

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON  
September 6, 2022  
7:00PM  
CAUCUS  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**OPENING:** Mayor Thomas J. Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

**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. Notices of said meeting have been posted on the bulletin board and municipal website."

**ROLL CALL:** Jenai Johnson, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, called the roll which resulted in the following members present: Mayor Thomas J. Weaver; Councilwoman Gwen Cantwell; Councilman Robert Dorsey; Councilwoman Brenda Franks; Councilman Christopher McKelvey; Councilman Thomas Shaw; Councilwoman Holly Strobl.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor Weaver led in the salute to the flag.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY HIRED POLICE OFFICERS:** Mayor Weaver administered the oath of office to the following officers of the Clementon Police Department:

OATH OF OFFICE- POLICE OFFICER ANTHONY GIRGENTI

OATH OF OFFICE- POLICE OFFICER SARA MEDICA

OATH OF OFFICE- POLICE OFFICER BRYAN CARTAGENA-RIVAS

Mayor Weaver announced that there would be a brief recess and the meeting would reconvene in five minutes.

**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 on items appearing on the agenda. Hearing no comments from the public, Mayor Weaver closed the floor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 27, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING- Councilwoman Franks motioned to approve, with a second from Councilman Shaw. Hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

MINUTES OF THE MAY 17, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING- Councilman Dorsey motioned to approve, with a second from Councilwoman Franks and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 19, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING- Councilwoman Franks motioned to approve, with a second from Councilwoman Strobl and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 2022 CAUCUS MEETING- Councilwoman Cantwell motioned to approve, with a second from Councilwoman Franks and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST:** Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve the bill list as presented upon proper review and certification. Councilman Shaw seconded the motion. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey, Shaw; Strobl.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION R22-149 TO APPROVE CERTAIN LEGALIZED GAMES OF CHANCE APPLICATIONS IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON

RESOLUTION R22-150 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF ESCROW DEPOSIT AND APPLICATION FEE TO AJ DESIGNS & CONSULTING, LLC FOR LAND USE APPLICATION AS TO CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON

Councilwoman Franks motioned to approve Resolutions R22-149 and R22-150. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dorsey and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R22-151 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF MERCANTILE LICENSE TO CLARITY SMOKE SHOP LOCATED AT 1 BERLIN ROAD IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve, with a second from Councilman Dorsey and motion was carried upon the call of roll.

Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R22-152 APPROVING PAYMENT #10 TO T.K.T. CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,333.20 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF WELL #9

RESOLUTION R22-153 APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR FY2019 & FY2020 NJDOT RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT OF NAYLOR, ATLANTIC AND CARVER AVENUES

RESOLUTION R22-154 APPROVING PAYMENT APPLICATION #3 (FINAL) TO LEXA CONCRETE FOR NAYLOR, ATLANTIC AND CARVER AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Dorsey motioned to approve Resolutions R22-152, R22-153 and R22-154. Councilwoman Strobl seconded the motion and it was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R22-155 AWARD OF CONTRACT TO COMPLETE CONTROL SERVICES, INC. FOR SUPPLY OF MISSION COMMUNICATION SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION (SCADA) EQUIPMENT. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Shaw motioned to approve, with a second from Councilwoman Franks and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R22-156 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE LIEUTENANT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, ROBERT WORRICK. 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; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R22-157 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CHIEF OF POLICE, WILLIAM BOYLE. Mayor Weaver read by title Councilman Shaw motioned to approve with a second from Councilwoman Strobl and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R22-158 APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING MATERIAL COLLECTION, CONTRACTED TO CENTRAL JERSEY WASTE AND RECYCLING, INC. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Franks motioned to approve, with a second by Councilman Dorsey. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R22-159 AMENDING CAPITAL BUDGET. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Shaw motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franks and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl.

Mayor Weaver read the following resolutions by title:

RESOLUTION R22-160 AUTHORIZING THE CLEMENTON FIRE RESCUE TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FIREFIGHTER GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

RESOLUTION R22-161 AUTHORIZING VARIOUS EXPENDITURES OF OPEN SPACE TRUST FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE TO PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON

RESOLUTION R22-162 CONFIRMING EXTENSION OF GRACE PERIOD FOR 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER TAXES

RESOLUTION R22-163 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT FOR BLOCK 69, LOT 7, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 11 HOFFMAN AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON

RESOLUTION R22-164 AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF LOAD BEARING OUTER VEST CARRIERS FOR USE BY THE CLEMENTON POLICE OFFICERS Councilman Shaw motioned to approve Resolutions R22-160 through and including R22-164. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dorsey and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl.

