

Regular Meeting
May 12, 2022
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 Meeting Law, PL 1975, Chapter 231.

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

Committee Reports

Public Safety Chair-Mr. Grova distributed the Franklin Township Police Report for March 22, 2022 and noted that he was in receipt of the Fire Department report for the month of April. Mr. Grova advised we will have an executive session to discuss police contract negotiations., Mr. Grova introduced Matt Decesari, Deputy Chief to Borough Council. Chief Decesari was promoted to the Deputy Chief of the Franklin Township Police Department on Tuesday night due to Chief Zimmer being on terminal leave for retirement. Deputy Chief Decesare noted that he is a lifelong resident of Franklin Township and is very vested in the community. Chief Decesari stated he received a call about graffiti in the Borough's Park. They located the persons who were responsible for the graffiti and it was cleaned up. Deputy Chief Decesari advised that he was looking to make positive changes in the Borough.

Finance Chair- Mr. Carrow reported that the 2022 budget will be introduced with no increase in the local purpose tax. He thanked his committee for their hard work and also thanked our CFO, Robert Scharle. Last year we had a one cent increase due to covid, but overall, the last five year we are down 5.9 cents. Mr. Carrow announced that there will be no increase in school taxes this year, but is unaware of the county taxes.

Grants/Economic Development/ Communication and Information Technology Chair-Mrs. Pierce reported that she contacted FEMA regarding the grant that we applied for back in December for a fire vehicle and it is still pending. No decision was made as of this date Mrs. Pierce advised that the new website Anthony Coffey has been building will be completed by tomorrow and it will be launched next week. It is user friendly and the information is easy to find.

Mrs. Pierce advised that the Recreation Committee would like to do a fundraiser at Serene Custard Stand on June 15, 2022 that needs council's approval. Mr. Grova made a motion to approve the fund raiser and Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. AIF. Unanimous. Mrs. Pierce reported that movies in the park will be held Friday night and the movie is "Soul". Chat and Chew is being held on Friday at 1:00 pm at the Senior Center.

Water- Mr. Corwonski advised he had no report on water, but noted that a shade tree meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00 PM.

License & Inspection/Health& Welfare – Mr. Linton reported that 14 permits were issued for the month of April which totaled \$2906. Spring has brought an increase in permits. The new construction fees have not been implemented yet.

Recycling and Trash/ Buildings, Grounds, Roads Chair- Mr. Miller

Reported that trees with dead tree limbs or branches hanging that create a traffic hazard were removed on Pearl Street. The tree that was diseased was removed near the ambulance building. The trees in the Grove are in good condition, but we will go through the park again before Newfield Day.

Mr. Miller Requested a sign be posted to remind residents the end of leaves and branches for curbside pickup, it was supposed to end on May 16, 2022, but was pushed back a week to May 23, 2022. The Code enforcement officer will ensure compliance. It was also suggested a notice be posted on the sign this week. The Public Works Facility will be open for bulk items June 4, 2022 from 8:00 am until noon.

Solicitor's Report - no report

Engineer's Report — Mr. Johnson advised that the Municipal Aid Grant letters were sent from NJDOT and council has to decide if they want to submit a grant application for a road project. The information has to be submitted to NJDOT by July 1, 2022. Council discussed the possibility of Sandy Drive, Mr. Johnson advised that the chances of the grant for Sandy will rank low. Mr. Miller reported other than Rena Street, from the time we bid on Rena to the time the actual job will take place we may have to disregard that project., It may be too much of a burden for the town to take on. Rena and Sandy Drive are the two areas that are the real problems that need the most attention right now. Mr. Johnson reported the grant was applied for Rena Street in 2020. Since that time there has been inflation in materials and fuel prices. Fuel price indexes went up to \$714.00. Our bid estimate was \$300.00. Mr. Johnson advised he downloaded some bids from NJDOT website and bids from South State's asphalt numbers went from \$100.00 up to \$180.00 a ton. This has a dramatic impact on what we the Borough can do. We received a

\$220,000 grant. Mr. Johnson reworked the project by eliminating some handicapped ramps on the other side of Rena in the parking area across from Pearl Street. Mr. Johnson advised that we may have to do part of the drainage and may not be able to do the intersection due to the \$220,000. The State shorted our grant application by 120,000. We requested the state for \$360,000 they gave us \$220,000. Mr. Johnson advised that he has reduced the costs to \$220,000 with \$3,000 over allowing a 5% in contingency. The drainage will have to be done in house to utilize the grant money for Rena Street. Council addressed the Columbia Avenue grant. Mr. Johnson advised that he is trying to close out the project. NJDOT did not do their final inspection until six months after the project was completed. There is one item remaining. Mr. Johnson advised that he went out in the field and was able to find a ramp landing to meet the code and sent it to NJDOT. Mr. Johnson noted that he has not heard anything from NJDOT, but hopefully they accept it so we can close out the project. Mr. Johnson advised that council needs to make a decision regarding Sandy Drive. Mr. Miller reported that Sandy Drive is deteriorating, but it is not a road that is used often and is not a through way. Mr. Miller suggested the Borough apply for Sandy. If we do not get it, we can reapply to the state. We may have to go on our own with oil or stone, because we cannot let it deteriorate. The Road Department did some patch work, but it does need to be repaved.

Mr. Johnson noted that in responding to NJDEP regarding their compliance evaluation inspection, they were looking for reports. We have reports, but were not in the format they required. Jared Marandino redid the inspection reports and prepared the response in the manner that the NJDEP requires. Mr. Johnson will submit the reports to them to meet next week s deadline.

Mr. Johnson thanked Council for allowing him to move forward with the Water Quality Accountability Act. Mr. Johnson advised he is going to meet with Brian Nicholson, Jared Marandino, and Sam Barbagli to start the work on the Asset Management Plan. The Capital

Improvement Report that was mandated in 2021, feeds off of the Asset Management Plan. Mr. Miller advised that he appreciates the time and effort that Mr. Johnson is doing working with the grant money in making projects happen.

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

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the Minutes from April 14, 2014, 2022 and Tax Collector's Report. Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried

Old Business - none

New Business

RESOLUTION #35 -22 2022 TEMPORARY EMERGENCY RESOLUTION- Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve Resolution \$35-22. Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #36-22 TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve Resolution \$36-22. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-13 BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER
CALENDAR YEAR 2022 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve ordinance 2022-13. Mr. Grova seconded the motion. Mr. Scharle advised that we are \$21,000 under cap, this is a provision we implement in case we need to use it. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #37-22 SELF EXAMINATION OF BUDGET Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve Resolution \$37-22. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #38-22 RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve Resolution \$38-22. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2022-10 BOND ORDINANCE AUTORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$75,000 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 \$71,250; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING- Mr. Carrow made a motion to Introduce Ordinance 2022-10 on first reading. Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried. Public hearing will be held June 9.

ORDINANCE 2022-11 BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE WATER UTILITY SYSTEM IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$30,000 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 \$28,500; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

BUDGET-- Mr. Carrow made a motion to Introduce Ordinance 2022-11 on first reading. Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried. Public hearing will be held June 9.

ORDINANCE 2022-12 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY CANCELING CERTAIN UNFUNDED APPROPRIATION BALANCES HERETOFORE PROVIDED FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS AND REAPPROPRIATING SUCH UNFUNDED APPROPRIATION BALANCES FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS-- Mr. Carrow made a motion to Introduce Ordinance 2022-12 on first reading. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried. Public hearing will be held June 9.

ORDINANCE #2022-14 AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND ESTABLISHING THE SALARY RANGES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY - Mr. Carrow made a motion to Introduce Ordinance 2022-14 on first reading. Mr. Grova seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried. Public hearing will be held June 9.

ORDINANCE #2022-15 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 86 OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD CODE ENTITLED "CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM". - Mrs. Pierce made a motion to Introduce Ordinance 2022-15 on first reading. Mr. Linton seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried. Public hearing will be held June 9.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-16 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 255, ARTICLE V "STREET OBSTRUCTIONS" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD - Ordinance 2022-16 was tabled.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-17 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 81 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD - Mr. Miller made a motion to Introduce Ordinance 2022-10 on first reading. Mr. Linton seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried. Public hearing will be held June 9.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-18 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO COMCAST TO CONSTRUCT, CONNECT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, NEW JERSEY. - Mrs. Pierce made a motion to Introduce Ordinance 2022-18 on first reading. Mr. Grova seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried. Public hearing will be held June 9.

Raffle Application- Grandparents Association October 1, - Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the raffle license application submitted by the Grandparents Association. Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. AIF.

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

Mia Arrison (300 Wood St.) reported that last weekend a dog on her neighbor's property barked continuously for five (5) hours, and she called the police three (3) times. Ms. Arrison reported an officer arrived after the third call and informed Ms. Arrison that dog barking for extended periods of time was not within the police department's jurisdiction. Ms. Arrison cited the Borough code which provides a citizen or police officer may file a complaint, but the officer declined to file.

Deputy Chief Decesari responded to Ms. Arrison advising he reviewed the officer's report and body worn camera footage, as well as prior complaints of dog barking on her neighbor's property. The officer's report indicates the officer responded and spoke to Ms. Arrison's neighbor. The neighbor advised the officer the dog, which is owned by her daughter, was brought into the house. The body worn camera shows the officer did not state the matter was outside the jurisdiction of the police department. The Deputy Chief noted that because the prior complaints were all anonymous that no officer would have responded and filed a complaint.

Deputy Chief Decesari noted a designated law enforcement officer is assigned to animal complaints. The Deputy Chief will discuss this matter with the designated officer.

Ms. Arrison advised that after the incident she signed a complaint form at the Borough Hall because she was told she could not sign a complaint with the police department. She reported

the complaint procedure is signing a complaint at Borough Hall for a summons against the homeowner. Solicitor Rybeck advised complaints and summonses are not filed with the Borough; complaints are made to the Borough to notify the Borough of potential ordinance violations; complaints and summonses are filed with the municipal court. Deputy Chief Decesari advised Ms. Arrison that she could sign a complaint at the municipal court in Franklin Township since Newfield and Franklin share a court.

Ms. Arrison also addressed minutes and agendas that were approved but not yet on the Borough website. Mayor Sullivan responded that placing the agendas and minutes on the website is a courtesy which the Borough is not required to do.

Mr. Miller made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting and Mr. Linton seconded the motion. AIF.

DISBURSEMENTS Resolution # 39-22 Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve Resolution \$39-22. Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #40-22 EXECUTIVE SESSION-Contract Negotiations Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve Resolution \$40-22. Mr. Grova seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-19 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD- Mrs. Pierce made a motion to introduce ordinance 2022-19 and Mr. Grova seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 8:35 pm

Resolution #41-22 RESOLUTION # 41 -22 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN ADDENDUM TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN REGARDING THE PROVISION OF POLICE SERVICES Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve Resolution \$41-22. Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-19 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD Mr. Carrow made a motion to Introduce Ordinance 2022-19 on first reading. Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried. Public hearing will be held June 9.

Resolution #42-22 PARTICIPANT'S RESOLUTION LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT- Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve Resolution \$42-22. Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the maintenance agreement for the Nottingham Run Basin and Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 on a motion made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Pierce. AIF.

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