.

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 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; Councilwoman Holly Strobl. Absent: Councilman Thomas Shaw.

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

ENGINEER REPORT: Wayne Roorda of Bach Associates submitted a written report which has been filed in the appropriate manner and verbally reported on the following items:

Mr. Roorda reported that there were resolutions on the agenda to approve submission of the CDBG and Camden County Open Space applications.

LAKE AVENUE- Mr. Roorda stated that the Borough had received \$250,000 in funding for Lake Avenue improvements, inclusive of addressing the width of the road. Mr. Roorda stated that the Borough needed to decide if they wished to move telephone poles, or installing a retaining wall, which would become more costly. It was noted that the NJDOT Grant would not cover the cost of relocating telephone poles (approximately \$15,000-\$20,000 per pole). The poles would be moved approximately 3-4 feet into the right of way. Councilman Armbruster suggested getting design work done this year, and have better idea of total cost prior to the report at the next meeting. Wayne noted that he would check to see if CDBG could possibly be applied for any of the cost of pole relocation. Councilman Armbruster stated that we may have to bond. Wayne Roorda stated that no curbs or sidewalk installation was planned for the project. Councilman Fisher stated that he desired to see speed bumps incorporated in the design.

There were no other matters for discussion during the report of the engineer and Mr. Roorda was excused.

**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 comment on items appearing on the agenda only.

Brenda Franks, 46 Erie Avenue- Mrs. Franks stated that she wished to find out why there were over \$40,000 in salaries for fire positions, being that Clementon was such a small town. Mrs. Franks stated that she wished that the Borough would cut spending money. Mrs. Franks noted that the taxes had gone up.

Keith Cybulski, 232 Van Horne Avenue- Mr. Cybulski inquired if the amusement fees were up to date and was advised by Jenai Johnson that they had been updated last year and were matched with the state fees.

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

APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST:

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:*SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING*

ORDINANCE 2018-02 ESTABLISHING A RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE AT 565 FIRST AVENUE, CLEMENTON, NEW JERSEY. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to adopt on second reading, seconded by Councilwoman Milano.

Mayor Weaver opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, the floor was closed and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Strobl. Absent: Shaw.

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2018-03 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 283, ENTITLED "VIDEO SURVEILLANCE AND GPS POLICY". Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to adopt on second reading, seconded by Councilman Armbruster. Mayor Weaver opened the floor to public comment. Hearing no comments from the public the floor was closed and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Strobl. Absent: Shaw.

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2018-04 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 134 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON ENTITLED "FIRE SAFETY". Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Milano motioned to adopt on second reading, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl. Mayor Weaver opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, the floor was closed and motion to adopt was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Strobl. Absent: Shaw.

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2018-05 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 134 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON ENTITLED "FIRE SAFETY". Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to adopt on second reading, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl. Mayor Weaver opened the floor the public hearing. Hearing no comments from the public, the floor was closed and motion to adopt was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Strobl. Absent: Shaw.

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2018-07 ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES AND OTHER OFFICIALS RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2018. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to adopt on second reading, seconded by Councilwoman Milano. Mayor Weaver opened the floor to the public hearing.

Keith Cybulski, Clementon Borough- Mr. Cybulski stated that he also had concern about the number of fire positions, and why the municipality was paying so much for that department.

Hearing no further comments from the public, Mayor Weaver closed the public hearing and motion to adopt was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Strobl. Absent: Shaw.

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2018-08 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 70 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES". Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve on first reading, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Strobl. Absent: Shaw.

RESOLUTION R18-73 TO ADJUST CERTAIN WATER ACCOUNTS . Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Strobl. Absent: Shaw.

RESOLUTION R18-74 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF \$203.04 TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY FOR OVERPAYMENT OF 2015 SEVERE STORM PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Strobl. Absent: Shaw.

RESOLUTION R18-75 APPROVING AMUSEMENT GAME LICENSES 2018-01 THRU 2018-11 FOR CLEMENTON LAKE HOLDINGS, LLC. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Strobl. Absent: Shaw.

RESOLUTION R18-76 AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF INACTIVE LICENSE 0411-33-005-004, CCC PROGRESSIVE, PURSUANT TO NJSA 33:1-12.39 FOR THE 2017-2018 LICENSE TERM . Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Strobl. Absent: Shaw.

RESOLUTION R18-77 AUTHORIZING MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON AND ENTRANCE INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT. 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; Strobl. Absent: Shaw.

RESOLUTION R18-78 AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00 IN OPEN SPACE TRUST FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO PRINCETON AVENUE PARK. 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; Strobl. Absent: Shaw.

