

Council Meeting

July 9, 2018

7:00 p.m.

The council meeting of Mayor and Council was held on the above date and time with Council members Smith, Dias and DeBenedictis present with Mayor Letterman presiding. Recording Secretary Sue Muncey, Town Foreman Jeff Hurlock, Captain Carl Hutson, Town Solicitor Scott Chambers, Tommy Watts, Tommy Watts Jr., Brian Mast, Charlotte Middleton, Robert C. Johnson, Wayne Gladhill, Rob Wallace, Patrick Gallucci, and Sandra DeLane were also in attendance. Mr. Letterman stated Mr. Carrow was excused from the meeting due to work.

1. **Call to Order** - Mr. Letterman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **Pledge to the Flag** – Mr. Hutson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Resolutions** –

The Mayor presented a Mayoral Proclamation to the Boy Scouts Pack 239 and Troop 239 for their dedication and service beautifying the Town of Clayton Park on Saturday, June 2, 2018. Mr. Mast stated he wanted to propose that the Boy Scouts do a Town Park clean up in the spring and fall.

The Mayor presented a recognition to Patrick Gallucci for the first graduating class of First State Military Academy.

4. **Approval of Minutes** –

Mr. Dias made a motion to accept the Public Hearing minutes from 06/11/18, Council Meeting minutes from 06/11/18, and the Budget Meeting minutes from 06/14/18 in written form. Ms. DeBenedictis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Approval of Income and Expense Report** –

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Income and Expense Report. Mr. Dias seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Communications** – Ms. DeBenedictis read a letter addressed to Mr. Letterman from Comcast dated 06/21/18.

7. **Report of the Chief of Police** – Mr. Hutson stated the department is almost back to full force. They are currently working with funds from the Violent Crime Fund grant received targeting problem areas. There were 56 criminal arrests made in June.

8. **Report of the Town Foreman** – Mr. Hurlock had no report.

9. Report of the Town Solicitor – Mr. Chambers had no report.

10. Report from Inspections/Enforcement – Mr. Hurlock stated the housing market has been very busy.

11. Reports from Members of Council

- a. Report from Electric Committee** – Ms. DeBenedictis had no report. Mr. Hurlock stated we made it through the first heat wave. Mr. Letterman mentioned the PSE&G incident of cutting off power during the heat. Mr. Hurlock stated he wants to review the policy for shutting off power during hot weather. The Town currently has a cold weather policy, but does not have a hot weather policy. We need to re-evaluate. Will contact DEMEC to send out a survey of the other members. Mr. Letterman asked Mr. Hurlock if he knew of any residents where there would be an issue. Mr. Hurlock stated we have had no problems in the past.
- b. Report from Street Committee** – Mr. Smith had no report. Mr. Letterman asked if he was going to set up a meeting in August. Mr. Smith will set up a meeting to discuss paving projects and parking of trailers and recreational vehicles on the street.
- c. Report from Water & Sewer Committee** – Mr. Dias had no report. Mr. Hurlock stated they have been pumping a lot of water. They have been peak shaving. At 398 gallons they are peaked out. Mr. Hurlock stated this will affect the budget. He stated the income will overtake the expense. Mr. Hurlock stated a study needs to be done.
- d. Report from Equipment Committee** – Mr. Smith had no report.
- e. Report from Personnel Committee** – Mr. Letterman stated there is a meeting scheduled for 07/17/18 at 6:30 p.m.
- f. Report from Public Safety Committee** – Mr. Dias had no report.
- g. Report from Budget Committee** – Mr. Smith stated a meeting will be scheduled in August to discuss next year's budget and prepare a draft for a three-year plan.
- h. Report from Economic Development Committee** – Mr. Letterman had no report.
- i. Report from DEMEC** – Ms. DeBenedictis stated the Smyrna Solar Park ribbon cutting ceremony will be held 7/10/18 at 10:00 a.m. This will last about an hour. Ms. DeBenedictis stated we need to keep an eye on Senate Bill 265 and House Bill 480. These are in reference to electric and solar.
- j. Report from Board of Adjustments** – Mr. Hurlock had no report.
- k. Report from Planning & Zoning Committee** – Mr. Hurlock had no report. Mr. Letterman asked if the Comprehensive Plan went to PLUS for review. Mr. Hurlock stated yes.

1. Appeals Board – Mr. Hurlock had no report.

12. Unfinished Business

a. No unfinished business.

13. New Business –

a. No finished business.

14. Public Forum –

a. Charlotte Middleton stated she is running for a seat with District 28 of the House of Representatives. She has been a resident of Delaware for 14 years. She was raised in Philadelphia. She has four children. They are a military family – her family has served. Ms. Middleton has many degrees. She has been involved with community health for 20 years. She is asking everyone to vote on November 6.

b. Wayne Gladhill stated he is a resident of Clayton and New Jersey. On June 20th there was a crime. A car was stolen. First he asked how he could speak for more than three minutes. Mr. Letterman stated he had to fill out a form to be put on the agenda. He stated he does not have a printer to print out the form. Mrs. Muncey stated he could come to the Town Office and complete the form. Mr. Gladhill wanted to know why the community isn't informed of crimes. He wants to know how they can be informed. How are people notified? He stated in New Jersey people are notified via Facebook. He stated in New Jersey he was a part-time police officer and his chief put stuff on Facebook. Mr. Hutson stated an arrest was made on the stolen car incident. Mr. Hutson also stated the Town of Clayton was named the one of the safest cities in 2016. Mr. Gladhill stated this is 2018. Mr. Hutson stated they also received the same recognition in 2018. Mr. Hutson stated he would speak to him after the meeting. Mr. Gladhill stated moving forward the town's people need to be notified reference criminal activity.

15. Adjournment

Mr. Dias made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. DeBenedictis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Recording Secretary,

Sue Muncey