

**MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
JUNE 16, 2020
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. 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, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, called the roll which resulted in the following members present: Mayor Thomas J. Weaver; Councilman Mark Armbruster; Councilman Christopher Hammond; Councilwoman Meghan Milano; Councilman Thomas Shaw; Councilwoman Holly Strobl. Absent: Councilman Melvin Applegate.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Mayor Weaver lead 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 any wishing to comment. Hearing no comments, Mayor Weaver closed the floor.

ENGINEER REPORT: Mark Basehore of Bach Associates provided a written report, which has been filed in the appropriate manner. Mr. Basehore noted that there had not been significant movement on any of the items since the last review of the report. Mr. Basehore noted that there were two items appearing on the agenda at his request. Councilman Armbruster inquired if he had followed up with the county on the intersection improvements. Councilman Armbruster stated that he had concern for a proposal related to the sidewalks at 168 White Horse Pike property. Solicitor Botcheos advised that the proposal would be presented in front of the council for approval prior to the entrance of any agreement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 2020 CAUCUS MEETING- Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shaw and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw. Abstain: Strobl. Absent: Applegate.
MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING- Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

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; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2020-10 AMENDING SALARIES AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2020. 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; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-93 ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE FOR ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF PREMISES PERMITS IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-94 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT WITH NJDOT FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF E. ATLANTIC AVENUE PHASE II, NORWAY AVENUE, REED AVENUE, KOLLER AVENUE AND FRANCIS AVENUE. 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; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-95 AUTHORIZING HIRE OF SEASONAL TEMPORARY PERSONNEL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl. Councilman Armbruster noted that this resolution had been added to the agenda at the request of Robert Freiling, Supervisor in the department of Public Works. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-96 AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF OPEN SPACE TRUST FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE AT SIGNAL HILL PROPERTY. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve and motion was seconded by Councilwoman Strobl. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-97 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF SUSTAINABLE NEW JERSEY SMALL GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Milano motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-98 AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE NJDOT FY 2018 & 2019 AND CDBG FY 2018 ROAD PROGRAM WITH A REDUCTION OF \$78.80 FOR CONTRACT WITH LANDBERG CONSTRUCTION, LLC. 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; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

RESOLUTION R20-99 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT #4 FOR NJDOT FY 2018 & 2019 AND CDBG FY 2018 ROAD PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,686.31 TO LANDBERG CONSTRUCTION, LLC. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Hammond; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Applegate.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Armbruster reported the storm that had occurred a few weeks prior had caused a fair amount of damage and public works had been overwhelmed with chipping of debris. Councilman Armbruster asked if there were any objections to allowing public works to report for overtime on Saturday to attempt to catch up. There were no objections.

Councilwoman Strobl reported that she had sent info and had attended an online demonstration of an app that linked to the website, and that she hoped would prove useful to the Department of Public Works in reporting trash, traffic light outages and recycling issues. Councilwoman Strobl noted that the cost for the program was just short of \$5,000. Councilwoman Strobl also noted that there was a separate program that could be used for specifically Code Enforcement, which would cost \$4,000. She asked that the governing body review the material distributed to them for future consideration.

Councilman Hammond asked if it was permissible for the church to have their trash and recycling picked back up with the additional waste created by the food pantry. Councilman Armbruster suggested that the Dougherty Field receptacle be moved to the church as it was not being utilized with the closure of public parks and facilities.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Mayor Weaver opened the floor for any public in attendance remotely that wished to comment.

Jessica Cheesman, 54 Woodland Avnue- Ms. Cheesman called upon the mayor after signing the Commit to Action pledge , noting that it provided for the review of the Borough Police Department Use of Force Policy. It was noted that the pledge would require the review, report of findings and revisions where appropriate. Ms. Cheesman stated that she wished to know which actions would be taken to prioritize the matter. Mayor Weaver stated that he would discuss the policy with the Public Safety Committee to ensure that the department was running efficiently. Ms. Cheesman further inquired how the Mayor would report his findings to the community. Mayor Weaver stated that there had not been a plan developed at the time, but as progress was made, it would be discussed.

Melynie Crow, 146 Pawnee Avenue- Mrs. Crow stated that Clementon Park had not addressed the property, nor the downed tree on the premises. Councilman Armbruster reported that the Code Enforcement Officer had issued notices and contacted the owner. Councilman Armbruster assured Mrs. Crow that Public Works and Code Enforcement were aware of and addressing the mater. Ms. Crow stated that there had been an incident with a teacher at CES that was trending on social media, and suggested that the Borough should release a statement on the matter. Mrs. Crow asked why a permit was being required for the Black Lives Matter Protest, when the church had not been required to obtain the same. Councilman Armbruster advised that the gathering of the Church had been on their own private property, and no march was associated with the event. Councilman Armbruster noted that the permit was intended to ensure traffic and pedestrian safety during any organized march.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Armbruster motioned to adjourn at 8:16PM, with a second from Councilwoman Strobl and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenai L. Johnson,
Municipal Clerk/Administrator