

July 8, 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council convened in the Borough Hall at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Stemberger presiding.

FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

Invocation was given by Mayor Stemberger, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Stemberger noted that PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING, AS REQUIRED BY SAID ACT, HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY CONTACTING EACH COUNCIL MEMBER, POSTING SCHEDULED MEETING ON THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING BULLETIN BOARD, EMAILED TO the *ELMER TIMES* and *SOUTH JERSEY TIMES* AND FILED WITH THE BOROUGH CLERK ON JANUARY 1, 2015.

ROLL CALL:

Councilpersons Davis, Nolan, Richards, Schalick, Zee and Mayor Joseph P. Stemberger answered to the roll call. Absent –Schneider.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion Zee, seconded Nolan to approve minutes from Elmer Borough Council Meeting on June10, 2015 and that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Ayes: Davis, Nolan, Richards, Schalick and Zee. Nays – None. Motion carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

.Motion Davis, seconded Zee to open the public portion of the meeting. Motion carried.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

Motion Nolan, seconded Zee to close the public portion of the meeting. Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS:**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-12**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ELMER, SALEM COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 9 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ELMER ENTITLED “VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES”

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-12 – (Public Hearing)

Motion to open to public was made by Davis, seconded by Nolan. “All in Favor”. Motion carried.

Motion to close the public was made by Zee, seconded Davis. “All in Favor”. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt was made by Zee, seconded by Davis.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes –Councilpersons Davis, Nolan, Richards, Schalick and Zee. Nays – None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

The following resolutions were presented by the Clerk by title only:

2014 AUDIT RESOLUTION

Number 44-15

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

WHEREAS, The Annual Report of Audit for the year 2014 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body, and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey is authorized to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs, as per R.S. 52:27BB-34, and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled :

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and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled

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as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body, and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board, and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the promulgations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 - to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52 - "A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Borough of Elmer, hereby states that it has complied with the promulgation of the Local Finance Board of the State of New

Jersey dated July 30, 1968 and does hereby submit a certified copy of the resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

RESOLUTION

Number 45-15

**APPOINT SARAH D. WALKER
DEPUTY CLERK**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Elmer that Sarah D. Walker be appointed as Deputy Clerk for a term beginning July 8, 2015 and ending August 31, 2015.

RESOLUTION

Number 46-15

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION
OF GRACE PERIOD FOR TAXES DUE AUGUST 1, 2015**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Elmer did not mail out the 2015/2016 Tax Bills until July 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Elmer desires to extend the grace period on taxes due August 1 to August 18, 2015,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector, is hereby authorized and directed to extend the grace period on taxes due August 1, 2015 to August 18, 2015.

Motion Davis, seconded Nolan to adopt resolution 44-15 through 46-15. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Ayes: Davis, Nolan, Richards, Schalick and Zee, Nays – None. Motion carried.

The following ordinance was introduced by title only:

ORDINANCE 2015-13

**ORDINANCE AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE 2015-1
AMENDMENT NUMBER 1**

Motion Davis, seconded Nolan to approve all the above.

Roll Call: Ayes: Davis, Nolan, Richards, Schalick and Zee, Nays – None. Motion carried.

Tax Collector report was presented for June 2015. Motion Zee, seconded Davis that the report be received and filed. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Reports for the month of June 2015 were presented and read.

Motion Richards, seconded Davis that the reports be received, filed and spread full upon the minutes. Motion carried.

(Treasurer’s Reports – See Pages 37 a in Minute Book)

The following bills were presented and read: (See pages 37 b in Minute Book)

Moved Davis, seconded Zee that the bills be paid and charged to their respective accounts.

Roll Call: Ayes: Davis, Nolan, Richards, Schalick and Zee, Nays – None. Motion carried.

Clerk and Mayor's mail for the month of July 2015, were presented and read.

Motion Davis, seconded Nolan that the correspondence be received and filed. Motion carried.

DISCUSSIONS/MOTIONS:

The following items were discussed by Mayor and Council:

None.

Borough Clerk, Beverly S. Richards swore in Deputy Borough Clerk Sarah D. Walker.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee reports were made at this time: Finance, Streets, Public Safety, Borough Hall/Public Property, Water/Street Lights (Robert M. Richards, Assistant Water Superintendent spoke regarding report on Painting Water Tower . Council agreed to get Engineering costs associated with project) and Trash/Recycling/Parks & Playgrounds.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion Zee, seconded Nolan that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

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Beverly S. Richards, Borough Clerk