

Regular Meeting
September 9, 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 and Mr. Grova. Absent: Mrs. Pierce. Also present was Solicitor Rybeck.

Committee Reports

Public Safety Chair-Mr. Grova reported that the July police report was distributed to Borough council.

Finance Chair- Mr. Carrow reported that the 2020 audit was complete and there were no recommendations. Mr. Carrow thanked the employees for the great job they did.

Mayor- Mrs. Pierce asked me to report on the recreation meeting held Tuesday evening. Recreation would like Trick or Treat to be on Saturday, October 30, from 4:00Pm to 7:00 PM. Council recommended that Trick or Treat be from 4:00pm-6:00pm. Mayor Sullivan noted that the town has been Trick-or-Treating from 2- 4 for many years, but we have expanded this year to allow children that play sports to Trick-or-Treat. Chief Zimmer noted that it does make a difference if it is two or three hours. They also requested extra patrols be in town during these hours. Recreation would like to give out hotdogs. Our insurance company is in agreement that we do not want to give out any prepared foods, therefore no hotdogs. They also want to do a month of giving from November 1st to December 1st. They will be asking residents to donate scarfs, coats, hats and gloves. The Recreation Commission will contact local shelters to determine what is needed. The Cares Program is going very well and we are taking it to the next step. They are going to do a Holiday Decoration Contest. Beginning November 14th to November 28th. Residents can register their homes online and the judging will be done by December 5, and December 13. Mr. Corwonski made a motion to approve the Recreation Commission events including Trick-or-Treat to be celebrated Saturday October 30, 2021 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Mr. Grova seconded the motion. AIF.

Water- Mr. Corwonski noted that they are working on the water tower and doing some safety repairs. He also noted that the pumps are working well.

License & Inspection/Health& Welfare – Mr. Linton reported that 4 permits were issued for the month of August which totaled \$332. Mr. Linton advised that he wanted to review the ordinances regarding vehicles being removed off of the streets before the snow arrives. Solicitor Rybeck explained that last year we were considering permit parking in certain areas and signage. Mr. Linton noted that vehicles are continuing to be stored on the roadway. The ordinance will be reviewed to see what we can do to eliminate these problems. Mr. Miller discussed the problem of parking on Pearl Street and noted that we may create additional problems by trying to solve the problem.

Recycling and Trash/ Buildings, Grounds, Roads Chair- Mr. Miller reported that we cannot do regular maintenance on a problem property. It has to go through proper procedure every time. The employees were away on vacation but now everyone is back and we can schedule the cuts. The Zoning Officer gave the approval to go ahead and cut the property on Fawn Drive. If neighbors have a problem with a property, submit a complaint and the Borough will try and remedy the matter. When the Borough employees do the maintenance on the property, they cut the grass. It is the bare minimum. They are not landscapers. A lien is placed against the property for the time it takes to do the work.

Mr. Miller reported that Columbia Avenue is completed and the drainage problem was eliminated.

Mr. Miller reported that the Recycling Center will be open to the public on October 2. Mr. Miller noted that the shred event will be held on November 6 from 9-12.

Mayor Sullivan addressed our county representative that was present at the meeting and advised her of a tree located on Catawba Avenue near the intersection of Catawba and Madison that obstructs the stop sign. Wendy Collins agreed to communicate the information to the County Officials.

Solicitor's Report- The ordinance on the agenda this evening has a public hearing. This ordinance allows the tax collector to charge a fee of \$25.00 when notifying a property owner about a delinquency regarding a tax sale.

Engineer's Report Mr. Johnson reported that the stormwater plan is on the website and the next step is to complete the storm water pollution plan.

Mr. Johnson reported that he checked the Nottingham basin. It was dry on the 26th of August, but since all the rain, it was 65% to 70% covered on the bottom. Mr. Johnson advised that they would start at the North end of the basin and take test pits and dig down approximately 15 feet.

Water Mr. Johnson reported that we received good test results from well #5. Safety repairs are being made on the tower.

Columbia Avenue -Mr. Johnson reported that they corrected some old drainage problems that existed on Columbia Avenue. South State will be coming back to correct all of the items on the punch list.

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

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 26 2021 and August 12, 2021 and Tax Collector's Report. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Old Business -Public Hearing

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 open the public hearing; Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. AIF. No one in the public addressed council. Mr. Carrow made a motion to close the public hearing; Mr. Miller seconded the motion. AIF. Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt ordinance 2021-9. Mr. Grova seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

New Business-

Resolution #63-21 A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD HAS REVIEWED THE ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT FOR 2020-Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt resolution 63-

21. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Public Participation. Miller made a motion to open the meeting to the public and Mr. Grova seconded the motion.

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Mia Arrison- asked who is responsible for removing grass and weeds in streets. Mayor Sullivan explained each homeowner is responsible for removing weeds and grass from the roadway in front of their property, including cleaning the curbs.

Mr. Miller noted the Borough cannot spray weed killer instead, the Borough would use a street sweeper. A suggestion was made to include a reminder to residents in the Town Crier of their responsibility.

Ms. Arrison- advised grass and weeds destroy a street over time and homeowners could be given a warning. Ms. Arrison noted there is an insert in the Town Crier about recycling, branches, etc., and suggested the Borough remind residents about taking care of their properties and general things for living in town.

Mayor Sullivan- noted such a reminder is included.

Mia Arrison advised council that she would like to advertise in The Town Crier, but she was advised by Graphic Techniques that she would have to pay three to four times more for an insert than the \$35 paid for the 3 spots available. Ms. Arrison said paying more than is paid for the 3 spots is unfair and she is not interested in spending \$120 for an insert. She believes this is a business alliance question, and if Graphic Techniques is in charge of the Alliance, they are not very helpful because multiple calls are necessary before someone answers.

Mayor Sullivan- advised he would look into the matter.

Beth Angelo 329 Oakwood Drive addressed council. Mrs. Angelo advised that she purchased a new home where the site of the explosion occurred and is here this evening to address council regarding the property next door that was damaged by the explosion. Mrs. Angelo advised that she filed a complaint about the property and received a response from the Construction Official that her neighbor's construction permits were open. Mrs. Angelo advised that the house is not being worked on and the permits still remain open. Mrs. Angelo explained that she pays nine thousand dollars in taxes and does not think it is fair that she has to live next door to this. Mrs. Angelo advised that she was told that the house is suitable to live in. It has no door and it is

boarded shut. Mrs. Angelo explained that she is concerned about the electrical wiring and does not know if the inspectors have been to the house to inspect it. The Restoration Company has stopped working and they spend a couple of hours on the property and then leave. Mayor Sullivan noted that they cannot live there without first obtaining a certificate of occupancy.

Mrs. Angelo asked when the construction permits expired. Solicitor Rybeck agreed to look into the matter.

Mrs. Angelo asked for the quality of life to be restored to the neighborhood.

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

DISBURSEMENTS Resolution #64-21-Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt resolution 64-021. Mr. Carrow seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the Grandparents Association of Edgerton Christian Academy Raffle Applications, 11/6, 11/19, 12/3. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. AIF.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Grova at 8:05 PM.

Toni L. Van Camp, Clerk