

**BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON  
FEBRUARY 19, 2019  
CAUCUS/COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**OPENING:** Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT:** "This meeting has been properly advertised and posted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, the Open Public Meetings Act."

**ROLL CALL:** Margaret Giordano called the roll which resulted in the following members present: Mayor Thomas Weaver; Councilman Applegate; Councilman Mark Armbruster; Councilman Jonathan Fisher; Councilwoman Milano; Councilman Shaw; Councilwoman Strobl.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor Weaver lead in the salute to the flag

**ENGINEER REPORT:** Engineer Mark Basehore reported that he submitted his report to status report to Jenai and that the engineering committee meeting on. Update on the items that have occurred since the last meeting. Asset management plan due in April that has to do with the Borough owned water service. Working with Adam Norcross and Rob Freiling and DPW in that regards. There is an open NJDEP oversight Case involving (2) 1,000 gallon Underground Storage tanks that were abandoned in place on 8/24/1995 beneath the Borough Garage new to the report. An email was received from Russell Klotzkin from DEP that requires the Borough to get a licensed site remediation specialist. Bach is getting a price from the Pinnoni group which has used in this context in the past. Bach will show them the case file and have them come up with a plan to close that project out. Bach Associates are currently coordinating with DPW regarding NJDEP required inspections for 2 Borough owned water tanks. They are currently obtaining quotes from inspection companies that utilize remote operated cameras so that the tanks will not require draining, Camden County CDBG applications are due March 1<sup>st</sup>. Speaking with the engineering committee the recommendation is to apply for the same roads Carver, Naylor & Lake avenues. It's Mark Armbruster understanding that the way CDBG has changed its funding most likely we won't get funding for this. Mark Basehore stated that he has made the application as promising as possible and to tie it into the DOT project. There is a Camden County Open Space grant application due April 1<sup>st</sup>. Trying to come up with a project or two to tie that down. Mayor Weaver spoke with relatives of Tom and Nicky Williams about dedicating the park on Albertson Ave and they requested that the Borough try to get Camden County Open Space funding for a nature path at the back of the park. Mark Basehore stated that nothing needs to happen tonight but they can go forward with discussion about. General Engineering report: Bach Associates were asked to looking for a possible stop sign on Higgins Avenue. A letter was sent out on February 14<sup>th</sup> that this intersection does not require a sign at this time based upon reports submitted by Chief Grover, looked at traffic counts, pedestrian and bicycle traffic and nowhere near to the required numbers. May be able to revisit in the future if traffic flow increases. Camden County Bridge replacement project, the County would like the Borough's permission to conduct test pits and embankment stabilization on Borough property adjacent to the bridge. Bach prepared a right of entry and checked with Jenai that she sent it to the county engineer this was passed at the last caucus meeting and allows the county the right to stabilize the embankment of the stream that passes through the two properties. Bottom Lake Dam update: engineering committee asked for an update on the cost estimates of reinforced concrete slabs the DEP is requiring that the Borough put in but have not yet received approval from the DEP. Improvements at Barry Place, cannot tie into the county drainage system and is getting survey out there to replace the piping. Brand Avenue: there are some additional DOT funds left over from that project looking to extend a little bit of the roadway by the apartments, there is also a punch list to take care of. There is ponding near the 1500 building handicap ramp, as soon as the temperature warms up the asphalt can be laid to alleviate the problem. Ohio Ave Phase II submitted a letter to the Borough recommending payment. There will still be 7,200 hours of retainage left after payment. There are a few things left to do, painting/ markings on road, seal some of the asphalt joints and install topsoil on the sides of the road. Underground storage tank at the Borough Building had ERI listed as the current LSRP; Bach received a proposal from Pennoni in 2017 in the amount of \$10,500 that has been sent to the Mayor and Council for review

and approval. Dan Dougherty Sports Complex at the engineering committee meeting talked about a possible land swap. A portion of these parcels are considered to be wetlands and does not count towards the land swap calculation. Now they are looking at trying to readjust the soccer field layout and maybe not have to take as much. Bach is currently updating concept plans and cost estimates to install a full sized high school soccer field. Well pump VFD's Rob Freiling is reaching out to the contractor to obtain as-built measurements.

