

**Regular Meeting**  
**August 12, 2021**  
**7:30 PM**

Mayor Sullivan called the meeting to order with a flag salute. This meeting was duly advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, PL 1975, Chapter 231.

Call of the Roll: Mayor Sullivan, Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, Mrs. Pierce, Mr. Linton and Mr. Grova. Also present was Solicitor Rybeck.

**Committee Reports**

**Public Safety Chair-Mr. Grova reported that the police report will be available to all council members at the next meeting.**

**Finance Chair- Mr. Carrow** advised that Resolution 59-21 is on this evening's agenda that authorizes foreclosure actions. Mr. Carrow recommended that council adopt this Resolution, which gives us the option to take action or not this year depending if we have money in the budget to cover the legal fees.

**Grants/Economic Development/ Communication and Information Technology Chair-Mrs. Pierce reported she posted public notices on the Borough's website.** Gloucester County sent some information about a Small Business Recovery Grant and also an Emergency Rental Assistance Program. Both programs are posted on our website and flyers are on the website and are available in Borough Hall.

Mrs. Pierce advised that we are currently working on the website and trying to get the meeting minutes, agendas and resolutions placed on the website in an organized manner. The minutes, agendas and resolutions were on the website, but were not easy to access. We contacted Anthony Coffee and asked him to remove them so that we could work with him further to give residents easier access. We will meet with him to discuss this further.

The Recreation Commission had their first Meet and Greet on August 3, 2021 and it went very well. Everyone had great ideas to share.

**Water- Mr. Corwonski had no report**

**License & Inspection/Health& Welfare – Mr. Linton reported that for** the month of July a total of 16 permits were issued which totaled \$645.

Mayor Sullivan reported that he and Mrs. Van Camp met with the Gloucester County Health Department this week. They plan to have a covid vaccine clinic sometime in September in Newfield. They are going to contact us. We may have to find our own Personnel to administer the shots. Mayor Sullivan advised that the Borough of Newfield has had more cases in the last two weeks than in the last three months. He noted that in Newfield, approximately 59% of our residents are vaccinated including children. The good news is 65 and older are 95% vaccinated.

**Recycling and Trash/ Buildings, Grounds, Roads Chair- Mr. Miller-** Mr. Miller advised against residents placing limbs curbside unless it is storm related. The recycling center will be closed September and will be open October 2. A shred event is scheduled for November 6 from 9 to 12.

The Public Works Employees have been working on a sink hole behind the Borough Hall that came out of nowhere. We cannot determine where it came from or what caused it. The men filled it in and are continuing to monitor it. It could have been from the old Library that was once located in that area.

**Solicitor's Report-** Solicitor Rybeck advised that the Cannabis ordinance is on the agenda for second reading. The planning board reviewed the ordinance and had no comments.

**Engineer's Report-** Mr. Johnson advised that the grant for Franklin Avenue was submitted on time and thanked the Mayor and Clerk for their cooperation. We are waiting on test results from well #5.

We contacted a couple contractors regarding repairs to the water tower for quotes. We recommend they repair the vent at the top of the center column.

While South State was doing work in this area for the Borough of Newfield, we repaired a 13 inch hole on Elmo and Columbia which corrected historical drainage problems.

Mr. Johnson reported that he located the original stormwater management plan from Church Hill Engineers and would like to post it on the borough's website, which will put us in compliance with the DEP stormwater regulations. Mr. Johnson advised he will now be updating the stormwater pollution prevention plan.

Mr. Johnson addressed the drainage basin in Nottingham Lane. He advised that the sediment and silt have to be removed from the basin and replaced with six inches of sand. Mr. Johnson advised that he rescheduled the testing of the pits for the end of August or beginning of September.

**Public Participation-** Mr. Corwonski made a motion to open the meeting to the public and Mr. Linton seconded the motion. AIF.

Lorretta William 310 Oakwood Drive asked for the Solicitor to explain ordinance 2021-8 and ordinance 2021-9.

Solicitor Rybeck explained that Ordinance 2021-8 prohibits Cannabis Businesses in the Borough of Newfield and the Governor's deadline for municipalities to pass any ordinance was August 21.<sup>st</sup> The Solicitor explained that ordinance 2021-9 gives authority to the Tax Collector to collect fees for lien charges.

Mr. Miller made a motion to close the meeting and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. AIF.

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the Minutes from June 22, 2021 and July 8, 2021 and Tax Collector's Report. Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous.

#### **Old Business -Public Hearing**

**ORDINANCE# 2021-8 AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF A CANNABIS BUSINESS WITHIN GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD-**Mr. Carrow made a motion to open the meeting to the public and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. AIF. No one in the public commented on ordinance 2021-8. Mr. Carrow made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Linton seconded the motion. AIF. Mr. Linton made a motion to adopt ordinance 2021-8 and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

#### **New Business-**

**Resolution #59-21 AUTHORIZING OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF AN *IN-REM* FORECLOSURE ACTION-** Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution #59-21 and Mr. Grova seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #60-21 RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OF SIGNATORIES FOR THE NEWFIELD RECREATION COMMISSION AND APPOINTING SIGNATORIES-**Mr. Miller made a motion to approve resolution #60-21 and Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #61-21 2021 SALARIES** Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution #61-21 and Mr. Grova seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-9 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 266, § 1, DELINQUENT TAX ACCOUNTS, OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD CODE-** Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve ordinance 2021-9 on first reading; Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. This ordinance authorizes the tax collector to add 25.00 on all tax sale proceedings when notifying the property owner. Public hearing will be held on October 9. RCV: Unanimous.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-** Mr. Miller made a motion to open the meeting to the public; Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. AIF.

Mia Arrison, 300 Wood Street addressed council about Resolution 59-21 and asked if she could get a copy of the foreclosure list. Ms. Arrison was advised she would have to request the list by way of OPRA.

Ms. Arrison asked about Resolution 61-21 entitled Salaries. Mr. Carrow explained that the resolution authorizes the salaries for the employees retroactive to January 1. It is approved after the budget is adopted.

Loretta Williams asked who would administer the covid vaccine at the clinic to be held in Newfield and asked who would pay this professional. Mayor advised the county would allocate the funds for the nurse.

Ms. Williams advised council that Senator Sweeney's legislation is to regionalize Municipal Courts and another part of the legislation school regionalization. There was a help wanted notice in the Sentinel for a School Business Administrator for the Newfield Borough Board of Education with a non-operating Public School District. Ms. Williams addressed an article in the Sentinel that makes reference to Governor Murphy shared service grant that was awarded to Pittsgrove Township School district to do a consolidation feasibility study between Newfield and Pittsgrove. Mayor Sullivan advised that when he was contacted by the newspaper, he did not know anything about this, but he did have a conversation with Mr. Henry Berman about this matter and asked for more transparency. Mayor Sullivan advised that the school board is separate from Council and we are not instituting nor are we paying for the study. Ms. Williams recommended that a member of council attend their meetings.

Mayor Sullivan and Mr. Carrow advised they planned to attend the next meeting.

Mr. Miller made a motion to close the meeting to the public and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. AIF

**DISBURSEMENTS** Resolution #62-21 Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the disbursements; Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan advised that six years ago Rachel Zaccaria was called upon to serve her town and she stepped up and served. At this time Rachel Zaccaria was presented with a plaque for her dedicated service to the Borough of Newfield.

Rachael Zaccaria-said that she was very fortunate to grow up with parents that set a good example about volunteerism and being involved in the Community and she wanted to set an example for her own children. Mrs. Zaccaria thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve the community.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Linton. AIF. Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Toni L. VanCamp, Clerk

