

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON  
OCTOBER 4, 2022  
7:00PM  
CAUCUS  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**OPENING:** Mayor Thomas J. 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. 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.

**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 comment. Hearing no comments from the public in attendance, Mayor Weaver closed the public portion of the meeting related to matters appearing on the agenda.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

*SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING*

**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 Dorsey motioned to adopt on second reading. Councilwoman Strobl seconded the motion. Mayor Weaver opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, Mayor Weaver closed the public hearing and motion to adopt was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl.

*SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING*

**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 Franks motioned to adopt on second reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman McKelvey. Mayor Weaver opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, Mayor Weaver closed the floor for public comment. Motion to adopt was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl.

*SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING*

**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 Councilwoman Strobl. Mayor Weaver opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2022-15. Hearing no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed. Motion to adopt was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl.

*SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING*

**ORDINANCE 2022-16** 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 Dorsey motioned to adopt on second reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shaw. Mayor Weaver opened the public hearing. There were no public members in attendance that wished to comment. Mayor Weaver closed the public hearing and motion to adopt was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl.

**RESOLUTION R22-173** TO CONFIRM, CANCEL AND REFUND TAXES DUE TO 100% DISABLED VETERAN STATUS. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Franks motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl.

**RESOLUTION R22-174** APPROVING PAYMENT #12 TO TKT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF WELL #9 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,044.79 BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MUNICIPAL ENGINEER. 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; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl.

**RESOLUTION R22-175** AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO MATHIS CONSTRUCTION CO, INC OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR, NJ FOR THE FY2021 NJDOT TRUST FUND AND FY 2021 CAMDEN COUNTY CDBG PROGRAM ROAD PROGRAM AND WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Dorsey motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilwoman Franks reported that the Public Works Committee and the Director of Public Works would be documenting the road work that has been completed and sending a letter out to residents to make them aware. Councilwoman Franks stated that this was being done in response to nasty comments appearing on the Borough Unofficial Facebook page.

Councilman McKelvey stated that he had no matters to report under new business.

Chief Boyle stated that new gun legislation had been released and discussion was occurring related to banning handguns at the Municipal Building. It was noted that Solicitor Botcheos had provided a sample, which the school board and principal supported. Councilwoman Franks stated she was not comfortable with the proposed ordinance. Councilwoman Strobl noted that it was her belief that parents that are irate at times should be banned from carrying handguns on to school property. Further brief discussion occurred and it was determined that the Council would take the proposed ordinance into consideration and place on the agenda for a subsequent meeting. The Chief of Police, William Boyle, concluded by stating that the regulations banning the carrying of handguns would potentially be difficult to enforce outside of the municipal building, and would likely not cover playgrounds etc.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Councilman McKelvey reported that he wished to thank David Cornwell for his assistance with Clementon Day. He further noted that Trunk or Treat was scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup>. Councilman McKelvey stated that the School Board had indicated their desire to meet related to discussions on the Safe Routes to Schools Funding Plan. The school suggested that they had strong desire for improvements at the Erial, Gibbsboro, and Blackwood Road intersections.

Councilwoman Franks stated that she had provided a Hall Rental Policy for review and asked that Solicitor Botcheos review the document. After some discussion by the members of the Governing Body, it was determined that a committee would discuss the proposed changes. A suggestion was also provided that the Resident Rate only be available 2 times per year, per residential address. It was decided that the committee would bring further recommendations to a future meeting.

Councilman Dorsey inquired on the status of the Marijuana Sales Ordinance. Mayor Weaver stated that it had been passed, and was allowable on the White Horse Pike Corridor, with restrictions of 50 ft from a residential property. Mark Armbruster, a member of the audience, stated that the Governing Body may have inadvertently not allowed the sale of marijuana licenses at any one property in town. Mayor Weaver stated that the engineers had done a map clearly indicating which properties would fall into the allowable category.

Councilman Dorsey reported that the contractor had sold the solid waste collection company who currently serviced the Borough of Clementon, and the option of changing the contract to incorporate one armed cans had been removed. Councilman Dorsey stated that Public Works was looking into the potential purchase of recycling cans for residents due to the unexpected change.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:** Mayor Weaver opened the floor to the public for any individuals in attendance wishing to speak, and recognized the following persons:

Gale Warner, 79 East Atlantic Ave.- Ms. Warner stated that the signs were placed near her property prohibiting loitering or dumping. Ms. Warner noted that there was not an improvement and the issues were continuing. She indicated that she was also still experiencing speeders in the area and emphasized it was a danger. Councilwoman Strobl did note that she had seen the newer officers eager and enforcing the traffic in the area, inclusive of speed limits.

Mark Armbruster, 137 Garfield Ave.- Mr. Armbruster stated that the vehicles behind the fire hall needed to be removed and taken care of as they were an eye sore. Councilwoman Cantwell stated that the vehicles should be locked until they were scrapped to prevent any persons from loitering in them. Mr. Armbruster stated that the County should be contacted in regard to the complaint of trash and property maintenance voiced by the resident that had previously spoken about the issues on East Atlantic Avenue. Mr. Armbruster stated that the property under discussion was county owned, and they could potentially use the boom cutter.

Seeing no further individuals in attendance wishing to speak, Mayor Weaver closed the public portion of the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilwoman Franks motioned to adjourn at 8:15pm, with a second from Councilwoman Strobl and hearing none opposed, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jenai L. Johnson  
Administrator/Municipal Clerk