

Regular Meeting  
July 13, 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. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, Mrs. Pierce, Mr. Linton and Mrs. Marandino. Absent: Mr. Carrow. Also present was Solicitor Moustakas and Wayne Johnson, Engineer.

Mr. Carrow arrives at 7:35 PM.

### **committee Reports**

Public Safety Chair-Mrs. Pierce reported the police and fire statistics for the month of June and announced that Deputy Chief Decesari was promoted to Chief of Police. Corporal Nick Locilento, a canine officer and Detective Allison Schnapp were named officers of the month for the month of June.

The school board had a meeting on June 28 and the information is posted on the Borough's website. Council Pierce noted that there will be no vote on the matter until August 14.

Finance Chair- Mr. Carrow reported there were several resolutions on the agenda for the insertion of funds, one being for the shade tree commission, which were solicited by former Mayor Sullivan. Mr. Carrow advised that the Bond is in place for the carpeting for the library.

### **Grants/Economic Development/ Communication and Information**

Technology Chair-Mrs. Marandino reported that she is continuing to add residents to the one call system and to date we have a total of 1182 contacts. A call is going out to residents to inform them about the community play date.

The Planning/Zoning Board and Newfield Board of Education content will be added to the website.

- Newfield Day is continuing with their plans which include hosting a chicken dinner. The cost for each ticket will be \$15.00.
- Mum sale fundraiser in conjunction with Huffman Farms September 15-October 31. Tickets will be sold for \$10.
- The Serene Custard Fundraiser will be held August 3 from 5:00 PM -9PM

- Community Cleanup Day Sunday, October 1 beginning at 8 AM which will include the planting of mums and general clean up in advance of Newfield Day.

License & Inspection/Health & Welfare – Mr. Linton reported that 11 permits were issued for the month of June which totaled \$2015. Mr. Linton advised that contractors are in the process of demolishing buildings at Shieldalloy and all septics are being crushed and buried.

Solicitor's Report- Mr. Moustakas advised that he would provide a report in executive session.

Engineer's Report- Mr. Johnson reported that the Sandy Drive Resolution is on the agenda for a second round as a DOT project, which will hopefully allow the Borough to complete the entire project. We had considered designing to the grant amount by thinning out the pavement, however with sandy soils the full depth pavement is required.

A preconstruction meeting will be held with Crest for the Water projects to discuss the water service replacements. Once the water services are completed on Rena Street, the road reconstruction can move forward.

The Flood prevention ordinance is on the agenda this evening for introduction, which represents a small percentage of residents, but it will allow residents to obtain flood insurance.

Mr. Johnson advised he is currently working on the design of Franklin Street. Mrs. Marandino asked about the design. Mr. Johnson explained that the width of the cul de sac will be an 80-foot diameter circle off set, which should be able to accommodate a trash truck similar to the size of Covey Lane. Our new trash truck has a very large turning radius and may need additional tuning but this will be a significant improvement.

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

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve minutes from: June 8, 2023 Work Session, Regular Meeting, Executive Session and Tax Collector's Report. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV: AYES: Mr. Carrow, Mr. Corwonski, Mr. Linton, and Mrs. Marandino. Abstain: Mrs. Pierce. Nays: NONE.

**Old Business** - RESOLUTION NO. 54-23 2023 SALARIES- Mrs. Pierce made a motion approve Resolution No 54-23 and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Carrow voted with comment and noted that there are three salary employees, one getting paid for meetings and two are not. Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski and Mrs. Pierce. Nays: Mr. Linton. Mrs. Marandino recused herself from the vote. 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 – the ordinance was tabled

### **New Business**

RESOLUTION #57-23 A RESOLUTION CANCELING OLD OUTSTANDING CHECKS - Mr. Corwonski made a motion to approve resolution NO. 57-23. Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 58-23 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO APPROVE THE INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE CURRENT FUND BUDGET OF THE YEAR 2023 IN THE SUM OF \$5,177.22. Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution NO. 58-23. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 59-23 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO APPROVE THE INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE CURRENT FUND BUDGET OF THE YEAR 2023 IN THE SUM OF \$275.00. Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution NO. 59-23. Mrs. Marandino seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 60-23 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO APPROVE THE INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE CURRENT FUND BUDGET OF THE YEAR 2023 IN THE SUM OF \$1.000. Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve Resolution NO.60-23. Mrs. Marandino seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 61-23 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO APPROVE THE INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE CURRENT FUND BUDGET OF THE YEAR 2023

IN THE SUM OF \$725.00. Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 61-23. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 62-23 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO APPROVE THE INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE CURRENT FUND BUDGET OF THE YEAR 2023 IN THE SUM OF \$1,800.00. Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 62-23. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO.63-23 APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THEIR 2024 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM. Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 63-23. Mrs. Marandino seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 64-2023 AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE GRACE PERIOD FOR THE THIRD QUARTER INSTALLMENT OF TAXES. Mr. Corwonski made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 64-23. Mr. Carrow seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried. The grace period will be extended until September 5, 2023,

ORDINANCE 2023-11 ORDINANCE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL CHAPTER 135 ENTITLED FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION; TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER 135. FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Mr. Carrow made a motion to introduce ordinance 2023-11. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried. Public hearing will be held August 10.

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

A resident from Pearl Street addressed Council about the great job that the Public Works Department is doing and expressed her appreciation for all of her questions and concerns being addressed by Mr. Marandino. She also wanted to recognize his hard work along with the department in making the town look good again.

A resident from Forsythia Drive addressed council regarding the Delsea Pittsgrove school board matter and expressed a concern about a possible merger with Franklin Township. Mrs. Pierce advised that the School Board agreed to wait on the vote until the Delsea feasibility study was completed. The resident complained about the conflict that exists on the Pittsgrove Board of Education. Mayor Grova advised that the school board needs to be concerned with the quality of education and not the cost. Mayor Grova noted that every step will lead to a town

referendum. Mrs. Pierce announced that the next meeting will be August 14. If a town votes against this referendum, it will not happen.

Mrs. Marandino made a motion to close the public portion. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Disbursements-** Resolution NO.65-23 Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 65-23. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Resolution NO. 66-23 EXECUTIVE SESSION Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 66-23. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Resolution NO.67-23 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN INDIVIDUAL SUBSURFACE DISPOSAL SYSTEM CLOSER TO THE BOROUGH'S RIGHT OF WAY THAN CODE ALLOWS. Mrs. Pierce made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 67-23 and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Pierce made a motion to approve the following fundraisers and cleanup day. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Mum sale fund raiser to be held in conjunction with Huffman Farms September 15- October 31. Tickets will be sold for \$10.
- The Serene Custard Fundraiser to be held August 3 from 5:00 PM -9PM
- Community Cleanup Day Sunday, October 1 beginning at 8 AM which will include planting of mums and general clean up in advance of Newfield Day.

The meeting was reopened from executive session at 9:10 PM on a motion made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Corwonski. All in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Carrow to authorize and approve the Solicitor to negotiate the Assignment of the liens for both 2 and 4 North West Boulevard. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 on a motion made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Corwonski. All in favor.**

Toni L. Van Camp, Clerk