

**MINUTES OF  
THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON  
JUNE 18, 2024  
COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**OPENING:** Mayor Thomas Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT:** Councilman Christopher McKelvey 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; Councilman Jonathan Fisher; Councilman Christopher McKelvey; Councilman Thomas Shaw. Absent: Councilwoman Christine Nucera

**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.

**ENGINEER REPORT:** Jennifer Harris gave report. We received the funds for the Berlin-Clementon Water Main. We are still waiting on the proposal for the NJDEP stormwater infrastructure mapping to be approved by the Borough. The due date for this project is December 2025 however, since there are multiple towns implementing this at the same time, engineering would like to get this moving as quickly as possible. We are approaching the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 due date for the lead service line project. We need to decide if the Borough would like to attempt to replace some of the lead service lines using funding from the EPA Accelerator programs but that program ends in December 2024. Jen will have a meeting with Debbie, Jenai and Jason to finalize the details.

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

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION R24-93 AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF CERTAIN LIQUOR LICENSES IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON FOR THE 2024-2025 LICENSE TERM. 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; Fisher; McKelvey, Shaw. Nays: Dorsey. Absent: Nucera.

RESOLUTION R24-94 AUTHORIZING REDUCTION #2 (SITE) IN PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR ROWAND POND PHASE IV A, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MUNICIPAL ENGINEER. 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, Shaw. Absent: Nucera.

RESOLUTION R24-95 AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF CERTAIN CLEMENTON VEHICLES TO CLEMENTON FIRE RESCUE FOR USE IN TRAINING. 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, Shaw. Absent: Nucera.

RESOLUTION R24-96 AUTHORIZING AWARD OF EMERGENCY CONTRACT TO JERSEY CONTRACTORS & ASSOCIATES INC FOR REPAIR OF FAILING RETAINING WALL PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A: 11-6. 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, Shaw. Absent: Nucera.

RESOLUTION R24-97 APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. Mayor Weaver read by title, Councilman Shaw motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Dorsey and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey, Shaw. Absent: Nucera.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Councilwoman Cantwell inquired about the Old Sandsberg building. It has been boarded up and will be reevaluated on Wednesday or Thursday. At this time that is all we can do unless there is an imminent danger. At that time we could potentially foreclosure and demolish.

Councilman Shaw and Mayor Weaver stated that the 5-year police contract negotiations have continued with raises and healthcare benefits. The contract is not yet complete.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Environmental Commission and the Shade Tree Commission is requesting that we consider more lighting at Hero's Park to make it easier to maintain.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Rachael Mooney- 50 Fulton Ave- Ms Mooney came to address an issue with a neighbor at 59 Chews Landing Rd. She has made several police reports and states they are riding quads and dirt bikes up and down the Fulton Ave and on others property. They have been combative if approached about the issue, making threats and retaliating. They often have music playing so loudly it can be heard for miles around. She is asking that the noise ordinance code be amended to include any time of the day. We have already made that amendment to the ordnance. The resident is encouraged to continue to call the police any time there is an incident and to file an official complaint so that the courts can hear this matter.

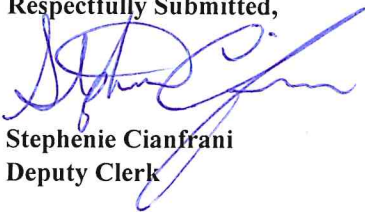
Bill Whalen- 37 Fulton Ave- Mr. Whalen is also here to substantiate Ms. Mooney's claims and states he has also experienced and witnessed the same nuisances and harassment. Mr. Whalen's daughters have also experienced harassment from these individuals. The resident is encouraged to continue to call the police any time there is an incident and to file an official complaint so that the courts can hear this matter. We will also have Code Enforcement go out and evaluate possible unregistered vehicles on the property.

Ed Bolan- 251 Van Horn Ave- Mr. Bolan has requested a speed bump on Erie Ave and two speedbumps on Van Horn Ave due to high traffic and speeding. Since the last meeting, his mailbox was hit by a car, several concrete support poles were taken out as well and Brenda Franks was run off the road. Engineering states we need to perform a speed study in order to start the process for possibly installing the speedbumps. There are state guidelines we need to follow that will determine the need. The study can be conducted by either the Police Department or Engineering. Jen Harris from engineering will find out the details and bring Paul with her to the next meeting to discuss the details as this is more of his department.

Alex Romano- 66 Albertson Ave- Mr. Romano reports 68 Albertson Ave is a nuisance. There is trash all over the property: metal, shopping carts, etc. There are also many stray cats and other wildlife living on the property causing a smell. Code enforcement was notified but we are unsure what happened from there. Mr. Romano requested if Code Enforcement could attend the Council Meetings to answer questions.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilman Shaw motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM, seconded by Councilman Fisher and hearing none opposed, motion was carried by Mayor Thomas Weaver.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephenie Cianfrani  
Deputy Clerk