

July 7, 2022
7:00 p.m.
Chesilhurst Borough

1. The regular meeting of the Chesilhurst Borough council was opened by Mayor Bremmer with the pledge of allegiance followed by the sunshine statement. Present were council members Hirn, Holmes, Jordan, and Littles. Also present via conference call Chew, and Michael J. Watson, Partner sitting in for the Solicitor. Absent: Lee
2. Madam Mayor sent out heartfelt Congratulations to Class of 2022 Graduates!
3. On motion by Hirn, seconded by Jordan and carried the minutes of June 2, 2022 were approved as written. (Littles – no)
4. On motion by Littles, seconded by Hirn and carried (5 ayes) the meeting was opened to the public

Kirk Fichter (9 Amhurst Dr.) what can we do about a habitual offender that constantly keeps ongoing nuisances at the Mobile Home Park? The Mayor “stated” it’s in court waiting and they waiting to have this person evicted.

Keith Waters (302 Nelson Ave.) I’ve been looking at the borough notices on the internet and I don’t see the agendas until the day of the meeting. I am unable to ask any questions to get answers. The resolutions/ordinances are not posted on the internet. The Mayor “stated” that the Borough clerk will show Mr. Waters where they are posted.

Ordinance 2022-5 (Cannabis) it’s the second and final reading has the amending section been voted on before? Mr. Watson “stated” if the ordinance is passed, it would require an amendment of existing borough code, because the ordinance would then conflict with the borough code. That portion of the borough code has been approved at some point by the borough. The ordinance isn’t amended, it’s the borough code that will be amended, if the ordinance is approved.

The Salary Ordinance range will that be posted? The Mayor replied it’s posted on the website.

Carla Ortiz (128 Elm Ave.) School Board President. Thanked Councilwomen Holmes and Lee for doing a phenomenal job for Chesilhurst Day and everyone involved.

Freedom Peace Camp opened on Tuesday and was hosted in the Community Center. All securities measures were met and they were safe.

I like to go back a little bit about Councilwoman Littles response what the minutes reflected in reference to stating that what she did not hear me say or what she did not understand. I would also like to express some feedback that I gotten since last meeting where she addresses these things with others. The minutes do reflect exactly what I said and is the truth. It is reflected of your tenured as School Board President and Administrator that you approved. Every meeting that you attend for council, you are very business savvy, very detailed oriented, and you question everything Mayor, Council, and staff. Where was that skill

set for all the years you were School Board President. The past President, Jordan Lyles inherited a mess. We found a lot of discrepancies. Mr. Watson interrupted with a cautionary, that public comments do receive a very broad flexible other than the First Amendment. If we are not really discussing specific borough business, and it is related to the School Board, we have to be cautious about making allegations against an individual. This is not a hearing or trial. It's not an appropriate forum for any individual on the governing body to respond to allegations.

Mayor- Ms. Ortiz is here because of a question in our minutes and the approval of a question that Councilwoman Littles stated that she did not agree with the minutes.

Carla Ortiz – my intentions is not to put anyone on trial or target them. Everything I stated is public knowledge. If anyone wanted to question the validity of the things I am saying, go to our website. website. The School Board is no longer able to host Freedom Camp. Mayor and Council made a way for them to be able to host the camp. I gave reasons and we did not have the funding. This is not a personal or professional attack on you. I also asked if there were any questions, or issues that I was opened to meet with you and council. I want us all to be one community working together using separate resources to build a community that is strong and fun loving community.

Councilwoman Littles- I appreciate Mr. Watson the statement. I did read the minutes I did not respond that I was going to say anything. My comments came after I asked the engineer about some other points. I needed to hear for myself because I did not feel as though what was placed in the minutes was accurate enough.

Michael Watson “stated” Mrs. Ortiz is the School Board President and borough resident. The public should understand the majority issues of what was said or anyone else during the public portion meeting; Mrs. Ortiz had certain facts to provide based on her position. When anyone say anything about anything they are not making statement on behalf of the Borough. It is primarily an opinion. The documents are public available on the website. The Borough of Chesilhurst does not take any specific position(s) on any issues or anything that was represented tonight. That goes for any topic or comments made by the public.

5. On motion by Hirn, seconded by Holmes and carried (5 ayes) the meeting was closed to the public
6. On motion by Hirn, seconded by Jordan and carried (5 ayes) the meeting was opened to the public on Ordinance 2022-5

Jesse Crowder (92 Dover Dr.) encourage council to pass Cannabis Ordinance. Two percent of sales comes back to the borough. It will be regulated by the State and will be pure and safe.

Carla Ortiz (128 Elm Ave.) safe for people to use. Streamline package, own security setup, beneficial doesn't destroy organs.

7. Ordinance 2022-5 on motion by Hirn, seconded by Holmes and carried (4 ayes) an Ordinance Permitting the Operation of Class 5 Cannabis Businesses within the Borough of Chesilhurst and Amending Section 285 of the Borough Municipal Code is hereby approved on second and final reading (Chew-the Drug Alliance have to be part of the planning)
Littles -no

8. Resolution 22-119 on motion by Hirn, seconded by Holmes and carried (5 ayes) it is hereby approved to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with NJDOT for reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue, Sherman Avenue, McClellan Avenue, Lucas Avenue & 6th Avenue - Phase II
9. Resolution 22-120 on motion by Hirn, seconded by Jordan and carried (5 ayes) it is hereby approved to authorize refund of \$75.00 to Jaconda Bell for the return of cleaning escrow fee pertaining to the rental of community center
10. Resolution 22-121 on motion by Hirn, seconded by Jordan and carried (5 ayes) it is hereby approved to authorize refund of \$75.00 to Cristina Perez for the return of cleaning escrow fee pertaining to the rental of community center
11. Resolution 22-122 on motion by Hirn, seconded by Jordan and carried (5 ayes) it is hereby approved to authorize refund of \$25.00 to Taisha Foxworth for the return of cleaning escrow fee pertaining to the rental of pavilion
12. Resolution 22-123 on motion by Hirn, seconded by Jordan and carried (5 ayes) it is hereby approved to approve refund property tax overpayment on block 512, lot 2
13. Resolution 22-124 on motion by Hirn, seconded by Holmes and carried (5 ayes) it is hereby approved to authorize a bid award for natural gas services under the South Jersey Power Cooperative (SJPC) contract
14. Resolution 22-125 on motion by Hirn, seconded by Jordan and carried (5 ayes) it is hereby approved to authorize the sale of certain land in the Borough of Chesilhurst to be sold at Public Sale with right(s) of first refusal to contiguous property owners
15. New business from council
16. On motion by Hirn, seconded by Holmes and carried the bills were approved for payment
17. On motion by Jordan, seconded by Littles and carried the meeting was adjourned (8:32 p.m.)

I, Gloria Rose, Borough clerk for the Borough of Chesilhurst, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of minutes taken by me at the regular meeting of the Chesilhurst Borough council held on July 7, 2022 at the Municipal Bldg., Chesilhurst, NJ

Gloria Rose Borough Clerk

Dated: _____