

**BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON  
MAY 4, 2021  
CAUCUS MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
AGENDA**

**OPENING:** Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT:** 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, COUNCILMAN HAMMOND, COUNCILWOMAN FRANKS, COUNCILMAN SHAW, COUNCILWOMAN STROBL.

Jenai Johnson 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 and 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- 1. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2021 CAUCUS MEETING** Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve the minutes upon proper review and certification, seconded by Councilman Dorsey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster, Dorsey, Franks, Hammond. Councilman Shaw and Councilwoman Strobl abstained.
- 2. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING** Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve the minutes upon proper review and certification, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster, Dorsey, Franks, Hammond, Shaw, and Strobl.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20, 2021 EXECUTIVE SESSION** Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve the minutes upon proper review and certification, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster, Dorsey, Franks, Hammond, Shaw, and Strobl.
- 4. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2020 COUNCIL** Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve the minutes upon proper review and certification, seconded by Councilman Hammond and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Hammond, Shaw, and Strobl. Armbruster, Dorsey and Franks abstained.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

Second Reading/Public Hearing

**ORDINANCE 2021-03 TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:4-45.14** - Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster, Dorsey, Franks, Hammond, Shaw and Strobl.

**RESOLUTION R21-80 AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY-** 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 and Strobl.

**PUBLIC HEARING 2021 – MUNICIPAL BUDGET** Mayor Weaver opened the floor to the public for matters to the Municipal Budget only. Hearing no comments from the public, Mayor Weaver closed the public comment portion.

**RESOLUTION R21-81 ADOPTING 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET** – Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Franks motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster, Dorsey, Franks, Hammond, Shaw and Strobl.

**RESOLUTION R21-82 AUTHORIZING CORRECTION OF CERTAIN WATER ACCOUNTS IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON**- Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Dorsey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Franks and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster, Dorsey, Franks, Shaw and Strobl. Councilman Hammond did not vote due to technical issues with Zoom.

**RESOLUTION R21- 83 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2021-** Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Dorsey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster, Dorsey, Franks, Shaw and Strobl. Councilman Hammond did not vote due to technical issues with Zoom.

**RESOLUTION R21-84 AUTHORIZING PRECISE SALARY RESOLUTION IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES** – Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Dorsey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Dorsey, Franks, Hammond and Shaw. Councilman Armbruster and Councilwoman Strobl abstained. Councilman Hammond did not vote due to technical issues with Zoom.

**RESOLUTION R21-85 AUTHORIZING BACH ASSOCIATES TO PERFORM THE MASTER PLAN RE-EXAMINATION** – 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 and Strobl. Councilman Hammond did not vote due to technical issues with Zoom.

**RESOLUTION R21-86 AUTHORIZING BACH ASSOCIATES TO INITIATE AND PERFORM THE PROPOSED SERVICES RELATED TO THE OPEN SPACE INVENTORY** – Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster, Dorsey, Franks, Hammond, Shaw and Strobl.

**RESOLUTION R21-87 AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION #676** – 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 and Shaw. Councilwoman Strobl abstained.

**RESOLUTION R21-88 APPOINTING WILLIAM BOYLE TO THE POSITION OF ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON** – Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Shaw motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Armbruster and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster, Dorsey, Franks, Hammond, Shaw and Strobl.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Councilwoman Strobl advised that last year we were supposed to have a stream clean-up of Bottom's Lake Dam, but was cancelled due to Covid. She believes money was already set aside and approved. Administrator Jenai Johnson to research to see if money was approved from open space and will be discussed at the May 18, 2021 Council meeting. Event to take place on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Hammond inquired as to the new website and asked if there were any changes. Mayor and Council advised that they did not receive anything. Councilman Hammond will redistribute to Council for their suggestions.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Councilwoman Strobl advised that we can apply for a grant through the Environmental Commission for community garden but will need definite location. Discussion as to if we could use a portion of the lot behind Wooster Towers near the senior center. There were no objections from Mayor and Council as to using this space. Mayor Weaver stated that Councilwoman Strobl is to bring back additional information as to same.

Administrator Jenai Johnson stated that the shredding event will take place on June 12, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Lindenwold Middle School and is hosted by Camden County. The event has been posted on our Facebook page. It will also be posted on our website as soon as we receive a flyer from Camden County.

May 17<sup>th</sup> Fire Department will be holding a badge ceremony event at the Community Center.



Councilman Hammond advised on May 11, 2021, from 4-7 p.m. at 777 Blackwood-Clementon Road there will be a ribbon cutting hosted by a Veteran's Group.

Mayor Weaver advised that the Memorial Day event will be at 11:00 a.m. at Hero's Park. Also, on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> Safe Route to School initiative will be held at the Clementon Elementary School from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. Will have obstacle courses and giveaways for bike helmets.

Councilman Armbruster advised a resident had issues with obstructions and cars blocking sidewalks. He has advised the Code Enforcement Officer. Advised Public Safety will be having a meeting with Chief Boyle. Public Safety is to advise Chief to enforce.

Councilman Dorsey asked when Mayor and Council will return to having meetings in Borough Hall. Mayor Weaver stated that we would start in Community Center in June.

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

*Rebecca Holloway* – Group of citizens would like to have a blood drive with the Red Cross at the Community Center. Mayor advises that we are taking bookings for hall rentals now for June 1<sup>st</sup>. He advises that Ms. Holloway call downstairs. Ms. Holloway inquires as to if the Borough would waive the hall rental fees. Mayor states yes. Also, Ms. Holloway stated that she would like to see the budget posted on the main page of our website.

*Melanie Crow* – Stated when the Borough goes back to in person council meetings she would like the Borough to continue also with the zoom meetings. Mayor advised that he would look into it.


*Mike Madden* – Has complaint about 253 Harding Avenue regarding the squatter who have took up residence there. He advised that the situation has been well documented with the police. Advised he needs to problem resolved. Councilman Armbruster stated the Borough has reached out to the property owner – he is non-compliant. Code Enforcement is working with Police Department. Code Enforcement to site for violations.

*Debbie Butcher* – 253 Harding Avenue – Same issue. Afraid for children. Mayor Weaver advised that he will have the Public Safety Committee to address this with the Chief.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Councilman Armbruster motioned to enter into executive session at 8:31 p.m. for a discussion regarding the personnel-promotional titles for Clementon Police Department. It was noted that the anticipated duration of the closed session was to be no less than fifteen minutes and no more than an hour, and no formal action will be taken. Councilwoman Franks seconded the motion, and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilman Hammond motioned to adjourn at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Councilman Dorsey and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa West  
Deputy Clerk