

Regular Meeting
February 10, 2022
7:30PM

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 1075, Chapter 231.1

Call of the Roll: Mayor Sullivan, Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller via telephone, Mr. Corwonski, Mrs. Pierce, Mr. Linton and Mr. Grova. Also present was Solicitor Rybeck.

Committee Reports

Finance- Mr. Carrow had no report.

Mayor Sullivan added Ordinance 2022-9 which is an Ordinance for a joint Court System with Franklin Township contingent upon Buena Borough.

Public Safety Chair- Mr. Grova Finance -Mr. Grova advised the majority of his report will be discussed at the executive session. Mr. Grova noted that the December statistics were distributed to council.

Grants/ Economic Development/ Communication and Information Technology Chair- Grants/Economic Development/ Communication and Information Technology-- Mrs. Pierce reported that the Recreation Commission's Martin Luther King Service went very well. Mrs. Pierce thanked the Recreation Committee and all that volunteered that day to make it a success.

Mrs. Pierce noted that the Committee, in collaboration with the library, planned the celebration of Dr. Seuss's Birthday to be held March 2, 2022 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the library.

Movies in the park has been scheduled for May 13 and Newfield Day is planned for October 10. Mrs. Pierce also stated that she is waiting to hear back from FEMA about the Mini Pumper grant for the Fire Department. Mrs. Pierce advised that there will be a meeting with Anthony Coffee in the near future regarding the website.

Water- Mr. Corwonski had no report.

License and Inspection/ Health & Welfare- Mr. Linton announced for the month of January 2022, 15 permits were issued totaling \$3,892. He also stated that there is an ordinance on the agenda governing chickens. He noted that there are still major issues with traffic and road violations which can be addressed in the closed session.

Mayor Sullivan administered the Oath of Office to Fireman Frank Scancella.

Recycling and Trash/ Buildings, Grounds, Roads Chair- Mr. Miller had no report.

Solicitor's Report- Dan Rybeck stated we have some Ordinances for introduction one for ATF vehicles, street parking and chickens. Also, there is an ordinance abolishing the Recreation Commission since the recreation commission acquires and vacates land. There is a need for the organization of borough events which will establish Newfield Community Events. One other ordinance that will be introduced this evening is the tax abatement ordinance.

Engineers Report-Mr. Johnson stated that he will be posting a new Pollution Plan on the Borough's Website. Mr. Johnson addressed the Rena Street reconstruction plan and noted that there are six months left before we have to award the project. We were awarded \$220,000 from the DOT and are trying to reduce the scope of the project. We are presenting it 60 days early due to the adjacent railroad bed. Mr. Johnson noted some of the laterals on Rena Street are going to be dug up to check the status.

Mr. Johnson advised that we are working with NJDOT on Columbia Avenue for final inspection. He also stated that they have not acknowledged the receipt of the CFO's revised certificate.

Mr. Grova asked about parking on the streets and if it improved during the snow storms. It was noted that the parking on the streets during snow storms was greatly improved than previous storms and the road department did a great job on the roads.

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

Loretta Williams 310 Oakwood Drive addressed council regarding Ordinance #2022-6. Mayor Sullivan advised currently chickens are not permitted. but we all know there are chickens in the Borough. We have had a lot of complaints. We are going to regulate chickens for personal use, but roosters will not be permitted.

We are going to regulate where the chickens are located and if unsanitary we will deal with it. It will be for personal use not commercial.

Mia Arrison asked if there was going to be a fee for the chickens to be kept on the property like dogs and cats.

Solicitor Rybeck advised there would be a fee for chickens.

Mia Arrison asked for details on ordinance on 2022-4- Solicitor Rybeck advised that no one can ride off road vehicles, a four-wheeler, dirt bike, ATV, mini bike or go-cart without it being registered on the roadway. If someone is trespassing on other residents' yards, report it to the police. Mia Arrison asked if that includes riding on your own property.

Solicitor Rybeck advised you can ride it on your own property but it has to be registered.

Mayor Sullivan advised we are trying to address issues that come up that people are complaining about.

Mia Arrison asked about the ordinance for peddling and soliciting in the borough

Mayor Sullivan advised that we want to address the solicitation of people that are going door to door selling goods without the proper permits. They are going to have to register and go through vigorous intensive back ground checks.

Mia Arrison explained that last evening on her way home from her office, her husband told her that there were two strange men walking around the neighborhood and asked them what they were doing. He said they were selling electric service and it was already dark. Mayor advised that if they encounter people soliciting they should call the non-emergency number. They will have to explain it. Mrs. Arrison asked about the Mr. Softy trucks. Solicitor Rybeck advised that they are licensed by the state, but still have to be registered.

