

Regular Meeting  
November 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. Corwonski, Mrs. Pierce, Mr. Linton and Mr. Grova. Absent: Mr. Miller. Also present was Solicitor Rybeck.

Mayor Sullivan reported that he had two changes to the agenda. The Mayor noted that we are adding an executive session to discuss contract negotiations. Mayor Sullivan advised council that we have received four fire department applications, which are going to be tabled until the December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Mayor explained he would like to obtain further information on the applicants.

#### Committee Reports

**Public Safety Chair-Mr. Grova** noted that he did not have the October Police Statistics. Mr. Grova advised he was provided the mayor statistics from the Fire Department. Mr. Grova thanked the Franklin Police Department, Gloucester County EMT's, Borough of Newfield Fire Department and Malaga Fire Department for their assistance with the accident that occurred at the completion of our last Council Meeting. Signs were installed with instructions that the cross street does not stop. That red flashing light especially at night could not be any brighter and the stop signs are very large. Mayor Sullivan advised that he contacted the County engineering department and asked for a study to be done. Chief Zimmer was present and advised that he has spoken with the County several times and they do not know when the County will do the study.

## **Grants/Economic Development/ Communication and Information Technology Chair-Mrs. Pierce**

Mrs. Pierce reported that Trick or Treat was a huge success and would like to thank Franklin Township Police Department for the extra presence in our town that day. Concerning Recreation, November is the Month of Giving and if any residents have any food or clothing, they would like to donate it can be done through Delsea Interact Club. Registration for the Holiday Decorating Contest begins on November 14<sup>th</sup>. The drop box for the clothing will be located at Borough Hall.

Water- Mr. Corwonski reported that he is scheduling another Shade Tree Meeting after Thanksgiving.

Mr. Nicholson, Licensed Water Operator advised council noted that there will be some changes with lead and copper testing and the Federal Government regulations. Mr. Nicholson advised that grant monies will be available for infrastructure projects for future water projects. This may be our opportunity to paint our water tower and submit a grant application for this project. Mr. Nicholson agreed to discuss this matter further with Wayne Johnson.

Mr. Miller arrives at 7:40 PM.

**License & Inspection/Health& Welfare – Mr. Linton reported that 8 permits were issued for a total of \$1029 for the month of October. Mr. Linton advised that we have been interviewing for Code Enforcement /Zoning Officers and would like to hire Chase Farabella. He works for Derek Leary in Vineland and is qualified for the position. Council had copies of Mr. Farabella's resume.**

**Recycling and Trash/ Buildings, Grounds, Roads Chair- Mr. Miller apologized to the public for the delay in trash and recycling collections. The truck broke down again, but trash and recycling will be collected. Leaves and branches are continuing to be collected curbside.**

**Solicitor's Report – no report**

**Engineer's Report - Mr. Johnson** discussed the Rena Street DOT grant and noted that we have to review the water system lead tails and identify the age of the service before we bid the project.

Mr. Johnson advised that we are on the Final phase of Columbia Avenue. The signs that we ordered have not come in. It was determined after the analysis of the project; the paving project was 11% higher due to covid.

Mr. Johnson advised that we received notice from DOT, that we are received grant funding from for reconstruction of Franklin Street in the amount of 240,000.00 dollars.

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

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from October 14, 2021 and Tax Collector's Report. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV; Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-10 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY CANCELING CERTAIN FUNDED APPROPRIATION BALANCES HERETOFORE PROVIDED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND REAPPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDED APPROPRIATION BALANCES FOR OTHER CAPITAL EQUIPMENT-** Mr. Carrow made a motion to open the public hearing and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. AIF No one in the public commented on ordinance 2021-10. Mrs. Pierce made a motion to close the public hearing; Mr. Grova seconded the

**motion. AIF. Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt ordinance 2021-10 and Mr. Grova seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.**

**ORDINANCE 2021-11 BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A TRASH TRUCK FOR THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$310,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$294,500; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING-** Mr. Carrow made a motion to open the public hearing and Mr. Grova seconded the motion. AIF No one in the public commented on ordinance 2021-11. Mr. Carrow made a motion to close the public hearing; Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. AIF. Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt ordinance 2021-11 and Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. RCV: AYES: Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, Mrs. Pierce, and Mr. Grova. Nays: Mr. Linton. Motion carried.

#### **New Business-**

Resolution #70-21 RESOLUTION CANCELING SMALL PROPERTY TAX BALANCES-Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt Resolution #70-21; Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

**Resolution # 71-21 TRANSFER OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS** Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt Resolution #71-21; Mr. Miller seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #72 -21 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING CERTAIN PROPERTIES AS “IN NEED OF REHABILITATION”** - Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt Resolution #72-21; Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Mr. Grova asked for clarification on what area is being designated. Mayor Sullivan advised that the area being designated is the land on Catawba Avenue where they are proposing a 55 and older development. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan discussed the Best Practices Inventory Survey and noted that there was a total of 27 scored questions for a total of 23 possible points. The

Borough had a score of 21.5. A score above 15 means no withholding of state aid.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Carrow made a motion to open the meeting to the public and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. AIF.

Loretta Williams, 310 Oakwood Drive asked council if Property owners would be advised of low interest loans for house rehabilitation would be available. Mr. Rybeck advised that they would be notified of that opportunity if they improve a property

Dustin Starn, 112 Nottingham lane, representative of the Nottingham Association addressed council regarding the basin and communication problems. He suggested a meeting to update everyone concerning the matter. It was suggested that the bond company be present also. Mr. Rybeck agreed.

Mr. Carrow made a motion to close public portion of the meeting and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. AIF.

**This matter was tabled until the December meeting.**

**Fire Department Applications: Frank Scandella**

**Brent Hopkins**

**Lionel Pumerteau JR**

**Kenneth Barbagli**

**DISBURSEMENTS Resolution #73-21- Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the disbursements; Mr. Miller seconded the motion. RCV; Unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Resolution #74-21 EXECUTIVE SESSION- Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution #74-21; Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous.**

**Meeting was reopened to the public at 8:42 pm.**

Being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Carrow. Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Toni L. Van Camp, Clerk

Executive Session  
11/9/2021

The purpose of the executive meeting is to discuss police contract negotiations.

Mayor Sullivan advised that we did not receive the fifth-year information from Franklin Township.

Mayor Sullivan explained that the City of Vineland first sent over terms for police services with a 10% increase each year, which meant that Franklin would have been a cost savings. They later revised their offer with 5 % the first two year and 6 % for the next three years. Mr. Carrow passed out a cost savings proposal for the Borough. Vineland is proposing a police officer in the Borough 24-7 and one in the North Vineland area. Council discussed the biggest issue with Franklin Township is the lack of police presence. One of the other issues discussed was when calling Vineland dispatch, it will be an extra call.

Vineland is offering 2 hours of court for 24,000 and after that it will cost the Borough over time.

Mr. Grova suggested Vineland increase the contract 10,000 up front each year and lower the percentage each year. This will be a cost savings in the long term.

Council discussed and wanted Franklin to have the same opportunity to be comparable with Vineland's proposal. Council discussed going back to Franklin and ask for a lower contract.

Mr. Corwonski left at 8:40 pm.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the executive session and Mr. Grova seconded the motion. AIF

Toni L. Van Camp, Clerk

