

**MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
JANUARY 21, 2025 COUNCIL
6:00PM
CAUCUS MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

OPENING: Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor Weaver read the following announcement, “ This meeting has been properly advertised and posted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice has been posted in the municipal building and on the Municipal Website.”

ROLL CALL: Jenai Johnson, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, 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 Weaver led in the salute to the flag.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE:

SWEARING IN OF GIOVANNI PETRILLI TO THE OFFICE OF SERGEANT IN THE CLEMENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT- Mayor Weaver administered the oath of office to Sergeant Petrilli, while his family held the bible.
Councilman McKelvey motioned to hold a short break at 6:07pm. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Nucera, and carried hearing no objections.
Mayor Thomas Weaver reconvened the meeting at 6:12PM.

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 for any members of the public wishing to speak relating to matters on the agenda. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Weaver closed the public portion of the meeting.

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION R25-39 APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR AS A MEMBER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shaw and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R25-40 AUTHORIZING PAY APPLICATION #4 (FINAL) FOR BERLIN-CLEMENTON AND GIBBSBORO ROAD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman McKelvey and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

Mayor Weaver read the following Resolutions by title:

RESOLUTION R25-41 AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON SATISFYING ALL OUTSTANDING CHARGES IN ESCROW ACCOUNT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MUNICIPAL ENGINEER FOR ROWAND POND PHASE III SAFETY AND STABILIZATION.

RESOLUTION R25-42 AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON SATISFYING ALL OUTSTANDING CHARGES IN ESCROW ACCOUNT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MUNICIPAL ENGINEER FOR ROWAND POND PHASE III SANITARY SEWER

RESOLUTION R25-43 AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON SATISFYING ALL OUTSTANDING CHARGES IN ESCROW ACCOUNT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MUNICIPAL ENGINEER FOR ROWAND POND PHASE III WATER

Councilman Shaw motioned to approve Resolutions R25-41 through and including Resolution R25-34. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R25-44 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF DENNIS LASASSA JR TO THE POSITION OF PLUMBING INSPECTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 15, 2024. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Dorsey motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R25-45 APPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN BUCHHOFER TO THE OFFICE OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON RETROACTIVE TO FEBRUARY 1, 2023. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fisher and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R25-46 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT ALLEN TO THE POSITION OF CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fisher and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R25-47 APPROVING CERTAIN APPLICATIONS FOR LEGALIZED GAMES OF CHANCE IN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON-400 RICHIE CLUB BINGO GAMES. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Fisher motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shaw and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; Dorsey; Fisher; McKelvey; Nucera; Shaw.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Fisher reported that he was working with the Committee on negotiation of an employment agreement with the Superintendent of Public Works, as well as navigating the main breaks on Sitley Avenue.

Discussion occurred with the auctioning of the former fire truck and surplus fire hose on Gov Deals. It was noted that a base bid price should be established and value researched prior to posting.

NEW BUSINESS:

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OF VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE JOINT LAND USE BOARD- CLASS II CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2025. Mayor Weaver announced the appointment, and noted that he had also appointed Robert Freiling and Glenn as alternates, with the former alternates being elevated to Class IV membership.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Weaver opened the floor to the public for any members wishing to comment.

Valerie and Chris McLoyd, 152 West Atlantic- They inquired about the recent water main breaks, and the condition of the road in the aftermath. Mr. McLoyd noted that the road condition was almost impassable. Mayor Weaver noted that the Borough would send public works to investigate the location.

Kristi Blanks, 272 Berlin Road- Ms. Blanks stated that she had concerns with the possible use of an adjacent property, outside of the approved zoning purposes. She noted that it was her belief that a detached garage was being used to run a business. Solicitor Botcheos advised Ms. Blanks that the issue should be presented to zoning, and addressed with our Code Enforcement Department.

Ms. Blanks concluded with her concern with the California fires, and suggested that New Jersey implement preventative measures to avoid the same issues.

Seeing no other persons wishing to speak, Mayor Weaver closed the public portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Fisher motioned to adjourn at 6:50PM. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shaw and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Jenai L. Johnson
Municipal Clerk/Administrator**