

Regular Meeting

August 11, 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 Meetings Law, PL 1975, Chapter 231.

Call of the Roll: Mayor Sullivan, Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, Mr. Grova, Mr. Linton. Absent: Mrs. Pierce. Also, attending by phone was Solicitor Rybeck.

Committee Reports

Public Safety Chair-Mr. Grova distributed the police stats and advised that the Fire Department had a busy month.

Finance Chair- Mr. Carrow advised he received quotes for the replacement of carpets at the library. Mr. Carrow noted that it is time to watch spending in all departments. Mr. Carrow suggested that Mrs. Pierce do a one call to the residents informing them that the tennis and pickle ball courts are now open.

Water- Mr. Corwonski reported that shade tree commission would like to place concrete planters in the Business District downtown. Mr. Carrow noted they did not have to be concrete and could be anything decorative. He noted that the original planters were donated by the Newfield Business Alliance. Mr. Linton suggested plants that stay green all year. Mr. Grova advised that the picnic tables in the Park are in bad condition. Mr. Miller advised possibly there is something that could be done to repair the tables.

Mr. Nicholson discussed the drought warning issued by the NJDEP. He asked that everyone be conscious of their water usage. He will keep everyone apprised as the situation develops. Mr. Nicholson announced that he was appointed Franklin Township Public Works Supervisor and would be working with Newfield and Franklin Township.

License & Inspection/Health& Welfare – Mr. Linton reported that 9 permits were issued for the month of July which totaled \$1930.

Recycling and Trash/ Buildings, Grounds, Roads Chair- Mr. Miller reported that Sam Barbagli is retiring after 25 years of service. Mr. Barbagli performed outstanding dedication to the residents of Newfield. We wish him good luck in his retirement. The

tennis courts are finished and the pole barn at the recycling center is almost complete. A shred event will be held on October 8 at the Recycling center, which is also open that day for bulk trash. Leaves will not be collected until October.

Solicitor's Report- no report

Engineer's Report Mr. Johnson discussed the state wide drought watch, and noted that these conditions slightly improved in Gloucester County.

Mr. Johnson noted that Rena Street plans and specifications submission package nearing completion.

Mr. Johnson advised that the state is reviewing the Columbia Avenue close out and NJDOT review for release of final payment.

Water Services on Rena Street replacement must be done prior to the roadwork.

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

Richard Neely of the Newfield Library and Arleen Davis address council regarding the repairs to the library. They thanked council and a special thank you to Mr. Miller. and Mr. Barbagli for their assistance with the repairs to the building. Mr. Carrow advised that he received the quotes for the carpets for the library. Mr. Corwonski made a motion to close the public portion and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. AIF.

Mr. Corwonski made a motion to approve the Tax Collector's Report. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous.

Old Business – PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE# 2022-20 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 200, ARTICLE II "VACANT/ABANDONED PROPERTY" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD Mr. Corwonski made a motion to open the public hearing and Mr. Linton seconded the motion. AIF. **Mr. Carrow made a motion to close the public hearing and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Mr. Corwonski made a motion to approve ordinance 2022-20 and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. RCV: AYES: Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, Mr. Linton. Nays: Mr. Grova. Motion carried.**

New Business

RESOLUTIO# #56-22 A RESOLUTION RENEWING OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE-

Harlowe Investments LLC- Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution 56-22 and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RSVP: unanimous. Motion carried

ORDINANCE #2022-16 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 255, ARTICLE V “STREET OBSTRUCTIONS” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD
Mr. Linton made a motion to introduce ordinance #2022-16 on first reading. Mr. Grova seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Public hearing will be held September 8.

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

Katherine Chodnicki, 14 Oakland Avenue addressed council. Ms. Chodnicki advised that she is a member of the Newfield Swim Club that is sponsoring the Chicken Barbeque on Newfield day and asked for council’s assistance to sell tickets for the barbeque. Council agreed.

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

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the Disbursements Resolution #57-22 and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Grova made a motion to approve the raffle license application submitted by the Grandparents Association of Edgerton Christian Academy raffle to be held on October 22, 2022. Mr. Carrow seconded the motion. AIF Motion carried.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Corwonski. AIF. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

_____Debra Hyder, Deputy Clerk