

SPECIAL MEETING

May 25, 2021

7:30 PM

The Teleconference meeting was called to order by Mayor Sullivan. 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 and Mr. Linton. Also, present was Solicitor Rybeck. Absent; Mr. Mallon

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

New Business

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-6 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)-Mr. Carrow made a motion to introduce ordinance 2021-6 on first reading. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Public Hearing Special Meeting June 22, 2021 7:30 PM

ORDINANCE 2021-7 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD AMENDING CHAPTER 286 OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD CODE ENTITLED "WATER DEPARTMENT"- Mr. Carrow made a motion to introduce ordinance 2021-7 with comment. Last year we were \$100,00. under budget. The Federal American Rescue Plan awarded the Borough of Newfield \$151,000 of which half can be used this fiscal year. We plan to use \$75,000 for the budget this year and half next year. The Utility and General's revenue losses were significant and plan to utilize the monies to keep taxes low and water rates as low as possible. We are increasing the water rate by \$15. Per quarter which will equate to a bill of \$120. per quarter. There will not be an increase to Seniors 65 and older that qualify for the senior property tax deduction. The seniors that qualify will see a bill of \$95.00 per quarter. Mr. Miller seconded the motion with comment and noted that he did not want to see any future large increases for the water utility. Mr. Carrow explained that there are many factors when considering an increase. The largest increase was due to the Well #5 project. Weather is also a factor if it is a dry summer, the rates are down and our revenues are down. The maintenance of the equipment and wells are a huge issue when trying to maintain the rates. Mr. Carrow noted that the rates have not been increased since 2014. Mayor noted that the water tower will need to be painted in the near future.

RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried. Public Hearing Special Meeting June 22, 2021 at 7:30 PM

Mr. Mallon arrived at 7:56 pm

RESOLUTION NO. 40-21 SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET - Mr. Carrow made a Motion to adopt resolution # 40-21. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 41-21 RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET-Mr. Carrow made a motion to introduce the 2021 Municipal budget and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Mr. Carrow explained that the general fund was \$50,000 over budget. We made over \$40,000 in cuts reducing the budget to a one cent increase. This is the first increase in four years. Even with this one cent increase, we still stand with a five-cent decrease in the last five years. For the average house in the Borough of Newfield, the tax increase will be \$18.00. Mr. Carrow noted that next year with the Rescue Plan monies, the Borough should be in much better shape financially. RCV: Unanimous: Motion carried. Public hearing will be held June 22, 2021.

RESOLUTION# 42-21 RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD'S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS- Mr. Rybeck noted that this resolution affirms the civil rights of everyone that that the Borough of Newfield comes in contact with, residents, contractors and volunteers.

Mr. Mallon made a motion to adopt resolution 42-21; Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan advised everyone that this would be the last time meeting on the phone and the next meeting would be in person.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. AIF. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Toni L. Van Camp, Clerk