

**BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
MINUTES OF THE
MARCH 24, 2026
6:00PM
COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

OPENING: Mayor Weaver opened the meeting at 6:04 pm

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor 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 Municipal Clerk, called the roll call which resulted in the following members present: Mayor Thomas Weaver; Councilwoman Gwen Cantwell; Councilman Christopher McKelvey, Councilwoman Christine Nucera, Councilman Robert Dorsey, Councilman Greg D'Amato Absent Councilman Thomas Shaw.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Mayor 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: NONE

APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST: Mayor Weaver requested a motion to approve the bill list. Councilwoman Christine Nucera motioned to approve and Second by Councilman Christopher McKelvey and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Councilwoman Gwen Cantwell; Councilman Christopher McKelvey, Councilwoman Christine Nucera, Councilman Robert Dorsey, Councilman Greg D'Amato, Absent Councilman Shaw

ENGINEER REPORT: Steven Selfridge reviewed the monthly written engineer report; which has been filed in the appropriate manner at the municipal building.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2026-04 TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve and Second by Councilman McKelvey and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Councilwoman Gwen Cantwell; Councilman Christopher McKelvey, Councilwoman Nucera, Councilman Robert Dorsey, Councilman Greg D'Amato, Absent Councilman Shaw

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2026-05 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE AREA GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 152 OHIO AVENUE, FRONTING ON OHIO AND SILVER AVENUES, APPROXIMATELY ONE BLOCK SOUTH OF ROUTE 30, IDENTIFIED ON THE CLEMENTON TAX MAP AS BLOCK 54, LOT 3.01. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve and Second by Councilman Dorsey and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Councilwoman Gwen Cantwell; Councilman Christopher McKelvey, Councilwoman Nucera, Councilman Robert Dorsey, Councilman Greg D'Amato, Absent Councilman Shaw

RESOLUTION R26-59 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF SEWER TAPPING FEE AND STREET OPENING FEE. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Dorsey motioned to approve and Second by Councilwoman Nucera and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Councilwoman Gwen Cantwell; Councilman Christopher McKelvey, Councilwoman Nucera, Councilman Robert Dorsey, Councilman Greg D'Amato, Absent Councilman Shaw

RESOLUTION R26-60 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT FOR BLOCK 75.01, LOT 23. . Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve and Second by Councilman Dorsey and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Councilwoman Gwen Cantwell; Councilman Christopher McKelvey, Councilwoman Nucera, Councilman Robert Dorsey, Councilman Greg D'Amato, Absent Councilman Shaw

RESOLUTION R26-61 AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO COMPLETE CONTROL SERVICES FOR DESIGN INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE OF SUPERVISORY CONTROL DATA ACQUISITION (SCADA) & PROCESS CONTROL SYSTEMS. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Dorsey motioned to approve and Second by Councilwoman Nucera and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Councilwoman Gwen Cantwell; Councilman Christopher McKelvey, Councilwoman Nucera, Councilman Robert Dorsey, Councilman Greg D'Amato, Absent Councilman Shaw

RESOLUTION R26-62 AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH SWEEPING CORP OF AMERICA FOR STREET SWEEPING SERVICES. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Dorsey motioned to approve and Second by Councilman D'Amato and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Councilwoman Gwen Cantwell; Councilman Christopher McKelvey, Councilwoman Nucera, Councilman Robert Dorsey, Councilman Greg D'Amato, Absent Councilman Shaw

RESOLUTION R26-63 REFERRING TO THE CLEMENTON BOROUGH JOINT PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD TO REVIEW PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE AREA GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 152 OHIO AVENUE. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve and Second by Councilman Dorsey and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Councilwoman Gwen Cantwell; Councilman Christopher McKelvey, Councilwoman Nucera, Councilman Robert Dorsey, Councilman Greg D'Amato, Absent Councilman Shaw

RESOLUTION R26-64 AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ENGINEER TO MAKE APPLICATION AND THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CAMDEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2026, Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve and Second by Councilman Dorsey and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Councilwoman Gwen Cantwell; Councilman Christopher McKelvey, Councilwoman Nucera, Councilman Robert Dorsey, Councilman Greg D'Amato, Absent Councilman Shaw

RESOLUTION R26-65 EXTENDING ADDITIONAL HOURS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2026. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman Dorsey motioned to approve and Second by Councilwoman Nucera and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Councilwoman Gwen Cantwell; Councilman Christopher McKelvey, Councilwoman Nucera, Councilman Robert Dorsey, Councilman Greg D'Amato, Absent Councilman Shaw

RESOLUTION R26-66 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL BERNARDIN TO THE OFFICE OF TAX ASSESSOR, FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026. , Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve and Second by Councilman Dorsey and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Councilwoman Gwen Cantwell; Councilman Christopher McKelvey, Councilwoman Nucera, Councilman Robert Dorsey, Councilman Greg D'Amato, Absent Councilman Shaw

RESOLUTION R26-67 AUTHORIZING HIRE OF TWO SEASONAL PUBLIC WORKS LABORERS FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 90 DAYS. , Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve and Second by Councilman Dorsey and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Councilwoman Gwen Cantwell; Councilman Christopher McKelvey, Councilwoman Nucera, Councilman Robert Dorsey, Councilman Greg D'Amato, Absent Councilman Shaw

RESOLUTION R26-68 AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENT OF CERTAIN WATER ACCOUNTS. , Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve and Second by Councilman Dorsey and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Councilwoman Gwen Cantwell; Councilman Christopher McKelvey, Councilwoman Nucera, Councilman Robert Dorsey, Councilman Greg D'Amato, Absent Councilman Shaw

RESOLUTION R26-70 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF DANIEL DOUGHERTY FIELD BY THE BERLIN KNIGHTS 2016, INC, Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve and Second by Councilman Dorsey and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Councilwoman Gwen Cantwell; Councilman Christopher McKelvey, Councilwoman Nucera, Councilman Robert Dorsey, Councilman Greg D'Amato, Absent Councilman Shaw

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: George Botcheos presented the renewal of the comcast land lease. Comcast has been leasing the land since 1993 (well #9). Comcast would like to lease another 336 sq. feet of land. For an increase of \$8,873.76 annually with an additional 10% increase for renewal of the lease for a total yearly lease fee of \$43,432.66. Resolution R26-69 to be written authorizing the mayor to sign the new lease.

NEW BUSINESS: Can council waive the inspection fees for National Night out in August? Fire safety is possibly required, looking into waiving fire safety fees also.

Berlin U10 baseball put through a request form to use baseball fields. The Borough has no objections. Public Works is getting the field ready for them to be used.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Rich Venuti – 2 Grove Ave. Mr. Venuti has complained about collection of trash before, Neighbors put there trash out on Siteley Ave, due to where the houses and streets are located. Leave their trash on the street after trash day. The trash collectors drop trash on the ground and will not pick any of it up after themselves. Code enforcement will talk with residents and ask them to be more diligent, put address on the cans so code enforcement can write citations if cans are left at the curb too long. ETC.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Weaver adjourned the meeting at 6:39 pm all in attendance motioned and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted

Jean M. Yaniak
Deputy Municipal Clerk