

**MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON
AUGUST 18, 2026
6:00PM
CAUCUS/COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

OPENING: Mayor Thomas J. Weaver called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

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/Administrator, called the roll, which resulted in the following members present: Mayor Thomas J. Weaver; Councilwoman Gwen Cantwell; Councilman Greg D'Amato; Councilman Christopher McKelvey, Councilwoman Christine Nucera. Absent: Councilman Robert Dorsey; Councilman Thomas Shaw. Also present were Jenai Johnson; Solicitor George Botcheos; Steven Bach and Steven Selfridge of Bach Associates. Jason Flade, Superintendent of Public Works was also in attendance.

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

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve the bill list upon proper review and certification. Motion was seconded by Councilman D'Amato. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; D'Amato; McKelvey; Nucera. Absent: Dorsey; Shaw.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 16, 2026 CAUCUS/COUNCIL MEETING- Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman D'Amato and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: McKelvey; D'Amato; Nucera. Abstain: Cantwell. Absent: Dorsey; Shaw.

MINUTES OF THE JULY 21, 2026 CAUCUS/COUNCIL MEETING- Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve. Councilman D'Amato seconded the motion. Ayes: Nucera. Abstain: Cantwell; D'Amato; McKelvey. Absent: Dorsey; Shaw.

MOTION FAILED AND POSTPONED TO A FUTURE MEETING.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS FOR A TOTAL TIME NOT TO EXCEED 10 MINUTES:

Mayor Weaver stated that the floor would be opened to the public for all attendees interested in speaking, and noted that the time limitation would be disregarded.

The following individuals were recognized:

David Geis, 20 Palmetto Avenue- Mr. Geis inquired if an employee would be entitled to file a resident petition. Mayor Weaver stated that employees had the freedom to do so as residents. Mr. Geis then reiterated his concerns with water discoloration in his home, noting that he had spoken with an attorney. Mr. Geis stated that he planned to appear out front of both the Borough and Clementon Elementary regarding his dissatisfaction with the water product being supplied to his home. Mr. Geis stated that he was forced to continuously clean his bathtub to remove the iron sediment left after settling from the water.

Mr. Steven Bach, the Municipal Engineer, advised Mr. Geiss that the Borough had formulated a plan to address the matter, including installation of a water sequestration system, which would be implemented as quickly as possible. Mr. Bach noted that the product had been purchased, and the Borough was currently awaiting installation of the equipment by the vendor. Additionally, Mr. Bach noted that there were additional main improvements planned for 2027.

Cheryl Orcheski, 20 Palmetto Avenue- The resident stated that a new school facility should not be built when the town was providing rusty water. She inquired if the sequestration product being introduced was safe for consumption. Mr. Bach advised the iron in the water was a secondary characteristic and was not dangerous, but rather an aesthetic issue. Mr. Bach also noted that the NJDEP had issued no water violations to the municipality, and had issued a permit for the Borough to utilize the proposed sequestration agent. Mr. Bach continued by reporting that the second phase of the proposed plan of the Borough consisted of replacing all of the lines, along with the finger lines in the area. It was noted that applications had been submitted by the Borough for multiple grant funding sources. The Borough had applied for CDBG funds, as well as a federal grant in the amount of 1.7 million dollars through the office of Donald Norcross.

Charles Mitchell, 47 Palmetto- Mr. Mitchell reported that he had been forced to replace spigots in his home that got jammed, reducing the pressure of water, due to the iron deposits. Mr. Mitchell noted that he had been experiencing the same issues for multiple years and requested assistance from the Borough to address the iron in the water.

Karl Muehter, 37 Garfield Avenue- Mr. Muehter reported that a council member was serving as a moderator in an online forum, in which posts and comments were being censored and removed. Mr. Muehter indicated that he felt this was inappropriate for a member of the governing body to serve as a moderator in such a forum. Mr. Muehter requested clarification on why a reported three-way agreement with the school, county and municipality for financing of the construction of the new school had fallen through. A brief explanation was provided by the Mayor and Mr. Bach. It was noted that the Mayor and Council had determined that the construction of a new early childhood facility, along with the increased taxes that would accompany said construction, was best decided by the residents of the Borough through a referendum.

Mr. Muehter stated that he had visited the Borough website and noticed that no bios or photos were included for the elected officials. Mayor Weaver replied that the body would take that under consideration.

Mr. Muehter asked for clarification on the hiring process for the municipality, specifically if employees were Civil Service, union titles, and procedurally how they were selected. Jenai Johnson replied and advised Mr. Muehter that all employees were hired into Civil Service titles, with respective rules applied. Mrs. Johnson also noted that specific titles were in fact organized within two unions in the Borough, specifically Police and

Public Works titles. Mrs. Johnson also noted that the Borough employed a residency preference through the Civil Service hiring process, and that all openings were posted appropriately.

Mr. Muehter inquired if Mayor Weaver ever owned properties outside of Clementon, specifically in the Medford area. Mayor Weaver reported that he did not.

