

Regular Meeting
November 10, 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, via phone Mr. Miller, Mr. Linton and Mr. Grova via phone. Absent: none.

Mayor Sullivan congratulated Jennifer Marandino and Tom Corwonski on their win for the two council seats and Mr. Grova for his win for the mayor seat.

Committee Reports

Public Safety Chair-Mr. Grova advised that he met with Chief Decesari who will provide a report. Mr. Grova thanked the fire department and police department and the recreation members for making trick or treat a success. Mr. Grova said he was grateful and humbled by the election results and hoped to do a good job for all of the residents of the Borough of Newfield.

Chief Decesari reported that there were 267 calls and 85 motor vehicle stops in October. He noted that they participated in trunk or treat at the Edgarton Christian Academy.

Chief Decesari advised that the police department is involved with a community policing program, which involves working together with business owners, school official, civic groups and social organizations and residents to help prevent crime.

Finance Chair- Mr. Carrow reported that currently our bond note interest is .5 per cent, which results in a payment of six thousand dollars per year. This year the quote we received was 4.55 per percent, which will result in payment of over \$60,000 for next year.

Grants/Economic Development/ Communication and Information

Technology Chair- Mrs. Pierce reported that the website has been updated and she also wanted to commend the committee for their hard work to make trick or treat a success. Mrs. Pierce advised that there are some fund raisers that need councils' permission:

1. Giving Tuesday, which is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving
2. December 18 – Offering Gift Wrapping 10-2 at the Senior Center

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the events and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. AIF. Motion carried.

Water- Mr. Corwonski reported that the Shade Tree Commission planted trees in the Grove and also in the Business district.

Mr. Nicholson, Licensed Water Operator reported that there are no issues with the water department.

License & Inspection/Health& Welfare – Mr. Linton reported that 18 permits were issued for the month of October which totaled \$3,874. Mr. Linton advised that he is currently working on commercial vehicles on the road way. Some matters have been handled by our zoning officer. There are a couple issues with vehicles that need to be addressed, one at the turn around and one along North West Boulevard.

Recycling and Trash/ Buildings, Grounds, Roads Chair- Mr. Miller reported that Leaf and limb pickup has begun and we have been through 75 per cent of the borough three times. Mr. Miller reported that the last day for leaf and limb collection is December 18. The recycling facility will be open on December 3 from 8AM to 12 noon. Recycling will not be picked up on November 14 and 28 due to the holiday schedule. A one call will be made to advise the residents.

Mr. Miller advised that the Trash Truck housing unit for the storage of equipment is completed and he wanted to thank Mike Carlino, Sam Barbagli, Peter Sparta, Mike Carrow, Bob Price, Brian Nicholson and Wayne Johnson along with the Borough employees for their assistance with completing this project.

Engineer's Report- Mr. Johnson reported that he received confirmation from PMRS that Columbia Avenue monies (\$78,000) are now under review.

Mr. Johnson advised that he is working with the clerk on the flood Insurance program to develop a new ordinance.

Mr. Johnson advised that he stop sign was installed at Pearl Street and the Boulevard.

Mr. Johnson advised that a decision must be made regarding Franklin Avenue's design for the right of way. He noted that the road is not very wide and a design is needed for the project.

Mr. Johnson advised that he called the City of Vineland Water Department regarding a Shared Service Agreement. They will get back to me.

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

Wendy Collins, Gloucester County asked if leaf cleanup could be done at the ambulance building property. Mr. Miller agreed and to advise the Road Department employees.

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

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the minutes from October 13, 2022 and Tax Collector's Report. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV; AYES: Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, Mr. Linton, and Mr. Grova. Abstain: Mrs. Perce. Nays: none.

Old Business – none

New Business

RESOLUTION NO. 69-22 TRANSFER OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS- Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve 69-22. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #70-22 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE- Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve 69-22. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Best Practices Survey 2022 There were a total of 42 scored questions for a total of 36.5 points. The Borough of Newfield had a score of 34.0. Mayor Sullivan advised that score above 24 means no withholding of State Aid.

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Disbursements Resolution # 71-22 Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve 71-22. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried

Mayor appointed Ami Carter to Planning Board for an unexpired term ending 12/31/24. Council approved the appointment with a motion made by Mr.'s Pierce and seconded by Mr. Miller. AIF.

Dan Rybeck, Borough solicitor submitted his resignation effective November 9, 2022. Mr. Carrow made a motion to accept Mr. Rybeck' s resignation and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. AIF.

Mayor Sullivan announced that there will be a special meeting on November 15, 2022 at 7:30 to appoint an interim attorney.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM

Toni L. Van Camp. Clerk

