

Regular Meeting

10/10/24

7:00PM

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. Corwonski, Miss Renzi and Mrs. Engle and Mr. Curcio. Absent: Mr. Miller. Also present was Solicitor Moustakas and Engineer, Wayne Johnson.

Committee Reports

Public Safety Chair- Mrs. Engle provided council with the police and fire reports for the month of September. Mrs. Engle announced that Cody Elliot was named Officer of the month. Mayor Grova thanked the Chief Decesari and the Franklinville police officers for the great job they did on Newfield Day.

Finance Chair- Mr. Carrow advised that the Special Committee had a meeting to discuss the Fire company#1 memorial. Mr. Carrow proposed it to be 4 feet x 8 feet of marble and granite, encased by brick on each side, which will be constructed in front of the Senior Center. This will accommodate names of prior members and current surviving members. This will allow all of the names to be engraved plus an additional 12-18 names to be added.. Next year pavers and benches and lighting can be added to the site. There is \$9,400 remaining in the bond, but additional funding is needed. Mr. Carrow advised there is an old fire department bond, which has \$6,600 in unexpended funds and plans to use those funds toward this project and the monies will be replaced next year.

Mr. Carrow made a motion to authorize the Fire Company Memorial project #1. Miss. Renzi seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: unanimous. Motion carried.

Grants/Economic Development/ Communication and Information

Technology Chair-Miss Renzi reported the following:

Trick or Treat is being held Saturday October 26th from 2PM to 4PM.

Miss Renzi discussed the Introduction of the Recycle Coach Application. which is a service paid for by the NJDEP provided to the Municipalities of the State at no cost to the Borough. Utilizing this app will help to improve information sharing regarding

Trash Collection, Recycle Collection, Leaf Collection, Limb Collection, Bulk Dump Days, County Hazmat Days, Shred Events and Replacing Damaged Cans.

Miss Renzi noted that this would be a great program for the Borough to utilize to help share the information. We will connect a link on the website to help get the word out to residents and send a one call message. The Public Works Supervisor will add Miss Renzi as an administrator to the Recycle Coach App program..

Water- Mr. Corwonski reported that they would like to remove the grates on the tree in the downtown district and fill in with mulch. Councilman Corwonski reported that Mrs. White is going to borrow the key to the gate at the Library fence to water the trees.



License & Inspection/Health & Welfare – Mr. Curcio reported that 7 permits were issued for the month of September which totaled \$1,407.

Solicitor's report- Mr. Moustakas reported that after having had an opportunity to discuss the Borough of Wenonah's experience with a similar cellular sale, he wanted to discuss maintenance of the water tower and how it could potentially impact any agreement. He asked if the water tower is due to be repainted and intervals when painting is required. Matthew Lyons advised that Wenonah had an issue where maintenance to their tower was required and it substantially affected all of their profits from the sale of their easement. Specifically, the agreement as written calls for damages if there is any disruption in service. This could potentially occur if the tower had to be re-painted or required regular maintenance.

He noted that this would require a mobile tower to be utilized temporarily until the main tower is again functional. These costs could potentially be assessed against the Borough. Solicitor Moustakas advised he would like to negotiate this out of any agreement that the Borough would sign.

Engineer's Report- Mr. Johnson reported that the wet tap for Rosewood Development is complete. He noted that they were able to save the large oak tree in the process, which is 36 inches in diameter, in the process. The borough will not be responsible for maintaining the tree, the HOA will maintain it. The water service pipe is almost complete. The road was closed safely and there were numerous utilities in the path of the new water main including a 24 inch high pressure gas main for which South Jersey Gas was on site to inspect, 36 inch diameter storm sewer, two small diameter gas lines and a fiber optics.

NJ Futures was sent an executive summary of the problems that currently exist with our water system and are requesting a meeting. Mr. Johnson advised that he would schedule a call to review the Borough's situation. If a letter of agreement is executed by the Borough, which is non binding on the Borough's part, the process will begin. Mr. Johnson advised that WRT contacted him and asked when they were going to get approval to backwash the system. Mr. Johnson advised that we need a short term and a long term solution. We can not utilize the well more than one day a week. South State will be contacted again to finalize the work on Rena Street. The work is progressing on Franklin Street with cul de sac construction continuing.

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

Mr. Corwonski made a motion to approve the Minutes from :September 12, 2024 Work Session and Regular Meeting, and Tax Collectors Report. Miss Renzi seconded the motion. Roll Call  
Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Carrow left the meeting at 7:30 PM.

**Old Business- none**

**New Business:**

**Resolution No 69-24 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BUS STOPS-Mr. Corwonski made a motion to adopt resolution No. 69-24. Miss Renzi seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous.**

**RESOLUTION #70-24 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING PART TIME LABORERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD- Mr. Corwonski made a motion to adopt resolution No. 69-24. Miss Renzi seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous.**

Best Practices Inventory-Mr. Corwonski made a motion to approve the best practices inventory. Mrs. Engle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

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Disbursements No. 71-24 **Mr. Corwonski made a motion to adopt resolution No. 69-24. Miss Renzi seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous.**

Adjournment Mr. Corwonski made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Miss Renzi seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Toni L. Van Camp, Clerk