Joe Kercher, 22 Palmetto- Mr. Kercher inquired if there were any health risks associated with the discolored water. Mr. Bach advised that it was a secondary characteristic and that the Borough was in compliance with all water testing and New Jersey standards.

Seeing no additional individuals wishing to comment, the floor was closed.

ENGINEER REPORT: Steven Bach and Steven Selfridge were in attendance. Mr. Bach noted that a written engineering report had been provided to the governing body. Said report has been placed on file at Borough Hall. Mr. Bach stated that there was nothing further to report and requested to be excused to attend a prior commitment. Mr. Selfridge remained in attendance in the event there were any questions that required consultation of the engineer.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION R26-121 AUTHORIZING ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTIONS TO PROCEED WITH PROPOSAL FOR CONTINUED ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AT CLEMENTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING. 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; D'Amato; McKelvey; Nucera. Absent: Dorsey; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R26-122 TO CONFIRM, CANCEL AND REFUND TAXES DUE TO 100% DISABLED VETERAN STATUS FOR BLOCK 77, LOT 16.1, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 36 MOHAWK. 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; D'Amato; McKelvey; Nucera. Absent: Dorsey; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R26-123 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON AND POLICE LIEUTENANT. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve. Councilman D'Amato seconded the motion and it was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; D'Amato; McKelvey; Nucera. Absent: Dorsey; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R26-124 AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENT OF WATER ACCOUNT FOR BLOCK 146, Lot 9, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 38 HIGHLAND AVENUE. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman D'Amato motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman McKelvey and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; D'Amato; McKelvey; Nucera. Absent: Dorsey; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R26-125 CONFIRMING EXTENSION OF GRACE PERIOD FOR THIRD QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman D'Amato. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; D'Amato; McKelvey; Nucera. Absent: Dorsey; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R26-126 AUTHORIZING HIRE OF SHANNON ST. MAUR TO THE POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, FINANCE DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 19, 2026. 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; McKelvey; Nucera. Abstain: D'Amato. Absent: Dorsey; Shaw. Due to the fact that the vote resulted in a tie, Mayor Weaver cast his vote in the affirmative and motion was carried.

RESOLUTION R26-127 AUTHORIZING TERMINATION IN ALL PARTICIPATION UNDER THE SHBP AND SEHBP. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman D'Amato. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; D'Amato; McKelvey; Nucera. Absent: Dorsey; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R26-128 AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO JOIN THE NJSOLUTIONS JOINT HEALTH INSURANCE FUND. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman McKelvey. Motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; D'Amato; McKelvey; Nucera. Absent: Dorsey; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R26-129 AUTHORIZING USE AND WAIVER OF FEES FOR MUNICIPAL FACILITIES RENTAL BY CAMDEN COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman D'Amato motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; D'Amato; McKelvey; Nucera. Absent: Dorsey; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R26-130 REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS INTO 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:4-87-RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman D'Amato motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; D'Amato; McKelvey; Nucera. Absent: Dorsey; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R26-131 REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS INTO 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A: 4-87-CLEAN COMMUNITIES. Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilman D'Amato motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Nucera and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; D'Amato; McKelvey; Nucera. Absent: Dorsey; Shaw.

RESOLUTION R26-132 AWARDING CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF WATER, NJ ZINC: ORTHOPHOSPHATE ACID FEED SYSTEMS PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:11-5(gg). Mayor Weaver read by title. Councilwoman Nucera motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman D'Amato and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Cantwell; D'Amato; McKelvey; Nucera. Absent: Dorsey; Shaw.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Weaver opened the floor for public comment.

The following individuals were recognized and spoke at the meeting:

Mark Armbruster, Garfield Avenue- Mr. Armbruster reported that he was a prior Mayor in town, and was serving his term when the governing body had entered into the redevelopment agreement with the Camden County Improvement Authority to develop the property on which the school wished to build the new structure. Mr. Armbruster stated that his recollection was that the municipality had the final say in whether a use would be approved. Mr. Bach noted that he had reviewed the agreement, and it appeared that if the project met all redevelopment plans and zoning, that the Borough could not deny the project. Mr. Armbruster stated that he had multiple concerns of taxes being raised, specifically due to the fact that the School Board was county on State Aid to repay and fund the new facility. Mr. Armbruster stated that state funding is consistently cut, and there was no guarantee the level would continue. Mr. Armbruster emphasized that the tax impact would be significantly heightened if state funding were to be cut.

Seeing no further comments from the public, the floor was closed.

Councilman McKelvey announced that a resource fair was being held at the Community Center on Thursday, August 20th from 4pm-7pm. He noted that all children were welcome to attend. Jenai Johnson asked that any flyers or information be provided to her for posting on the website and official Facebook of the Borough.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilwoman Nucera motioned to adjourn at 6:42PM. Motion was seconded by Councilman D'Amato. Hearing none opposed, motion was carried and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jenai L. Johnson

Administrator/Municipal Clerk