

**BOROUGH OF CLAYTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 13, 2023 – 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 14-23 of the annual schedule of meetings for the year 2023, dated January 5, 2023, 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.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation Honoring Paul Bryant was presented to the Bryant family
M/Saban S/Simon (All)

Councilman Simon advised that the 2023 Municipal Budget is being introduced tonight. There is a 3.9 cent increase for this year. The average household assessed value of \$155,454 would see an increase of \$68 annually. The public hearing on the budget will be held on May 11, 2023 at 6:30pm

RESOLUTION 81.1-23 INTRODUCTION OF THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
M/Simon S/Saban

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Council meeting 3/9/23
M/Simon S/Chapes (All)

Regular Work Session meeting 3/23/23
M/Simon S/Moorhouse (All)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VETERAN AFFAIRS / HISTORIC – Councilman Rollo – no report. Historic Committee member Ed Field passed away at 99 years old.

PUBLIC SAFETY/MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE/SP EVENTS – Councilwoman Vondran – Police Report for March was given. Special Events is working on Clayton Day. Two new fire department vehicles were received.

FINANCE / SCHOOL AFFAIRS– Councilman Simon – School – Haupt field project is going well. On track to finish before graduation. Finance – Introduced budget.

PUBLIC WORKS / PUBLIC BLDGS / JIF – Councilman Saban – Public Works report for March was given. Construction reports for March are on file. New leafer received. Shred Event on 4/22/23 from 2-5:00

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / PARK & REC – Councilwoman Moorhouse – Little League opening day is 4/15/23. 4/22 is Earth Day.

ENVIRONMENTAL / BOARD OF HEALTH – Councilman Chapes – Environmental – leaf collection is finishing up this month. Poison Ivy is still an issue at Autumn Pasquale Park. Welcome to Clayton signs needs some cleaning up. 5/20/23 is the Clean up of the Parade Route. Meet at Acme at 9:00am

OTHER REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATOR – Sue Miller - none

BOROUGH CLERK – Christine Newcomb – Dog Clinic report was given.

ENGINEER – Mark Brunermer – E. High Street project is at DOT for processing. Cenco Blvd project is also at DOE for processing. W. Linden Street project is in design for water main and curbing needs.

SOLICITOR – Timothy Scaffidi – recommended that the Borough hire Keith Bonchi for the In-Rem foreclosures.

MAYOR – Tom Bianco – no report

Councilwoman Vondran added that Bonnie Streitz passed away. Services are all Barclays.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter of Resignation – Christina Thompson, Police Records Clerk
M/Simon S/Chapes

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

APPLICATIONS:

None

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 9-2023 – AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON MAYOR AND COUNCIL AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL SECTION 88-57.1; TO ADOPT NEW SECTIONS 88:57.1 THROUGH 88.57.12; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

OPEN TO PUBLIC

M/Vondran S/Saban (All)

CLOSE TO PUBLIC

M/Vondran S/Chapes (All)

MOTION to Adopt

M/Vondran S/Saban

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

ORDINANCE 10-2023 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PARK AND RECREATION FIELD AND FACILITIES USAGE POLICY AND FEE SCHEDULE

OPEN TO PUBLIC

M/Simon S/Moorhouse (All)

CLOSE TO PUBLIC

M/Chapes S/Moorhouse (All)

MOTION to Adopt

M/Moorhouse S/Chapes

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

ORDINANCE 11-2023 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS, ARTICLE I. ENFORCEMENT; GENERAL PENALTY, SECTION 1.1, ENFORCING OFFICERS, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON

OPEN TO PUBLIC

M/Simon S/Saban (All)

CLOSE TO PUBLIC

M/Saban S/Chapes (All)

MOTION to Adopt

M/Saban S/Moorhouse

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

ORDINANCE 12-2023 – AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE BOOK OF THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON (PARKS AND RECREATION ESCROW ACCOUNT)

OPEN TO PUBLIC

M/Moorhouse S/Saban (All)

CLOSE TO PUBLIC
M/Chapes S/Moorhouse (All)

MOTION to Adopt
M/Simon S/Chapes

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:
None

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 82-23 – AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND VOUCHERS

RESOLUTION 83-23 – RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO FORECLOSE ON IN REM TAX CERTIFICATES HELD BY THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON

MOTION to table Resolution 83-23
M/Moorhouse S/Saban

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

RESOLUTION 84-23 – AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE NO. 20-00024 (BLOCK 1804/LOT 12)

RESOLUTION 85-23 – AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE NO. 20-00025 (BLOCK 1804/LOT 13)

RESOLUTION 86-23 – AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PLANNING/ZONING BOARD ESCROW FEES

RESOLUTION 87-23 – AUTHORIZING A VETERANS DEDUCTION FOR TAX YEAR 2023

RESOLUTION 88-23 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON AND PYROTECNICO

RESOLUTION 89-23 – ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE HAZARDOUS DISCHARGE SITE REMEDIATION FUND MUNICIPAL PROGRAM THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

RESOLUTION **90-23** – AUTHORIZING REFUND OF STREET OPENING
INSPECTION ESCROW FEES

RESOLUTION **91-23** – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON AND THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER – CDBG –
Reconstruction of W. Clinton Street

RESOLUTION **92-23** – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON AND THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER – CDBG –
Reconstruction of N. New Street

ADD-ON RESOLUTION **93-23** – AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION FOR THE
BOROUGH COUNCIL – Potential Litigation – Emerson Green

MOTION to approve Resolutions 82-23 and 84-23 through 93-23
M/Simon S/Moorhouse

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION to authorize advertising for Police Records Clerk
M/Moorhouse S/Vondran

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

MOTION to authorize publication of Notice of Intent to Award contract with Sourcewell
Cooperative Purchasing for a pick-up truck for Public Works Dept. and a pick-up for
Water/Sewer Dept.
M/Saban S/Vondran

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/Vondran S/Saban (All)

Jeanne Schoellkopf – 340 Aura Road – advised that the School moved the WWII Veteran
Monument was moved inside the gates at Haupt Field. She asked about the graffiti and
trash at site of old laundromat. Mayor Bianco advised that he has requested that the
owners take care of the graffiti several times.

Nicholas McMillen – 348 N. Pearl Street – advised that drivers are avoiding the traffic light at Academy Street by speeding down N. Pearl Street and going to Center Street. Requested a speed hump in middle of the street. Councilman Simon asked Captain Lauren Franklin for police presence there.

CLOSE TO PUBLIC

M/Vondran S/Chapes (All)

BENEDICTION

Benediction was given by Chaplain Frances

MOTION to go into Closed Session

M/Chapes S/Simon (All)

MOTION to go into Open Session

M/Vondran S/Saban (All)

MOTION TO ADJOURN

M/Vondran S/Saban (All)

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Christine Newcomb".

Christine Newcomb
Municipal Clerk