

Regular Meeting
October 14, 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, Mrs. Pierce, Mr. Linton, and Mr. Grova. Absent: none. Also, present Dan Rybeck, Solicitor

Committee Reports

Public Safety Chair-Mr. Grova reported that the police report for September was distributed to council electronically. The Fire Department had a coin drop a couple of weeks ago and there was an extra presence on the Boulevard which we were all grateful for. Mr. Grova advised we will have an Executive Session to discuss the police contract.

Finance Chair- Mr. Carrow advised that on the agenda this evening we have two Ordinances, one is cancelling twenty thousand dollars allocated for a used trash truck. We are going to cancel that by ordinance and apply that to the purchase of a new trash truck which will cost the Borough \$314,000 dollars. The Borough will take possession of that trash truck sometime early next year, January or February. The Borough will not begin paying for the truck for three years. Our current trash truck will become our back up truck.

Grants/Economic Development/ Communication and Information Technology -Mrs. Pierce reported that the website is finally updated. The Minutes, Ordinances, Agendas, Resolutions are posted and archived. Mrs. Pierce advised she posted the calendar job fair tomorrow from 9 to 12 at Gloucester County School Gymnasium. As a part of the Recreation Commission, they met again and discussed Trick or Treat to be held on Saturday October 30 from 4 to 6 pm. Mrs. Pierce advised that a table

would be set up in front of Borough Hall with goodie packages, which include rice crispy snacks packets, gummy bears treats and water bottles. Mrs. Pierce reported that November is the month of giving and donations for gently worn hats, gloves, scarves and coats will be collected at Borough Hall from November 1 through December 1 to be distributed locally. The recreation Commission discussed doing something in conjunction with Delsea High Schools Interact Club. They provide a full Thanksgiving Dinner to people in need. They bus people in and give out clothing, hats, gloves and donations. There is a list of all the upcoming events on the website.

Water- Mr. Corwonski reported that a shade tree meeting has been scheduled for October 20 at 7:00 pm at the Borough Hall. Mr. Corwonski advised that there are plans to plant trees in the Fall

License & Inspection/Health & Welfare – Mr. Linton reported that 14 permits have been issued for the month of September in the amount of \$2952.

Mr. Linton reported that Councilman Miller and Mr. Barbagli are riding around town with a map and looking at some parking problem areas that need to be addressed. Ordinances will be added for no parking areas. There are a lot of old issues, streets where there are no longer schools. Many things have changed and updates to parking have to be made to reflect the changes and also the no parking during snow storms has to be addressed. There is illegal dumping in front of the recycling facility that needs to be addressed and fines need to be imposed in a way to try and control this and the parking issues. We also have contacted Chief Zimmer to get involved because the issues that need to be addressed are in violation of our Borough ordinance. Councilman Linton advised he is trying to get some of the violations under control.

Mr. Linton advised that his committee is in the process of interviewing for a Construction Official /Zoning Officer/Enforcement Officer.

Recycling and Trash/ Buildings, Grounds, Roads Chair- Mr. Miller reported that the road department will begin the curbside collection of leaf and branches on or about October 23rd, and anticipate it to be completed with

collection of Branches and leaves by November 20. Mr. Miller noted that it may be extended to December depending on weather conditions. After December 5 no leave or branches are to be placed curbside. A fine schedule is being implemented for offenders. A warning will be issued the first time and after that, fines will be issued.

The recycling center is going to be open December 4th from 8 until noon. The shred event will be on a Saturday November 6th from 9 am until noon.

Mr. Miller reported that in the last few weeks we had a couple incidents at the recycling center where residents drop off their items in front of the gate. Residents can call public works and make arrangements to take their items to the facility. Cameras were recently installed and are currently up and working. The first offense you will receive a warning and after that you will be fined \$500 for illegal dumping. Many residents come here and do not know the rules and the landlords are not telling their tenants what they can and cannot do. Mr. Miller noted that we want residents to know that the recycling center now has cameras.

Mayor Sullivan noted that a Covid vaccine clinic was held in the Borough of Newfield and 32 vaccinations were given.

Solicitor's Report- Solicitor Rybeck advised that he will be submitting several amendments of ordinances in the coming months for council's review.

Engineer's Report - Mr. Johnson reported that he has been working on the Hazardous mitigation plan in conjunction with the county. It was important to sign the letter of agreement because this will help the Borough with FEMA grants in case of a disaster. They offer funding and assistance. There will be future meetings and workshops.

