

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON  
June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
7:00PM  
COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**OPENING:** Mayor 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. Notice has been posted in the municipal building and on the Municipal Website."

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

**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. Hearing no members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Weaver closed the floor.

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

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Jennifer Harris of Environmental Resolutions provided a brief verbal report on the status of the 2021 Road Program, and 2022 Road Program. Ms. Harris noted that an official report of the improvements of the Community Center would be forthcoming by the end of the month.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

*SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING*

ORDINANCE 2023-09 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 \$772,500 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 \$733,875; ;MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman McKelvey motioned to adopt on second reading. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franks. Mayor Weaver opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments from the public, Mayor Weaver closed the floor to the public. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-09 was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey. Absent: Shaw; Strobl.

*SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING*

ORDINANCE 2023-10 AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOIUS 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 \$545,000 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 \$517,750; 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. Councilman McKelvey seconded the motion to adopt. Mayor Weaver opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments from the public, Mayor Weaver closed the floor to the public comment. Motion to adopt was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey. Absent: Shaw; Strobl.

*SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING*

ORDINANCE 2023-11 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 \$250,000 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 \$237,500; 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. Councilman McKelvey seconded the motion. Mayor Weaver opened the floor to the public hearing. Hearing no comments from the public, Mayor Weaver closed the floor. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey. Absent: Shaw; Strobl.

*SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING*

ORDINANCE 2023-12 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 125, ENTITLED "FEES" AND CHAPTER 277, ENTITLED "MUNICIPAL FACILITIES", OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman McKelvey motioned to adopt on second reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dorsey. Mayor Weaver opened the public hearing, and seeing no one wishing to comment, closed the public hearing. Motion to adopt was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey. Absent: Shaw; Strobl.

*SECOND READING PUBLIC HEARING*

ORDINANCE 2023-13 AMENDING SALARIES AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES AND OTHER OFFICIALS RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2023. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman McKelvey motioned to adopt on second reading. Councilman Dorsey seconded the motion. Mayor Weaver opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments to be heard from the public, Mayor Weaver closed the public hearing. Motion to adopt was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; McKelvey. Abstain: Franks. Absent: Shaw; Strobl.

*INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING*

ORDINANCE 2023-14 AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL AND REPLACE CHAPTER 138 FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION; TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER 138 FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Franks motioned to approve on first reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dorsey and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey. Absent: Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R23-96 CONFIRMING CANCELLATION AND REFUND OF TAXES DUE TO 100% DISABLED VETERAN. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Franks motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman McKelvey. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey. Absent: Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R23-97 APPROVING RENEWAL OF CERTAIN LIQUOR LICENSES IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON FOR THE 2023-2024 LICENSE TERM. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dorsey and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey. Absent: Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R23-98 AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE BERLIN ROAD PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PHASE II PROJECT. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Franks motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman McKelvey and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey. Absent: Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R23-99 AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2024 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franks and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey. Absent: Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R23-100 APPROVING PAYMENT APPLICATION #1 TO MATHIS CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE 2021 NJDOT & CDBG ROAD PROGRAM AND WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Dorsey motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman McKelvey and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey. Absent: Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R23-101 AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF RENTAL FEES FOR USE OF COMMUNITY CENTER FOR NIKKI WILLIAMS BLOOD DRIVE ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2023. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dorsey. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey. Absent: Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R23-102 AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT TO ACACIA FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. FOR FINANCIAL ADVISOR SERVICES WITH A TERM EXPIRATION OF DECEMBER 31, 2023. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dorsey and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey. Absent: Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R23-103 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH TEAMSTERS LOCAL 676 FOR AMENDMENT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Dorsey motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman McKelvey. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey. Absent: Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R23-104 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT PLAN FOR YEAR 24 AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENT. 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. Absent: Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R23-105 AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR LEEWOOD VILLAGES AT ROWAND POND PHASE 2- WATER SYSTEM. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Franks motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman McKelvey and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey. Absent: Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R23-106 AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR LEEWOOD VILLAGES AT ROWAND POND PHASE 2- SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dorsey and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey. Absent: Shaw; Strobl.



RESOLUTION R23-107 AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR LEEWOOD VILLAGES AT ROWAND POND PHASE 2-SITE IMPROVEMENTS. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Franks motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dorsey and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey. Absent: Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R23-108 AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SAFETY AND STABILIZATION PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR LEEWOOD AT ROWAND POND PHASE 2. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franks and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey. Absent: Shaw; Strobl.

RESOLUTION R23-109 ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF DEED FOR BLOCK 75, LOT 25.28. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Franks motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman McKelvey. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey. Absent: Shaw; Strobl.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Councilwoman Franks reported that the Free Rabies Clinic had been successful and a record of over 100 animals had been vaccinated.

Councilman Dorsey stated that the Shredding Event had been attended by approximately 95 individuals.

It was noted that the Bike Rodeo had also been a successful community event.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman McKelvey announced that National Night Out was being held in August and further information was forthcoming. It was also noted that an Overdose Awareness Ceremony was being scheduled for September.

Brief discussion occurred regarding the intent to obtain emergency Narcan stations at the Community Center and Borough Hall Lobby. Chief Boyle was instructed to contact the County to ascertain if free units remained available, as they had recently been distributed to school districts.

Councilman Dorsey stated that he continued to be aware and concerned with speeding issues within the town, and inquired related to the installation of speed bumps/pads, potentially the portable type to be moved as required.

Jennifer Harris of ERI, the Municipal Engineer, stated that she would discuss the possibilities with her firm.

Mayor Weaver reminded the members of the governing body that Essie's was hosting an event on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, to mark the one-year anniversary of their opening.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:** Mayor Weaver opened the floor to the public for anyone interested in speaking. Seeing no members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Weaver closed the floor for open comment.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Weaver stated that there was a need for executive discussion relating to anticipated or pending litigation. Councilman McKelvey motioned to enter executive session at 7:45PM, for an anticipated period of 15 minutes for matters relating to anticipated or pending litigation. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dorsey, and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Councilman McKelvey motioned to re-enter open session at 7:57PM. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franks and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

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

RESOLUTION R23-110 AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ARAWAK PAVING CO., INC. FOR FY 2022 NJDOT CLEMENTON ROAD PROGRAM, FOR RESURFACING OF WADE AVENUE AND FULTON AVENUE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$143,000.00. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franks. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey. Absent: Shaw; Strobl.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilwoman Franks motioned to adjourn at 7:59PM. Motion was seconded by Councilman McKelvey and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jehai L. Johnson

Municipal Clerk/Administrator