



BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 27, 2023

Mayor Karrow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. announcing that all laws governing Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Karrow stated a notice was provided as required. The annual meeting notice is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk for public inspection.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL:

Councilman Malik Johnston	Absent (Councilman Johnston arrived at 7:05)
Councilman Tony Parker	Present
Councilwoman Elizabeth Rosetti	Present
Councilwoman Susan Engelhardt	Present
Council Vice President Kim Tilly	Present
Council President Jeremy Long	Present
Mayor Marcia Karrow	Present

Also Present:

Carla Conner, Borough Clerk
Chris Corsini, Borough Attorney

MAYOR'S REPORT: Discussion of Best Practices

Mayor Karrow reported that the bid for the new Police building will be posted on the website and newspaper and the Borough is waiting for a letter from the NJDOC. Mayor Karrow also reported there will be a public hearing on November 30, 2023 at 4:00pm for a proposed grant to improve drainage on Academy Street. There will be an Elected Officials Day on Saturday, January 20, 2024 and a rain date of January 27, 2024. Mayor Karrow continued that a resident had attacked the TA, Maureen McIvor stating Ms. McIvor is going after the resident in retaliation. Dog Licensing is part of Ms. McIvor's job and she is not retaliating against anyone.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

COUNCILMAN JOHNSTON:

No report was given.

COUNCILWOMAN ROSETTI:

No report was given.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT TILLY:

Council Vice President Tilly reported thanked people and companies that donated to the Halloween candy drive and thanked everyone who purchased a raffle ticket to support the Flemington Fire Department. Council Vice President Tilly also reported the Holiday Parade will be held Saturday, December 2, 2023 and the Fire Department will be selling hot dogs there. Council Vice President Tilly also congratulated Trent Levitt and Adrienne Fusaro on the election.

COUNCILMAN PARKER:

Councilman Parker reported the December newsletter will be out this week and it will be posted on the website. Councilman Parker also reported there is an fundraiser with NAACP on December 7, 2023 to help raise funds for the food bank in Flemington. Councilman Parker thanked Council President Tilly for her time on Council and how much he learned from her.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LONG:

Council President Long reported the Holiday Parade is Saturday, December 2, 2023 and there were thefts at Ulta and Chimney Rock and the Court is looking to hire two Violations Clerk. Council President Long also reported he attended a Trans Day of Remembrance in front of the County Court House.

COUNCILWOMAN ENGELHARDT:

Councilwoman Englehardt reported the Fleming Museum is having special hours Saturday, December 2, 2023 for a tour and refreshments and St. Magdalen's will have their first annual craft fair on that date also. Councilwoman Engelhardt also reported she is working with the TA in Construction, Maureen McIvor to work on the Construction webpage. The regular RFIS BOE meeting will be held December 11, 2023 and Central's BOE meeting is December 18, 2023 and the Planning Board meeting is November 28, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – SESSION I:

Susan Sutchon a nurse from Robert Wood Johnson Hospital urges Council to pass Resolution #4536 and #S304 to establish minimum registered professional nurse staffing

Diane Baker from Lone Eagle Brewery read a statement opposing raising Stangl Road for the development of Liberty Village which will impact the flooding of Stangl Road. Ms. Baker would like to look at the site plan before it is approved.

Michael Skoczek from CEA thanked the Mayor and Council for Borough's help during the 31st Turkey Trot especially the Police Department and DPW.

Robin Lapidus from the FCP stated the FCP holiday passports are printed and can be pickup at businesses, Stangle Factory and the FCP office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 14, 2023

Regular Session

A **MOTION** was made by Council President Long to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Parker, with a vote of ayes with Councilman Johnston abstaining.

September 11, 2023

Regular Session

A **MOTION** was made by Council President Long to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Parker, with a vote of all ayes with Councilman Johnston abstaining.

September 11, 2023

Executive Session

A **MOTION** was made by Council President Long to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Parker, with a vote of all ayes with Councilman Johnston abstaining.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. RESOLUTION 2023-197 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE \$250.00
ROAD OPENING BOND TO KATHERINE ABARCA

WHEREAS, a road opening bond was collected from Katherine Abarca for work done at 25 E. Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the work has been completed and approved by the Public Works Manager.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Flemington that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to return the \$300.00 road opening bond to Katherine Abarca, 25 E. Main Street, Flemington NJ 08822.

2. RESOLUTION 2023-198 - RESOLUTION PROHIBITING TERMINATION OF UTILITY SERVICES FOR NONPAYMENT BETWEEN NOVEMBER 15, 2023 AND MARCH 15, 2023

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs adopted new regulations for the Water Termination Program (WTC); and

WHEREAS, the program requires the Borough of Flemington to disseminate flyers and multiple forms to every account holder to notify them of these regulations; and

WHEREAS, the new regulations would require the Borough to manage this program which would be too expensive and cumbersome for the staff; and

WHEREAS, the most cost effective way to meet the requirements of these new regulations would be for the Borough of Flemington to prohibit termination of utility services for non-payment between November 15, 2023 and March 15, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of Flemington Borough, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Borough of Flemington Water and Sewer Department will be prohibited from terminating any residential utility services for non-payment between the months of November 15, 2023 and March 15, 2024.

A **MOTION** was made by Council Present Long to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Parker and on Roll Call the following was recorded:

Councilman Johnston	Yes
Councilman Parker	Yes
Councilwoman Elizabeth Rosetti	Yes
Councilwoman Susan Engelhardt	Yes
Council Vice President Kim Tilly	Yes
Council President Jeremy Long	Yes

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE 2023-28 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 ENTITLED "LICENSING - GENERAL" TO REFORMAT AND AMEND THE SCHEDULE OF VARIOUS LICENSING FEES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON

A **MOTION** was made by Council President Long to open the Public Hearing, second by Councilwoman Engelhardt with a vote of all ayes.

There being no one from the public who wished to speak, Mayor Karrow closed the public hearing.

A **MOTION** was made by Council President Long to close the Public Hearing, second by Councilwoman Engelhardt with a vote of all ayes .

A **MOTION** was made by Council President Long to adopt the Ordinance, second by Councilman Parker.

Councilman Johnston	Yes
Councilman Parker	Yes
Councilwoman Elizabeth Rosetti	Yes
Councilwoman Susan Engelhardt	Yes
Council Vice President Kim Tilly	Yes
Council President Jeremy Long	Yes

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2023-29 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 ENTITLED "ANIMALS" TO AMEND THE SCHEDULE OF CAT AND DOG LICENSING FEES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON

A **MOTION** was made by Council President Long to open the Public Hearing, second by Councilwoman Engelhardt with a vote of all ayes .

There being no one from the public who wished to speak, Mayor Karrow closed the public hearing.

A **MOTION** was made by Council President Long to close the Public Hearing, second by Councilwoman Engelhardt with a vote of all ayes.

A **MOTION** was made by Council President Long to adopt the Ordinance, second by Councilman Parker.

Councilman Johnston	Yes
Councilman Parker	Yes
Councilwoman Elizabeth Rosetti	Yes
Councilwoman Susan Engelhardt	Yes
Council Vice President Kim Tilly	Yes
Council President Jeremy Long	Yes

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2023-30 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VII TRAFFIC, SCHEDULE I NO PARKING, AND SCHEDULE XV, PARKING PERMITS BY ADDING A RESIDENT PARKING PERMITTED AREA DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF CAPNER STREET

A **MOTION** was made by Council President Long to open the Public Hearing, second by Councilman Parker with a vote of all ayes.

There being no one from the public who wished to speak, Mayor Karrow closed the public hearing.

A **MOTION** was made by Council President Long to close the Public Hearing, second by Councilman Parker with a vote of all ayes.

Council Vice President Tilly does not think this is safe parking and is not enough room for vehicles to park on both side of the road.

A **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Engelhardt to table the Ordinance, second by Council President Long.

Councilman Johnston	Yes
Councilman Parker	Yes
Councilwoman Elizabeth Rosetti	Yes
Councilwoman Susan Engelhardt	Yes
Council Vice President Kim Tilly	Yes
Council President Jeremy Long	Yes

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2023-31 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8 OF THE BOROUGH CODE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW FEES

A **MOTION** was made by Council President Long to open the Public Hearing, second by Councilwoman Engelhardt with a vote of all ayes.

There being no one from the public who wished to speak, Mayor Karrow closed the public hearing.

A **MOTION** was made by Council President Long to close the Public Hearing, second by Councilwoman Engelhardt with a vote of all ayes.

