

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 @ 7PM  
COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**OPENING:** Mayor Thomas Weaver called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT:** Mayor Thomas 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:** Stephenie Cianfrani 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 Thomas 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 Thomas Weaver opened the floor to the public for comment regarding matters appearing on the agenda. Hearing no comments, the floor was closed.

**ENGINEER REPORT:** Jennifer Harris gave report. Cost estimates were sent for the two USTs for remediation of the Borough Garage and The Municipal Building. We are waiting on a response on those estimates and need to get an answer to the DEP by October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Berlin- Clementon Road ,Gibbsboro Rd Project Plans about 70% complete and that project is expected to go out to bid by the end of the year. From there work will begin on Safe Strrets/Safe Routes on that intersection.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Councilman Dorsey motioned to approve the Minutes for the September 5, 2023 Caucus Meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franks and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Franks; McKelvey. Absent: Shaw; Strobl

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION R23-134** AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilwoman Franks motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Dorsey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell, Dorsey Franks, McKelvey Absent: Shaw, Strobl.

**RESOLUTION R23-135** AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman Dorsey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman McKelvey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell, Dorsey Franks, McKelvey Absent: Shaw, Strobl.

**RESOLUTION R23-136** AUTHORIZING ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTIONS INC., TO COMPLETE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR PHASE 11 OF THE RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS AT BOTTOMS LAKE PARK. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilwoman Franks motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman McKelvey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell, Dorsey Franks, McKelvey Absent: Shaw, Strobl.

**RESOLUTION R23-137A** AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE INTO THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE NJDOT 2023 ROAD PROGRAM. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Franks and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell, Dorsey Franks, McKelvey Absent: Shaw, Strobl.

**RESOLUTION R23-137** AUTHORIZING ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTIONS INC., TO PROCEED WITH THE PROPOSED DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR FY 2023 NJDOT CLEMENTON ROAD PROGRAM, WALNUT LANE AND CHERRY LANE. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman Dorsey motioned to approve, seconded by

Councilman McKelvey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell, Dorsey Franks, McKelvey Absent: Shaw, Strobl.

**RESOLUTION R23-138** AUTHORIZING APPLICATION OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CHARGE. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman Dorsey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Franks and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell, Dorsey Franks, McKelvey Absent: Shaw, Strobl.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Councilwoman Cantwell updated us that the newsletter is just about complete and expected to be distributed soon.

Councilman McKelvey Wanted to say Thank You to our Clementon Police Department for providing Overdose Education to the public in the park last Sunday. It was a very successful event.

Councilwoman Franks investigated the sign issue on Pennsylvania Ave. The signs that were placed were deemed appropriate and Public Works will be working on clearing some of the brush down by the lake access point. The residents that brought this concern were present and are still disputing the sign placement. Council will go back and check the sign placement again.

Councilwoman Franks also followed up on the 2 properties on Chestnut that were in poor condition. Both properties are being addressed through code enforcement and public works.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilwoman Cantwell announced the Trunk or Treat will be held on Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> and moved to the Fire Hall this year due to parking issues that arose last year. There was a request to do a Halloween Decorating Contest this year, so we are looking into that too.

Mayor Weaver lead a discussion regarding the Water Main Replacement on E. Atlantic Ave. Approximately 3000 ft of water main is to be replaced by 2031. Also, all of the service connections from the main to the house will need to be replaced to eliminate lead. This is to cost about \$800,000 and we are working on getting funding for this project through a low interest rate EIT infrastructure loan. Since, this project will require access to resident's properties, a form will be posted on the website explaining how residents can sign a waiver if they do not wish to have the Borough come on the property to do the repairs and submit pictures of their own service line. A mailing will go out to residents to explain this. Council gave approval to begin the survey for this project.

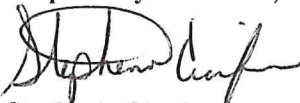
**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Jacqueline Koch- 213 Pennsylvania Ave: Mrs. Cook addressed the Council about signs posted at the end of her street last meeting. She returned to check on the matter as discussed under Unfinished Business. Mayor Weaver assured her we are surveying the area and will make sure signs are only posted on private property.

Brian Massey- 19 Elm Ave: Mr. Massey requests an earlier leaf pick-up schedule as he has trees that are dropping leaves in late August now. Unfortunately, we don't have access to the leaf truck any sooner than what is scheduled. The Mayor advised we will find out from public works when the leaf truck is available and if there is somewhere the residents can take leaves on their own.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilwoman Franks motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM, seconded by Councilman Dorsey and hearing none opposed, motion was carried by Mayor Weaver.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephenie Cianfrani  
Deputy Clerk