

**MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
JANUARY 5, 2021
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

OPENING: Mayor 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. This meeting has been posted on the website and transmitted to the Courier Post and Central Record Newspapers. The meeting is being held remotely in accordance with the Executive Order of the Office of the Governor."

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

OATHS ADMINISTERED TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:
SWEARING IN OF HOLLY STROBL TO THE OFFICE OF COUNCILWOMAN IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS- Mayor Thomas J. Weaver administered the oath of office to Councilwoman Holly Strobl.

SWEARING IN OF BRENDA FRANKS TO THE OFFICE OF COUNCILWOMAN IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS- Solicitor George J. Botcheos administered the oath of office to Councilwoman Brenda Franks.

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 was Solicitor George J. Botcheos.

NOMINATION OF BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Councilman Mark Armbruster motioned to nominate Councilman Thomas Shaw to the office of Council President. Motion was seconded by Councilman Robert Dorsey and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

REMARKS FROM NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS AND SPECIAL GUESTS:
Councilwoman Holly Strobl stated that she wished to thank the residents for allowing her to continue to serve in the position of Council. Councilwoman Strobl noted that she also wished to thank the governing body for their continued support in her efforts in the position.
Councilwoman Brenda Franks stated that she was honored to be elected to represent the residents of Clementon and that she planned to work toward the goals indicated in her platform for election.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2021-01 PROVIDING FOR THE SALARIES AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES AND OTHER OFFICIALS RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2021. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve on first reading, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-01 APPOINTING MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY, GEORGE J. BOTCHEOS, JR., 1202 LAUREL OAK ROAD, VOORHEES, NEW JERSEY. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve with a second by Councilwoman Franks and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-02 APPOINTING MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTANT BOWMAN AND COMPANY, LLP, 601 WHITE HORSE ROAD, VOORHEES, NEW JERSEY. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Dorsey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-03 APPOINTING MUNICIPAL ENGINEER FOR GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES, BACH ASSOCIATES, 304 WHITE HORSE PIKE, HADDON HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-04 APPOINTING BOND COUNSEL, PARKER MCCAY , MOUNT LAUREL, NEW JERSEY. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Shaw motioned to approve with a second by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-05 APPOINTING MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR CHERYL COHEN, FOR YEAR 2020. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Franks motioned to approve with a second by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-06 APPOINTING INSURANCE BROKER, HARDENBERGH INSURANCE AGENCY, MARLTON, NEW JERSEY. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Dorsey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-07 APPOINTING GEORGE SINGLEY AS MUNICIPAL JUDGE FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster 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.

RESOLUTION R21-08 APPOINTING PUBLIC DEFENDER, CHARLES WIGGINTON, GLOUCESTER CITY, NEW JERSEY. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Franks motioned to approve, with a second by Councilman Armbruster and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-09 ADOPTING ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER

RESOLUTION R21-10 ADOPTING LEGAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON: THE CENTRAL RECORD AND COURIER POST

RESOLUTION R21-11 AUTHORIZING LEGAL DEPOSITORIES OF FUNDS: BENEFICIAL BANK, NA; T.D. BANK N.A.; SOVEREIGN BANK; REPUBLIC BANK; NJ CASH MANAGEMENT FUND

RESOLUTION R21-12 AUTHORIZING OFFICIALS TO SIGN CHECKS: MAYOR, COUNCIL PRESIDENT, CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER, MUNICIPAL CLERK, DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK

RESOLUTION R21-13 AUTHORIZING OFFICIALS TO SIGN TAX TITLE LIEN CHECKS: TAX COLLECTOR AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

RESOLUTION R21-14 AUTHORIZING PETTY CASH FUNDS

RESOLUTION R21-15 AUTHORIZING BONDS FOR BOROUGH OFFICIALS

RESOLUTION R21-16 AUTHORIZING BONDS FOR COURT OFFICIALS

RESOLUTION R21-17 AUTHORIZING INTEREST CHARGES FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

RESOLUTION R21-18 AUTHORIZING CHARGE FOR DUPLICATE TAX BILLS

RESOLUTION R21-19 ADOPTING 2020 SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

RESOLUTION R21-20 AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND COUNCIL EXPENSES

Mayor Weaver read by title and asked for a motion to approve Resolutions R21-09 thru and including Resolution R21-20. Councilman Armbruster motioned with a second by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-21 ADOPTING POLICE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AS AMENDED. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve with a second by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-22 DESIGNATING DELEGATES TO THE CAMDEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR 2021

RESOLUTION R21-23 AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM AND NAMING THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Mayor Weaver read Resolutions R21-22 and R21-23 by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve with a second by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-24 APPOINTING BROWN & CONNERY AS LABOR COUNSEL FOR YEAR 2021. Mayor Weaver read b Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve with a second by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll.

RESOLUTION R21-25 AUTHORIZING SUBSEQUENT APPOINTMENTS/POSITIONS HELD FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION AT 2019 COUNCIL MEETINGS.

