

Regular Meeting
February 8, 2024
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: Call of the Roll: Mayor Grova, Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller and Mr. Corwonski. Absent: Mrs. Marandino, Miss Renzi, and Mr. Curcio. Also present was Mr. Moustakas, Solicitor and Engineer, Wayne Johnson.

Committee Reports

Public Safety Chair- Chief Decesari provided the monthly police report due to Miss Renzi's absence. He noted that Josh Fenimore was named officer of the month. Chief Decesari advised that the police department has received speeding complaints on Weymouth Road. He suggested possibly getting a speed sign on that road.

Two of Newfield's Bicycles will be reserviced for bike patrols in the town.

The four way stop at Madison and Catawba was discussed. Mr. Carow asked if a speed board would help alleviate the problem at this intersection. Chief Decesari advised that he would check with the County to determine if they would allow us to move the speed board from Weymouth Road to Catawba and Madison Avenue intersection to see if it helps deter speeders.

Grants/Economic Development/ Communication and Information

Technology Chair-Mayor Grova read Mrs. Marandino report due to her absence. Mayor Grova gave an update on the one call system and would like to provide Mrs. Marandino deference on the matter. Council agreed.

Mayor noted that the Special Events Committee need approval on the following events:

- Easter Egg Hunt to be held Saturday, March 23, 2024, with a start time of 10 am sharp; committee members will set up at approximately 8:30 am. In the event of rain, the Easter Egg Hunt will be rescheduled for Sunday, March 24th with a 1 pm start time and 11:30 am set up
- Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebration will be held in conjunction with the Newfield Public Library. Dr. Seuss' birthday is March 2nd. This year the date falls on a Saturday, as such the date of the event is pending a conversation with the library
- Community-wide Yard Sale to be held Saturday, May 18, 2024, and Sunday, May 19th. Residents will be asked to register
- Rental of Temporary Stage from Gloucester County
- Movies in the Park 5/31 or 6/7

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the special events committee activities listed. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Insurance certificates will be ordered where appropriate.

Water- Mr. Nicholson asked if the Borough contacted Mr. Tonetta regarding a water service contract. Mr. Moustakas advised he called, but has not received a return call. Mr. Corwonski reported that a shade tree meeting will be held on 2/12/24 at 7:00pm to discuss the placement of the dog waste receptacles.

Engineer's report- Mr. Johnson reported that South State is finishing the Rena Street project and the Borough will authorize payment to them. Franklin Street plans were sent to the NJDOT for review.

Mr. Miller made a motion to authorize the advertisement of the Franklin Street bid for the repaving and reconstruction of Franklin Street. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried. A preconstruction meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2024. Bid opening is April 2, 2024 and bid award is April 11, 2024.

Mr. Johnson reported that flood insurance is now available for residents to purchase. The information will be placed on our website for anyone that needs further information.

Public Participation- Mr. Miller 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 on any agenda matter. Mr. Carrow made a motion to close the meeting to the public. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2023 Work Session, Regular Meeting, and December 21, 2023 Year End Meeting. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous Motion carried.

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the Reorganization Work Session minutes and January 4, 2024 and Regular Meeting minutes. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Old Business – none

New Business

Resolution NO. 24-24 RESOLUTION OF BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD COUNCIL APPOINTING AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR- Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution 24-24. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Resolution NO 25-24 AMENDING TEMPORARY BUDGET Mr. Corwonski made a motion to approve resolution 25-24. Mr. Carrow seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

FINAL 2023 MASTER PLAN REEXAMINATION REPORT FOR THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD Me. Miller made a motion to approve the 2023 Master Plan Re- examination report. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Carrow made a motion to accept Mr. Jared Marandino's resignation effective 2/13/24; Mr. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor

Disbursements Resolution No 26-24 - Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve Resolution 26-24 and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV: 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 7:56 PM.

Toni L. Van Camp, Clerk