

Regular Meeting
July 8, 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.

Mayor Sullivan noted that the Newfield Republican County Committee submitted three names to fill the vacant council seat:

1. Mr. Charles Grova
2. Mr. Harold Down
3. Mr. Andrew Craig

Mr. Carrow made a motion to appoint Charles Grova to fill the vacant Council seat. Mayor Sullivan noted that Mr. Grova has previously served for many years and brings to us his experience and is a lifelong resident of the borough, a former member of the Newfield Fire Company, a former member of the Ambulance Corp, and the Historical Society. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Call of the Roll: Mayor Sullivan, Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, Mrs. Pierce, Mr. Linton and Mr. Grova. Absent: none. Also present was Solicitor Rybeck.

Mayor administered the oath of office to fire department members that were previously appointed. Vincent Contarino, Alexis Rodiriguez, Peter Sparta, Efraim Rodriguez.

Mr. Corwonski approved the Peter A. Sparta II NJ Firemen's Association membership application and Fire Department application for Joseph Simpson. Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. AIF.

Committee Reports

Public Safety Chair- Mr. Grova noted that he did not have a police report at this time.

Grants/Economic Development/ Communication and Information Technology Chair-Mrs. Pierce reported that movie night was a success and noted that the website has been updated with current events.

Water- Mr. Corwonski reported that he met with Mr. Johnson and Mr. Barbagli about the water issues and Mr. Johnson would provide a report on the matter. A shade tree meeting is going to be held in the fall and we anticipate planting trees.

License & Inspection/Health& Welfare – Mr. Linton reported that 15 permits were issued for the month of June for a total of \$1954. Mr. Linton advised Solicitor Rybeck that we need answers

sooner on questions we have pertaining to Ordinances. He noted, that you could call him and remove some of the work from the Clerk.

Recycling and Trash/ Buildings, Grounds, Roads Chair- Mr. Miller reported that the road department is collecting limbs and brush from the storm damage. The Recycling center will be open Monday, August 7, from 9-12:00 noon and will not reopen again until October 2. A shredding event is scheduled for November 6. Mr. Miller apologized to the residents for the issues we had with the collection of trash and garbage and recycling. The trash truck needed some major repairs and we are investing a lot of money in the truck to make it operational for our needs. We used Logan Township as our backup for collection of trash and recycling, and this is costly, but we will spend what we have to in order to meet the needs of our residents. Mr. Miller asked for the public's patience and hoped we will get through with the truck until the Fall. Mr. Miller advised that he was looking into purchasing another trash truck and our current truck will be our backup truck. It took us a long time to pay this truck off. Mr. Miller again apologized for the inconvenience.

Mayor Sullivan advised that if we make a decision to be without trash collection for a day or two or spend additional money by using Logan Township at \$1500 per day.

Mr. Miller advised it is about keeping our taxes down. He commended Chief Carlino for helping the Borough save money and allowing the borough to use his equipment and noted that he has gone above and beyond.

Solicitor's Report- no report

Engineer's Report-Mr. Johnson reported that Franklin Avenue was submitted to the DOT as requested by council for the 2022 municipal aid project.

The Columbia Avenue project began this week and all of the handicapper ramps have been made compliant.

Mr. Johnson reported that well #5 is back in operation and running at 80 pounds of pressure.

Public Participation- Mr. Corwonski made a motion to open the meeting to the public and Mr. Grova seconded the motion. AIF No one in the public addressed council. Mrs. Pierce made a motion to close the public portion and Mr. Grova seconded the motion. AIF.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the Minutes from May 25, 2021 and June 10 2021 and Tax Collector's Report. Mm. Corwonski seconded the motion.

AYES: Ayes; Carrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, Mrs. Pierce and Mr. Linton. Abstain: Mr. Grova. Nays: none.

Old Business - none

New Business-

RESOLUTION # 55-21 CANCEL GRANT RECEIVA-21BLE AND UNEXPENDED IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATION. Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt resolution #55-21. Mr. Grova seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #56-21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LIEN AGAINST **BLOCK 101, LOT 3, FOR COST OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PERFORMED BY BOROUGH EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD ORDINANCE.** Mr. Linton made a motion to adopt resolution #56-21. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

Loretta Williams 310 Oakwood Drive addressed council regarding a fireworks ordinance. Ms. Williams asked when council is going to pass an Ordinance prohibiting fireworks. Mayor Sullivan advised that we are not going to pass an ordinance prohibiting fireworks because the state regulates fireworks. Ms. Williams advised that she was told that ariel fireworks were illegal and that is what was happening in her back yard and in her neighbors back yard. The Lieutenant from Franklin Township advised her that they had the same issues in Franklin Township and the State laws over ride the municipal laws. Ms. Williams advised that she called the police three different time for fireworks calls and nothing was done about it. Fireworks are for The 4th of July, not any other time.

Mr. Miller made a motion to close the public portion and Mr. Grova seconded the motion. AIF.

DISBURSEMENTS Resolution #57-21 Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt resolution #57-21. Mr. Grova seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mayor appointed Mia Arrison and Christina Renzi to the Recreation Commission. Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointments and Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. AIF Mayor administered the oath of office to Mrs. Arrison.

There was a motion to reopen to the public by Mr. Corwonski and seconded by Mr. Miller. Mrs. DeMarco, Pearl Street thanked council for cleaning the town. Mrs. Demarco asked council what could be done to get recreational sports back to the borough. Mayor Sullivan explained that participation is the problem. The dugouts were removed because they were a safety hazard. Mrs. DeMarco noted that with the new developments and the Children growing up, there may be a need for sports in the town again and they are interested in making something new happen. Mayor Sullivan noted that Franklin Township is currently using the fields and are doing a great job. There are games being played there. We have new members that have been appointed to the Recreation Commission.

Mrs. Demarco addressed another issue with council which is the is the lack of businesses in town and asked what do bring back businesses in town and support a business in town.

Mayor Sullivan advised that we did have a couple businesses in the Borough that residents did not support, but the major issue is the septic systems. Mayor explained that the septic system issue is the biggest issue with businesses needing to comply with the current standards. Once a business leaves, and a new business moves in, they are not under a grandfather clause and are required to conform to the new laws. Mr.

Carrow advised that he and the Mayor are trying to secure a sewer system for the downtown businesses. Hopefully, after Shieldalloy is cleaned up, a substation system can be installed at their facility, and we can have businesses once again.

Mrs. DeMarco asked if we could continue the line from Landis Sewerage Authority. Mr. Miller advised they would not do that until they provide North Vineland with sewerage first and it is too cost prohibitive.

The Mayor advised that there is a restaurant design with a liquor license on a corner development, but the original plans had a very large septic system. If we can get the state to assist us with the project, we will have a restaurant downtown. If we can construct a small sewer plant on the The Shieldalloy property, we will have our businesses back.

Mrs. DeMarco asked if trash collection was addressed.

Mr. Miller advised that we plan to order a truck by the end of the year. Currently, recycling is now costing the Borough money and the current truck will be our back up truck.

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

Mr. Linton noted that we need to discuss the cannabis dispensary law. Mr. Rybeck advised he would prepare an ordinance and send it to council by next week. A special meeting will be scheduled.

Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Corwonski and seconded by Mr. Miller at 8:05 pm.

Toni L. Van Camp