

Regular Meeting
November 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:

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

Committee Reports

Public Safety Chair- Miss. Renzi reported the police and fire statistics for the month of October. Miss Renzi announced that Blake Reidel was named Officer of the month.

Finance Chair- Mr. Carrow had no report

Grants/Economic Development/ Communication and Information

Technology Chair-Mrs. Marandino reported that the Special Events Committee had a meeting on Monday. The following events are planned:

- Santa is coming to town December 2 (Cookie decorating and holiday crafts at Senior Center)
- Holiday Decorating Contest. Prizes will be given for the three best decorated homes.
- Saturday, November 18, the committee will set up a table outside Borough Hall for the final day of collection of coats. From 9-11 AM.
- Turkey Burn 11/23, Classes at Daily Fitness 8:00 am, 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM. Mr. Corwonski made a motion to approve the Turkey Burn and the extended day for the coat drive. All in favor. Motion carried.

Water- Mr. Corwonski Mr. Corwonski advised that Shade Tree would like to contact the business owners to see if they could repaint their planters for the downtown district. Mrs. Marandino suggested a community wide children's decorating contest of the planters. Mr. Corwonski agreed to look into the matter.

Mr. Corwonski made a motion to purchase two dog waste receptacles for less than \$500 apiece and also Christmas lights for the planters and holly trees. Mrs. Marandino seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Recycling and Trash/ Buildings, Grounds, Roads Chair- Mr. Miller reported that the collection of leaves should be completed by December 3.

Solicitor's Report-Mr. Moustakas reported that he is currently working on the employee's manual. Solicitor Moustakas reported that the county rejected the Franklin Street easement because the

copy was not dark enough. He noted that he is currently working with the engineer to remediate the situation.

Engineer's Report - Mr. Johnson reported that South State is beginning the installation of the storm drains on Rena Street on Tuesday. There is no date for the milling and paving. Two leaching pits are also being added.

Mr. Johnson reported that he is working on finalizing the plans for Franklin Street and then he will start on the plans for Sandy Drive along with the water services.

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

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 12, 2023, Work Session, Regular Meeting, Executive Session and Tax Collector's Report. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Old Business

ORDINANCE 2023-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 135 THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD ENTITLED "FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION. Mr. Carrow made a motion to open the public hearing. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in favor. No one in the public commented on ordinance 2023-12. Mr. Carrow made a motion to close the public hearing and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt ordinance 2023-12 and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

New Business

Mayor Grova presented longtime resident Ralston "Hop" Edwards with a proclamation for his dedicated service to the community. Mr. Edwards is an award-winning wood carver and is donating a carving of the state bird, the American Goldfinch to the Borough of Newfield to be placed in a case in the meeting room.

Mr. Carrow made a motion to APPROVE THE BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY SURVEY. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried. This survey is a list of questions compiled by the State as an annual exercise. Once we answer the questions, they are filed with the state. There was a total of 48 scored questions Core Competencies Best Practice. The Borough of Newfield had a score of 37.5. A score above 39 means no withholding of state aid.

Resolution NO. 83-23 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE-Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution No. 83-23 and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-23 TRANSFER OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution No. 83-23 and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the Fire Department Officials elected by the membership. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. All In Favor. Motion Carried.

Michael Carlino- Fire Chief

Jared Marandino- Assistant Chief

Captain- Zachary Ellison

Lieutenants- Charles Daubenspeck Jr. and Joseph Simpson

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Disbursements- Resolution NO. 85-23 Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution No. 83-23 and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Carrow made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in Favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM

Toni L. Van Camp, Clerk