Regular Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2026
7:00 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: Mr. Carrow, Mr. Corwonski, Mrs. Engle, Mr. Curcio and Mr. Miller. Absent: Miss Renzi. Also present was Solicitor Moustakas and Engineer, Wayne Johnson.

Mayor advised that at this time in the meeting they were going to do two appointments.

Fire Department appointments- Mrs. Engle made a motion to appoint Dylan Gentile to the Newfield Fire Department and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in favor. Mayor Grova administered the oath of office.

Shade Tree appointment- Mr. Carrow made a motion to appoint Kim Corda as an alternate member of the Shade Tree Commission. Mrs. Engle seconded the motion. All in favor. Mayor Grova administered the oath of office.

Committee Reports:

Public Safety Chair- Mayor Grova provided council with the police statistics for the month of April. Chief Decesari advised that "Cone with a Cop" will be held in the Borough of Newfield on May 19 from 5PM – 7PM
Mayor Grova advised that Gloucester County Assessors are reassessing all properties in the Borough of Newfield. The purpose of the reassessment is to ensure uniform and equitable assessments. A revaluation program seeks to spread the tax burden equitably within a municipality. Real property must be assessed at the same standard of value to ensure that every property owner is paying his or her fair share of the property tax. The work for the reassessment will begin within the next couple of weeks and will continue ongoing throughout 2026.

Finance Chair- Mr. Carrow advised council that the 2026 Municipal budget is on the agenda this evening for public hearing and adoption and has a 0 per cent increase. The school increase if 5.2 percent increase.

Grants/Economic Development- Mrs. Engle had no report

Water- Mr. Curcio advised council that the tank is finally drained in which it took eight hours and they are currently working on a discharge permit so that we can backwash three or four times a year.

License & Inspection/Health & Welfare – Mr. Miller reported that 13 permits were issued for the month of April totaling $1825.00.

Recycling and Trash/ Buildings, Grounds, Roads Chair- Mr. Corwonski had no report.

Solicitor's Report- Mr. Moustakas reported that on April 17 the borough held a public auction on properties no longer need in the borough for purpose. A bid was received from Henry Papino T/A Blue Flame LLC in the amount of $40,000. For the Gorgo Lane property Block 1000, Lot 20 which is less than the minimum sales price that the borough was asking. Council was in agreement to accept the offer. Resolution No55-26 will be added to the agenda.

Mr. Moustakas advised that he is working on the tree removal ordinance for the next meeting.

Engineer's Report- Mr. Johnson reported that Well 5 Emergency Backwash Frac Tank was drained on April 25, 2026 on the authorization given by NJDEP. The NJF contracted Suburban Consulting Engineers hydrogeologist to conduct the drain.

Mr. Johnson reported that Rena Street final payment verification was received a and we are working on a close out of that project.

Mr. Johnson reported that we are reissuing the resolution to award the bid for Sandy Drive to Arawak who was the low bidder in the amount of $271,000 as per the NJDOT requirements.

Mr. Johnson reported that he is working with Mr. Nicholson on the water allocation permit. The state is trying to reduce our water allocation because we no longer have the industrial demand.

Mr. Johnson advised that he has to do a formal withdrawal of theleaf compost grant with the state and is currently working on that matter.

Mr. Johanson advised that he was contacted by ACE recently and they are scheduling line work on their 138 KV transmission line. It seems to skirt the norther boundary of the Borough. The work will evolve helicopters to deliver workers and materials to the existing structures.

Mr. Johnson advised that he would follow-up with that list of demands in the letter from the LSA in order for a resolution to be created.

Bill Perna Representative from the County advised he would forward the information regarding the ACE work to the County.

Public Participation - Mr. Corwonski made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Mrs. Engle seconded the motion. All in favor. No one in the public addressed council. Mr. Miller 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 Work Session Meeting and Regular Meeting minutes from April 9, 2026 and Tax Collectors Report. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Old Business-Public Hearing and Adoption of ordinance 2026-5 ORDINANCE NO. 2026-5 BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER CALENDAR YEAR 2026 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)-Mr. Carrow made a motion to open the public hearing 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 hearing and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in favor. Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt ordinance 2026-5 and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous Motion carried.

Public Hearing on 2026 Municipal Budget-Mr. Carrow made a motion to open the public hearing on the 2026 municipal budget. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in favor. No one in the public commented on the 2026 municipal budget. Mr. Carrow made a motion to close the public hearing and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Rall in favor.

Resolution No 48-26 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2026 BUDGET - Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt the 2026 Municipal Budget. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous Motion carried.

New Business:

Resolution No 49- 26 CANCEL GRANT RECEIVABLE AND UNEXPENDED IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATION- Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt resolution No 49-26. Mrs. Engle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Resolution No 50-26 STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM LIMIT MEDICAL PLANS OFFERED Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt resolution No 50-26. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 51-26 2026 SALARIES Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt resolution No 51-26. Mrs. Engle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 52-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION FEE REIMBURSEMENT Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt resolution No 49-2 Mr. Curcio seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 53-26 NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF LOCAL AID AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD STATE AID PROJECT Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt resolution No 49-26 Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

Disbursements- Resolution N0 54-26 Mr. Carrow made a motion to adopt resolution No 49-26. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 55-26 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BLOCK 1000, LOT 20 ON THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD TAX MAP, ALSO KNOWN AS GORGO LANE, OWNED BY THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD AND NO LONGER NEEDED FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOCAL LANDS AND BUILDINGS LAW, TO HENRY PAPIANO FOR THE SUM OF FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($40,000.00)- Mrs. Engle made a motion to adopt Resolution No 55-26 and Mr. Carrow seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Resolution No 56-2026 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE A CONTRACT WITH MACH 4 LLC d/b/a TOWN NEXUS FOR WEBSITE DESIGN AND CONSULTING SERVICES- Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve resolution No 56-26 and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Carrow advised that at the last meeting the purchase of banner flags were approved in the amount of $1500, but the cost was $700. Additional. And would like council's permission to expend the monies for the 250th celebration of our country. Mr. Curcio made a motion to approve the additional monies and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous.

Mr. Curcio made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Toni L. Van camp, Clerk