

Regular Meeting  
May 11, 2023  
7:30 PM

**Mayor Grova 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 Grova, Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, Mrs. Pierce, Mr. Linton and Mrs. Marandino. Also present was Solicitor Moustakas and Wayne Johnson Engineer and Robert Scharle, Chief Financial Officer.**

#### committee Reports

Public Safety Chair-Mrs. Pierce provided the monthly statistics for the Fire and Police Departments. Mrs. Pierce congratulated Michael Guzman Police Officer of the month. Council Pierce noted that Officer Guzman also serves as a K9 Officer. The Police Department is having "Ice cream with a Cop" in the Borough on May 17 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Finance Chair- Mr. Carrow reported that the budget is being introduced this evening with a two-cent increase. Mr. Scharle explained the tax increase is due to the debt service, which increased from last year from .5 per cent to five per cent this year, which cost the borough forty thousand dollars, which is an increase of three cents. Mr. Scharle advised that we were able to reduce it to a two-cent increase. Mr. Scharle explained the cola ordinance and noted that we are not exceeding the budget appropriations cap. The ordinance provides an allocation cap for the next two years in case we should need it.

Grants/Economic Development/ Communication and Information Technology Chair-Mrs. Marandino reported:

- A quote was received from Tri State Light and Energy for the HVAC units at the municipal complex (roof)\$5986. and Library \$4815.00 Mrs. Marandino is looking into the cost savings and will report back to council once she has more information.
- The Special Events Committee will be hosting Memorial Day services, which will be held on Monday, May 29, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the War Memorial. Since Mayor Grova is on vacation, Mr. Carrow will preside over the opening ceremony.
- Spring Yard sale is Saturday May 20.
- Movies in the Park will be held June 16
- The events committee is looking into scheduling a play date at the school for the community children- insurance will be needed.

- The committee is looking for a DJ to donate their time for Newfield Day and sponsors for the event.
- Mrs. Marandino noted that the grant opportunities at this time may be limited.

Water- Mr. Corwonski reported that the shade tree work party planted over 30 trees in the park with the help of donations of trees by Mr. Roger Ennis. Mr. Corwonski advised that they would like to purchase planters for the downtown district. Mr. Nicholson, Licensed Water Operator reported that the wells are running good and that the flushing of hydrants will begin tomorrow.

License & Inspection/Health & Welfare – Mr. Linton reported that 37 permits were issued for the month of May totaling \$16,288. He noted that grass season has arrived and everyone needs to maintain their properties. Mr. Linton reported an issue with a dumpster on Elmo Avenue.

Recycling and Trash/ Buildings, Grounds, Roads Chair- Mr. Miller reported that the collection of leaf and limb season has ended and we are now beginning to flush the hydrants. Residents that continue to place items in the roadway will first be sent a warning and a summons will be issued to the residents that continue to violate this ordinance. Mr. Miller noted that the firehouse roof is in need of repair. Mr. Carrow advised that once the ordinance is adopted, we have a 20-day waiting period until any funds can be expended.

Solicitor's Report- Mr. Moustakas advised he will prepare a grading ordinance for the next meeting.

Engineer's Report – Mr. Johnson advised that South State was the low bidder on the Rena Street project and Crest was the low bidder for the water services for Rena street of \$84,000. He noted that he worked with Mr. Nicholson regarding NJDEP SOC Synthetic Organic compound waiver requests that included calculating a well radius of concern for each well based on flow rates and depths, then answering questions related to current land use.

The capital improvement report was updated and submitted to NJDEP water geoscience before the submission deadline. The update included recent projects completed and planned for this period in the water system for example new flow meters and replacement water services on Rena and Franklin Street.

Mr. Marandino marked out the distance between the water main and the septic system for 5 South East Boulevard. The next step is for the owners engineer to plot the marked-out water main and proposed septic on a site plan for review and if applicable recommendation to Borough Council that they could consider the waiver request to construct closer to the ROW line.

Mayor asked if the system is failing. Mr. Johnson explained that we did not have that information, but it was presumed that the septic work system was not operating properly. It was also mentioned that this could be for expansion and in that case perhaps the waiver should not be considered, however it seems to be in the best interest of the Borough to consider the request for waiver.

The Municipal Aid Grants are out for next year and are due by July 1, the resolution of support is due by July 31 to NJDOT. It was discussed whether to apply for a second round of Sandy Drive monies so that the project can be completed. This will allow for full depth reconstruction of the roadway and for the Borough to not have to take on another water project and to focus on Sandy Drive water main and services upgrades.

Chief Decesari advised that the "Ice cream with a Cop" is scheduled in the Borough on May 17 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at South West Boulevard and Catawba Avenue. A retired K-9 will be present at this event.

Public Participation-Mr. Carrow made a motion to open the meeting to the public; Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in favor. No one addressed council on any agenda matter. A motion to close the public portion was made by Mr. Carrow and seconded by Mr. Miller. All in favor.

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the minutes from:

March 20, 2023 Special Meeting, April 13 Work Session, and Regular Meeting and the Tax Collector's Report. Mrs. Marandino seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Old Business -Public Hearing

ORDINANCE 2023-6 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 \$330,000 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 \$85,500; 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; Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All In favor. No one in the public addressed council. Mr. Carrow made a motion to close the public hearing. Mrs. Marandino seconded the motion. All in favor. Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt ordinance 2023 -6 and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-7 ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, CHAPTER 286 ENTITLED "WATER". Mr. Carrow made motion to open the public hearing; Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All In favor. No one in the public addressed council. Mr. Carrow made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt ordinance 2023 -7 and Mr. Marandino seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

#### New Business

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-8- BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER CALENDAR YEAR 2023, 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 introduce ordinance 2023-8 on first reading. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried. Public hearing will be held on June 8.

RESOLUTION NO. 42-23 RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET-. Mr. Corwonski made a motion to introduce the 2023 Municipal Budget. Mr. Carrow seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried. Public hearing will be held on June 8.

RESOLUTION NO. 43-23 A RESOLUTION AWARDDING THE BID FOR THE RENA FRANKLIN STREET WATER SERVICE REPLACEMENT PROJECT -Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution NO 43-23; Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 44-23 NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF LOCAL AID RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD STATE AID PROJECT FOR RENA STREET RECONSTRUCTION. Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution NO 43-23; Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO 45-23\_RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OF SIGNATORIES FOR THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE/ NEWFIELD RECREATION COMMISSION AND APPOINTING SIGNATORIES Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution NO 43-23; Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO 46-23 TEMPORARY EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution NO 43-23; Mr. Miller 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. No one addressed council on any agenda matter. A motion to close the public portion was made by Mr. Carrow and seconded by Mr. Miller. All in favor.

Disbursements- Resolution NO.47-23 Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution NO 47-23; Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mayor Grova made the following Planning Board Appointments:

Ryan Hudson from Alt NO 1 to Class IV exp 12/31/24 Brent Hopkins from Alt NO 2 to Class IV exp 12/31/24

Mr. Linton made a motion to approve the mayor's appointment and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Grova announced the following:

DEP grant award for Stormwater \$15,000. Mr. Marandino, Public Works Supervisor, made an application to the DEP for a Stormwater Assistance Grant and the application was approved. Funds will be allocated in the 2023 budget.

Resolution NO. 48-23 EXECUTIVE SESSION Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution NO 48-23; Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Miller made a motion to close the executive session and reopen the regular meeting at 8:15PM and Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion, All in Favor.

Meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Marandino at 815 PM.

Toni L. Van Camp, Clerk