

**MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
JANUARY 19, 2021
COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

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

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. Notice has been posted on the Municipal Website of the change to the remote meeting format pursuant to the executive orders of the Governor of the State of New Jersey.”

ROLL CALL: Jenai Johnson, Administrator/Municipal Clerk, called the roll which resulted in the following members present: Mayor Thomas J. Weaver; Councilman Mark Armbruster; Councilman Robert Dorsey; Councilwoman Brenda Franks; Councilman Christopher Hammond; Councilman Thomas Shaw; Councilwoman Holly Strobl. Also present were Solicitor George J. Botcheos and Engineer Mark Basehore 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. Recognizing no members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Weaver closed the privilege of the floor for matters appearing on the agenda.

ENGINEER REPORT: Mark Basehore of Bach Engineers provided status updates on several projects as follows:

Mr. Basehore reported that the Replacement of Well #9 project would be advertised the following day with the id opening scheduled virtually for Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

Mr. Basehore reported that he was working with the department of public works on Albertson Avenue Project for the survey and finalization of plans.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 5, 2021 REORGANIZATION MEETING

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 5, 2021 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Franks motioned to approve the minutes of January 5, 2021 Reorganization Meeting and executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilman Armbruster and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2020 CAUCUS/COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2020 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve the minutes as presented for the December 15, 2020 Caucus/Council Meeting and Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Councilman Armbruster and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl. Abstain: Franks.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST: Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve the bill list upon proper review and certification. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION R21-41 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF MERCANTILE LICENSE TO ISABEL VARGAS FOR ISABEL’S NUTRITION, LOCATED AT 1 BERLIN ROAD IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, with a second by Councilman Dorsey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-42 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF MERCANTILE LICENSE TO LISA DAVID-HART AND JOSEPH HART FOR QUIRKY TURKEY STUDIO AND GALLERY, LOCATED AT 223 GIBBSBORO ROAD IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve, with a second by Councilwoman Franks and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-43 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF MERCANTILE LICENSE TO GLORIA TALLEY FOR PLATINUM RESALE BOUTIQUE, LOCATED AT 38 BERLIN ROAD IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve with a second by Councilman Dorsey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-44 AUTHORIZING CONFIRMATION OF CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO 100% DISABLED VETERAN STATUS. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Franks motioned to approve with a second by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Weaver asked if there were any topics to be discussed related to unfinished business. There were no discussions responsive to the request from the Governing Body.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Hammond stated that he had been contacted by Dina Massey requesting permission to print 1,500 copies of the Clementonian, with an estimated cost of \$394.00. Councilman Hammond stated that Mrs. Massey indicated that she wished to primarily focus on the housing authority residents, as they enjoyed being provided their information in hard copy form. Councilwoman Franks stated that she would coordinate with the water department to have the mailings delivered with the water meter readings. Additionally it was noted that the anticipated dates were February 4th for submissions of content, and February 10th for completion of printing.

Rabies Clinic Designation of Date and Location- Councilwoman Franks stated that she felt it imperative that the clinic be held as the residents should not be required to pay for their pets to be vaccinated, and feared that some would not receive the vaccination. After brief discussion it was determined that social distancing and COVID precautions would be implemented and the clinic would be held outside of the fire bays on February 20th to allow time for advertisement of the event. It was requested that stand up lawn signs be ordered to advertise. It was also noted that the hours of the clinic would be from 9am-12 noon. Councilwoman Franks stated that she would be in attendance to volunteer, and that she had spoken to Dr. Gruber who would make himself available any Saturday. Councilman Dorsey also indicated that he would make himself available to volunteer, It was noted that an attempt would be made to utilize volunteers from the Fire Rescue department who had already been vaccinated for COVID.

Councilwoman Franks stated that she had ridden past the Dollar General and noticed a trash heap in the rear of the facility. Councilwoman Franks stated that she had reported the matter to Miles Dumbleton, the Code Enforcement Officer, who had indicated that the business was not required to fence in the waste, as it was not required by the mercantile application, but noted that the trash must be in the specified area. Councilman Armbruster stated that he would speak to the code enforcement officer, as it was his belief that there were some local ordinances that would require the visual nuisance to be rectified.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Weaver opened the floor to the public for anyone in attendance who wished to comment.

Rebecca Holloway, Clementon Borough- Ms. Holloway stated that she wished to know what happened to the discussion listed on the original published agenda related to the representation of the community on various committees. Councilman Hammond reported that he had removed the topic, as he required additional time to research the matter, but noted that it would be presented for discussion at a later date. Ms. Holloway stated that she was also inquiring what happened to the final mayor's pledge meeting that she had brought up two weeks ago, as nothing had been scheduled to date. Mayor Weaver noted that he had sent an email to Jessica Cheesman in the prior few days in an attempt to schedule via Zoom.

Christopher McKelvey, 230 Gibbsboro Road- Mr. McKelvey stated that previously a sign had been used to reduce speeding at Garfield and Atlantic Avenue, and wished to know if it would be possible to utilize the same type of signage at multiple locations on Gibbsboro Road at crosswalk locations. Mayor Weaver stated that it could be placed in high traffic areas, and the information would be relayed to the Chief of Police by the Public Safety Committee. Councilwoman Franks suggested that the pedestrian crossing signs, shaped in the form of people, be placed near the crosswalks at the senior center. Councilman Armbruster noted that the Borough had attempted use of such signs previously and they were destroyed by traffic.

Hearing no further comments from public in attendance, Mayor Weaver closed the floor to the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

DISCUSSION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION- MCDEVITT V. CLEMENTON. Councilman Armbruster motioned to enter executive session at 7:48PM for discussion related to McDevitt v. Clementon pending litigation for a period estimated to be five to ten minutes. It was noted that no action would be taken following executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franks and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Councilwoman Franks motioned to re-enter open session at 7:54PM, with a second by Councilman Armbruster and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

There was no action taken as a result of executive session.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Armbruster motioned to adjourn at 7:55PM, with a second by Councilwoman Strobl and hearing none opposed, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenai L. Johnson,
Municipal Clerk/Administrator