

**Regular Meeting
December 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. Also present was Solicitor Moustakas.

Committee Reports

Public Safety As Chair, Mr. Grova thanked the Recreation Committee and the Fire Department for bringing Santa to town. Mr. Grova advised that he received a letter from the Fire Department informing him that they reappointed Michael Carlino Fire Chief, which needs council approval. **Mrs. Pierce made a motion to approve the appointment of Michael Carlino as Fire Chief. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.**

Finance As Chair, Mr. Carrow noted that the library disbursement had a disbursement of \$750 and another disbursement was on the disbursement list for \$1,270, which included their allocation and a small grant.

Grants/Economic Development/ Communication and Information Technology As Chair, Mrs. Pierce advised the Special Events Committee would like to host a Martin Luther King, Jr. event on January 16, 2023, at the Newfield Senior Center from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and a fundraising event on February 19, 2023, both of which need council approval. **Mr. Grova made a motion to approve the events and Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.**

Mrs. Pierce advised that she was in contact with Paul Myer from Atlantic City Electric regarding the Street Light Conversion Program, who had advised that there was no grant program for 2024. Mr. Myles suggested we contact Sarah Walters to discuss an energy audit.

Water: As Chair, Mr. Corwonski had no report.

License & Inspection/Health & Welfare As Chair, Mr. Linton reported that 17 permits were issued for November, totaling \$2,306.

Mr. Linton advised that his focus will be on rental registrations for the new year and compiling a list of rental registration. Mr. Linton advised that he will be reviewing the rental registration along with his committee that will make recommendations for amendments to the ordinance.

Mr. Linton advised that he is looking into off-street parking and possibly one-side parking on certain roads in the Borough.

Recycling and Trash/ Buildings, Grounds, Roads As Chair, Mr. Miller reported that the dump schedule for bulk collection will be changing for the new year. The recycling facility will be open every Wednesday night during the Spring months. If any resident has an immediate need, they can call Public Works.

Solicitor's Report

No report.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Johnson advised that the Zoning Officer, Chase Farabella, contacted him regarding 5 Northeast Boulevard's septic system. The resident had requested to install a septic system on a right-of-way line in front of the house. Mr. Johnson noted that he has not seen an engineered drawing or official request from an engineer only from a septic contractor. This will set a precedent and limit our use of the right-of-way in the area for stormwater or water main improvements if approved.

Mr. Johnson advised that the Borough would need to design and award a cul-de-sac for Franklin Avenue as part of Franklin Avenue reconstruction. Mr. Johnson further noted that the Borough would need to acquire land from the owner for the cul-de-sac. The cul-de-sac could be offset so that acquisition from one property owner would be required. The property owner expressed interest in working with the Borough. Mr. Johnson noted that bids must be awarded by October 2023.

There are 17 water services that need to be replaced on Franklin Avenue. Mr. Johnson noted that a contract like Helena Street will need to be completed.

Mr. Johnson advised that the Borough is still waiting for Conrail's comments before a bid can be completed for Rena Street.

Mr. Johnson advised that he is currently reviewing the model code flood ordinance that must be adopted by May 2023.

Mr. Johnson advised that Jared Marandino is working on a new ordinance for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Mr. Johnson reported that the Borough received a grant in the amount of \$287,000 for the road restoration of Sandy Drive. He noted that there are 27 water laterals located on this roadway. Mr. Johnson noted that the main would also have to be investigated.

Public Participation

Mr. Carrow made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in Favor. No matters came before the council. **The motion to close the meeting was made by Mr. Carrow and seconded by Mr. Corwonski. Role Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.**

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the minutes of November 10, 2022, and Tax Collector's Report. Mr. Grova seconded the motion.

Old Business

Resolution #72-22 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE MANTUA FIRE DISTRICT NO.1 FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES AND SMALL ENGINES

Mr. Grova made a motion to approve Resolution 72-22. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote; AYES Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, Mrs. Pierce, Mr. Linton voted with comment. He voted yes provided we minimize the impact on the Borough by using volunteers whenever possible. Mr. Grova, Nays: None. Motion carried.

New Business

Mayor Sullivan read the PROCLAMATION HONORING EUGENE TARALLO and presented him with a plaque. Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Tarallo for his many years of dedicated service to the Borough of Newfield.

Resolution #74-22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN A MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH PARTICIPATING UNITS

Mr. Grova made a motion to approve resolution #74-22. Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Resolution #75-22 RESOLUTION CANCELING TAX OVERPAYMENT ON DELINQUENT AMOUNTS LESS THAN \$10.00

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution #75-22. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 76-22 CANCEL GRANT RECEIVABLE AND UNEXPENDED IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATION

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution #76-22. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #77-22 TRANSFER OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Carrow a made motion to approve resolution #77-22. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Public Participation

Mr. Carrow made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Mr. Michael Parkhill, 106 Woodlawn Avenue addressed the Council regarding the Borough's sign ordinance. He asked that the council consider revisions due to his neighbor's excessive number of No-Trespassing signs. Solicitor Moustakas advised he would review the sign ordinance and would discuss it with Mr. Linton and Mr. Farabella.

Bob Price, 123 Fawn Drive addressed the council and advised them that the flagpole is leaning.

The motion to close the meeting was made by Mrs. Pierce and seconded by Mr. Corwonski. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan addressed Wendy Collins, Representative of Gloucester County regarding handicapped parking signs, a welcome to Gloucester County sign on Northwest Boulevard, and a 40-mph sign that needs to be posted on Northwest Boulevard.

Disbursements Resolution # 78 -22

The motion to close the meeting was made by Mr. Carrow and seconded by Mr. Grova. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Resolution #79-22 EXECUTIVE SESSION

The motion to close the meeting was made by Mr. Carrow and seconded by Mr. Corwonski. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

The meeting was reopened from the Executive Session on a motion made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Corwonski at 8:28PM.

The meeting to adjourn was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Corwonski. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM. All in Favor.

Toni L. Van Camp, Clerk