

Regular Meeting  
September 8, 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, Mrs. Pierce, Mr. Linton and Mr. Grova. Absent: none. Also present was Solicitor Rybeck.

Committee Reports

**Public Safety Chair-Mr. Grova** noted that the police statistics for the month were in the council's packets. Mr. Grova advised that Franklin Police Department were hiring two new officers which brings the total up to 37 police officers. Traffic tickets are being issued and some tickets generate a multitude of tickets. They are continuing with the business checks in the Borough. There were 246 calls for the month of August. There was a grant for DWI and distracted driving which inflated the call volume for the month of August. There is a police car at the school every morning and the police also do a property check at the school. Council discussed the camera that was stolen at the turn around. Chief Decasari advised that they could not determine any suspects due to the sensitivity of the camera being offline. There is an issue with dumping and they are working on getting a replacement camera.

**Finance Chair- Mr. Carrow** reported that the Borough had a perfect audit and congratulated the borough employees for a good job. The new microphone system has been delayed due to two pieces of equipment that needed to be ordered and noted that the computers were ordered.

**Grants/Economic Development/ Communication and Information Technology Chair-Mrs. Pierce** reported that Newfield Day will be held October 1. Clean up Day will be held September 24. A one call will be made to the residents informing them that the tennis courts are available for tennis and pickleball.

**Water- Mr. Corwonski** reported that they had a Shade Tree Meeting and plan to help the Newfield Day Committee on September 24. They would also like to plant trees in the areas where trees were removed. The Shade Tree Commission would also like to donate a tree to be planted in front of the auto garage on 1 South East Boulevard. They are also looking to purchase planters for the plaza for the DownTown District.

**License & Inspection/Health & Welfare – Mr. Linton reported that 14 permits were issued for the month of September which totaled \$1356. Mr. Linton advised that he would like to address the parking on one side of Maple and Oakland Avenue. He would like it to be consistent with the other streets in the area. A no parking sign needs to be refaced on Arch Street. Mr. Linton advised that the court date is scheduled for the car matter. Council discussed a trailer on a commercial property. It was moved from one side of the property to the other side, which is a permitted use. Mr. Carrow noted that there is a fire hydrant every summer that is overgrown with grass and weeds and that should be maintained by the owners.**

**Recycling and Trash/ Buildings, Grounds, Roads Chair- Mr. Miller** advised that a Shred event will be held on October 8 at the recycling facility and the Recycling facility will be open October 8 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Jared is taking over for Sam and everything is going well so far. They are trying to get the building for the trash truck finished.

**Solicitor's Report Mr. Rybeck advised that he will discuss some matters at the closed session meeting.**

**Engineer's Report– Mr. Johnson** advised that he is waiting on the State to sign off on the Columbia Avenue project *to release the final payment on the project. The migration of the project to the new PMRS system has caused delays in addition to having to resubmit previously provided project information.*

The Rena Street plans, and specifications were sent to the NJDOT two weeks ago. Mr. Johnson advised that he is currently working on revisions. We will need to advertise in October *in order to meet the award deadline of November 16, 2022, 24 months within receipt of the grant. At this time Mr. Johnson advised he had not calculated the exact advertisement date; however, it will be in the beginning of October.* Mrs. Pierce made a motion to authorize the advertisement of bids for the Rena Street project for October. Mr. Grova seconded the motion. AIF

**Mr. Johnson advised that WRT sent a letter that they were going to charge the Borough for the maintenance scrape on the media in the amount of \$27, 831. There were never any discussions or documentation regarding the Borough's responsibility to incur the cost of future scrape maintenance and no recommendation is made to pay for the cost of the maintenance work. Mr. Rybeck is going to write the letter.**

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

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the minutes from July 14, and August 11, 2022 and Tax Collector's Report. Mr. Grova seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous.

### **Old Business – PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **ORDINANCE #2022-16 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 255, ARTICLE V "STREET OBSTRUCTIONS" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD**

Mr. Miller made a motion to open the public hearing and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. AIF. No one in the public commented on the ordinance. Motion to close was made by Mrs. Pierce and seconded by Mr. Corwonski. Mr. Linton made a motion to adopt ordinance 2022-16 and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. RCV: AYES: Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, Mr. Linton, Mr. Grova. Nays: None. Abstain: Mrs. Pierce. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

**Resolution 58-22 A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD HAS REVIEWED THE ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT FOR 2021-Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution 58-22 and Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION NO 59-2022 A RESOLUTION OF THE Mayor and Council OF THE Borough of Newfield AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2022 GLOUCESTER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE Mr. Corwonski made a motion to approve resolution 59-22 and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION # 60-22 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY RELEASING A MAINTENANCE BOND FOR A COMPANY KNOWN AS NEWFIELD PROPERTIES, LLC UPDATE Mr. Grova made a motion to approve resolution 60-22 and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Resolution #61-22 MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER- Jared Marandino Mr. Miller made a motion to approve resolution 58-22 and Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. RCV: Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, Mrs. 'Pierce, Mr. Grova Nays: Mr. Linton. Motion carried.**

**Public Participation Mr. Corwonski made a motion to open the meeting to the public and Mr. Grova seconded the motion. AIF. No one in the public address council Mr. Miller made a motion to close the public potion and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. AIF.**

**Disbursements Resolution #63-22 Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution 63-22 and Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the raffle applications submitted by the Grandparents Association of Edgarton Christian Academy to be held on 11/18/22. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. AIF. Motion carried.**

**The business meeting was adjourned at 7:59 by Resolution #62-22 EXECUTIVE SESSION. Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution 62-22 and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.**

**The meeting was reopened from Executive Session at 8:00 PM on a motion made by Mr. Carrow and seconded by Mr. Corwonski. AIF. Meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Mr. Grova and seconded by Mr. Miller. AIF.**

**Toni L. Van Camp, Clerk**