Mr. Grova made motion to close the public portion of the meeting and Mrs. Pierce seconded the Motion. AIF.

Mr. Grova made a motion to approve the Minutes from December 9, 2021, January 4, 2022 and Tax Collector's Report. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Old Business - PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2022-1 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 130, FIRE PREVENTION, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD-
Mrs. Pierce made a motion to open the public hearing and Mr. Grova seconded the motion. AIF. It acknowledges the Gloucester County Fire Marshal's office as the local Enforcement Agency in the Borough of Newfield. A motion was made by Mrs. Pierce to close the public hearing and seconded by Mr. Corwonski. AIF. A motion to adopt was made by Mr. Grova and seconded by Mr. Linton. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

New Business

Resolution #23-22 2022 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION EMERGENCY RESOLUTION- Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt resolution 23-22; Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. RCV; Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #24-22 CANCEL GRANT RECEIVABLES AND APPROPRIATED RESERVES- Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt resolution 24-22; Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV; Unanimous. Motion carried.

Resolution #25-22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ELECTRONIC TAX SALE- Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt resolution 25-22; Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. RCV; Unanimous. Motion carried.

Resolution #26-22 BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET- Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt resolution 26-22; Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. RCV; Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2022-2 BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF RENA STREET IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$265,000 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 \$42,500; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING- Mr. Grova made a motion to introduce ordinance 2022-2 on first reading . Mr. Linton seconded the motion. Public hearing will be held March 10, 2022. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 2022-3 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 280, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD- Mr. Linton made a motion to introduce ordinance 2022-3 on first reading. Mr. Grova seconded the motion. Public hearing will be held March 10, 2022. It was noted that signage and curbs would be painted to depict the new restricted areas. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 2022-4 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD TO INCLUDE CHAPTER 281, “OFF-ROAD VEHICLES” Mr. Linton made a motion to introduce ordinance 2022-4 on first reading. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Public hearing will be held March 10, 2022. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried

ORDINANCE 2022-5 AN ORDINANCE REVISING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 192 “PEDDLING & SOLICITING” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD TO REGULATE “PEDDLING AND SOLICITING” Mrs. Pierce made a motion to introduce ordinance 2022-5 on first reading. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Public hearing will be held March 10, 2022. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-6 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 73 “ANIMALS” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD TO REGULATE CHICKENS Mrs. Pierce made a motion to introduce ordinance 2022-6 on first reading. Mr. Linton seconded the motion. Public hearing will be held March 10, 2022. Mayor Sullivan advised that chickens will be regulated, but roosters are not permitted. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-7 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 266 “TAXATION” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD TO INCLUDE AN ARTICLE FOR RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENTS Mr. Linton made a motion to introduce ordinance 2022-7 on first reading. Mr. Grova seconded the motion. Mayor Sullivan advised that this will help give incentives to home owns to repair their homes and apply for tax rebates. Public hearing will be held March 10, 2022. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-8 AN ORDINANCE ABOLISHING & REPLACING THE NEWFIELD RECREATION COMMISSION WITH THE NEWFIELD COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE Mrs. Pierce made a motion to introduce ordinance 2022-8 on first reading. Mr. Grova seconded the motion. Mayor Sullivan advised the recreation ordinance is being abolished and a special events committee is being created. Public hearing will be held March 10, 2022. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried

2022-9 “JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT” with TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN TO ADD THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD AND THE BOROUGH OF BUENA- Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve on first reading; Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. motion. advised that this would be contingent on the approval and agreement with Buena Borough. RCV: Unanimous.

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

Mia Arrison asked about the cost of the chicken license in the Borough of Newfield Solicitor Rybeck advised that the license cost was \$50. Per license. For new registrations, eight chickens are allowed pre-existing and six are allowed per household going forward. Mrs. Arrison asked who would regulate it. Mayor advised the Enforcement Officer would regulate this ordinance. Mrs. Arrison asked how would we notify the residents of the ordinance. Solicitor Rybeck advised that the ordinance is published in the newspaper and notices would be sent to residents.

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

DISBURSEMENTS Resolution #28-22 Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the disbursements. And Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Resolution #27-22 EXECUTIVE SESSION-CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS- Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the executive session. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV: unanimous. Motion carried.

Meeting was reopened to the public at 9:20 PM. Mrs. Pierce made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. AIF. Meeting was adjourned at 9:21.

Toni L. Van Camp, Clerk