

**MINUTES
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
JANUARY 16, 2018
CAUCUS/COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

OPENING: Mayor Thomas 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, called the roll which resulted in the following members present: Mayor Thomas Weaver; Councilman Mark Armbruster; Councilman Jonathan Fisher; Councilwoman Meghan Milano; Council President Christine Nucera; Councilman Thomas Shaw; Councilwoman Holly Strobl. Also present were Solicitor George Botcheos and Wayne Roorda of Bach Associates.

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.

There were no comments from the public related to matters appearing on the agenda.

SWEARING IN OF CHARLES GROVER TO THE POSITION OF POLICE CHIEF IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON:

Charles Grover was sworn in to the office of Police Chief by Councilman Jonathan Fisher, the Public Safety Committee Chairman. Following his oath, Chief Grover thanked the members of the governing body for their confidence in his abilities and thanked his family for their support. Chief Grover stated that he looked forward to moving into the future with the department, including implementation of community oriented policing programs.

Councilman Fisher motioned to take a five minute recess at 7:11, to allow photographs and to excuse those attending to witness the swearing in ceremony. Motion was seconded by Councilman Armbruster and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Councilman Shaw motioned to reopen the meeting at 7:24pm, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

ENGINEER REPORT: Wayne Roorda of Bach Associates was in attendance and reported that the status of most items had not changed since the time of the last report in December. Councilman Fisher inquired if the County had been working on Higgins Avenue. Robert Freiling, Public Works Supervisor, stated that they were cutting trees and installing riprap along the bank.

ADMINISTRATOR/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Meghan Milano reported that the first special events meeting was held the prior evening and had gone well.

Councilman Mark Armbruster stated that Public Works had done well with snow removal services, and noted that there were several large water main breaks due to the weather. Councilman Armbruster stated that the town needed to start putting resources into the infrastructure, specifically the water system.

Councilwoman Holly Strobl stated that the library had added additional hours at the end of the year, and noted that she had been approached by a teacher about holding a book club for younger kids at the library. Councilwoman Strobl noted that the groups would be open to everyone but targeted toward ESL students.

Jenai Johnson, Administrator/Municipal Clerk reported that the budget worksheets were expected to be distributed over the weekend.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST: Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve the bill list as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and motion was carried upon the call of roll.

Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2018-02 ESTABLISHING A RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE AT 565 FIRST AVENUE, CLEMENTON, NEW JERSEY. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to introduce, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl.

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

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 introduce, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R18-40 AWARDING SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING MATERIALS COLLECTION CONTRACT TO REPUBLIC SERVICES OF NEW JERSEY, LLC FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS. 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; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R18-41 AUTHORIZING FULL TIME PERMANENT HIRE OF JOHN STROBL TO THE POSITION OF LABORER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Shaw. Abstain: Strobl.

RESOLUTION R18-42 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF ADAM NORCROSS TO THE POSITION OF SUPERVISOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R18-43 TO AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFERS. 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; Shaw; Strobl.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Fisher stated that he had met with the Fire Auxiliary, along with Chief John Busch, and they had requested the use of the front of the building, with 15-20 members in attendance, the first Thursday of the month. Councilman Fisher stated that Melanie Hummel had the key and would be held responsible for the security of the building.

Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve the use and meeting schedule submitted for the Fire Auxiliary for year 2018, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Edward Kunkel, 91 Evanson Avenue- Mr. Kunkel stated that an ongoing situation existed with the water supply to his property/area, being the highest point in Clementon.

Mr. Kunkel reported that when hydrants were flushed, the water pressure was nonexistent, and should be in the range of 40-60psi. Mr. Kunkel stated that his neighbor had purchased a meter and it was normally reading in the range of 20psi.

Councilman Armbruster stated that increased pressure to his property would damage the mains in the lower sections of towns, and suggested that the second floor of Mr. Kunkel's home was likely level with Sitley water tower.

John Diblagio, 83 West Evenson Avenue- Mr. Diblagio stated that the water service issues were ongoing for years and he was unable to use second story shower. Mr. Diblagio stated that he had concerns with the available water pressure if there were to be a structural fire in the area of his home. Councilman Armbruster attempted to ease his concerns and reported that a pumper truck would be available in the event of an emergency. Councilman Armbruster stated that a viable option may be connection to Pine Hill. Councilman Armbruster stated that the two towns would need to enter an agreement and Pine Hill would need to agree to take responsibility for the service of select properties.

Resident, 47 Walnut Lane- The resident stated that he resided a block downhill from the residents who had already spoken and stated that he was without water for several days. Councilman Armbruster stated that some homes had pipes frozen due to extreme temperatures.

Ron Miller, 40 Walnut Lane- Mr. Miller stated that he had experienced low pressure as well at his home and inquired if there was a set standard at which water service was expected to be provided. Councilman Armbruster stated that he was not aware of an established standard.

Hearing no further comments from the public, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There were no discussions for executive session.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Armbruster motioned to adjourn at 7:59PM, seconded by Councilman Fisher and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jenai L. Johnson
Municipal Clerk/Administrator