South State has finished Columbia Avenue and the final change order is being completed. The handicapped signs are being replaced. All the restoration is done and South State did a good job

Mr. Johnson reported on the Nottingham basin and explained that they did forty test basins. He brought a sample of clay to show council and noted that the areas of the basin are completely impermeable. Twenty five percent of the basin has clay like that with areas of thickness of a few inches to a quarter inch.

Mr. Johnson noted that the clay was sporadic throughout but seemed more prominent in the center and towards the south in the basin. Mr. Johnson explained that they found another kind of soil. It is called sandy clay loam and when it gets wet, it gets sticky. We did not encounter k5/k4 clean drainage sand. Mr. Johnson explained that they found forty inches of gravel and a high ground water about eighteen inches below the surface. We found another layer of water about five or ten inches beneath the sandy clay loam. We are breaking that up and mixing the soil to improve the drainage and permeability. The method we have been using is done all along to take some of the pressure off and improve drainage.

The machine is working great and it has gone down as far as sixteen feet. In some places the water is too high and there is too much water pressure. You could only go down eight feet or the excavation collapsed.

One of the holes that was opened up was over a hundred feet wide by seventy feet. It was gigantic and clay at the surface was 6-8 feet down. The excavation was the size of a large basement. We looked at an option to utilize a portion of the borough public works property as an overflow basin, and to excavate would be approximately a thousand truckloads of material, this is an option that can be reviewed. Mr. Johnson, I recommended that we have a meeting after the pit work is completed to discuss moving forward.

Mr. Miller commented about the original construction and thanked Mr. Johnson and the road employees for the effort they put into it

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

Eric Young 14 Nottingham Drive addressed council and represented the Nottingham Association. He thanked council on behalf of their President Justin Star and the Association for what Council is doing to try and rectify this situation. Mr. Young explained that one of the concerns we do I have been communication is not going through our attorney, which is costing a significant amount of money our last contact from our attorney dated back to November 15 and he had reached out to the Borough multiple times via letter, email, phone call and advised he has not received a return call. Solicitor Rybeck advised that he was communicating with his former partner and he has changed firms since then. Solicitor Rybeck explained that he received an email from Mr. Trimble today and called him back today. He did advise us as well that he was sending letters to the Borough, which was concerning to us in the sense that we were not hearing anything. Mr. Rybeck advised that he has not had any contact with him prior to today. Eric Young advised that he wanted to ensure that all communication went through Mr. Trimble. Mr. Young advised that he wanted to be sure their voices were heard in this matter and their attorney is protecting their benefit.

Mayor Sullivan thanked Mr. Young for bringing their concerns to council.

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

Mr. Grova made a motion to approve the Minutes from September 9, 2021 and Tax Collector's Report. Mr. Linton seconded the motion. RCV: AYES: Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, Mr. Linton and Mr. Grova. Abstain: Mrs. Perce. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Old Business none

New Business-

Resolution #65-21 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE DRUG AND ALCOHOL GRANT- Mrs. Pierce made a motion to approve resolution

#65-21 and Mr. Linton seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Resolution #66-21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LIEN AGAINST BLOCK502, LOT6, FOR COST OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PURSUANT TO BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD CODE Mr. Grova made a motion to approve resolution #66-21 and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Resolution # 67-21 CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT- Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution #67-21 and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion AYES; Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, Mr.'s Pierce and Mr. Grova. Nays: Mr. Linton. Motion carried.

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. Miller made a motion to introduce ordinance 2021-10 on first reading. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV AYES; Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, Mrs. Pierce and Mr. Grova. Nays: Mr. Linton. Motion carried. Public hearing will be held November 9.

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. Miller made a motion to introduce ordinance 2021-11 on first reading. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV AYES; Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, Mrs. Pierce and Mr. Grova. Nays: Mr. Linton. Motion carried. Public hearing will be held November 9.

DISBURSEMENTS Resolution #69-21 Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the disbursement list and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion approved.

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

Resolution #68-21 EXECUTIVE SESSION Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the executive session to discuss contract negotiations. Mr. Grova seconded the motion. AIF.

Council went into executive session at 7:53 PM

Meeting was reopened to the public on a motion made by Mr. Linton and seconded by Mr. Miller at 8:50PM. AIF.

Mr. Linton made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Toni L. Van Camp, Clerk