

**MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
JANUARY 2, 2024 @ 7PM
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

OPENING: Mayor Thomas Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Mayor Thomas Weaver led in the salute to the flag.

OATHS ADMINISTERED TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

SWEARING IN OF THOMAS WEAVER TO THE OFFICE OF MAYOR FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, WITH AN EXPIRATION OF DECEMBER 3 1, 2027. Solicitor George Botcheos delivered the Oath of Office and swearing in of Mayor Weaver while his son held the Bible.

SWEARING IN OF CHRISTINE NUCERA AS COUNCILWOMAN FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS UNTIL DECEMBER 3 1, 2026. Mayor Weaver delivered the Oath of Office and swearing in of Councilwoman Nucera while her son and daughter held the Bible.

SWEARING IN OF JONATHAN FISHER TO THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMAN FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS UNTIL DECEMBER 3 1, 2026. Mayor Weaver delivered the Oath of Office and swearing in of Councilman Fisher while his grandsons held the Bible.

ROLL CALL: Jenai Johnson called the roll which resulted in the following members present: Mayor Thomas Weaver; Councilwoman Gwen Cantwell; Councilman Robert Dorsey; Councilman Jonathan Fisher; Councilman Christopher McKelvey; Councilwoman Christine Nucera; Councilman Thomas Shaw.

NOMINATION OF BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Mayor Weaver called for a nomination for this year's Council President. Councilwoman Christine Nucera called a motion to nominate Christopher McKelvey as the 2024 Council President seconded by Councilman Thomas Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

REMARKS FROM NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS AND SPECIAL GUESTS:

Councilman Jonathan Fisher stated it is nice to back after taking 3 years off and is anxious to get back to work for the Borough.

Councilwoman Christine Nucera stated she feels the same way. She's glad to be back after 6 years and appreciates the trust the residents and the Mayor have put in her. She hopes to be able to continue to make a difference here. Assemblyman Lou Greenwald from the 6th Legislative District stated he's happy to be representing our area again. When he was first elected in 1995, he served our Borough, and is excited to be back and working with this community again

Mayor Thomas Weaver gave thanks and appreciation to our residents and Council, our County Representatives in both the 4th and 6th legislative district for Camden County.

A 15-MINUTE RECESS WAS CALLED FROM 7:15PM TO 7:30PM FOR REFRESHMENTS.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2024-01 AUTHORIZING SALARIES AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES AND OTHER OFFICIALS RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2024 Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Dorsey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-01 APPOINTING MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY, GEORGE J. BOTCHEOS, JR., 1202 LAUREL OAK ROAD, VOORHEES, NEW JERSEY. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-02 APPOINTING MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTANT BOWMAN AND COMPANY, LLP, 601 WHITE HORSE ROAD, VOORHEES, NEW JERSEY. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman Dorsey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-03 APPOINTING MUNICIPAL ENGINEER/PLANNER FOR GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES, ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTIONS. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman Dorsey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-04 APPOINTING BOND COUNSEL, PARKER MCCAY, MOUNT LAUREL, NEW JERSEY. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Dorsey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-05 APPOINTING MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR CHERYL COHEN, FOR YEAR 2024. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman Dorsey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-06 APPOINTING INSURANCE BROKER, HARDENBERGI-I INSURANCE AGENCY, MARLTON, NEW JERSEY. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Dorsey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-07 APPOINTING BROWN & CONNERY AS LABOR COUNSEL FOR YEAR 2024. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman Dorsey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-08 APPOINTING PUBLIC DEFENDER, CHARLES WIGGINTON, GLOUCESTER CITY, NEW JERSEY. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-09 APPOINTING PHOENIX ADVISORS AS CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGENT REGISTERED MUNICIPAL ADVISOR FOR YEAR 2024. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman Shaw motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-10 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF BRYSON AND YATES CONSULTING ENGINEERS, LLC FOR GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman McKelvey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-11 AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON FOR DESIGN INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE OF SUPERVISORY CONTROL DATA ACQUISITION (SCADA) & PROCESS CONTROL SYSTEMS TO COMPLETE CONTROL SERVICES, INC. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman Shaw motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-12 AWARDING SPECIAL PROJECT ENGINEERING SERVICES. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-13 ADOPTING ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-14 ADOPTING LEGAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON: THE CENTRAL RECORD AND COURIER POST. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-15 AUTHORIZING LEGAL DEPOSITORIES OF FUNDS: BENEFICIAL BANK, NA*, T.D. BANK N.A.; SOVEREIGN BANK; REPUBLIC BANK; NJ CASH MANAGEMENT FUND. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-16 AUTHORIZING OFFICIALS TO SIGN CHECKS: MAYOR, COUNCIL PRESIDENT, CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER, MUNICIPAL CLERK, DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-17 AUTHORIZING OFFICIALS TO SIGN TAX TITLE LIEN CHECKS: TAX COLLECTOR AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-18 AUTHORIZING PETTY CASH FUNDS. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-19 AUTHORIZING BONDS FOR BOROUGH OFFICIALS. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-20 AUTHORIZING BONDS FOR COURT OFFICIALS. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-21 AUTHORIZING INTEREST CHARGES FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-22 AUTHORIZING CHARGE FOR DUPLICATE TAX BILLS. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-23 ADOPTING 2024 SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-24AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND COUNCIL EXPENSES. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-25ADOPTING POLICE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AS AMENDED. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-26 DESIGNATING DELEGATES TO THE CAMDEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR 2024. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-27 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE SINGLEY AS MUNICIPAL JUDGE FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS, TO EXPIRE 12/31/26. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-28 AUTHORIZING SUBSEQUENT APPOINTMENTS/POSITIONS HELD FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION AT 2024 COUNCIL MEETINGS. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-29 AUTHORIZING TOWING CONTRACTS FOR 2024. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-30 TO APPROVE 2024 TEMPORARY BUDGET. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman Shaw motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-31 CONFIRMING COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2024. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Dorsey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-32 AWARDING CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES TO INDEPENDENT ANIMAL CONTROL INC, FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN AND INCLUDING JANUARY 1, 2024 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Dorsey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-33 ACCEPTING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR 2024. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Dorsey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-34 AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO NJSA 4A: 11-12a. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Dorsey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-35 APPROVING CONTRACT WITH HOMEWARD BOUND ANIMAL RESCUE FOR SHELTERING SERVICES FOR YEAR 2024. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Dorsey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-36 AFFIRMING RESOLUTION ROO-92, OPEN SPACE REFERENDUM. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Dorsey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-37 AUTHORIZING USE OF GOVDEALS FOR ONLINE AUCTIONING OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Dorsey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-38 AUTHORIZING VARIOUS APPOINTMENTS OF EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Fisher and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-39 AUTHORIZING TAX ASSESSOR TO FILE, STIPULATE, SETTLE BOTH REGULAR AND ADDED/OMMITTED TAX APPEALS, AND ROLL BACK TAX COMPLAINTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:


Bonnie Weaver- 9 Chews Landing Road- Ms. Weaver read aloud a statement confirming that next year is our Centennial Anniversary. She introduced herself and inquired about who will be the liaisons will be for the Historical Museum and Special Events, as she would like to get started with the Centennial Celebration planning. A kick-off meeting is scheduled on Monday, January 8th at 7pm at the museum to begin the planning. All are welcome. Gwen Cantwell and Christine Nucera are both Special Events. Christopher McKelvey and Gwen Cantwell handle the Historical Committee.

Mark Arm- 137 Garfield Ave- Congratulations to Mayor Weaver who is now our first 3 term Mayor.

Mayor Weaver- The Fire company is also celebrating it's Centennial this year. Special events and The Fire Department will coordinate to plan a celebration.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilwoman Nucera motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM, seconded by Councilman McKelvey and hearing none opposed, motion was carried by Mayor Weaver.

Respectfully Submitted,


Stephanie Cianfrani
Deputy Clerk