

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 9, 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, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Grova, Mr. Carrow, Mr. Corwonski, Miss Renzi, Mrs. Engle, Mr. Miller

Absent: Mr. Curcio Also Present: Solicitor, John Moustakas, Engineer, Wayne, Wayne Johnson

Committee Reports

Public Safety Chair

Chief Decesari announced that National Night Out will be held on August 4, 2026 on Pennsylvania Avenue. The event will include a barbecue, and Newfield National Bank will sponsor the fireworks finale.

The Mayor provided Council with the June 2026 police statistics and announced that Matt Flynn was named *Officer of the Month*.

Finance Chair

Mr. Carrow reported that although the Borough had a zero increase in local taxes, the County imposed a 1.4-cent increase, and the school district imposed a 10.6-cent increase, resulting in a total increase of 12 cents.

Mr. Miller arrived at 7:05 PM.

Grants / Economic Development- Mrs. Engle had no report.

Communication & Information Technology Chair -Miss Renzi reported ongoing updates to the Recycle Coach app and the One Call system. She advised that 240 phone numbers that are in the One Call system are invalid or do not answer Robo-Calls and should be removed.

License & Inspection / Health & Welfare- Mr. Miller reported 18 permits issued, totaling \$18,315 for the month of June.

Recycling & Trash / Buildings, Grounds, Roads Chair-. Mr. Corwonski reported that the Road Department employees did an excellent job picking up storm debris.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Moustakas advised that the Green Acres property previously discussed contains a gas easement. He instructed the representatives to submit a proposal. Negotiations may take 12–18 months, and Council agreed.

He noted that a meeting with Rosewood officials may occur next Friday at the site. The Borough is awaiting a response from their attorney.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Johnson reported:

- The Borough is waiting for contracts from Arawak for Sandy Drive; once received, a pre-construction meeting will be scheduled.
- The Water Allocation Permit will be submitted by August 31. The State is attempting to limit the Borough's water allocation.
- The Municipal Aid Resolution for Hazel Avenue and Church Street is on the agenda for Council consideration.

Mr. Carrow emphasized that future development—including a bar/restaurant, 20 homes in the Rosewood development, and a potential 30-home development behind the pool—requires maintaining the Borough's current water allocation.

Public Participation

Motion to open the meeting was made by Mr. Carrow and seconded by Mrs. Engle. All in favor. There were no public comments. Motion to close was made by Mr. Carrow; seconded: Mr. Corwonski. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes & Reports

Motion by Mr. Carrow to approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes, Regular Meeting Minutes from June 11, 2026, and the Tax Collector's Report. Seconded by Mrs. Engle. Roll Call Vote Motion carried.

Business

ORDINANCE NO. 20026-7 ORDINANCE CONFIRMING AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LANDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOCAL LANDS AND BUILDINGS LAW FOR BLOCK 100, LOT 20 (GORGO LANE) IN THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Motion to open public hearing: Mr. Carrow; seconded: Mrs. Engle. All in favor. No public comments. Motion to close public hearing: Mr. Carrow; seconded: Mr. Corwonski. All in favor. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-7: Mr. Carrow; seconded: Miss Renzi; .Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2026-8 ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 82 THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, ENTITLED "TREE REMOVAL, PROTECTION AND REPLACEMENT" Motion to open public hearing: Mr. Carrow; seconded: Mr. Corwonski. All in favor. No public comments. Motion to close public hearing: Mr. Carrow; seconded: Mr. Miller. All in favor. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-8: Mr. Carrow; seconded: Mr. Corwonski. Roll; Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

New Business

The Mayor asked if Council received the letter from the Kavanaugh's explaining their bid and plans for the building. Council had no questions.

Resolution No 64-26 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BLOCK 101, LOTS 3 and 4 ON THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD TAX MAP, ALSO KNOWN AS 2-4 NORTHWEST BOULEVARD, 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 (N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq.), TO MICHAEL KAVANAUGH AND LORI KAVANAUGH FOR THE SUM OF TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000.00)The Kavanaugh's plan to open a restaurant/bar in the old Borough Hall and demolish the old dance studio for parking.

Motion to approve: Mr. Carrow; seconded: Mrs. Engle; .Roll Call Vote: Unanimous.

Resolution No 65-26 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE GRACE PERIOD FOR THE THIRD QUARTER INSTALLMENT OF TAXES-Motion to approve: Mr. Carrow; seconded: Mr. Corwonski; .Roll Call Vote: Unanimous.

RESOLUTION NO. 66-26 CANCEL GRANT RECEIVABLE AND UNEXPENDED IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATION Motion to approve: Mr. Carrow; seconded: Mr. Corwonski; .Roll Call Vote: Unanimous.

RESOLUTION NO 67-26 APPROVAL TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE S HAZEL AVENUE AND S. CHURCH STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. Motion to approve: Mr. Corwonski; seconded: Mrs. Engle. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous.

Ordinance No. 2026-9 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD ORDINANCE CONFIRMING AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LANDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOCAL LANDS AND BUILDINGS LAW FOR BLOCK 100, LOT 20, 2-4 NORTHWEST BOULEVARD IN THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY. Motion to approve on first reading: Miss Renzi; seconded: Mr. Corwonski. Public hearing scheduled for August 13. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-10 AN ORDINANCE BY BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD IN COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF ANY CLASS OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES. Motion to approve on first reading: Miss Renzi; seconded: Mr. Corwonski. Public hearing scheduled for August 13. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Public Participation (Second Session) Motion to open the meeting was made by Mr. Carrow and seconded by Mr. Miller. All in favor.

Amy Meddings of 6 Greenwood Ave asked if it was normal for council members to be on their phones during the meeting. It was explained that they have their council notes on their phones instead of bringing their tablets, they have their notes in their phones. Motion to close: Mr. Corwonski; seconded: Mrs. Engle All in favor.

Disbursements – Resolution No 68-26 Motion to approve: Mr. Carrow; seconded: Mrs. Engle;. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous.

- Trick-or-Treat & Costume Parade Saturday, October 31, 2–4 PM at Borough Hall. No rain date scheduled.
- Winter Clothing & Blanket Drive Collection bin at Borough Hall from Monday, November 2 through Friday, November 20.
- Holiday Decorating Contest Registration opens Monday, November 30 and remains open through Sunday, December 20. Voting opens Monday, December 21 and closes Sunday, January 3. Online registration available; hard copies at Borough Hall.
- Annual Santa Event Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, December 5. Coordination with the Fire Department is pending. Councilwoman Renzi will confirm partnership with the Fire Chief. Santa's availability has been confirmed.
- Community Play Date Rescheduled due to the heat wave. New date: Wednesday, July 29, 6–7 PM at the Senior Center. Set-up begins at 5:15 PM.
- Movies in the Park Scheduled for Friday, August 7 at 8 PM.
- Music in the Grove Planned for Saturday, August 29, 7–9 PM. The date has previously been discussed and approved by Council.

Mr. Corwonski made a motion to approve the Recreation dates; Mrs. Engle seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Carrow; seconded: Mr. Corwonski. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Toni L. Van Camp, Clerk