

Regular Meeting
December 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 Public Meetings Law, PL 1975, Chapter 231.

Mayor Sullivan administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Charles Grova for the unexpired term of Office of Council.

Call Roll: Mayor Sullivan, Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, via cell phone, Mrs. Pierce, Mr. Linton and Mr. Grova. Absent: none.

Committee Reports

Public Safety Chair-Mr. Grova noted that the monthly police report was in council 's packet along with the November Fire Department report of fire calls. Mr. Grova noted that there are public safety items that will be discussed later in the meeting.

Finance Chair- Mr. Carrow reported that we have a resolution on the agenda for a transfer of fund appropriations. Mr. Carrow noted that December is when we regularly transfer funds. There is a Resolution authorizing a bond Anticipation Note, which is done every year. Mr. Carrow explained we have used Newfield Bank in the past, but this year they quoted us a rate of 1.85% and this year we obtained a rate of .50% from Sturdy Bank at a cost savings of \$18,000.00.

Grants/Economic Development/ Communication and Information Technology Chair-Mrs. Pierce thanked the Fire Department and the Recreation Commission for Santa's visit, which was a huge success.

The Recreation Commission requested the use of the Senior Center on Martin Luther King Day for a day of service for the children as the children are off from school that day.

Mrs. Pierce reported that she, along with Mr. Corwonski, Chief Carlino and Toni VanCamp, applied for a Fire Fighters Assistance Grant. The Department would like to purchase a mini pumper estimated to cost about \$278,000. If awarded this grant, it will cost the Borough approximately \$13,000.

Water- Mr. Corwonski reported that there was a letter sent to residents from the DEP about the water which the Licensed Water Operator will explain.

License & Inspection/Health & Welfare – Mr. Linton reported that there were 13 permits issued for the month of November which totaled \$2,692.00. Mr. Linton advised that he wanted everyone to review the ordinance in their packets before we introduce it to be sure everything was correct.

Mayor noted that we will consider this matter in January.

Mr. Linton advised that there is a resolution on the agenda this evening to appoint a Code Enforcement Officer. Chase Farabella was introduced to council. As soon as he is sworn in as our new Code Enforcement Officer, he will address many of our current zoning issues.

Recycling and Trash/ Buildings, Grounds, Roads Chair- Mr. Miller reported that the landfill was open last week and the road department is up to full man power. Mr. Miller advised that the road department will try and finalize the collection of leaves before Christmas.

Solicitor's Report- no report

Mr. Johnson/ Engineer's Report- Mr. Johnson advised that he had one matter to discuss and that was the Columbia Avenue change order. Mr. Johnson noted that we are currently working on a closeout with NJDOT. The price increased \$1,800 for signage that was added on the roadway. The final change was \$16,700 higher than the original contract. The reason for that change is fuel price adjustment and

asphalt price adjustment. The adoption of the change order will allow us to close out the project.

Mr. Johnson explained that in 1974, Congress passed the Safe Drinking Water Act, which sets the water quality parameter across the nation and the standards for everyone. pH is one of the criteria and was set at 6.5. New Jersey does things to make our state a model for other parts of the country. In December, the DEP revised the pH range for treatment that applies to the Borough's water system.

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The DEP changed the pH parameter between 7-8. The water is safe to drink at 6 and it is safe at 7. It will not impact anything. The State's parameter has changed.

Mr. Nicholson advised that the state did not have the correct email address or the correct mailing address for the Borough and they did not mail us any information. Mr. Nicholson noted that we added a little more lime which increases our pH. Mr. Nicholson advised that going forward, we will not have further issues regarding this matter.

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

Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt the minutes of Minutes from November 9, 2021 and Tax Collector's Report. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RSV: Unanimous.

Old business- none

New Business: **Resolution #74-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE COLUMBIA AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION AVENUE PROJECT.** Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt resolution #74-21; Mr. Grova seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Resolution #75-21- A RESOLUTION CANCELING OUTSTANDING CHECKS ISSUED FOR REFUND FOR THE NEWFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT. Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt resolution #75-21; Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Resolution #76-21 A RESOLUTION CANCELING OUT STANDING CHECKS. Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt resolution

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#76-21; Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Resolution # 77-21 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/ZONING OFFICER OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD- Chase Farabella. Mr. Corwonski made a motion to adopt resolution #75-21; Mr. Linton seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan administered the oath of office.

Resolution #78-21 TRANSFER OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS. Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt resolution #78-21; Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Resoluion#79-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE. Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt resolution #79-21; Mr. Miller seconded the motion. RCV: AYES: Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, Mrs. Pierce, Mr. Linton. Nays: none. Abstain: Mr. Grova. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan appointed Maria Ricci and Jason Bruno to the Recreation Commission. Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the appointments and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. AIF. Mayor Sullivan administered the oath of office.

Gary and Marita Brown's letter - copies given to Mayor and Council Mayor Sullivan discussed the letter that was received from Gary and Marita Brown regarding their concerns about the intersection at Madison and Catawba Avenue. Chief Zimmer advised he read the letter and noted there are patrol cars out there every day. Chief Zimmer advised that you cannot prevent people from running stop signs. This is the first letter in five years that he has seen and encouraged everyone to do this. If you cannot contact him, write a letter. Contact Toni Van Camp or someone so we can get there. The Chief advised that he has been in contact with Dr. Aliment and is working with her to try and

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resolve this issue. Dr. Aliment is going to notify parents that they will be enforcing the traffic laws.

