

**MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
DECEMBER 13, 2022
7:00PM
CAUCUS/COUNCIL
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

OPENING: Council President Thomas Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT: Council President Shaw 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: Council President Thomas Shaw; Councilwoman Gwen Cantwell, Councilwoman Brenda Franks; Councilman Christopher McKelvey; Councilwoman Holly Strobl. Absent: Mayor Thomas Weaver; Councilman Robert Dorsey. Also present were Solicitor George J. Botcheos and Mark Basehore of Bach Associates.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Council President Shaw 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: Council President Shaw opened the floor to the public for matters appearing on the agenda. Hearing no comments from the public, the floor was closed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST: Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve the bill list as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franks and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

ENGINEER REPORT: Mark Basehore reviewed the written engineer report, which has been placed on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION R22-197 APPROVING CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS. Council President Shaw read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve, with a second by Councilman McKelvey. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

RESOLUTION R22- 198 AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS IN THE 2022 BUDGET. Council President Shaw 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- 199 TO CONFIRM TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENTS. Council President Shaw read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve, with a second by Councilwoman Franks. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

RESOLUTION R22-200 CONFIRMING CREDIT ON WATER ACCOUNT. Council President Shaw 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 R22-201 APPROVING 2023 TOWING LICENSES. Council President Shaw read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve, with a second by Councilman McKelvey. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

RESOLUTION R22-202 AUTHORIZING THE HIRE OF KEITH LAMB TO THE TITLE OF WATER SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Council President Shaw read by title. Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, with a second by Councilwoman Franks. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

RESOLUTION R22-203 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE COMCAST LEASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE CLEMENTON MUA SITE, NEW FREEDOM ROAD. Council President Shaw read by title. Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, with a second by Councilwoman Franks. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

RESOLUTION R22-204 AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF RETAINAGE FOR THE WATER VALVE EXERCISING PROJECT. Council President Shaw read by title. Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, with a second by Councilwoman Franks. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

RESOLUTION R22-205 APPROVING CERTAIN APPLICATIONS FOR LEGALIZED GAMES OF CHANCE IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Council President Shaw read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve, with a second by Councilwoman Franks. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

NEW BUSINESS:

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OEM COORDINATOR- Jenai Johnson stated that she had been provided a letter from Mayor Weaver, indicating that he was appointing Leah Freiling to the office of Emergency Management Coordinator, effective immediately. Jenai Johnson noted that the appointment was necessary due to the retirement of Adrienne Guernon, who formerly held the title.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Strobl reported that she had been working with the library on multiple tasks, and would keep everyone abreast of the progress.

Councilwoman Franks thanked everyone for their hard work on the parade, tree lighting and decorations. Councilwoman Franks noted that she felt that the decorations were greatly improved this season.

Councilman McKelvey stated that he had been advised that the town improved in literacy points since the Camden County Literary Committee had become involved. Brief discussion occurred regarding the possibility of obtaining additional funding for the library from Camden County, and it was determined that Councilwoman Strobl would contact the library system to further investigate.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Council President Shaw opened the floor to the public.

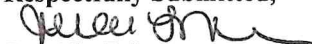
Gina Vallente, 51 Highland Ave- Ms. Vallente stated that she was in attendance to see what could be done, or who could help with an issue she was having with a neighbor and shed, which she believed required a variance. Ms. Vallente noted that the yard was not in good order with construction debris strewn about. Jonathan Holroyd, Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer, reported that the shed was being moved at the direction of the municipality, and he would address the trash in the yard.

John Schmidt, Clementon Housing Authority- Mr. Schmidt provided a summary financial sheet from the Clementon Housing Authority, and noted that a meeting would be rescheduled with the council committee and Housing Authority.

Hearing no further parties interested in speaking, the floor was closed.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilwoman Strobl motioned to adjourn at 7:28PM. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franks and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jenai L. Johnson,
Municipal Clerk/Administrator