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Mayor Kovach called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – Carberry, Dineen, Pendergast, Rylak, Smith, Sosidka, Mayor Kovach

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Mayor Kovach read the following statement: “Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided, indicating the time and place of the meeting and the proposed agenda, which notice was posted, made available to newspapers, and filed with the Clerk of the Town of Clinton in accordance with Section 3(d) of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Pendergast to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held January 10, 2017.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS – DECEMBER

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry seconded by Mr. Pendergast to approve the monthly reports for the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the month of December as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT- NONE

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

1. Clinton Women’s Club is holding an appreciation day honoring Clinton’s Police Department, Fire Department and Clinton’s Rescue Squad. They are expecting a representative from each department to attend. The event will take place at Clinton Presbyterian Church, 91 Center Street, on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 2 PM. Mayor Kovach stated she is unable to attend and if someone from Council could be there, please respond.
2. Relay for Life Kickoff Dinner will be held Wednesday, January 25, 2017 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Hunterdon Central Café 173.
3. Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance will be held Friday, February 24, 2017, 6:00 to 10:00 PM at The Farmhouse at the Grand Colonial. Tickets are \$100.00 per member.
4. The Girl Scouts met with Mayor Kovach at Town Hall last week to learn a little about government in order to earn their Government Badge. Mayor Kovach received an honorary Government Badge for doing the honors.

CLINTON CONSERVANCY – SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT

Kathy Madden of the Clinton Conservancy Group returned before Council to further discuss the requirements of applying for a Sustainable Jersey Grant. Ms. Sosidka reminded Council that it was

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suggested the Conservancy join together with the Green Team, which is already a committee of the Town. Mr. Phelan reviewed and listed questions for Council to review following the last meeting. The Green Team will be making the application and will receive the funds. Mr. Smith said what if something comes up and the Conservancy cannot see the project through? Mayor Kovach said she is comfortable with \$5,000 being earmarked for the project which will be reimbursed following completion and the reimbursement from the grant. However, there is the condition that the Green Team will assume responsibility in the event the Conservancy does not see it through for whatever reason should arise. Mr. Carberry made a motion authorizing Mr. Phelan to do what needs to be done to complete the application, motion was seconded by Mr. Rylak.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carberry, Dineen, Pendergast, Rylak, Smith, Sosidka, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

BANNER REQUESTS – SUNRISE ROTARY

A motion was made by Ms. Dineen, seconded by Ms. Sosidka to approve the banner request for the Rotary Fishing Derby to be held April 29, 2017 and to be displayed April 24 through May 1, 2017.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Ms. Dineen, seconded by Ms. Sosidka, to approve the banner request for the Rubber Ducky Race/Sprintin' Clinton to be held July 15 and July 16, 2017. The banner will be displayed July 2 through 16, 2017.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

SPECIAL EVENT – RUN O'THE MILL

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Rylak, to approve the Run O'The Mill 5K to be held March 11, 2017. Chief Matheis has been in contact with the new organizer, Kim Harris.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #41-17 – AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION

A motion was made by Ms. Sosidka, seconded by Mr. Carberry, to adopt Resolution #41-17 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 41-17

RESOLUTION: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Helen and Hunts Mill Roads Improvement Project

WHEREAS, Helen Road and Hunts Mill Road are in need of Improvement

WHEREAS, Robert J. Clerico, P.E., Town Engineer, has prepared a cost estimate for improvements to these roads.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor & Council of the Town of Clinton formally approved the grant application for the above stated project.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2017-Helen & Hunts Mill Roads-00166 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Town of Clinton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Town of Clinton and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approved the execution of the grant agreement.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #42-17 – AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adopt Resolution #42-17 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 42-17

RESOLUTION: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Union Road Improvement Project

WHEREAS, the northern portion of Union Road in need of Improvement

WHEREAS, Robert J. Clerico, P.E., Town Engineer, has prepared a cost estimate for improvements to these roads.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor & Council of the Town of Clinton formally approved the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2017-Union Road-00167 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Town of Clinton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Town of Clinton and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approved the execution of the grant agreement.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #43-17 – CANCELLATION OF LIEN

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Dineen, to adopt Resolution #43-17 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 43-17

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Town of Clinton has been paid \$1,226.46, the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #2016-8 on Block 21, Lot 24, assessed to David Merrill, and purchased by FWDSL & Associates LP.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 24th day of January 2017 by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1,226.463 (certificate) & \$1,400.00 (premium) to FWDSL & Associates

LP, 5 Cold Hill Road South #11, Mendham, NJ, 07945, upon receipt of the Original Tax Sale Certificate endorsed for cancellation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector be authorized to cancel Lien #2016-8 on Block 21, Lot 24, assessed to David Merrill, from the Town of Clinton Tax Records.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carberry, Dineen, Pendergast, Rylak, Smith, Sosidka, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL BY WATER ENGINEERS

Water Engineer, Andrew S. Holt, P.E. and Client Manager and Project Coordinator, Eleni Giannikopoulos of Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. came before Council tonight and presented a clear and concise 2017 Water Rate Analysis Report. There are numerous capital and operational needs of the Clinton Water Company and the need for a rate increase to raise revenue to deal with the issues is inevitable. Mr. Holt and Mrs. Giannikopoulos explained the rather complex efforts that were undertaken to develop the proposed rate increase to fund Asset Management Plan (AMP). AMP is an accepted industry standard which consists of developing a plan to address long term water system reliability and sustainability and to stay in compliance with DEP regulations. A five-year plan of capital improvement projects was also laid out. Low interest funding is available.

Towns that are serviced by the Town of Clinton Water Company will be notified directly of a rate increase and a press release will be posted in the local newspapers.

A rate increase ordinance will be introduced at the meeting of February 14, 2017 with a public hearing on February 28, 2017. New rates will go into effect April, 2017.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Red Mill Museum Village sent a letter of thanks to the Mayor and Council for their \$700.00 donation towards their upcoming WWI centennial exhibition at the Museum.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Councilman Smith

1. Notification from NJ Transit that they plan to put up a new sign directing people to the Park and Ride.
2. Rescue Squad held their Installation Dinner, slate of officers remains the same. Nice evening.

Councilwoman Sosidka

1. Ms. Sosidka asked if Carol Beder has been formally appointed to the Historic Commission and was assured the appointment was made at the re-organization meeting. Ms. Sosidka thanked council and said Ms. Beder brings much enthusiasm to the Commission.
The Historic Commission was asked for the history of the Community Center. It was discovered that the Gebhardt family acquired it in 1929. It was also used as the Clinton High School gym for a period of time. Will contact Paige McGaheran, Allie's daughter in law, to see if anything is in the archives.
2. Board of Health – the Rabies Clinic was held January 14, 2017 and 278 pets were inoculated. The Clinic was followed by a Board of Health meeting and Chairwoman, Sharon Bittenmaster, would like to make a plea that doggie waste cans be put next to existing garbage pails in certain locations, such as the Community Center, the Water Street Parking lot and Hunts Mill Park. Chief Matheis, aka Dog Warden,

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said he thinks it's a great idea! Ms. Bittenmaster will attend a council meeting with information as to cost and her feelings about doggie waste stations.

3. Board of Recreation – has a new dynamic with new members that have joined the Commission! An incredible amount of enthusiasm and thank you to Sean Rogan for recruiting new members! Rosemary Pendergast remains the Chairwoman, Sean Rogan is the new Vice-Chairman and Nancy Smith remains Secretary. The Commission has many new ideas and wish to buy new equipment at the Community Center playground and a new sound system for the Center to show movies and have events. On the website, calendars will be updated regularly for the Community Center and ball fields. They are requesting additional funds in their budget. The Town Picnic is scheduled for June 10, the Senior Luncheon May 7 and this weekend, the Bonfire, January 28, 2017.

Councilman Pendergast

1. Sewer Department - the Halstead re-lining project has been interrupted once again due to the Nor'easter expected to hit the area. Work should resume this evening and Wednesday and should be completed at that time.

Councilman Carberry

1. The Board of Recreation Commission is going through a real metamorphosis which is very healthy! Young families with young children are getting involved and it is great!

Councilman Rylak

Thank you once again to Sean Rogan and his entire family! Thank you to Kathy Madden for her energy with the Clinton Conservancy and wishing Councilwoman Sosidka a speedy recovery on her knee surgery.

Mayor Kovach

A new member has been appointed to the Land Use Board, Tamara Healy is hereby appointed to the Alternate #2 position with an expiration date of 2018.

STANDBY AND OVERTIME

Mr. Rylak questioned the overtime of Officer Crilly, which states he worked 36 hours overtime. Chief Matheis and Kathy Olsen, Finance Officer, said that was a payroll mistake, there was no overtime for Officer Crilly.

A motion was made by Mr. Rylak seconded by Mr. Pendergast to approve the standby and overtime as amended for the period of December 30, 2016 through January 12, 2017 attached to these minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carberry, Dineen, Pendergast, Rylak, Smith, Sosidka, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry seconded by Mr. Pendergast to approve the voucher list attached to these minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carberry, Dineen, Pendergast, Rylak, Smith, Sosidka, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

Janice Kovach, Mayor