

Regular Meeting
June 8, 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, Wayne Johnson Engineer and Robert Scharle, Chief Financial Officer.

committee Reports

Public Safety Chair-Mr. Linton reported the police stats due to Mrs. Pierce 's absence and announced that Thomas Rambone is the officer of the month. Officer Rambone will also be awarded the life saving award. Mr. Carrow noted that there is a two percent tax increase due to a bond payment increase for 2023.

Finance Chair- Mr. Carrow reported that the public hearing will be held on the 2023 budget along with an amendment to the 2023 budget.

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

Grants:

- Mrs. Marandino discussed upgrading the HVAC units at the library and the municipal building, which estimated a savings of over \$10,000 and noted that they are waiting for one additional quote.
- Mayor Grova sent information regarding an energy savings webinar on July 1 and asked the clerk to send the information to council if anyone was interested in the webinar.

Communications:

- Mrs. Marandino reported that the one call has been busy continuing to initiate one call messages and adding and removing names from the call list
- Movies in the Park is scheduled for next Friday evening

Technology:

- Mrs. Marandino reported that she will meet with Anthony Coffee to discuss creating a mega menu similar to layouts that many municipalities use.
- Also request stormwater prevention plan be placed on the website

Recreation/Special Events Committee:

- Mrs. Marandino, Liaison to the Recreation/Special Events Committee reported the following:
- Movies in the Park
- Recreation after dinner play date 7/19 rain date 7/26
- -Investigating Yoga in the Park
- Serene Fundraiser

- Mrs. Marandino asked if the Borough will contribute funds for the 100th celebration of Newfield (October 5, 2024) for the festivities. Mr. Carrow advised funds will be allocated in next year's budget.

Water- Mr. Corwonski reported that he along with other council members attended a Franklin Township Planning Board meeting in which a matter was heard regarding a cannabis facility that was within 200 feet of certain property owners on Franklin Avenue. Mr. Carrow spoke on behalf of the Borough of Newfield. The Franklin Township Planning Board denied the variance.

Mr. Corwonski advised that the Shade Tree Committee purchased new planters and plants and would like to relocate a trash container from Pearl Street to in front of the old municipal building. Currently, people are throwing their trash in planters.

License & Inspection/Health & Welfare – Mr. Linton reported that 27 permits were issued for the month of May which totaled \$5,149.00. Mr. Farabella is sending notices to high grass violators and time will be given to the property owners to get the property cleaned. After that, if the property is not cleaned, it will be cleaned and a work order lien will be placed on the property by resolution,

Recycling and Trash/ Buildings, Grounds, Roads Chair- Mr. Miller reported that the flushing of hydrants is complete and the recycling center will be open for bulk items the first Saturday in July from 8:00 AM until 12 noon.

Solicitor's Report Mr. Moustakas advised his report will be given in executive session

Engineer's Report- Mr. Johnson discussed he is continuing to work with Mr. Nicholson, Licensed Water Operator and Mr. Marandino, Public Works Supervisor regarding the Iron tests for well 5 concerning the elevated pressure in RRS system at Well NO 5.

Sandy Drive MA2024 was selected as the grant application for this year and the deadline for submission is July 1 2023. A second round of funding will allow the borough to complete reconstruction of the roadway. Designing to the current grant with a thinner roadway section is not recommended since the soils are reported to be sandy in the areas from the name Sandy Drive. This was discussed with the former Borough Engineer that the soils were sand. This will allow the borough to focus on one water improvement project and also the work on Sandy Drive.

Contracts are required for Rena Reconstruction and Rena and Franklin water service replacements. A package was distributed tonight with contracts at the meeting from the Solicitor.

Flood damage prevention suggested model ordinance was received and needs to be reviewed.

An ordinance for soil removal and grading was read for first reading tonight.

