

Regular Meeting
March 9, 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, Mr. Linton, and Mrs. Marandino. Absent: Mrs. Pierce. Also present was Solicitor Moustakas.

Mayor Grova added an Executive Session to the agenda to discuss litigation matters.

Committee Reports

Public Safety As Vice Chair, Mr. Linton reported on behalf of Mrs. Pierce. Mr. Linton provided the police and fire stats for the month of February and congratulated the officer of the month, Austin Theruret.

Finance As Chair, Mr. Carrow reported that the Finance Committee will be meeting on March 16th to review the budget numbers to ensure the Borough is on schedule to introduce the budget for the May 11th meeting. Mr. Carrow noted that the committee will keep the council apprised of the budget process as it progresses.

Grants/Economic Development/ Communication and Information Technology As Chair, Mrs. Marandino reported that she is making additions to the website for various departments. Mrs. Marandino advised that she is also working with Ed Andricola on an energy audit with the next step being to send over the electric and gas bills which have been done by Clerk Van Camp.

Mrs. Marandino continued noting that the Recreation Committee's Dr. Seuss program was a great success. She shared that the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 1st at 10:00 AM with a rain date of Sunday, April 2nd at 1:00 PM.

Water As Chair, Mr. Corwonski reported that the Shade Tree Commission met on February 20th where they discussed possibly asking business owners and or residents for donations to help fund the purchase of planters and trees. Mr. Linton asked if a one-call message could be made asking residents to donate for the purpose of purchasing trees and planters for the downtown district. The council agreed.

As the licensed Water Operator for the Borough, Mr. Nicholson reported that the wells are running well under the direction of Public Works Supervisor, Jared Marandino. Mr. Nicholson thanked Mrs. Van Camp, Mrs. Hyder, and Mr. Marandino for their efforts in getting the remote system up and running last Friday. Mr. Nicholson shared that the Borough's water personnel are continuing to replace the broken meters with new remote meters, which will ultimately help generate more revenue.

License & Inspection/Health & Welfare As Chair, Mr. Linton reported that 14 permits were issued in February for a total of \$6,589. Mr. Linton reminded everyone of the rabies clinic scheduled for Saturday, March 11th from 10:00 AM until 12 noon for dogs and cats.

Recycling and Trash/ Buildings, Grounds, Roads As Chair, Mr. Miller reported that the concession roof repair project was completed. Mr. Miller reported that broken water meters are being replaced with remote meters. He added that the new signs are being installed in the Borough. Mr. Miller advised that beginning April 2nd spring leaf and limb curbside collection will begin, adding that limbs must be kept separate from leaves. Mr. Miller shared that the recycling facility will be open on Wednesday, April 5th for bulk items from 6:00-8:00 PM. He also shared that a shred event will be held on Friday, April 14th from 9:00 AM until 12 noon at the recycling facility.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Moustakas advised he would provide his report as part of the Executive Session.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Johnson advised that the Rena Street project needs to be awarded by May 16th and asked for authorization to bid the project. Mr. Johnson advised that he is currently working with Mr. Nicholson and WRT. Mr. Johnson suggested adding information to the Town Crier newsletter about stormwater. Mrs. Marandino volunteered to schedule a one-call sharing similar information if it would be helpful.

Mr. Miller asked about the number of taps that must be replaced on Rena Street and Franklin Avenue, to which Mr. Johnson advised that it is unknown at this time.

Mrs. Marandino made a motion to authorize the advertisement of bids for the repaving of Rena Street. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Miller asked the Gloucester County representative at the meeting about the replacement of the No Parking signs and decals on Northwest Boulevard since it is a county road. Mr. Perna, County representative advised he would convey this information to the county officials and advise.

Public Participation

Mr. Corwonski made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Mrs. Marandino seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

No one addressed the council on any agenda matters.

Mr. Carrow made a motion to close the meeting to the public. Mrs. Marandino seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from

February 9, 2023, and the Tax Collector's report

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the February 9, 2023, minutes and Tax Collectors report. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, and Mr. Linton. Nays: none. Abstain: Mrs. Marandino. Motion carried.

Old Business

No Old Business.

New Business

Resolution No. 32-23 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF MONIES TO SMR HOLDING 600 DEER, LLC

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve Resolution No.32-23. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2023-1 ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, CHAPTER 286 ENTITLED "WATER".

Mr. Corwonski made a motion to introduce ordinance 2023-1 on the first reading. Mrs. Marandino seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mayor Grove noted that the public hearing will be held on April 13, 2023.

ORDINANCE 2023-2 ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, CHAPTER 207 ENTITLED "RENTAL PROPERTY"

Mr. Linton made a motion to introduce ordinance 2023-2 on the first reading. Mrs. Marandino seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mayor Grova noted that the public hearing will be held on April 13, 2023.

ORDINANCE 2023-3 ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, CHAPTER 280 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

This ordinance was tabled until the next meeting on April 13th.

Public Participation

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

A resident from Forsythia Drive addressed the council regarding the school board matter. He questioned the possibility of sending our children to a different school system. Mayor Grova advised that there is a school board meeting Monday evening, March 13th at 6:30 PM to address questions. He added that there is a link on the Pittsgrove Board of Education website where the public can listen to the original presentation made to the Board. Mayor Grova advised that before any determination can be made, all school districts must vote on the proposed change and that the final decision is in the hands of the voters.

Mr. Miller made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Disbursements

Resolution No.33-23

Mr. Corwonski made a motion to approve the disbursements. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Amend a Raffle License 321 submitted by the Grandparents Association of Edgarton Christian Academy date change from March 24th to March 31st. A similar change was submitted for Raffle License 322, changing the date from April 22nd to April 29th.

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the amendments. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the following items related to the Special Events Committee:

- Newfield Day Fall Festival October 7, 2023
- Spring Cleanup Yard Sale to be held on May 20 with a rain date of May 21
- Appoint Robin Pettifer to the Special Events Committee

Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 34-23 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution Resolution No. 34-23. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

The Regular meeting was reopened at 8:14 PM on a motion made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Corwonski. All in Favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller to authorize Solicitor John Moustakas to file an ethics complaint on behalf of the Borough of Newfield against former Solicitor, Dan Rybeck. Mr. Linton seconded the motion. The council discussed this matter.

Roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, Mrs. Pierce, and Mr. Linton. \Nays: None. Abstain: Mrs. Marandino. Motion carried.

Mr. Carrow made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Toni L. Van Camp, Clerk