Mayor Weaver read the following Resolutions by title:

RESOLUTION R22-165 APPROVING PAYMENT #11 TO TKT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF WELL #9 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,914.15 BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

RESOLUTION R22-166 AUTHORIZING ANNUAL EQUIPMENT ALLOWANCE TO SUPERVISORS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION R22-167 AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE CHERRY HILL COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM-IDENTIFIER 37-CHCPS WITH AN EXPIRATION OF MAY 12, 2026

RESOLUTION R22-168 AUTHORIZING THE HIRE OF SUBSTITUTE SEASONAL PART TIME CROSSING GUARDS IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON Councilwoman Franks motioned to approve Resolutions R22-165 through and including Resolution R22-168. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dorsey and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Councilwoman Strobl abstained for Resolution R22-166.

RESOLUTION R22-169 ACCEPTING THE 2021 MUNICIPAL AUDIT. 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; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl.

*SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING*

ORDINANCE 2022-11 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 266 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON ENTITLED, "TOWING AND WRECKING". Councilwoman Franks motioned to adopt on second reading. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Strobl. Mayor Weaver opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments from the public, the floor was closed. Motion to adopt was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl.

*SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING*

ORDINANCE 2022-12 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 298 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON ENTITLED, "ZONING". Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to adopt on second reading, with a second from Councilman Shaw. Mayor Weaver opened the floor to the public for comment on the ordinance. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed and motion to adopt was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Nays: Franks.

*FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION*

ORDINANCE 2022-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,203,500 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,143,325; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Shaw motioned to adopt on second reading. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franks. Mayor Weaver opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments from the public, the hearing was closed. Motion to adopt was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl.

*FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION*

ORDINANCE 2022-14 BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE SEWER UTILITY IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$282,500 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$268,375; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING. Mayor Weaver read by title Councilwoman Strobl motioned to adopt on second reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shaw. Mayor Weaver opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments from the public, the hearing was closed. Motion to adopt was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl.

*FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION*

ORDINANCE 2022-15 BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT FOR THE WATER UTILITY IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$360,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$342,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Dorsey motioned to adopt on second reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shaw. Mayor Weaver opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments from the public, the hearing was closed. Motion to adopt was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl.

*FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION*

ORDINANCE 2022-16 OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$518,842 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PIECES OF EQUIPMENT AND COMPLETION OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Shaw motioned to adopt on second reading. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Strobl. Mayor Weaver opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments from the public, the hearing was closed. Motion to adopt was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilwoman Cantwell reported that the newsletter had been printed and public works would be distributing to residences. She also noted that the community yard sale was being held September 24 and 25<sup>th</sup> from 8-1pm. It was requested that Public Works place the temporary signage out to notify the community. Councilwoman Cantwell requested that yardsale permit fees be waived for participants. Councilwoman Franks motioned to waive yard sale permit fees for participants of the community yardsale. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franks and hearing none opposed, motion was carried. (MEMORIALIZED BY RESOLUTION R22-170).

Councilwoman Franks suggested some improvements to playgrounds, including installation of a pickle ball court. She stated that she would investigate pricing with the director of public works.

Councilwoman Cantwell noted that Niagara park was missing a swing and needed some attention.

Councilwoman Strobl stated that the South Jersey Land and Water Trust would be doing a clean up with the Environmental Commission. The tentative date was set for November 12<sup>th</sup>. The Trust would cover the cost and the stream would be cleaned from Bottoms Lake area to Gibbsboro Road.

Solicitor Botcheos stated that he was contacted by Binswanger relating to the lease agreement at 11 New Freedom Road. He stated that they wished to extend the lease for a three year period with an approximate increase of \$2,400.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There were no items for discussions in Unfinished Business.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Gale Warner, 79 East Atlantic Avenue- Ms. Warner stated that the speed limit was not being obeyed on her street, which was designated 35 mph. She stated that there was no sidewalk and no safe area for she, or children to walk. Ms. Warner stated that the Borough had placed a temporary speed sign at the location, which had been working, but then removed the radar sign. It was explained to Ms. Warner by Mayor Weaver that the sign was needed for use at alternate locations, and would rotate to needed areas. Ms. Warner stated that the speed limit sign had been vandalized.

Madison Wehnau, 81 East Atlantic Avenue- Suggested reflectors since the road has blind spots around the bend at night.

Mark Armbruster, 137 Garfield Avenue- Mr. Armbruster stated that Atlantic was a County owned road, and the municipality was limited in what could be done. Mr. Armbruster suggested that the resident and Borough pressure the County for addressing these issues. Mr. Armbruster continued by noting that the Borough had just approved over 2 million dollars in bond ordinances, and cautioned them to be wise relating to the spending power and bond rating. Mr. Armbruster noted that the homeless population was increasing in Clementon, and it was his belief that the new food Pantry run by David Cornwell was attracting them.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilwoman Franks motioned to adjourn at 8:28PM, with a second from Councilwoman Cantwell and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jenai L. Johnson  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator