

Regular Meeting

June 9, 2022

7:30 PM

The meeting was called to order with a flag salute and was duly advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, PL 1975, Chapter 231.

Roll: Mayor Sullivan, Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, Mrs. Pierce, Mr. Linton and Mr. Grova.

Absent: None.

Committee Reports

Public Safety Chair-Mr. Grova reported that we will be reintroducing our court ordinance with Franklin Township. There was an issue with some technical wording. Mr. Grova announced that the Borough of Newfield is extending our current contract with Franklin Township. Mr. Grova advised that he gave council a copy of the police stats for the month and noted that the police patrols have increased. Mr. Grova gave the Fire department report for the department for the month of May.

Chief Decesari thanked Mayor and Council for their continued support and decision to stay with Franklin Township.

Finance Chair- Mr. Carrow reported that the public hearing will be held this evening on the budget. Mr. Carrow thanked the CFO, Robert Scharle for the great job he does for the Borough of Newfield and thanked Mrs. Van Camp and Mrs. Pierce. There was no increase in taxes this year for the local purpose tax. Last year we increased the Borough taxes by one cent. Over five years, we have a reduction of 5.9 cents.

Mr. Carrow also thanked the Police Department for their assistance with the Memorial Day Services.

Grants/Economic Development/ Communication and Information

Technology Chair-Mrs. Pierce - Mrs. Pierce reported that the new website has been completed and is more user friendly. If anyone needs anything placed on the website, please let her know and she will get it on the website.

As part of the Recreation Commission, we would like to approve Chair Yoga. It is going to be held at the Senior Center on the 3rd Saturday of July and August. Kim Corda will be instructing the class. If anyone wants to give a donation, it is welcome, but it is a free event.

Mr. Grova made a motion to approve the Chair Yoga for the Recreation Commission and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. AIF. Motion carried.

Mrs. Pierce noted that June 15th is the Recreation Commission fundraiser at Serene Custard Stand and everyone is invited everyone to attend.

Mrs. Pierce advised that she received a job fair listing from the County today. There is a Healthcare job fair at Rowan on June 23rd.

Water- Mr. Corwonski advised that there was a cleanup day on Saturday with a work party that cleaned sidewalks, weed wacked curbs cleaned up the trash and general maintenance of the grounds, which took about three hours. Mr. Corwonski advised that they would like to purchase some trees to replace some of the dead trees that were removed. The Shade Tree Commission has some ideas for the cleaning up the down town area. It was a good day.

License & Inspection/Health & Welfare – Mr. Linton reported for the month of May had a total of 10 permits issued and a total of \$1658 was collected for the month. Mr. Linton noted that he has been following up with Chase Farabella, our Code Enforcement Officer. He has been doing an excellent job. We have several violations that were issued and he also has been following up on the rentals for sale making sure the inspections are taken care of and up to Code. Mr. Farabella has been addressing the issues with abandoned cars on properties and does a follow-up to check to see if the violations have been corrected.

Mr. Linton thanked Mr. Corwonski and Mr. Carrow for cleaning up trash, trimming the trees and bushes and trees in the Borough. Mr. Linton advised it looked good and he was glad to see volunteers doing work like that to help the Borough.

Mr. Nicholson advised that we will be flushing another week or so. There were a couple areas on Pearl and Rena Streets that needed extra flushing. Zack Ellison said the hydrants were being painted, but was unsure of how many have been painted to date.

Recycling and Trash/ Buildings, Grounds, Roads Chair- Mr. Miller advised that the Borough has 145 water hydrants. Mr. Miller advised that he is compiling pricing for a street sweeper so they can clean up curbs. Mr. Miller reported

that they have finished with the collection of limbs and branches. if you leave branches and leaves out curbside, you will first be issued a warning, but if it continues, a summons will be issued. If you have any questions, call Borough Hall, and the clerk can contact the Public Works Supervisor.

Mr. Barbagli held a poster contest at Edgerton Christian Academy this morning and they gave a cash prize for the winners of the poster contest. The purpose of the poster contest was to help educate the students on stormwater pollution.

Solicitor's Report – no report

Engineer's Report Engineers Report- Mr. Johnson reported that he was able to revise the Rena Street design to match our grant amount of \$220,000, but had to cut out the intersection at Pearl and Rena Street. The cost of asphalt has gone from \$80. A ton to \$150 a ton and the fuel prices are continuing to rise. Currently, we have about a 3% gap.

Mr. Johnson advised he had a teleconference with NJDOT and has been working with them about a handicapped ramp on Columbia Avenue since the end of May. There is finally a mechanism to sign off on the project by the NJDOT. They are currently holding \$40,000. Mr. Johnson advised that he sent a draft for the Water Quality Act and is currently working on the grant for Sandy Drive.

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

Diane Dorney - 112 Rena Street - addressed an ongoing problem with her neighbor at 108 Rena St. to Mayor and Council which she explained it has escalated since the last time she was before Council. In the interim Ms. Dorney went to an attorney who advised her that she would spend \$5,000 for his fees and the result would still be her having to put up a fence; The neighbor now has landscape boxes with cinder blocks, railroad ties and a string all folded in along the property line; in between the pallets the neighbor has toys which collect water and attract mosquitos.

