

**MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
APRIL 2, 2019
CAUCUS MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

OPENING: Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

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 Weaver; Councilman Melvin Applegate; Councilman Jonathan Fisher; Councilman Thomas Shaw. Absent: Councilman Mark Armbruster; Councilwoman Meghan Milano; Councilwoman Holly Strobl.

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

SWEARING IN OF KIMBERLY OTT BY MAYOR WEAVER –SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CLASS I- Mayor Weaver administered the oath of office to Kimberly Ott, as her children held the bible. Congratulations and applause were offered by those in attendance following the completion of the oath.

SWEARING IN OF RANDALL FREILING TO THE OFFICE OF FIRE CHIEF IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON- Mayor Weaver administered the oath of office to Randall Freiling, as Lieutenant Leah Freiling held the bible. Congratulations were offered following the ceremony by both the governing body and those in attendance.

Councilman Fisher motioned to take a short break at 7:08PM, seconded by Councilman Fisher and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Councilman Applegate motioned to re-open the meeting at 7:22PM, seconded by Councilman Fisher and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

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 comments on matters appearing on the agenda.

Christine Nucera, 39 Smith Terrace- Mrs. Nucera stated that she wished to comment on Resolution R19-71, stating that she was aware of prior employment at the Borough for Adrienne Guernon, and her employment had not been renewed. Mrs. Nucera asked what circumstances had changed that justified re-employing her. Mayor Weaver stated that Ms. Guernon had applied for the position, and as a relative of a governing body member, her hire was required to go before the full council for a vote. Mayor Weaver noted that residents had preferences in being hired, as long as they met the minimum qualifications. Mayor Weaver stated that he was not aware of any changes, but was aware that she had interviewed for the position. Mrs. Nucera asked if consideration had been given to the prior employment history of Ms. Guernon with the Borough. Councilman Shaw stated that it had not.

Joyce Freiling, 729 Myrtle Ave, Lindenwold- Mrs. Freiling asked how many applications were received for the open positions. Mayor Weaver stated that 13-14 individuals had applied for multiple open positions.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION R19-69 AUTHORIZING 2019 TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION. 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; Fisher; Shaw. Absent: Armbruster; Milano; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R19-70 AUTHORIZING THE PART TIME SEASONAL HIRING OF MELISSA MARY BLATHERWICK TO THE UNCLASSIFIED POSITION OF CROSSING GUARD IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. 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; Fisher; Shaw. Absent: Armbruster; Milano; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R19-71 AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ADRIANNE GUERNON TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME CLERK IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Applegate motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Shaw. Councilman Fisher asked if past history of employment with the borough was taken into consideration. Mayor Weaver noted that he was not present for the interviews or meetings regarding filling the positions. Hearing no further comments, motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate; Shaw. Nays: Fisher. Absent: Armbruster; Milano; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R19-72 PROCLAMATION FOR THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAUREL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH AND THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. DAVID C. MELDRUM AS PASTOR. 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; Fisher; Shaw. Absent: Armbruster; Milano; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R19-73 APPROVING LEGALIZED GAMES OF CHANCE LICENSES FOR THE 2019 SUMMER SEASON AT CLEMENTON LAKE PARK & SPLASH WORLD. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Applegate and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate; Fisher; Shaw. Absent: Armbruster; Milano; Strobl.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Fisher reported that a dedication ceremony had been scheduled for June 8th at 12pm for the Nikki Williams Memorial Park. Councilman Fisher also noted that there was a need to approve not to exceed \$1500.00 in Open Space Trust Funds for the purchase and installation of the sign for the park. Councilman Fisher made the motion as described above, seconded by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate; Fisher; Shaw. Absent: Armbruster; Milano; Strobl. **(MEMORIALIZED BY RESOLUTION R19-73B).**

NEW BUSINESS:

REQUEST FROM CLEMENTON FIRE COMPANY FOR USE OF FIRE RESCUE EQUIPMENT FOR HOAGIE SALE ON APRIL 6, 2019 FROM 10AM-1PM-Councilman Fisher inquired why the request would be coming from the Chief of the Fire Department if the request was on behalf of the social group. Brief discussion occurred regarding the costs associated with the use of the apparatus and the establishment of fees associated with the use. Mayor Weaver announced that the request would not be approved at this time until further details on the procedure for the use of Fire Equipment was established. Mayor Weaver noted that a public safety committee meeting was scheduled for Saturday to begin discussing such items.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Christopher McKelvey, 28 Harwood Lane- Mr. McKelvey stated that there seemed to be a discrepancy in knowledge of the governing body regarding the facts of the hire for the position of Part Time Clerk, specifically related to the past employment history of the candidate, and recommended that consideration and discussion occur in the future for anti-nepotism procedures.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS RELATING TO THE CONDITIONAL HIRE OF DEPUTY REGISTRAR-Councilman Shaw motioned to enter executive session at 7:52pm, for the matter listed above. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fisher and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.
Mayor Weaver announced that formal action could be taken after the executive session.

Councilman Applegate motioned to reenter open session at 8:01PM, seconded by Councilman Fisher and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2019-05 AMENDING SALARIES AND WAGES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2019. Councilman Fisher motioned to approve on first reading, seconded by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate; Fisher; Shaw. Absent: Armbruster; Milano; Strobl.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Fisher motioned to adjourn at 8:03PM, seconded by Councilman Shaw and hearing none opposed, meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Jenai L. Johnson,
Municipal Clerk/Administrator