

**MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
JANUARY 17, 2017
COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

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

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 Christine Nucera; Councilman Thomas Shaw. Absent: Councilwoman Meghan Milano. Also present was Solicitor George Botcheos.

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

NOMINATION TO FILL VACANCY:

Mayor Weaver stated that the Clementon Democratic Committee had submitted a list of three names to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Councilwoman Carol Andrews. Mayor Weaver stated that the following nominees were being considered:

Holly Strobl

John Hunter

Anthony Nucera

Councilman Shaw motioned to nominate Holly Strobl to the unexpired term of Carol Andrews, with a term expiration of December 31, 2017, seconded by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Nucera; Shaw. Absent: Milano.

Councilwoman Holly Strobl was sworn in and assumed her seat at the bench.

ENGINEER REPORT: Wayne Roorda of Bach Associates was in attendance and verbally reported on the following matters-

NJDOT LOCAL AID SUBMISSION- Mr. Roorda stated that the deadline for submission of a project for NJDOT Local Aid was rapidly approaching. Mr. Roorda stated that he had reached out to the engineering committee and discussed the possible road selections with Melvin Applegate, the Public Works Director. Mr. Roorda stated that he would be visiting the Borough during the coming week to get photographs and information in preparation of the grant application submission.

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 related to any matters appearing on the agenda. Hearing no comments from the public, the floor was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 22, 2016 CAUCUS/COUNCIL MEETING- Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Nucera; Shaw. Absent: Milano. Abstain: Strobl.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST: Councilman Fisher motioned to approve the bill list upon proper review and certification. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Nucera; Shaw. Absent: Milano. Abstain: Strobl.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2017-03 AUTHORIZING A SPECIFIC EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION OF \$98,000 FOR TAX REASSESSMENT. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve on first reading, seconded by Councilman Armbruster. Mayor Armbruster stated that he wished to confirm with the Tax Assessor that it was his recommendation to move forward with the tax reassessment in 2017. Charles Warrington, Tax Assessor, stated that it was in fact his recommendation to perform the reassessment in 2018. Councilman Fisher inquired if Council believed that the Borough was in a position to finance such a project. Councilman Armbruster stated that the tax burden had been shifted to a smaller group due to tax appeals, and the reassessment would equalize and cause all property owners to pay their fair share. Hearing no further comments, motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Milano.

RESOLUTION R17-41 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF A PORTION OF SOLAR PERMIT FEE FOR 72 WATSON BOULEVARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$296.60. 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; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Milano.

RESOLUTION R17-42 AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON AND FOP/CPA. 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; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Milano.

RESOLUTION R17-43 AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE. 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; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Milano.

RESOLUTION R17-44 GRANTING SUPPORT FOR CONNECTION TO PINE HILL MUA SEWER FOR BLOCK 149, LOT 5, WITH CONDITIONS. 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; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Milano.

RESOLUTION R17-45 AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN EAST ATLANTIC AVENUE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE AGREEMENT. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Milano.

RESOLUTION R17-46 AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENT OF WATER ACCOUNT FOR BLOCK 50, LOT 4. 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; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Milano.

RESOLUTION R17-47 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF JOHN ZUGGI TO THE POSITION OF FIRE INSPECTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017. 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; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Milano.

RESOLUTION R17-48 AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO VERIZON WIRELESS TO PLACE AND OPERATE NETWORK NODES ON UTILITY POLES. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster stated that he wished to obtain additional information regarding the installation of the nodes, and desired a representative of Verizon to attend a future meeting to discuss the matter. Councilman Armbruster stated that he was unhappy with the lack of Fios availability in the Borough, and believed that the residents deserved a choice in selection of cable providers. Councilman Armbruster also noted that he wished to obtain a definitive number of nodes to be installed. Jenai Johnson noted that Verizon Wireless had provided a packet of information detailing the request, and Solicitor Botcheos stated that the Borough legally did not have the ability to deny the consent. After brief discussion, it was determined that Jenai Johnson would contact the requestor and ask that a representative attend a future meeting for further consideration. Councilman Fisher motioned to table Resolution R17-48, seconded by Councilman Shaw and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

RESOLUTION R17-49 APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, FOR YEAR 2016. 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; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Milano.

RESOLUTION R17-50 AUTHORIZING BUDGET APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFERS PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:4-58. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Milano.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There were no matters for discussion related to unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

DEPUTY OEM COORDINATOR- Jenai Johnson reported that she had received a request from Sheila Freiling, Emergency Management Coordinator, for appointment of Leah Freiling to the position of Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for a term of one year. Councilman Armbruster inquired if Leah Freiling had completed any of the necessary training, and additionally stated he wished to view a resume with qualifications for the position. After brief discussion, Councilman Fisher motioned to approve the temporary appointment of Leah Freiling to the office of Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for a term not to exceed 30 days. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shaw and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Nucera; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Milano.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Andrew Cruz, Watson Boulevard- Mr. Cruz stated that he was the owner of a new pressure washing business in the Borough of Clementon called Pressure Tech. Mr. Cruz stated that he wished to make the Council aware of charitable cleaning services that he would be offering to select residents and government/churches/non profit organizations, with the intent of cleaning up the town. Mr. Cruz asked if the Borough would allow literature in the lobby of Borough Hall for residents to become aware of the opportunity. Council did not object to the literature being displayed in the main lobby for application for charitable pressure washing services.


Councilwoman Nucera also advised Mr. Cruz that the information could be displayed on the Borough website. The governing body thanked Mr. Cruz for his charitable work, which would ultimately assist in improving the visual perception of Clementon Borough. Mayor and Council also wished Mr. Cruz luck in the operation of his new business.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Fisher motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm, seconded by Councilman Shaw and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



**Jenai L. Johnson,
Municipal Clerk/Administrator**