Public Participation- Mr. Carrow made a motion to open the meeting to the public and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. AIF.

Loretta Williams 310 Oakwood Drive addressed council regarding a letter that she received on Tuesday from the Water Department about the problem with the water. Ms. Williams asked if the tests showed a high level of lead and copper.

Mr. Nicholson advised that the tests did not show a high level of lead and copper. The Borough had the results in September for lead of 0.0 in different locations and Copper water at 1.748 milligrams which are well below standards.

Ms. Williams advised that she has a problem with the water.

Mr. Nicholson advised that the PH was raised which makes the water harder and corrodes the pipes. The ph. was raised from 6.7-7.2.

Eric Young- 114 Nottingham Lane, Nottingham Association asked for an update on scheduling a meeting. Mr. Rybeck advised that he spoke with the Association's attorney and they are looking to scheduling a meeting in early January with Bond Council. Mr. Young noted that the fence was pulled apart around the basin and asked if the Borough would take care of that. Mr. Rybeck advised that would be something to discuss at the meeting.

Valerie Antochy presented the pot belly pig matter before council.

Valerie Antochy- 109 Woodlawn Drive addressed council along with her daughter Lily. Mayor Sullivan advised that they are here this evening to discuss having a Pot Belly Pig at their residence. Mayor Sullivan noted that council has a copy of her letter.

Mayor Sullivan read the following:

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Pot Belly Pig is not a farm animal. We do have an Ordinance in town for Livestock. The use of the word Swine Pig refers to meat animals referring to Livestock. A Pot Belly Pigs are not meat animals therefore should not be categorized as the Livestock category. They provide nothing but companionship. USDA does not regulate Pot Belly Pigs because they are not used as a food resource. Some people claim having a Pig is like having a dog. Along with species and characterizes of a social people nature. They are very intelligent and can be house trained to walk on a leash. Generally, they are head strong, and sensitive. A person learns to earn their cooperation through positive enforcement and treats. They are happy to be scratched by humans and many will sit next to you for comfort.

Ms. Antochy advised that they would be responsible pet owners. She noted that she had the pot belly pig for seven years and he is both outside and inside pet. Mayor noted that they could also register their pet with the state. The zoning officer was asked his opinion on the matter and he advised that he did not see a problem because it is not considered livestock. Ms. Antochy was given permission to have a potbelly pig at her residence. Ms. Antochy and her daughter thanked Mayor and council.

George Paladino representing Shieldalloy Corporation. 35 SW Blvd.

Mr. Paladino provided council with a brief report regarding Shieldalloy's radiological cleanup of waste. Mr. Paladino reported that as of May 27th of this year, they completed the disposal of material in what we call the storage room. We put a little over 1200 railcars, within each railcar held on an average of 108 tons each. Our goal for 2022 is to make sure the remaining site is free of germs and or substances above the criteria and in accordance with the NJDEP. It will involve additional sampling, sand blasting and scans. Once that work is completed, the magnitude of work that is left is unknown. Once the State (NJDOT) is satisfied with the grounds they can issue a license to restore. As far as future use of the site we are going to be doing some alterations, and will be removing some buildings that are no longer in use and showing signs of age.

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A motion was made to close the meeting to the public by Mr. Carrow and seconded by Mr. Grova. AIF.

Mayor Sullivan advised that we have four Fire Department Applications.

Frank Scandella Mr. Grova made a motion to approve the application Mr. Linton seconded the motion. RCV; AYES: Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, Mrs. Pierce, Mr. Linton and Mr. Grova. Nays: Mr. Carrow. Motion carried.

Brent Hopkins- Mr. Grova made a motion to approve the application Mr. Linton seconded the motion. RCV: AYES: Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, Mrs. Pierce, Mr. Linton. Nays: none. Abstain: Mr. Grova.

Lionel Pomerleau Jr-Mr. Grova made a motion to approve the application. Mr. Linton seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Kenneth Barbagli- Mr. Grova made a motion to approve the application. Mr. Linton seconded the motion. RCV: Mr. Carrow voted with comment. Mr. Carrow noted that Mr. Barbagli was President of the Newfield Fire Company #1 in March 2015. Mr. Carrow then played an audio recording excerpt from a previous meeting during which Mr. Barbagli made comments related to Newfield Fire Company #1. Mr. Carrow voted no. Mr. Miller voted yes and advised we give him another chance. Mr. Corwonski voted yes.

Mrs. Pierce advised that the applicant is a good firefighter and would hate to say no to someone that could potentially save a life. Mrs. Pierce voted yes.

Mr. Linton advised that he believes they will do the job they are volunteering to do and voted yes. Mr. Grova advised it was over seven years ago and voted yes. Motion carried.

DISBURSEMENTS Resolution #80-21-Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the disbursements and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. RSVP: Unanimous.

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Year End Meeting will be held on December 30 at 7:30
and the Reorganization Meeting will be held on January
4, 2022 at 7:30 PM.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr.
Corwonski seconded the motion. AIF. Meeting was
adjourned at 8:20PM.

Toni L. Van Camp, Clerk