**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. *Brenda Franks* inquired about who owns the underground spillway Mark Basehore Engineer said half is owned by the bank and the other half is owned by the shopping center. Mark Armbruster said that the planning and zoning committee requirement was when they built the center there, that they were responsible for cleaning the area but they have not been doing so. This portion was closed at 7:22

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST:** Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve the bill list dated February 19, 2019 as presented upon proper review and certification, seconded by Councilman Shaw. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate, Armbruster, Fisher, Milano, Shaw and Strobl

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION 19-50 AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLACK GRANT— 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 and Strobl

RESOLUTION 19-51 APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR OHIO AVENUE PHASE II PROJECT 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 and Strobl

RESOLUTION R19-52 APPROVING PAYMENT APPLICATION NO. 4 FOR OHIO AVENUE PHASE II PROJECT TO GAMBALE CONCRETE LLC. 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 and Strobl

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

*Councilman Armbruster* ; the Council decided to dedicate the new playground on Albertson Ave to Nicole Williams and wanted to know if the council wanted to use Open Space money to pay for a sign. Councilman Fisher said they wanted to have the dedication Ceremony on June 1<sup>st</sup> and is in favor of purchasing the sign and was going to get an estimate. Councilman Armbruster said the addition of a walkway would be a great idea. Mayor Weaver was scheduled to have a meeting with her family to go over the concept for the walkway for the application for Camden County Open Space funding.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Request from Clementon Elementary School Softball for use of the Daniel Dougherty Sports Complex for Certain Dates in the 2019 Season. Mayor and Council agreed to let them utilize the field and waive the fees. Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Applegate and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Applegate, Armbruster, Fisher, Milano, Shaw and Strobl.

Councilman Armbruster received an email from Nancy Lavano regarding her mother Dolores Stevens who lives at 257 Garfield Ave. Her concern is her mother is 82 years old and uses a walker and part of her physical therapy she is to walk the sidewalks between her house and the property next door. Her concern is the property next to them is overgrown and Councilman Armbruster would like to know if the Public Works Department would be able to take care of clean up (removal of beer bottles, trash, etc.) to make it passable. Mayor Weaver forwarded the email to Code Enforcement Officer Dumbleton to investigate and asked council if there were any objections to having the Public Works Department clean up the area. Mayor Weaver said that Produce Junction



and the Conoco Gas Station have clothing drop boxes placed upon their properties by the Police Department by the LEAD program. Both businesses would like the boxes moved. Mayor Weaver would like the boxes moved to Borough Properties. Councilman Armbruster asked what kind of income was received for this service. Mayor Weaver stated no income was received, that it was just a community service. Councilmen Armbruster and Applegate had concerns about the placing the boxes on Borough Property because of the issues of clothing and other trash being left all over.

No further new business

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

*Bonnie Weaver 9 Chews Landing Road:* On behalf of her daughter Lt. Emily Weaver who is currently stationed in Washington DC with the United States Navy and just recently finished her Master's Degree in Public Administration at the Maxwell School of Public Affairs at Syracuse University. She studied the use of public participation in law making at all levels of government. Emily stays informed of town events and strongly believes that she and her classmates would benefit from a close study of the commendable example of public participation presented by both citizens of Clementon and Borough officials of ongoing debate of over the potential dismantle of the Clementon Fire Department. Emily is requesting all voice recordings and transcripts of all meeting minutes from the town meetings regarding this topic for potential use case study in future classes. Mayor Weaver sees no problem with this, Councilman Armbruster stated that this information is available with an OPRA request and stated that the Mayor can request at no cost.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilman Fisher motioned to adjourn at 7:41 PM, seconded by Councilman Applegate and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Giordano

