

**BOROUGH OF CLAYTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2024 – 6:30 PM
MINUTES**

The Regular Council meeting of the Borough of Clayton was called to order with Mayor Bianco presiding.

Invocation was given, followed by the flag salute.

ROLL CALL: Rollo here, Vondran here, Simon here, Saban here, Moorhouse here, Chapes here, Mayor Bianco here

Notice of Time and Date for this meeting appeared in Resolution 14-24 of the annual schedule of meetings for the year 2024, dated January 4, 2024, which was published in the Sentinel Newspaper and the South Jersey Times. Copies are also posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building in compliance with the Sunshine Law.

SUNSHINE LAW:

- A. Posting written notice on the Official Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building.
- B. Mailing written notice to the South Jersey Times and the Sentinel.
- C. Filing written notice with the Clerk of the Borough of Clayton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Work Session meeting 1/25/2024
M/Simon S/Moorhouse (All)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VETERAN AFFAIRS / HISTORIC – Councilman Rollo – Veterans meeting was cancelled due to the snow. Historic discussed cap improvements. Check out the display cabinet in borough hall show casing the last 50 years of elections.

PUBLIC SAFETY/MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE/SP EVENTS – Councilwoman Vondran – Special Events will meet next Tuesday. Police Report for January was given.

FINANCE / SCHOOL AFFAIRS– Councilman Simon – Finance – no report. Schools – Plans for Haupt field are underway. They would like the input of the Historic Committee and Councilman Rollo.

PUBLIC WORKS / PUBLIC BLDGS / JIF – Councilman Saban – Reminder to complete the Elected Officials training for JIF. Public Works report for January was given. Construction report for January was given.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / PARK & REC – Councilwoman Moorhouse – Economic Development is setting up a meeting for March-April timeframe. Park & Rec. – Meeting for Community Garden was well attended with 15-20 attendees. March they will start

the plantings. The Coin drop information was relayed to the members. Working on a grant for cameras and playground equipment. Sign ups for Spring will be the 1st Sunday in March.

ENVIRONMENTAL / BOARD OF HEALTH – Councilman Chapes – Board of Health – no report. Environmental Commission – water pipe leaking at the park. Poison Ivy is still an issue.

OTHER REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATOR – Sue Miller - none
BOROUGH CLERK – Christine Newcomb – Rabies Clinic is April 6th
ENGINEER – Mark Brunermer – E. High – punchlist items. Preconstruction meeting for Cenco Blvd was held. Start date of March 4th. Coyle Road design is underway. Well #6 is offline for repairs. Should be up and running soon. DEP gave approval for Water Main Replacement on N. Delsea Drive.
SOLICITOR – Timothy Scaffidi - none
MAYOR – Tom Bianco - none

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter – DEP – Permit received for Water Main replacement on N. Delsea Drive

APPLICATIONS:

None

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 1-2024 – CALENDAR YEAR 2024 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (NJSA 40A:4-45.14) FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER

OPEN TO PUBLIC

M/Simon S/Moorhouse (All)

CLOSE TO PUBLIC

M/Vondran S/Chapes (All)

MOTION to Adopt

M/Rollo S/Saban

ROLL CALL: Rollo yes, Vondran yes, Simon yes, Saban yes, Moorhouse yes, Chapes yes

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

INTRODUCTION OF **ORDINANCE 3-2024** – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 80 OF THE CODE BOOK OF THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON TO BE ENTITLED “PRIVATELY OWNED SALT STORAGE”

INTRODUCTION OF **ORDINANCE 4-2024** – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 88, STORM WATER CONTROL, ARTICLE XII, REPEALING SECTIONS

85-95 TO 88-105.3 AND ADOPTING NEW SECTIONS 88-95 TO 88-104 OF THE CODE BOOK OF THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON

INTRODUCTION OF **ORDINANCE 5-2024** – AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON AND INSPIRA HEALTH NETWORK, INC.

