

Regular Meeting
October 12, 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 and fire statistics for the month of September. Council Renzi commended Larry Holdcraft for being named officer of the month.

Finance Chair- Mr. Carrow advised council that he would like council to recognize life time resident, Ralston "Hop" Edwards. Mr. Carrow noted that he is well known for his wood carvings that he has been doing since 1982. He has won several awards. He carved the state bird, which is a gold finch for the Borough. Council discussed where to display this piece of art and possibly purchasing a new case to be placed along side of the old one in the meeting room. It was agreed that Mr. Edwards would be invited to the next meeting and a proclamation would read to honor him.

Grants/Economic Development/ Communication and Information

Technology Chair-Mrs. Marandino reported that due to the predicted stormy weather, a difficult decision was required, and the Newfield Day festival and parade were canceled to keep all residents, vendors and participants safe. They had a great turn out for the chicken dinners and the off-premise chicken dinner tickets are good until October 21.

Council Marandino advised the special events committee are currently working on the following:

Tickets are on sale for the Fall décor fundraiser. Each \$10. Ticket is for a voucher redeemable at Huffman Farms until October 31.

November coat drive will be from October 28-November 17. Residents are asked to drop off gently worn coats, scarves, hats and gloves for those in need at Borough Hall.

Santa Comes to Town in conjunction with the Newfield Fire Department, the Special Events Committee will be hosting Santa on December 2. (5PM start time) The Fire Department will escort Santa around town before making his way back to Borough Hall to light up the building. Santa will be available to meet the children and hand out small gifts. There will also be refreshments served.

Holiday Decorating Contest will begin on Saturday, November 25. Voting will begin December 4 and last through Friday December 22.

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the November coat Drive, Santa Comes to Town and Holiday Decorating Contest. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mrs. Marandino advised that the Special Events Committee decided on a rain date for Newfield Day 2024, which will be October 6, 2024. Mr. Corwonski made a motion to approve the 2024 Newfield Day rain date. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Water- Mr. Corwonski had no report. Mr. Nicholson, Licensed Water Operator reported that the DEP is conducting an inspection of our water system on Tuesday.

License & Inspection/Health & Welfare – Mr. Linton reported that 9 permits were issued for \$1,087 for the month of September.

Recycling and Trash/ Buildings, Grounds, Roads Chair- Mr. Miller reported that the road department will be collecting leaves curb side beginning October 23 and the last day will be December 3. The recycling facility will be open for bulk items on November 4 from 8:00am-12:00 noon.

Solicitor's Report-Solicitor Moustakas advised he prepared the Franklin Easement and once it is adopted, he will record the easement at the county.

Solicitor Moustakas reported that he is currently working on updating the personnel manual and thanked the clerk and deputy clerk for their assistance with this major undertaking.

Engineer's Report - Mr. Johnson reported that South State will be installing leeching pits on Rena Street which will cost \$19,000. Mr. Johnson advised that he was working on the design and drawing approval, they will be able to do the installation of the pits and then the paving.

Mr. Johnson reported that he is currently working on the drawings for Franking curb cut in accordance with the easement.

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

Approval of Minutes from:

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the minutes from September 14, 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 -none

New Business :

Resolution NO.79-23 A RESOLUTION CREATING AN EASMENT ON FRANKLIN STREET-Mr. Miller made a motion to approve resolution 79-23. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Resolution NO.80-23 A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD HAS REVIEWED THE ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT FOR 2022. Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution 80-23. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried. Mayor extended a thank you to all of the employees, for a job well done.

ORDINANCE 2023-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 135 THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD ENTITLED "FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION." Mr. Miller made a motion to approve ordinance 2023-12 on first reading. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried. Public hearing will be held November 9.

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the approve Master Plan re-examination report proposal submitted by James A. Miller in the amount of \$3,500. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the Raffle Licenses Applications submitted by the Grandparents Association of Edgarton Academy. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Raffle Application# 326 to be held December 1, 2023, 5-11PM

Raffle Application #327 to be held March 22, 2024 from 4-8PM

Public Participation - Mr. Carrow 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. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Disbursements- Resolution NO. 81-23- Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution 81-23. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Resolution #82-23 EXECUTIVE SESSION Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution 82-23. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Corwonski made a motion to close the executive session and reopen the meeting to the public and seconded by Mr. Carrow. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was reopened to the public at 8:10PM

Mr. Carrow made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to send a sign off letter of the borough's interest to the cell tower company, Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All In Favor. By sending the letter now, the borough will be within the ninety-day guideline.

Meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Mr. Carrow and seconded by Mr. Miller at 8:15PM. All in favor.

Toni L. Van Camp, Clerk