

**MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
APRIL 5, 2022
7:00PM
CAUCUS MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

OPENING: Mayor Thomas 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; Councilwoman Gwen Cantwell; Councilwoman Brenda Franks; Councilman Christopher McKelvey; Councilman Thomas Shaw; Councilwoman Holly Strobl. Absent: Councilman Robert Dorsey.

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 anyone wishing to comment related to items appearing on the agenda. Hearing no comments from the public, Mayor Weaver closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 15, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING- Councilman Shaw motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Franks and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

SAFETY ON THE AGENDA- PRESENTED BY JOSEPH HENRY OF HARDENBERGH INSURANCE- Joseph Henry provided a written report reviewing the safety objectives for the Borough of Clementon for year 2022, and briefly reviewed the structure of the program, and the appointed representatives for Clementon Borough.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2022-07 TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14). Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilwoman Strobl motioned to adopt on second reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shaw. Mayor Weaver opened the floor to the public for the hearing. Hearing no comments, the hearing was closed and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Abstain: Cantwell. Absent: Dorsey.

RESOLUTION R22-89 CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSIONS' "ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964". Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Franks motioned to approve, with a second by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

RESOLUTION R22-90 INTRODUCTION OF 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

•Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7:00PM. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve with a second from Councilman Shaw. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

RESOLUTION R22-91 AUTHORIZING CORRECTION OF CERTAIN WATER ACCOUNTS IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Franks motioned to approve with a second by Councilwoman Strobl. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

RESOLUTION R22-92 AUTHORIZING CORRECTION OF CERTAIN WATER ACCOUNTS IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Shaw motioned to approve, with a second by Councilwoman Strobl. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

RESOLUTION R22-93 APPROVING AMUSEMENT GAME LICENSES FOR CLEMENTON PARK/SPLASH WORLD FOR 2022 SUMMER SEASON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve, with a second by Councilman Shaw. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

RESOLUTION R22-94 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF MERCANTILE LICENSE TO NADEEN BASHIR FOR LOST SOULS RECOVERY, LLC, LOCATED AT 130 WHITE HORSE PIKE IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shaw and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

RESOLUTION R22-95 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF MERCANTILE LICENSE TO MUHAMMAD QASIM FOR M STAR SERVICES LOCATED AT 100 CHEWS LANDING ROAD, IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve with a second from Councilwoman Franks. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

RESOLUTION R22-96 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE A USE AND OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SPEED RADAR SIGNS ON GARFIELD AND HIGGINS AVENUES. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Franks motioned to approve with a second from Councilwoman Strobl. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

RESOLUTION R22-97 AUTHORIZING PRECISE SALARIES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Shaw motioned to approve, with a second from Councilwoman Franks. Motion was defeated upon the call of roll. Ayes: Franks; McKelvey; Shaw. Abstain: Cantwell; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey. **(MOTION DEFEATED)**

RESOLUTION R22-98 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF MERCANTILE LICENSE TO STEPHANIE DUPREE FOR ACELERO LEARNING CENTER LOCATED AT 195 NEW FREEDOM ROAD IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve with a second from Councilman Shaw. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

RESOLUTION R22-99 CONFIRMING CANCELLATION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #21-00088 AND REFUND TO LEINHOLDER. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve with a second by Councilman Shaw. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

RESOLUTION R22-100 AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF YEAR END PENALTY. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve, with a second by Councilwoman Franks and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

RESOLUTION R22-101 AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FOR 2022 CAMDEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE FOR BOTTOMS LAKE FISHING PARK. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve with a second by Councilwoman Franks and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

RESOLUTION R22-102 AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF OPEN SPACE TRUST FUNDS FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Franks motioned to approve with a second by Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

RESOLUTION R22-103 AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE FOR ACQUISITION OF AUTOMATED SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING CANS. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Franks motioned to approve with a second by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

RESOLUTION R22-104 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF MERCANTILE LICENSE TO DELORES CHERIE TRIBBLE FOR ESSIE'S BISTRO & LOUNGE, LLC LOCATED AT 1 GARFIELD AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve, with a second from Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

It was noted that the Planning and Zoning Board had discussed an ordinance to remove the requirement for a variance for a 6 foot fence, and that Jenai Johnson would follow up with Bach Associates to proceed with the introduction of such ordinance.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Rebecca Holloway, Clementon Borough- Ms. Holloway requested that the resolutions be forwarded to her, as they were not included in the copies for the public in error. Ms. Holloway stated that she was glad to see the speed radar signs being utilized in an attempt to remedy the speeding problems.

Krystal Clune, Berkshire Hathaway- Ms. Clune stated that she had experienced an incident on March 23rd with the Fire Safety Department, and provided a written account of her recollection of the event. Ms. Clune stated that she had experienced ill treatment while dealing with that office, and noted that in her opinion there was incompetence displayed. In summary she stated that she had attempted to schedule inspections and dropped off forms to be informed at a later date that there were forms missing which would require a higher fee. She asked that the Governing Body look into the matter. Mayor and Council assured Ms. Clune that the matter would be investigated.

Vince Parenti, Bridgeton- Mr. Parenti stated that he was in attendance as the boyfriend of Ms. Clune, and noted that she had been visibly upset following the incident.

David Cornwell, Clementon Borough- Mr. Cornwell stated that he had a negative experience with the Office of Fire Safety on a prior occasion.

Kristy Blank, Berlin Road, Clementon- Ms. Blank inquired if a permit had been given to a home on Berlin Road with an extremely loud sound system, specifically 265 Berlin Road. Ms. Blank was advised that no such permit had been issued and she was advised to call the police if experiencing a noise violation.

Wednesday Mayer, Clementon Borough- Ms. Mayer inquired on the status of the Cannabis Ordinance and urged the Borough to act quickly on adopting it. Ms. Mayer was advised that the solicitor and engineer were cooperatively working on the ordinance to incorporate the amendments requested by the Committee.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Councilwoman Strobl motioned to adjourn at 8:22PM, with a second by Councilman Shaw. Hearing no objections, motion was carried and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jenai L. Johnson
Administrator/Municipal Clerk