

Regular Council Meeting
March 14, 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: Mayor Grova, Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, Mrs. Marandino, and Miss Renzi.
Absent: Mr. Curcio. Also present was Mr. John Moustakas, Solicitor and Engineer, Wayne

Committee Reports

Public Safety Chair- Miss Renzi provided the monthly police and fire report to Borough Council and noted that Jessie Miller was named Officer of the month.

Finance Chair- Mr. Carrow noted that he has a budget meeting with Mrs. VanCamp to begin the budget process on Wednesday.

Grants/Economic Development/ Communication and Information

Technology Chair-Mrs. Marandino received a quote for fireworks for the Borough for the Centennial and the cost is \$12,000 for fifteen minutes. Recreation Commission was going to approach Mr. Leshay and ask him if the Borough could use his field to set off the fire works.

Mrs. Marandino advised that we are under contract with Finalsight for 700 signups at a cost of \$1300. Mrs. Marandino suggested to review the list to see what could be eliminated because the list still continues to be updated and names are continuing to be added.

Mrs. Marandino advised that she will contact Atlantic Electric contact regarding the conversion of streetlights to LEDs.

Mrs. Marandino reported that The Special Events Committee needs approval on the following activities:

- ***Movies in the Park*** was approved for Friday, May 31st (or June 7th) as an alternate date. However, neither of the two dates were available and the event has been scheduled for Friday, July 26th with a rain date Saturday July 27th. The movie will be Trolls Band Together.
- **In cooperation with Daily Fitness (106 Conwell Avenue), the Recreation Committee will be hosting a *Bunny Burn* group workout fundraiser on Saturday, May 30th with three 45-minute time slots at 7 AM, 8 AM, and 9 AM (maximum 15 participants per class). The cost will be \$20, and all proceeds will go toward future recreation events in the Borough.**

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the special events and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Water- Mr. Corwonski reported that a shade tree meeting will be scheduled within the next two weeks.

Recycling and Trash/ Buildings, Grounds, Roads Chair- Mr. Miller reported that recycling will be postponed from Friday 3/29 to April 1, 2024. The County will have their

Hazardous Collection Day on 4/13 at the Solid Waste facility. The Recycling facility will be open April 3 from 6PM- 8PM and June 5 from 6PM- 8PM and then after that every other month the recycling facility will then be open every other month. Leaf and limb collection begin on April 2. The tire amnesty program is until the end of the month and each resident is permitted 10 tires that they can bring to the facility in Clayton.

Solicitor's Report- Solicitor Moustakas advised he has items to discuss in executive session.

Engineer's Report-

Engineer's Report- Mr. Johnson reported that a resolution is on the agenda this evening requesting an extension for the award for Franklin Street. Mr. Johnson noted that we plan to advertise April 30, 2024 and award June 6, 2024.

Mr. Johnson advised there are issues with Well #5 and it's been reported that the lead vessels in each train are experiencing elevated pressure differentials. The pressure increases are historically a result of iron sediment build up. If we could enter into a shared service agreement with Vineland, possibly we could utilize LSA tanker trucks and backwash into the tanker trucks under the authority of Landis Sewage Authority. WRT advised they would charge us \$25,000 for this service. Mr. Johnson advised he would reach out to Bill Quigley former employee of LSA,

Mr. Johnson advised that he is currently working on the water audit which is due by end of the month and Mr. Johnson also discussed Sandy Drive reconstruction and the possibility of having sufficient time to complete the design with the October Award deadline. The water services need to be replaced on Sandy drive prior to the paving reconstruction. It should be put out to bid using the same specifications that were used for Rena and Franklin Street. There are approximately 36 services at an estimate of \$2,500 per service or \$90,000. Rena and Franklin replacement costs were approximately \$56,000 for 24 services.

Public Participation - Mr. Carrow made motion to open the meeting to the public and 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. Mrs. Marandino seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from:

February 8, 2024 Work Session and Regular Meeting and Tax Collectors Report. -Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the February 8, minutes and Tax collectors report. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Old Business - none

New Business

Resolution NO. 27-24 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING A THREE-MONTH AWARD EXTENSION WITH THE NJDOT FOR THE FRANKLIN STREET PROJECT-Mrs. Marandino made a motion to adopt Resolution 27-24 and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO COMCAST OF SOUTH JERSEY, LLC TO CONSTRUCT, CONNECT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEWFIELD, GLOUCESTER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

-Mrs. Marandino made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-1 on first reading and Miss Renzi seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried. Public hearing will be held April 11.

1) Mercantile application: Parabellum Tattoo 3 North East Blvd. 2) Mercadito Mendez Produce and Fruit Market 8 North West Avenue. Mr. Corwonski made a motion to approve the two mercantile licenses and Mr. Carrow seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried

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

The owner of 115 Fawn Drive addressed Mayor and Council. She advised council that she purchased the home in 2022 and is in the process of renovating the home. She requested a turnoff of her water during the summer of 2023 due to a plumbing issue. A detailed email was sent to Mayor and Borough Council addressing the issues. Mr. Moustakas advised that he will gather all of the facts and try to have an answer for her once this is accomplished.

A representative of the Newfield Swim club addressed council about the possibility of subdividing property owned by the Swim Club. Council directed her to the Planning Zoning Board. Mrs. Hyder reminded the representative that she spoke with her and advised that she would provide her with information regarding what the swim club intends to do with the property. This will determine what applications are needed.

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

Disbursements- Resolution NO. 28-24 Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the disbursements and Miss Renzi seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Resolution NO 29- 24 EXECUTIVE SESSION- Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the executive session resolution and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

The meeting reopened to the public from the executive session at 9:00PM

Mr. Corwonski announced that he was scheduling a Shade Tree meeting on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 and asked the clerk to advertise.

Meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Mr. Corwonski and seconded by Mr. Miller. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM

Toni L. Van Camp, Clerk

