

**MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
APRIL 20, 2021
COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

OPENING: Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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: MAYOR WEAVER, COUNCILMAN ARMBRUSTER, COUNCILMAN DORSEY, COUNCILWOMAN FRANKS, COUNCILMAN HAMMOND, COUNCILMAN SHAW, COUNCILWOMAN STROBL

Lisa West, Deputy 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.

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 matters appearing on the agenda only. Hearing no comments from the public, Mayor Weaver closed the public comment portion.

ENGINEER REPORT: Mark Basehore from Bach Associates reported the following:

168 White Horse Pike – The Borough has an agreement with 168 White Horse Pike for an escrow deposit in lieu of installing sidewalk along Ohio Avenue. The Borough is in receipt of \$16,500.00 and a resolution should be added to the next council agenda for accepting the check in lieu of installing sidewalk on Ohio Avenue. The Borough will have to address right of entry issues and easements for the installation of the sidewalk on the south side of Ohio Avenue.

T-Mobile Antennas at Well 9 – Bach Associates is reviewing an application from T-Mobile to upgrade their facilities attached to the water tank.

NJDOT FY2020 Road Program/NJDOT FY2019 Naylor Avenue – Bach Associates has revised plans and specifications per NJDOT comments of the PS&E submittal and are ready to advertise for bids. Their office coordinated with DPW in regard to the water main installation schedule. The project was advertised for a Zoom bid opening scheduled for May 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilwoman Franks motioned to approve the minutes upon proper review and certification, seconded by Councilman Dorsey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Dorsey, Franks, Hammond, Shaw, and Strobl. Armbruster abstained.

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

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:
SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

RESOLUTION R21-73 AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,500 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF APPROXIMATELY 305 FEET OF CONCRETE SIDEWALK ALONG PORTIONS OF OHIO AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster, Dorsey, Franks, Hammond, Shaw, Strobl

RESOLUTION R21-74 AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FOR GOVERNORS COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT CYCLE OCTOBER 2020 THROUGH JUNE 2025.

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 R21-75 AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster, Dorsey, Franks, Hammond, Shaw, Strobl

RESOLUTION R21-76 AUTHORIZING MANDATE OF DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Dorsey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster, Dorsey, Franks, Hammond, Shaw, Strobl

RESOLUTION R21-77 AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF PAYMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 23, LOT 2. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Shaw and the motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster, Dorsey, Franks, Hammond, Shaw, Strobl

RESOLUTION R21-78 AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TKT CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF WELL #9 PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$952,999.00. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Dorsey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster, Dorsey, Franks, Hammond, Shaw, Strobl.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Councilwoman Franks asked if there was a date for the shredding event. Mayor advised that he spoke with the Public Works Director, Kevin Garretson and that there is no date set at this time. Shredding event is being partnered with Lindenwold.

Councilwoman Franks also stated that there have been complaints with regard to the electronic sign not working. Councilwoman Franks asked if the Borough could either repair it or shut it off. Mayor Weaver agreed and Councilman Armbruster suggested the Borough shut it off until we can repair it.

Councilwoman Franks stated that she spoke with the Tax Collector, Jo Ann Watson as to Clementon Park. Water has not been paid. Mayor Weaver advised that the lienholder's attorney, Stark & Stark advised that April 30, 2021 the auction bid will be certified and all back taxes, water, sewer and the dam loan will all be brought up to date by the new owner.

Also, Councilwoman Franks asked if there was a decision made as to opening up the Senior Center and basketball court. Mayor Weaver believe that signage for the playground and basketball court have been approved as they have to approve the language. Mayor Weaver believes that the signage was ordered last week for the playgrounds but not for the basketball court and senior center.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilwoman Franks stated that the Borough residents are asking to do the town wide yard sale again. Would like to set up a date by June. Mayor and Council have no objections to same. Councilwoman Franks will set up date.

Councilman Shaw received a message from a Jeremy as to organizing a clean up of Signal Hill. Jeremy asked if a member of the Governing Body would attend. Event was shared on Facebook. Event will take place on May 2nd at 12 noon.

Councilman Armbruster spoke to a resident about two properties owned by the Borough. Believes the address is 145 Garfield Avenue. States that there are quite a bit of trees and vegetation, which is overgrown. Vines have killed some trees and are in danger of falling. Knows Public Works is busy. Suggests Borough to work with Public Works to use money from open space to get tree service. Mayor Weaver believes we should move now and not wait until next meeting to get quotes and discuss. Kevin Garretson advised that we can use money under the Voorhees Co-Op Maintenance Contract and won't need to get quotes. No objections were made by Mayor and Council.

Mayor Weaver advised that he will be holding the Memorial Day Service at 11:00 a.m. at Hero's Park.

Mayor Weaver stated that resident Dave Cornwell would like to host a small gathering behind the Senior Center/Wooster's Towers for the veterans and seniors. Just a small BBQ with entertainment on June 13th. Mr. Cornwell would like permission to use the ground. Mayor Weaver stated he will get information from Mr. Cornwell as to how many people, etc. so that the Borough complies with the CDC guidelines and the Governor's Executive Orders due to Covid. Mayor and Council has no objections of Mr. Cornwell using the ground.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Mayor Weaver opened the public comment period for anyone in virtual attendance who wished to speak.

Kristi Blank – Berlin Road – Ms. Blank stated that she spoke to the Code Enforcement Officer, Miles Dumbleton as to the temporary signage and business regarding her neighbor. Would like to know if this is permitted. Councilman Armbruster advised that he did not think that this was permitted in a residential zone, but would speak to Miles. She also questioned if the Borough has a noise ordinance. Neighbor is playing loud music every Saturday. Councilman Armbruster explained that the Borough's ordinance is very restrictive...do not list hours. Police have been called. Only tell neighbor to turn down music. Another issue is the sidewalks. In disrepair and drainage issue. Councilman Armbruster advised that normally the resident is responsible for the repair of their own sidewalks. However, he has suggested at a recent engineer's meeting that the Borough maybe try to secure a grant to repair them. Ms. Blank advised that neighbors are parking on the sidewalks. Called police and was told that they can park on the sidewalk as long as it was within the white line. She also inquired about the barrels on Berlin Road. Mayor Weaver advised that the Borough is going to repair and bill the gas company. As to the sidewalk drainage, Mayor Weaver will speak with the Public Works Director.

Judie Werner – Garfield Avenue – Thanked Mayor and Council for all that they do and appreciates that Mayor and Council are taking-action as to the sidewalk on Garfield Avenue. Advised Councilman Armbruster that her and her nephew went into the woods and cleaned up the trash there.

Christopher McKelvey – Gibbsboro Road – Concerned about issues with traffic and Police. Confused as to if a person can get a ticket or not if parked on the sidewalk. Councilman Armbruster stated yes, Borough Ordinance. Also, why the Borough does not do performance reviews that affect their salaries. Councilman Armbruster has suggested it in the past, however, has never been done.

Nick Stankowski – Chief contract is up...we do not have to renew it. Stated that if we have a problem with leadership that it has been recommended once from outside legal counsel that we terminate the Chief position altogether due to the fact that he has exposed the Borough to other lawsuits. Also, can do away with Chief or hire a civilian administrator. Agrees with Councilman Armbruster and resident, Christopher McKelvey as to performance reviews.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilman Armbruster motioned to enter into executive session at 8:05 p.m. for a matter regarding the pending or anticipated litigation *McDevitt vs. Clementon* and contract negotiations as to the Municipal Administrator. It was noted that the anticipated duration of the closed session was to be no less than fifteen minutes and no more than forty-five minutes, and no formal action will be taken. Councilman Hammond seconded the motion, and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Councilwoman Strobl motioned to re-enter open session at 9:11 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Franks and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilwoman Franks motioned to adjourn at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Councilman Armbruster and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. West
Deputy Municipal Clerk