INTRODUCTION OF **ORDINANCE 6-2024** – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 74. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, ARTICLE III. ABANDONED AND VACANT PROPERTY OF THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON

INTRODUCTION OF **ORDINANCE 7-2024** – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 53, DOGS AND CATS, ARTICLE IV, TRAP AND NEUTER VACCINATE RELEASE (TNVR) OF THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON

M/Saban S/Simon

ROLL CALL: Rollo yes, Vondran yes, Simon yes, Saban yes, Moorhouse yes, Chapes yes

RESOLUTIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA: The items listed below are considered to be routine by the Borough of Clayton and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, then an item or items will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

RESOLUTION 46-24 – AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND VOUCHERS

RESOLUTION 47-24 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON AND THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER – CDBG – ADA Bleachers and Sunshade

RESOLUTION 48-24 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON AND THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER – CDBG – ADA Entry Doors

RESOLUTION 49-24 – AWARDING CONTRACT FOR THE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS OF WEST LINDEN STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON TO SOUTH STATE, LLC

RESOLUTION 50-24 – AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT BY AN INDIVIDUAL FOR TAX YEAR 2024

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RESOLUTION **55-24** – AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT BY A TITLE COMPANY FOR TAX YEAR 2024

RESOLUTION **56-24** – AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION FOR THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON – Potential Land Purchase / Personnel

RESOLUTION **57-24** – AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH MUNI REG TO CONDUCT VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION

RESOLUTION **58-24** – AUTHORIZING VACANT LAND SALE OF CERTAIN BLOCK AND LOT WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION **59-24** – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON AND 3-DIMENSIONAL PHYSICAL THERAPY TO PROVIDE FUNCTIONAL STRENGTH/BALANCE CLASSES FOR SENIORS AT THE CLAYTON SENIOR CENTER

RESOLUTION **60-24** – RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY REFERRING CERTAIN MATTERS TO THE CLAYTON PLANNING BOARD FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26

MOTION to approve Resolutions 46-24 through 60-24
M/Moorhouse S/Chapes

ROLL CALL: Rollo yes, Vondran yes, Simon yes, Saban yes, Moorhouse yes, Chapes yes

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION to offer Omari Clark the position of Patrolman pending pre-employment testing and labor attorney recommendation
M/Vondran S/Simon

ROLL CALL: Rollo yes, Vondran yes, Simon yes, Saban yes, Moorhouse yes, Chapes yes

To Participate in the Public Portion of the meeting, please use the standing microphone. Each member of the public will be asked to identify themselves by stating their name and address for the record. Additionally, there is a 5-minute time limit for each speaker

OPEN TO PUBLIC

M/Simon S/Moorhouse (All)

Jeanne Schoellkopf – 340 Aura Road – asked about the water fountain at Borough Hall. Donna explained that the new bottle filling station will be installed where the fountain used to be. Jeanne asked if the sign at Sandelier Park be restored? She picks up trash along Delsea Drive. The dumpster at borough hall is not be sanitized per the contract. She asked when the Neighborhood Watch will begin again? Chief Davis advised that it will begin the 2nd Wednesday in March. Jeanne added that the door at the police department needs to be sanded and painted. Jeanne asked if there was a time limit on requirements from Planning Board approvals. Dunkin Donuts was supposed to have pine trees along drive thru as a buffer for neighboring residents. They have cut the trees down. Mark Brunermer advised that they should maintain what was approved. It falls under property maintenance.

Michael Grigorean– 720 W. Academy – working with DEP regarding the pumping of water into street. Mayor Bianco asked him for his contact information for further discussion.

CLOSE TO PUBLIC

M/Vondran S/Chapes (All)

MOTION to go into Closed Session

M/Vondran S/Chapes (All)

MOTION to go into Open Session

M/Vondran S/Moorhouse (All)

OPEN TO COUNCIL:

Councilwoman Moorhouse would like Steve Kozachyn to attend the next meeting to discuss bees.

Mayor Bianco wants to increase the fines for solicitors knocking on doors without a permit. Also post notice on all venues.

MOTION to approve

M/Rollo S/Chapes (All)

MOTION TO ADJOURN

M/Vondran S/Saban (All)

Submitted by:



Christine Newcomb
Municipal Clerk