

**MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
March 7, 2023
7:00 P.M.
CAUCUS MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

OPENING: Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

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, OF 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 speak related to matters appearing on the agenda only. Seeing no persons interested in speaking, the floor was closed.

ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS:

Second Reading/Public Hearing

ORDINANCE 2023-01 AUTHORIZING SALARIES AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES AND OTHER OFFICIALS RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2023. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Shaw motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franks. Mayor Weaver opened the floor to the public for comments. Hearing none, the public hearing was closed. Motion to adopt was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw. Abstain: Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

Second Reading/Public Hearing

ORDINANCE 2023-02 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 220 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON ENTITLED, "RENTAL PROPERTIES". Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Franks motioned to adopt on second reading. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Strobl. Mayor Weaver opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, the floor was closed. Motion to adopt was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

Second Reading/Public Hearing

ORDINANCE 2023-05 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 220 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON ENTITLED, "RENTAL PROPERTIES". Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to adopt on second reading. Councilman Shaw seconded the motion. Mayor Weaver opened the public hearing. Hearing no parties interested in commenting, the floor was closed. Motion to adopt was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

Introduction/First Reading

ORDINANCE 2023-06 TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14). Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Strobl motioned to approve on first reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shaw and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Franks; McKelvey; Shaw; Strobl. Absent: Dorsey.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman McKelvey reported that the literacy committee would be holding "Take a Child to the library day" on April 20th. Councilman McKelvey provided an overview of the program, and noted that they would be signing people up for the Library Card System. Councilman McKelvey emphasized that the goal was to get the library open again. Mayor Weaver asked that Councilwoman Strobl and Councilman McKelvey stay involved.

Councilwoman Franks stated that the Calendar and Clementonian Newsletter had been distributed to the residents and seems to have been received well. Councilwoman Franks also noted that the engineer had done an inspection on the Community Center and noted the major remedies that needed to be made were extending the width of the mens room entrance, and installation of a separate breaker to shut off the electrical supply if the fire alarm were to be set off.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Weaver stated that he had met with Chief Freiling regarding the purchase of a fire truck that had been planned for purchase the prior year. Mayor Weaver stated that Chief Randall Freiling had reported an increase in the cost of the vehicle of \$60,000 due to lacking funds. Brief discussion occurred regarding the Borough's inability to enter a contract without encumbering the proper funds. It was noted that additional funds would be necessary in the 2023 capital budget.

Brief discussion occurred regarding a request to host an Easter Egg Hunt at the field behind the John Leshar Senior Center. It was noted that David Cornwell had requested permission to utilize the property on April 8th from 11am-1pm. There were no objections to the use of the lot.

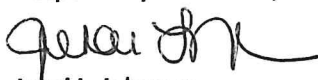
Brief discussion occurred regarding the vacancy in the position of Code Enforcement Officer. It was decided that Nicholas Sapio would be offered the position in accordance with Civil Service Commission regulations. Jenai Johnson, Administrator/Municipal Clerk, was directed to offer the position.

Mayor Weaver announced that he wished to thank the police department for their presence at Clementon Elementary School.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Mayor Weaver opened the floor to the public for comment. Hearing no comments, the floor was closed.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Shaw motioned to adjourn at 7:25PM. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Strobl and hearing none opposed, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jenai L. Johnson

Administrator/Municipal Clerk