

Regular Meeting
September 14, 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:

Members Present: Mayor Grova, Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Linton and Mrs. Marandino and Miss Renzi. Absent: Mr. Corwonski. Also present was Solicitor, John Moustakas and Engineer, Wayne Johnson.

Committee Reports

Public Safety Chair- Mrs. Renzi reported the police statistics for the month of August.

Finance Chair- Mr. Carrow had no report.

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

- Triad Associates contacted Mrs. White about grant writing services for the Shade Tree Commission. Mayor Grova was invited to attend the next meeting. Mrs. Marandino advised that possibly Triad Associates can be invited to the meeting to give a presentation.
- Mrs. Marandino advised council if there is a need for one call messages to contact her.
- Mrs. Marandino asked council to sell chicken barbeque tickets for Newfield Day and noted that the parade begins at noon.
- Clean up day is October 1 and set up is October 6 and they are looking for volunteers. Anyone interested in purchasing mums from Huffman's, can do so by October 31.

Mr. Corwonski arrives at 7:40 pm,

Water- Mr. Corwonski reported that the planters have been placed around town and they will be filled with potted plants before Newfield Day. A tree was planted near the clock to replace a tree that had died. The Shade Tree Commission also performed some general maintenance in the park. Mr. Corwonski asked public works to help with the watering of the trees that are being planted. Mr. Miller agreed.

License & Inspection/Health & Welfare – Mr. Linton reported that 16 permits have been issued for a total of \$1,743.

Recycling and Trash/ Buildings, Grounds, Roads Chair- Mr. Miller had no report.

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Moustakas advised he is looking into a shared service program for the Borough's vacant properties. The Solicitor advised he would discuss one other item in executive session.

Engineer's Report– Mr. Johnson reported that Crest Construction finished the water services. The project resulted in a substantial savings to the Borough since several services were found to be copper or poly and not in need of replacement with a savings of \$27,480.00.

Mr. Baumgart will provide an easement to the Borough on Franklin Street in exchange for a water service and additional access to his property from Franklin Street via the cull de sac. The water service can be extended from the Stotesbury Avenue interconnection easement and did not require immediate installation.

Mr. Johnson advised that a notice to proceed was given to South State for Rena Street reconstruction. Leeching pits will be installed at the curve on Rena Street as part of the grant and will not have to be installed by the public works employees as originally planned. Mr. Johnson explained that extending into the intersection is not feasible at this time due to the NJDOT requirements for drawing submission, review and approval. This could require that the contractor South State not be able to complete the additional intersection paving while the crews are on site and require a remobilization. During the design and approval process, construction prices were rising and the project was scaled back to ensure that the Borough would not have to expend funds for contract bids over and above the grant award. Since that time prices had stabilized and now the asphalt price index has started to rise again. Mrs. Marandino noted that a change order could be added.

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

Approval of Minutes from:

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the August 10, 2023 Work Session, Regular Meeting and Executive Session and Tax Collector's Report. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion: Roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Carrow Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, Mr. Linton and Mrs. Renzi. Abstain: Mrs. Marandino. Motion carried.

Old Business (public hearing)

ORDINANCE 2023-10 ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 236 THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, ENTITLED "SOIL REMOVAL", AND REPLACING IT WITH CHAPTER 236, ENTITLED "LOT GRADING AND DRAINAGE" 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. Miller made a motion to adopt ordinance 2023 -10 and Mrs. Marandino seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2023-11 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 open the public hearing; Mr. Miller 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. Miller made a motion to adopt ordinance 2023 -11 and Mrs. Marandino seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

New Business :

Resolution NO.75-23 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT SUBMISSION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 2024- JUNE 2025. Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve Resolution No.75-23. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-23 A RESOLUTION REFUNDING MARRIAGE LICENSE FEES- Mr. Corwonski made a motion to approve Resolution No.76-23. 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. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. No one in the public addressed council. Mr. Carrow made a close the public portion and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried

Council discussed Halloween and the reoccurring date of the Saturday before the actual date of 10/31. A motion was made by Mr. Carrow to authorize trick or treat to be held on 10/28 from 2-4 pm in the Borough of Newfield. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Coin Drop Application Newfield Fire Department 10/13 2PM to 6PM, 10/14 and 10/15 8AM- 12PM. Rain Dates 10/20/23, 10/21/23, 10/22/2023. Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve Resolution No.75-23. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in favor.

Disbursements- Resolution NO. 77-23- Mr. Corwonski made a motion to approve - Mr. Carrow seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Executive Session Resolution NO.78-23- Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve Resolution No.78-23. Mrs. Marandino seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Meeting reopened to the public at 8:25PM.

Mayor Grova appointed Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller along with himself to begin negotiations with Franklin Township for a public works shared service. Mr. Carrow made a motion to authorize the committee to begin the negotiations with Franklin Township for shared services. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Mr. Linton noted that it should not be limited to Franklin Township and should consider other municipalities. Mrs. Marandino recused herself from the vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28PM on a motion made by Mr. Carrow and seconded by Mr. Miller. All in favor.

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