RESOLUTION R21-26 TO ADOPT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY POLICE AGENCIES

Mayor Weaver read Resolutions R21-25 and R21-26 by title. Councilman Armbruster 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.

RESOLUTION R21-27 TO ADOPT 2021 TEMPORARY BUDGET. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-28 CONFIRMING COUNCIL ASSIGMENTS FOR 2021. Mayor weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve with a second from Councilman Dorsey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-29 AWARDDING CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES TO INDEPENDENT ANIMAL CONTROL INC, FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN AND INCLUDING JANUARY 1, 2021 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve with a second by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-30 ACCEPTING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR 2021. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve with a second by Councilman Shaw and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-31 AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER TO REFUND CERTAIN ESCROW BALANCES AND VARIOUS OTHER REVENUES ON DEPOSIT WITH THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON FOR YEAR 2021.

RESOLUTION R21-32 AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO NJSA 4A:11-12a

RESOLUTION R21-33 AUTHORIZING INTERLOCAL SERVICES PARTICIPATION BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON AND COUNTY OF CAMDEN FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING FOR YEAR 2021

RESOLUTION R21-34 AFFIRMING RESOLUTION R00-92, OPEN SPACE REFERENDUM

RESOLUTION R21-35 AUTHORIZING USE OF GOVDEALS FOR ONLINE AUCTIONING OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Mayor Weaver read Resolutions R21-31 through R21-35. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve with a second from Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-36 APPOINTING PHOENIX ADVISORS AS CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGENT REGISTERED MUNICIPAL ADVISOR FOR YEAR 2021. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Shaw 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 R21-37 AWARDING CONTRACT TO VOORHEES ANIMAL ORPHANAGE FOR YEAR 2021. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve with a second by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-38 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF FEDERICI & AKIN, P.A. AS MUNICIPAL ENGINEER FOR SERVICES IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Dorsey motioned to approve with a second by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-39 AUTHORIZING VARIOUS APPOINTMENTS OF EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve with a second by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl. Abstain: Armbruster.

RESOLUTION R21-40 AFFIRMING THE CLASS III APPOINTMENT OF MARK ARMBRUSTER TO THE JOINT LAND USE BOARD IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Dorsey motioned to approve with a second by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:

GARY SAUNDERS CLASS IV JOINT LANDUSE BOARD WITH TERM EXP 12/31/24- Mayor Weaver read the mayoral appointment for the Joint Land Use Board. There were no objections by the members of the governing body.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Weaver opened the floor to the public for comment.

Rebecca Holloway, Clementon Borough- Ms. Holloway stated that she wished to congratulate Brenda Franks on her appointment to Council, as well as Councilwoman Strobl. Ms. Holloway stated that on behalf of Jessica Cheesman, she wished to inquire as to when the next meeting would happen for the public relate to the Mayor's Pledge. Mayor Weaver stated that the meeting would need to be held via Zoom due to the current health concerns for the public and restrictions implanted by the Governors Executive Order. Mayor Weaver stated that he would reach out to schedule. Ms. Holloway stated that the attachments referenced in a couple of the resolutions were not made available online for the public to view. Jenai Johnson advised that they were in fact on the website and displayed the location. Ms. Holloway stated that it was her belief that the Borough was not following statutory guidelines and not providing detailed information on the content of executive discussions. Solicitor Botcheos stated that he would need to be provided specific examples to respond to her concerns.

Judy Werner, Garfield Avenue- Ms. Werner elaborated on concerns of speeding on her street by fellow neighbors and the general public. Ms. Werner also indicated that when the police are present, they place their vehicles in obvious locations that do not deter the speeding. Councilwoman Strobl noted that she would relay the concerns to the Chief. Councilman Hammond stated that he could not fathom why the speeding matter had not been successfully addressed.

Brooke Thompson and Marie Staub, 281 East Atlantic Avenue- Mrs. Staub stated that she was concerned with the speeding in the area as well and that she feared someone would be injured.

Judy Werner, Garfield Avenue- Ms. Werner stated that certain properties on Garfield Avenue were a disgrace and noted that her husband had contacted Code Enforcement and had not received a response. Councilman Armbruster stated that the Code Enforcement Office was familiar with the property under discussion and that violations had been written previously. It was also noted that the information would be passed along to Miles Dumbleton, the Code Enforcement Officer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

DISCUSSION REGARDING POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL MATTERS- Councilman Armbruster motioned to enter executive session at 8:05PM for matters indicated on the agenda, with an announced anticipated duration of 10-20 minutes. It was noted that action was not anticipated to be taken upon conclusion of executive session. Councilman Shaw seconded the motion and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Councilman Armbruster motioned to reenter open session at 8:27PM, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Armbruster motioned to adjourn at 8:27PM, with a second by Councilwoman Franks and hearing none opposed, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenai L. Johnson,
Administrator/Municipal Clerk