A **MOTION** was made by Council President Long to adopt the Ordinance, second by Councilman Parker.

Councilman Johnston	Yes
Councilman Parker	Yes
Councilwoman Elizabeth Rosetti	Yes
Councilwoman Susan Engelhardt	Yes
Council Vice President Kim Tilly	Yes
Council President Jeremy Long	Yes

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2023-32 AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH NEW FEE SCHEDULES FOR THE PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL AND FIRE SUB CODES AS SET FORTH IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON IN SECTION 9A-3. THE NEW FEE SCHEDULES WILL REPLACE IN FULL THE CURRENT FEE SCHEDULE

A **MOTION** was made by Council President Long to open the Public Hearing, second by Councilman Parker with a vote of all ayes.

There being no one from the public who wished to speak, Mayor Karrow closed the public hearing.

A **MOTION** was made by Council President Long to close the Public Hearing, second by Councilwoman Engelhardt with a vote of all ayes.

A **MOTION** was made by Council President Long to adopt the Ordinance, second by Councilman Parker.

Councilman Johnston	Yes
Councilman Parker	Yes
Councilwoman Elizabeth Rosetti	Yes
Councilwoman Susan Engelhardt	Yes
Council Vice President Kim Tilly	Yes
Council President Jeremy Long	Yes

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2023-33 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 33 ENTITLED "MISCELLANEOUS FEES" TO AMEND THE FEES APPLICABLE TO OBTAINING DEATH, BIRTH AND MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON

A **MOTION** was made by Council President Long to open the Public Hearing, second by Councilwoman Engelhardt with a vote of all ayes.

There being no one from the public who wished to speak, Mayor Karrow closed the public hearing.

A **MOTION** was made by Council President Long to close the Public Hearing, second by Councilman Patrker with a vote of all ayes.

A **MOTION** was made by Council President Long to adopt the Ordinance, second by Councilman Parker.

Councilman Johnston	Yes
Councilman Parker	Yes
Councilwoman Elizabeth Rosetti	Yes
Councilwoman Susan Engelhardt	Yes
Council Vice President Kim Tilly	Yes
Council President Jeremy Long	Yes

Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. ORDINANCE 2023-34 - BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR MAIN STREET SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT, APPROPRIATING \$1,400,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,400,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON, IN THE

A **MOTION** was made by Council Present Long to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Johnston and on Roll Call the following was recorded:

Councilman Johnston	Yes
Councilman Parker	Yes
Councilwoman Elizabeth Rosetti	Yes
Councilwoman Susan Engelhardt	Yes
Council Vice President Kim Tilly	Yes
Council President Jeremy Long	Yes

Motion carried.

Public Hearing will be held December 11, 2023

Councilman Johnston	Yes
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PUBLIC COMMENTS – SESSION II:

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL TO PAY THE BILLS:

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,286,544.70

A *MOTION* was made by Council President Long to pay the bills. This Motion was seconded by Council Vice President Tilly and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Councilman Johnston	Yes
Councilman Parker	Yes
Councilwoman Elizabeth Rosetti	Yes
Councilwoman Susan Engelhardt	Yes
Council Vice President Kim Tilly	Yes
Council President Jeremy Long	Yes

Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council will now convene in a closed session that will be limited only to consideration of items with respect to which the public may be excluded pursuant to Section 7B of the Open Public Meetings Act.

The general nature of the subject to be discussed in this session is as follows:

1. Contract Negotiation – Liberty Village
 - It is unknown precisely when the matters discussed in this session will be disclosed to the public.
 - Matters concerning litigation may be announced upon the conclusion of any trial or settlement of the litigation. Other matters may be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

The Mayor and Council entered into Executive Session and a *MOTION* was made by Council President Long, seconded by Councilwoman Engelhardt with a vote of all ayes.

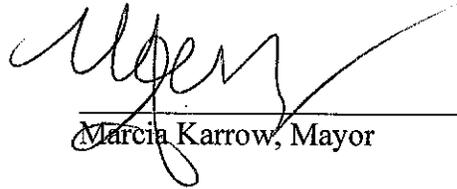
ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by Council President Long to adjourn the meeting. and was seconded by Council Vice President Tilly with a vote of all ayes.

ATTEST:



Carla Conner, Borough Clerk



Marcia Karrow, Mayor

Adopted: February 12, 2024