

**BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON  
DECEMBER 14, 2021  
CAUCUS/COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**OPENING:** Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:05 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.."

**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 Franks; Councilman Christopher Hammond via Zoom; Councilman Thomas Shaw and Councilwoman Strobl. Also present was Solicitor George J. Botcheos via Zoom.

**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 provided a written engineering monthly report, which has been placed on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the September 21, 2021 Council Meeting  
Minutes of the October 5, 2021 Caucus Meeting  
Minutes of the October 14, 2021 Council Meeting

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

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION R21-159 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF MERCANTILE LICENSE TO ABULLAH UZUNKAY FOR BAGUR AUTO, LLC LOCATED AT 342 WHITE HORSE PIKE 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 and Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-160 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF MERCANTILE LICENSE TO GEORGE TSURTSUMIA FOR CREDIT CARD MOTORS, LLC LOCATED AT 138 WHITE HORSE PIKE IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON – Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Shaw. Ayes: Armbruster, Dorsey, Franks, Hammond, Shaw and Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21-161 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF MERCANTILE LICENSE TO KANIA BLACKSON FOR NK STAFFING, LOCATED AT 1 BERLIN ROAD IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON- Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Armbruster motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Hammond and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster, Dorsey, Franks, Hammond, Shaw and Strobl.

RESOLUTION R21- 162 APPROVING APPLICATION FOR LEGALIZED GAMES OF CHANCE RAFFLE FOR 400 RICHIE CLUB CALENDAR RAFFLE- Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Shaw 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 R21-163 APPROVING APPLICATION FOR LEGALIZED GAMES OF CHANCE BINGO FOR 400 RICHIE CLUB IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Shaw 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 R21-164 AUTHORIZING PROMOTION OF ROBERT WORRICK TO THE POSITION OF LIEUTENANT IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Shaw motioned to approve; seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Dorsey, Franks, Hammond, Shaw and Strobl. Councilman Armbruster abstained.

RESOLUTION R21-165 AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Shaw motioned to approve; seconded by Councilman Dorsey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster, Dorsey, Franks, Hammond, Shaw and Strobl.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Brief discussion occurred related to a request from the Clementon Environmental Commission to contract the maintenance of the sprinkler system in the Butterfly Garden. It was determined that the Borough would continue to utilize the Public Works Department, whom they felt had the knowledge and abilities to perform said actions.

Councilman Armbruster stated that he wished to remind the members of the Governing Body to consider removing the necessity of a variance for 6-foot fences in the municipality. Councilman Armbruster also noted that in advance of his term expiration at the end of the year, he wished to state that the employees of the Borough were grossly underpaid and consideration should be given to adjusting the hourly rates of many.

Councilman Dorsey stated that he had previous discussion with Kevin Garretson, who had recommended the use of Special Project Engineers in the coming years to decrease the engineering costs to the Borough and obtain expertise in various fields. There was no objection and it was determined that consideration would be given to appointing Special Project Engineers at the Reorganization Meeting.

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

*Rebecca Holloway, Clementon Borough-* Ms. Holloway stated that it was her belief that there were too many car dealerships in town and brief discussion occurred on this topic.

Hearing no further comments from the public, the floor was closed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Councilwoman Strobl motioned to enter into executive session at 7:32 p.m. for matters regarding personnel and contract negotiations. It was noted that the anticipated duration of the closed session was to be no less than forty minutes, and no formal action will be taken. Councilman Armbruster seconded the motion, and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Councilwoman Strobl motioned to re-enter open session at 8:23 p.m., seconded by Councilman Shaw and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

**ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

RESOLUTION R21-166 AUTHORIZING REDUCTION IN HOURS FOR PART TIME FINANCE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, WITH HOURLY RATE ADJUSTMENT. Councilman Dorsey motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Armbruster; Dorsey; Franks; Hammond; Shaw; Strobl.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilwoman Strobl motioned to adjourn at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Franks and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jehai L. Johnson,  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator