

**MINUTES OF
THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
MAY 7, 2024 7:00PM
CAUCUS 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.

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.

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 none, the floor was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING: Councilman Fisher motioned to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dorsey and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw

MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING:: Councilman Fisher motioned to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shaw and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw

MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2024 CAUCUS MEETING: Councilman Fisher motioned to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shaw and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw

MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING: Councilman Fisher motioned to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shaw and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera. Abstain: Shaw

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE 2024-05 TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (NJSA40A:4-45.14) 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- 80 AUTHORIZING THE BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Dorsey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Mayor Thomas Weaver opened the floor to the public for comment regarding the 2024 Municipal Budget. Henry Benson of 541 Berlin Rd inquired about how much the Mayor is compensated. There were no other comments from the public. Hearing no other comments, the floor was closed.

RESOLUTION R24-81 ADOPTING THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET. ONLY Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman McKelvey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE 2024-06 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 220 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON ENTITLED, "RENTAL PROPERTIES". Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman McKelvey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE 2024-07 AMENDING SALARIES AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES AND OTHER OFFICIALS RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2024. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman McKelvey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2024-08 AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$421,250 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$400,187; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING. 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.

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2024-09 AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE SEWER UTILITY SYSTEM IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$150,000 THEREFORE; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$142,500; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Dorsey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2024-10 AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT FOR THE WATER UTILITY IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$480,500 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$456,475; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING. 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- 82 REMOVED FROM AGENDA FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

RESOLUTION R24-83 APPROVING REVISED CHANGE ORDER FOR THE BERLIN CLEMENTON AND GIBBSBORO ROAD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT. 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 R24-84 APPROVING PAYMENT APP REVISED FOR THE BERLIN CLEMENTON AND GIBBSBORO ROAD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO THINK PAVERS HARDSCAPING, LLC. 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 R24-85 APPROVING REDUCTION IN PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE (WATER) FOR ROWAND POND PHASE IV A. 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 R24-86 APPROVING REDUCTION IN PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE (SANITARY SEWER) FOR ROWAND POND PHASE IV A. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman Fisher motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman McKelvey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-87 AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FOR FY 2024 SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT. 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 R24-88 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A MERCANTILE LICENSE TO TRANZFORMED NUTRITION LOCATED AT I BERLIN ROAD IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Shaw and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R24-88b RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF RENTAL FEE FOR COMMUNITY CENTER FOR CLEMENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman McKelvey motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman McKelvey shared that we have over 100 applications for the Camden County Job & Resource Fair to be held at the Clementon Fire Hall on May 6th, 2024 from 3pm to 6pm. The Library currently has 7 volunteers thanks to the new 6 volunteers they have recently acquired. Thank you to Mayor and Council for all you have done to try to support the library.

Councilman Dorsey stated that we have received the recommendation and are waiting for the pricing to board up 2 Erial Rd. A member of the public did get into this residence today and a Clementon Police Officer sustained minor injuries as part of the floor collapsed while trying to escort the person out. This property will be secured ASAP.

Councilwoman Cantwell shared that our new Fire Truck will be coming soon. We will be selling the old fire truck. It will be listed on GovDeals and there is also some private interest from the Fire Academy for possible training purposes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman McKelvey shared that the Clementon Elementary School's 8th Grade dance is being held at the Clementon Fire Hall on June 7th from 630pm to 930pm and the Borough has waived all rental fees for this event. The Clementon library is applying for a small grant to try to keep the library running.

Mayor Weaver shared that the clothing donation bin that resided at the Clementon Lake Plaza will be moved to the shopping center parking lot on the White Horse Pike where the Dunkin Donuts is located. These changes were deemed necessary as the bins were being tampered with in the current location.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

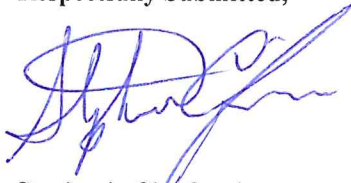
Michael Stewart- 30 Higgins Ave- Reports the fire hydrant by his house is non-functional and asked that it be repaired. Also asked for clarification of the police budget.

Henry Benson- 541 Berlin Rd- Mr. Benson reports multiple disputes with, and harassment from, some of his neighbors. Mr Benson has been advised to contact police anytime he is having an issue so that they can address these issues at the time they are happening.

Bonnie Weaver- Reports the Centennial Meeting went well and they are making great progress on the plans for our centennial celebrations.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Fisher motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM, seconded by Councilman Shaw and hearing none opposed, motion was carried by Mayor Weaver.

Respectfully Submitted,



**Stephenie Cianfrani
Deputy Clerk**