Public Participation -Mrs. Marandino made a motion to open the meeting to the public and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in favor. No one in the public addressed council. Mr. Miller made a motion to close to the public and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

May 11, 2023 Work Session, Regular Meeting and Executive Session and Tax Collector's Report. Mrs. Marandino seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Old 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 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. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in favor. Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt ordinance 2023- 8 and Mrs. Marandino seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO 49-23 RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE BUDGET -Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution #49-23. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The budget amendment was due to the state requiring us to utilize less fund balance in the water utility budget and anticipate more rent revenue in the water utility budget. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET 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 on the 2023 budget. Mr. Carrow made a motion to close the public hearing. Mrs. Marandino seconded the motion. All in favor.

RESOLUTION 50-23 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2023 BUDGET Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt resolution 50-23; Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-9 ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, CHAPTER 207 ENTITLED "RENTAL PROPERTY" Mr. Linton made a motion to open the public hearing; Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All In favor. No one in the public addressed council. Mr. Miller made a motion to close the public hearing. Mrs. Marandino seconded the motion. All in favor. Mr. Linton made a motion to adopt ordinance 2023- 9 and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

New Business

RESOLUTION NO. 51-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT -Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt resolution 51-23; Mr. Carrow seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried

RESTOLUTION NO. 52-23 RESOLUTION RENEWING A PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE- VERTOLLI'S LIQUOR STORE - Mr. Corwonski made a motion to adopt resolution 52-23; Mr. Marandino seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried

RESOLUTION NO. 53-23 RESOLUTION RENEWING A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE- HARLOWE INVESTMENTS, LLC - Mr. Corwonski made a motion to adopt resolution 52-23; Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried

ORDINANCE 2023-10 ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 236 THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, ENTITLED "SOIL REMOVAL", AND REPLACING IT WITH CHAPTER 236, ENTITLED "SOIL AND FILL IMPORTATION AND PLACEMENT Mr. Corwonski made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2023-10 on first reading; Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Public Participation -Mrs. Marandino made a motion to open the meeting to the public and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in favor.

A resident from Columbia Avenue advised that she had her water tested by Home Depot due to the water having an odor and stains on her clothing. The resident explained that the company is willing to put in a system that would cost the resident \$10,000 to eliminate the problems. Mr. Nicholson, Licensed Water Operator, advised that the Borough tests the Borough's water daily with a 7-8 PH and we are within our limits as per the NJDEP. The water system was recently flushed, which may have caused some rust in the system. Mr. Nicholson advised he would like to have her water tested.

The second complaint the resident had were speeders in the area of Columbia Avenue. There are a lot of children in the neighborhood especially during rush hour and Columbia Avenue becomes a race track. The resident complained that there are no sporting activities in the borough for children. Mr. Carrow advised that there were not enough children to support teams in our town. It was noted that possibly with the new developments in town and possibly with the influx of children, we may be able to bring back our sports teams to Newfield.

The speeding in the area was noted and the officer that was present at the meeting will bring this information back to his Chief and the department. Mr. Miller advised that he would check with his road department about posting "Children at Play" signs in the area of Catawba, Madison, Salem and Columbia Avenues.

Mr. Carrow made a motion to close to the public and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Miller made a motion to authorize the after-dinner play date scheduled for July 19, 2023 and a rain date of July 26 at Edgarton School. Mrs. Marandino seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Disbursements- Resolution NO.55-23 Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt resolution 55-23; Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried

Resolution NO. 56-23 EXECUTIVE SESSION Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt resolution 56-23; Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried

Mr. Miller left the meeting at 7:40 PM

The meeting was reopened to the public at 7:41 PM on a motion made by Mr. Carrow and seconded by Mrs. Marandino. All in Favor.

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution 54-23; Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Carrow, Mr. Corwonski. Nays: Mr. Linton. Abstain: Mrs. Marandino abstained on Jared Marandino's salary and voted yes on all of the others. Due to lack of a quorum, the resolution was tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Mr. Corwonski and seconded by Mrs. Marandino at 7:43 PM.

Toni L. Van Camp, Clerk