

**MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017
CAUCUS MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

OPENING: Mayor 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/Administrator, called the roll which resulted in the following members present: Mayor Thomas Weaver; Councilman Mark Armbruster; Councilman Jonathan Fisher; Councilwoman Meghan Milano; Councilman Thomas Shaw; Councilwoman Holly Strobl. Absent: Councilwoman Christine Nucera.

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 for all matters appearing on the agenda. Hearing no comments, the floor was closed.

ADMINISTRATOR/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Jenai Johnson, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, reported that the Financial Disclosure Statement filing deadline had passed, and any members who had not filed to date were at risk of receiving fines.

Meghan Milano, Councilwoman- Councilwoman Milano stated that a meeting was being held the following evening at the Clementon Memorial Library to discuss the development of a literacy program with the County of Camden.

Councilwoman Milano also reported that she had spoken to the Historical Commission and invited them to participate in the County Fair at a table on behalf of the Borough of Clementon. Councilwoman Milano noted that they had respectfully declined the invitation due to the age and health status of many of the members.

Melvin Applegate, Director of Public Works- Mr. Applegate stated that he believed that the flushing schedule being implemented by his department had rectified the water discoloration issue being experienced in the limited section of the Borough. Mr. Applegate noted that he had provided rust remover to certain residents who had experienced discoloration of their appliances. It was noted that he would be obtaining automatic flushing devices for the hydrants, which would not interfere with fire services. The estimated cost for each device was \$2,300. Mr. Applegate stated that the money should be available due to the VFD's reducing the electric costs in 2017. Councilman Armbruster stated that consideration should be taken to adjusting resident bills who were directly affected during the quarter with the discolored water.

Councilwoman Strobl asked how long the flushing would need to continue. Mr. Applegate stated that it would need to be performed indefinitely, due to the dead ends on many waterlines. Mr. Applegate stated that it was his belief that the problem could possibly be rectified by looping water lines, which would entail easements and laying new water lines.

Jonathan Fisher, Councilman- Councilman Fisher stated that the Overdose Awareness Ceremony was scheduled for September 10th at 6pm at Hero's Park. Councilman Fisher noted that the event had been successful in prior years and hoped for the same. Councilwoman Fisher invited Mayor Weaver to speak at the event.

Thomas Shaw, Councilman- Councilman Shaw noted that he did not have anything to report at present.

Holly Strobl, Councilwoman- Councilwoman Strobl reported that she did not have any further information to report at the present time.

Thomas Weaver, Mayor- Mayor Weaver stated that he had nothing to report at present.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION R17-131 AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND PARTICIPATION IN 2017 DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUNDING. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Nucera.

RESOLUTION R17-132 AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR BLOCK 109, LOT 5. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Nucera.

RESOLUTION R17-133 AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF SPECIAL CHARGES FOR BLOCK 75, LOT 13. 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; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Nucera.

RESOLUTION R17-134 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE THREE YEAR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH CAMDEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK PROGRAM. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Milano and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Nucera.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There were no discussions or comments related to unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

REQUEST FOR USE OF CARVER FIELD- Councilman Shaw stated that he wished to request the use of Carver Field for the fall ball season, as he was coaching a Berlin based team, with no home field. He noted that there were a large number of Clementon residents on the team. Councilman Shaw stated that he would be responsible for maintaining and securing the field during the use.

Councilman Armbruster motioned to waive the fee for the field use and authorize the use of Carver Field for the fall season, contingent upon providing the Borough with a certificate of liability insurance and a completed application. Councilman Fisher noted that he wished to second the motion and include the provision that the use would not include the upstairs of the facility, and only the bathroom of the building. Motion with contingencies listed was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Fisher; Milano; Strobl. Absent: Nucera. Abstain: Shaw.

(MEMORIALIZED IN RESOLUTION R17-135)

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Weaver opened the floor to the public for comment. Hearing no comments from the public, the floor was closed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Armbruster motioned to adjourn at 7:25PM, seconded by Councilman Fisher and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jenai L. Johnson,
Municipal Clerk/Administrator