Mr. Linton advised that he has contacted the County to inspect the property and that Mr. Farabella will also inspect the property for compliance with the Borough Code.

Ms. Dorney also addressed vehicles parked on her neighbor's property and having to look at a twelve (12) foot construction ladder overlooking her property since the fencing was installed.

Ms. Dorney filed charges against the owner of her neighbor's property, for failure to keep the peace and a nuisance. The judge has forty-five (45) days to review what Ms. Dorney filed, which also includes charges against her neighbor for trespassing, harassment and stalking from the neighbor intentionally driving around the block to see if she is home, which she feels is aggressive and intimidating to Ms. Dorney.

Mayor Sullivan inquired about the charges which Ms. Dorney advised were filed in Franklin Township Court. Ms. Dorney advised that she just wants to be left alone and something to be done about the trash.

Ms. Linton advised that he spoke to Mr. Rybeck who noted a nuisance prohibition within the Borough Property Maintenance Code.

Mr. Rybeck advised Ms. Dorney of the procedure in which her complaints will be prosecuted if the municipal court judge finds probable cause or that they will be dismissed if no probable cause is found. Mr. Rybeck further advised that the matter is out of the Borough's hands and now before the municipal court judge which is the proper avenue to address Ms. Dorney's problem.

Mr. Linton concluded that the Borough is monitoring the matter.

Clark Saccomanno, Planning Board Chairman addressed Council regarding Ordinance 2022-17. He requested that the public hearing be postponed until the July meeting so the planning board members have a chance to review the ordinance. Council agreed.

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

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the Minutes from June 9, 2022, and Tax Collector's Report. Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous.

Old Business – PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE # 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 open the public hearing; Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. AIF. Mr. Scharle advised that the state makes provisions to allow municipalities to add monies to your cap in case of an emergency and need to use it for up to two years. Mr. Carrow made a motion to close the public hearing and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. AIF. Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt ordinance #22-13 and Mr. Grova seconded the motion. RCV: unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET- Mr. Carrow made a motion to open the public hearing. Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. AIF. No one in the public commented on the 2022 budget. Motion to close the public hearing was made by Mr. Carrow and seconded by Mr. Miller. AIF.

RESOLUTION #42-22 ADOPTION OF THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET- Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt the 2022 Budget. Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 2022-10 BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING 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 open the public hearing. Mrs. Perce seconded the motion. There was no public comment. Mr. Carrow made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. AIF. Mr. Carrow made a motion to

adopt ordinance 2022-10. Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2022-11 BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUSIMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE WATER UTILITY SYSTEMIN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$30,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERALOBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, COUNTYOF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$28,500; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATEDACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOINGBUDGET- - Mr. Carrow made a motion to open the public hearing. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. AIF. There was no public comment. Mr. Carrow made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. AIF. Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt ordinance 2022-11. Mr. Grova seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

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 open the public hearing. Mrs. Perce seconded the motion. There was no public comment. Mr. Carrow made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. AIF. Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt ordinance 2022-12. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

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 open the public hearing. Mrs. Perce seconded the motion. There was no public comment. Mr. Carrow made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. AIF. Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt ordinance 2022-14. Mr. Grova seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 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. Mr. Miller made a motion to open the public hearing. Mr. Grova seconded the motion. There was no public comment. Mr. Grova made a motion to close the public

hearing. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. AIF. Mr. Corwonski made a motion to adopt ordinance 2022-18. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

New Business

ORDINANCE #2022-15 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 86 OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD CODE ENTITLED "CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM". Mrs. Pierce made a motion to reintroduce ordinance 2022-15 on first reading. Mr. Grova seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried. Public hearing will be held July 14.

ORDINANCE # 2022-17 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 81 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD - public hearing was postponed until next month.

Ordinance #2022-19 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD (Mr. Miller made a motion to reintroduce ordinance 2022-19 on first reading. Mr. Grova seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried. Public hearing will be held on July 14.

RESOLUTION # 43-22 A RESOLUTION RENEWING A PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE—VERTOLLI'S LIQUOR STORE-Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt resolution #43-22 and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #44-22 2022 SALARIES Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt resolution #44-22 and Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Resolution #45-22 A Resolution Supporting an Appropriations and Levy Cap Exemption for a Three-Year Period for Increases in Liability, Worker's Compensation, Cyber Liability and Property Insurance Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt resolution #45-22 and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #46 -22 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE NOTTINGHAM RUN BASIN Mrs. Pierce made a motion to adopt resolution #46-22 and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Public Participation Robert Price- 123 Fawn Drive,

Member of the Newfield Fire Department advised that he is trying to get the old plaque back to place it in front of the Fire House. Members have asked about it and the previous administration refused to give it back. Mr. Miller advised that anyone that served this town deserves to be on the plaque. Mrs. Atkinson agreed to assist with compiling all of the names. Mr. Carrow advised that the monies are in place for a new plaque. We allocated \$10,000 in the capital budget two years ago. Mr. Price advised that there are some residents that would like to donate money to this project. Mr. Price agreed to contact Mrs. Atkinson and work on compiling names and getting a plaque for the front of the Fire House. He advised he would keep the council apprised.

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

DISBURSEMENTS Resolution #47-22 Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the disbursements and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. AIF. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Clerk