

**SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2023
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Deputy Council President Clay called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The Borough Clerk read the following statement: The notice requirements provided for in the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given by transmission to Asbury Park Press and the New Coaster and by posting at the Borough of Tinton Falls Municipal Building and filing with the Borough Clerk all on December 12, 2023.

ROLL CALL (Special Meeting)

PRESENT: Ms. Buckley, Mrs. Clay, Dr. Dobrin
ABSENT: Mr. Nesci, Mr. Manginelli
ALSO PRESENT: Michelle Hutchinson, Borough Clerk
Kevin Starkey, Director of Law
Charles Terefenko, Business Administrator

All present stood for a salute to the Flag.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Board of Health Annual Meeting

Mrs. Clay introduced the Director of Law, Kevin Starkey, who will provide a summary.

Mr. Starkey explained this is a meeting of the Tinton Falls Board of Health and the Council members are also the Board of Health members. He provided an explanation of why this meeting is being held and by law to hold an annual board of health meeting is required. The Borough has contracted with another municipality, Freehold Borough, to handle health related responsibilities, such as food inspections. The purpose of this meeting is to hear from the public about any health issues and concerns in the Borough. He noted the residents' concerns regarding the odor at the landfill and stated that this body nor Freehold are not the proper authority for that issue. Monmouth County will need to act regarding odor complaints. Anyone who wants to speak during the public discussion can comment.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Dr. Dobrin offered a motion to open the Public Discussion, seconded by Ms. Buckley.

ROLL CALL

AYES: All in Favor
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mr. Nesci, Mr. Manginelli
ABSTAIN: None

Frank Matula, 43 Lennox Drive – Mr. Matula commented on the odors from the asphalt plants and residents should call the DEP and the County to make them aware.

Richard Klein, 13 Horseshoe Court, Fox Chase Townhomes - Mr. Klein commented on being a long-time resident of Tinton Falls and the odor from the landfill is terrible. When he contacted the complaint board about the odors, he was told there were lots of repairs needed at the landfill to help control vapor release. He listed all the repairs completed and for years the odor was not a problem until recently. He stated the odor problem is like back in 2018 before all the repairs were done. This odor problem is unacceptable, especially since it was fixed previously and why has this become a problem again.

Mrs. Clay explained that we are looking into the problem and will advocate for a better response and resolution for you. Commissioner Arnone will be at a council meeting in January. Her hope is the public will attend this meeting. Dr. Dobrin stated he is aware of the problem since living in the southern part of the borough and the Council is behind the residents to find a solution to this issue.

Mr. Starkey read comments from Mr. Manginelli who could not attend tonight's meeting. Mr. Manginelli's statement was one of support for the residents to find a solution to the problem and assured the residents he has been in contact with Commissioner Arnone who is responsible for the MC Reclamation Center odor issues along with DEP and provide the complaint hotline number. He urged residents to contact Commissioner Arnone by email or phone with their issues and provided the email address and phone number. Commissioner Arnone stated that he has contacted the facility operators at the landfill regarding the complaints and agreed to come to a council meeting this January with updates.

Mr. Neff stated he spoke to the facility operators, and they stated due to the significant rain they will be installing a rain cap which will help with the odors. They are in discussions with DEP to review ways to mitigate the odors.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER - None

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ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Dobrin offered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Buckley.

ROLL CALL

AYES: All in Favor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Nesci, Mr. Manginelli

ABSTAIN: None

TIME: 7:32pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Hutchinson, Borough Clerk

Risa Clay, Deputy Council President

APPROVED AT A MEETING HELD ON: January 16, 2024.