

**MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
FEBRUARY 6, 2018
CAUCUS MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

OPENING: Mayor Thomas 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."

ROLL CALL: Jenai Johnson, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, 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; Councilman Thomas Shaw; Councilwoman Holly Strobl.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Mayor 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 for comment on matters appearing on the agenda only. Hearing no comments, the floor was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 21, 2017 CAUCUS/COUNCIL MEETING. Councilman Fisher motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2017 CAUCUS/COUNCIL MEETING- Councilman Fisher motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2017 EXECUTIVE SESSION- Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 16, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING- Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl.

ADMINISTRATOR/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Holly Strobl reported that a municipal alliance meeting would be held on February 7, 2018 at 4:30PM.

Councilman Thomas Shaw reported that he and Councilwoman Strobl had attended a budget seminar offered by Bowman & Associates, and gained a wealth of knowledge on the process.

Councilman Jonathan Fisher reported that he had attended the Firemen dinner as a representative of the governing body. Councilman Fisher deferred to Charles Grover, who reported that the key fobs and video surveillance systems were completed in the police department.

Councilwoman Milano inquired as to the status of the hire of Class I or Class II officer for the police department. It was reported that the applicants had withdrawn or been disqualified, leaving no viable candidates for the academy start date. Councilman Armbruster stated that the Borough should look into a traffic study at the area of Clementon Elementary School, and the possible need for installation of a traffic signal or stationing of a police officer at the location.

Mayor Weaver stated that the Borough and School were collaborating on the Safe Routes to School Program. Mayor Weaver noted that the Borough had applied in a previous funding year, and had not been eligible for funding, but that joint efforts were underway to obtain eligibility.

Councilman Mark Armbruster reported that Councilman Fisher was working with Clementon Elementary School to explore the feasibility of installing an officer in the school facility. Councilman Armbruster stated that he had been communicating with residents via Facebook related to the Clementon Tax Appeal ramifications to the Borough of Clementon, and was hoping to obtain permission from the Governing Body to present information to the school board on the subject. There were no objections from the Mayor and Council. Councilman Armbruster stated that he had been made aware on Facebook of the possible need for clean up efforts near Clementon Park & Splash World. Councilman Armbruster stated that he would be contacting the representatives of the park to attempt to amicably discuss the complaints. Councilwoman Nucera stated that she had also seen some of the complaints on Facebook and noted that some of the requests were not reasonable, such as requiring the park to install new fencing or beautify the grounds. Councilman Armbruster also briefly discussed the possibility in the future of purchasing property adjacent to Bottom's Lake Dam to build a park with a lakefront dock at the location.

Councilwoman Christine Nucera stated that Clean Communities was scheduled for April 14-15 and there was a possibility of a yard sale being incorporated. Councilwoman Nucera also noted that she had met with Clementon Lake Park & Splash World, and they indicated interest in doing some joint community events over the summer.

Councilwoman Meghan Milano stated that Movie Night would be held on Friday. She also noted that she had met with representatives of CDGB with Mayor Weaver related to a developer interested in the Ohio Avenue Extension Building for Senior living or veteran services. It was noted that the developer was interested in attending a future meeting to review the proposed idea.

Mayor Weaver noted that the community had lost a valued member with the passing of Mr. Lou Venuti. Discussion occurred regarding the possibility of holding a recognition of Mr. Venuti at a spring/summer meeting. Mayor Weaver also noted that Clean Communities had been posted on the sign and flyers went to Clementon Elementary School.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2018-01 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 public hearing. Hearing no comment from the public, the floor was closed and motion to adopt was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl. Abstain: Armbruster.

RESOLUTION R18-45 AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES GROVER TO THE TITLE OF POLICE CHIEF 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; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R18-46 AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES ON A TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY, BLOCK 125, LOT 12. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R18-47 APPOINTING GEORGE SINGLEY AS MUNICIPAL JUDGE FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2020. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R18-48 COMMEMORATING BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK. 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; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R18-49 ADOPTING THE AMENDED 3-YEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN. 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; Shaw; Strobl.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Weaver opened the floor the public. Hearing no comments from the public, the floor was closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Armbruster motioned to enter executive session at 7:44pm, for an anticipated time period of 15 minutes for the following matter:

PENDING LITIGATION- DILKS V. CLEMENTON BOROUGH

Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Milano and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Councilman Armbruster motioned to re-enter open session at 7:56PM, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No formal action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Armbruster motioned to adjourn at 7:56PM, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Jenai L. Johnson,
Municipal Clerk/Administrator