RESOLUTION R18-79 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF KEVIN GARRETSON TO THE OFFICE OF FIRE OFFICIAL IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Strobl. Absent: Shaw.

RESOLUTION R18-80 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF JOHN ZUGGI TO THE OFFICE OF FIRE PREVENTION SPECIALIST. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Strobl. Absent: Shaw.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

OHIO AVENUE EXTENSION BUILDING- Councilman Armbruster stated that he had been contacted regarding the possible development of the Ohio Avenue Extension building by a representative of the Camden County Improvement Authority. Councilman Armbruster stated that there was discussion occurring regarding building five single family homes at the location. Councilman Armbruster stated that the CCIA had contacted him as the Borough had previously expressed interest in purchasing the building. Councilman Armbruster stated that it was his recommendation that the additional ratables be built at the location. The matter would be further discussed at the Joint Land Use Board.

CLEMENTON ELEMENTARY TAX REIMBURSEMENT- Councilman Armbruster stated that due to the Clementon Park And Splash World tax settlement, the Borough overpaid the school taxes to Clementon Elementary School in the amount of approximately \$187,000. Councilman Armbruster stated that the county was reimbursing the municipality for the overpayment of county taxes resulting from the settlement, but there was nothing similar requiring the school to do the same. Councilman Armbruster stated that a request was made in writing a year prior, and the administration at the school arbitrarily declined to reimburse the Borough without presenting the matter to the school board members. Councilman Armbruster stated that he wished to obtain permission from the body to go to a school board meeting and request reimbursement, directly to the BOE members. Christopher McKelvey was in attendance in the audience and encouraged Councilman Armbruster and any other interested parties to attend a future meeting and present the information on the matter. Mr. McKelvey stated that the meetings were held the third Monday of every month. It was determined that three members of the Governing Body would attend, as to not violate any OPMA regulations.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilman Armbruster motioned to authorize the sale of excess fire vehicle, Chevrolet Tahoe, no longer active in the Borough of Clementon, to Laurel Springs for \$1.00. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Strobl. Absent: Shaw.

(MEMORIALIZED BY RESOLUTION R18-81)

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Weaver opened the public portion of the meeting for anyone in attendance that wished to speak.

Brenda Franks, 46 Erie Avenue- Mrs. Franks suggested that the Council Meeting dates be displayed on the digital sign located at Railroad Park. Mrs. Franks also stated that the minutes on the website were not up to date. Jenai Johnson noted that minutes approved at the prior meeting had been sent to the site for posting but appeared to not have transmitted. Ms. Johnson noted that she would ensure that this matter was remedied. Mrs. Franks stated that there was significant trash on Atlantic Avenue from the Dollar General Store, caused by the trash receptacles not being covered. Jenai Johnson noted that she would have code enforcement investigate the conditions. Mrs. Franks stated that she noticed two (2) forty ft. piles of asphalt at the Leewood site. She believed that dumping was occurring. Mrs. Franks also stated that she had heard rumors that the project had gone bankrupt and transformed into low income housing. Councilman Armbruster stated that he had not heard those rumors, and noted that the Borough was still under the belief that the project was continuing. Councilman Armbruster also noted that the Camden County Improvement Authority owned the property where the mulch piles were located.

Mrs. Franks noted that one meeting in February and one meeting in March had been cancelled due to inclement weather. She inquired when the matters that were originally scheduled for those

meetings had been acted upon. Jenai Johnson informed her that the matters were all moved forward to the next successive meeting for action.

Mrs. Franks recommended that the Borough complete the necessary work on Lake Avenue/Delaware Avenue at the least expense to the Borough, without bonding any additional funds.

Keith Cybulski, Clementon Borough- Mr. Cybulski stated that he agreed with many of the points expressed by other members of the audience, and specifically cautioned the governing body that they should ensure that qualified individuals are running the volunteer services. Mr. Cybulski stated that he believed there were serious issues with how fire services were run and how the volunteers were treated.

Christopher McKelvey, 28 Harwood Lane- Mr. McKelvey stated that he could not speak on behalf of the entire school board, but welcomed the members of the governing body to present their issues and/or inquiries to the School Board. Mr. McKelvey stated that he hoped that the two bodies could have an open dialogue. Mr. McKelvey suggested that the Borough explore the installation of video surveillance equipment at Princeton Avenue to stop the destruction of municipal properties. Councilman Armbruster stated that although he agreed with Mr. McKelvey, the idea was cost prohibitive.

Recognizing no further individuals in attendance wishing to speak, Mayor Weaver closed the floor to the public.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilwoman Strobl motioned to adjourn at 8:19PM, seconded by Councilman Armbruster and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jenai L. Johnson,
Municipal Clerk/Administrator