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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. Rylak to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held June 13, 2017.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Sosidka)
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Rylak to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held June 13, 2017.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Sosidka)
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS – MAY

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT- NONE

MAYOR’S COMMENTS – NONE

PRESENTATION – WATER ASSESSMENT PLAN

Water Engineer, Andrew Holt, P.E. and Eleni Giannikopoulos returned to Council to follow up and make a subsequent Asset Management Planning presentation. An executive summary was distributed to Council outlining what needs to be done and what may have already been completed. Described in the summary are the five (5) main tasks contained in the plan as follows. Performing an inventory and condition assessment of the system’s assets, defining the level of service expected to our customers, prioritizing assets based on criticality and likelihood of failure, establishing life cycle costs and developing a long- term funding strategy. Mr. Holt and Ms. Giannikopoulos gave a detailed report on the 5 year capital improvement plan as well. Council was pleased with the presentation. Mr. Rylak made a motion to accept the Asset Management Plan that has been submitted and understand that it will be updated from time to time as necessary.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #91-17 – POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Ms. Sosidka, to adopt Resolution #91-17 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 91-17
Resolution Authorizing the Postponement of a Mortgage Between
The Town of Clinton and Citizens Bank, N.A.**

WHEREAS, on November 12, 1999, Thomas E. Goitz and Kathie G. Wildrick made a mortgage to the N.J. Council on Affordable Housing, Town of Clinton (Clinton Town Affordable Housing Authority) for property located at Block 31.01, Lot 7.01 and known by the street address of 5 Woodcrest Lane, Clinton, NJ, said mortgage being filed on November 18, 1999 in Mortgage Book 1374 at page 548 in the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office which mortgage was second and subordinate to the first mortgage in the original principal amount of \$59,950 made to Bank of America, N.A.; and,

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Goitz and Kathie G. Wildrick now seek to refinance their first mortgage with Bank of America, N.A., in the amount of \$69,190.00, and a condition of their refinance is that the mortgage held by the Town of Clinton be subordinated to the new Bank of America mortgage and remain a second priority mortgage; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Town of Clinton and the Clinton Town Affordable Housing Authority have reviewed the proposed form of Postponement of Mortgage and have determined that it may be executed without detriment to the Town of Clinton or the Clinton Town Affordable Housing Authority and herein authorize the appropriate individuals to execute the Postponement of Mortgage in the form annexed to this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Town of Clinton that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized on behalf of the Town of Clinton and the Clinton Town Affordable Housing Authority to execute the approved Postponement of Mortgage in the form annexed hereto and shall sign same; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a signed copy of the Postponement of Mortgage shall be placed in the Applicant's file; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fair Housing Administrator or Township Clerk will advise the Applicant when the Postponement has been signed and is available for pick up and shall receive a receipt for its delivery.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #92-17 – SUPPORT FOR FUNDING FOR NEW JERSEY

George Stafford of N.J. Highlands Coalition attended the June 13, 2017 council meeting to explain the need for adopting a resolution in support for Sustainable Open Space, Farmland, Historic Preservation and Stewardship Funding for New Jersey. Mr. Stafford explained that the ground water element is a vital element.

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Rylak, to adopt Resolution #92-17 as presented:

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RESOLUTION #92-17

Resolution of Support for Sustainable Open Space, Farmland, Historic Preservation and Stewardship Funding for New Jersey

Whereas New Jersey's population demands an ample water supply provided by adequate open space to support our quality of life; and

Whereas, Open Space in the form of parkland, family farms, historic and cultural sites, recreational areas and natural watershed areas is vital to our economy, planned growth, protection of property values, water quality, and safety and urban, suburban and rural quality of life; and

Whereas, continued, plentiful and sustained funding is vital to a strategic Open Space program to bolster and enhance private, municipal, county, other state and federal Open Space funding programs; and

Whereas provisions for stewardship to properly care for parks, preserved lands, and historic sites is an important component of Open Space efforts; and

Whereas, New Jersey's Payment In Lieu of Taxes program (PILOT) should be restored to full funding because it encourages municipalities to host state and non-profit preserved open space;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Clinton, Hunterdon County, New Jersey supports sustainable, continuing funding for Open Space in New Jersey.

Vote all ayes

Motion carried

2017 SUMMER RECREATION AND TENNIS PROGRAM STAFFING

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Carberry, to accept the recommendations of the Board of Recreation Commission as submitted:

It is the recommendation of the Board of Recreation Commissioners that the following staff be hired for the 2017 Summer Recreation Program to be held June 26th through July 21nd at Clinton Public School from 9:00 am to 12 noon.

Director	Tiffany Cinquemani	\$5,306.00
Arts & Crafts	Barbara Plundeke	\$2,690.00
Adult Counselors	Debbie Herold	\$2,200.00
	Matt Jurczak	\$1,880.00
Adult Substitute		\$ 93.00 per day
Teen Counselors	Rae Burach	\$8.72/hr. 4 weeks

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Shea Cinquemani	\$8.55/hr. 4 weeks
Logan Rogers	\$8.38/hr. 4 weeks
Amanda DeGasperi	\$8.38/hr. 4 weeks

The Tennis Program will run from Monday July 24th through August 17th (Monday through Thursday) at the Clinton Community Center.

Instructors	John Amabile	\$16.00/hr.
	Jason Timberlake	\$15.00/hr.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION – JEWISH MUSIC FESTIVAL

A motion was made by Ms. Sosidka, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the special event application for the Chabad of Hunterdon County to host a Jewish Music Festival on July 9, 2017 on the patio of the Hunterdon Art Museum. There is one condition, that a police officer be hired for the evening as Lower Center Street north will be closed and no traffic will be allowed to make a left over the bridge.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter of thanks from Nick Villa, Bluebird Associates LLC, owner of 42-26 Main Street. Mr. Villa had extensive improvements made to his building and wanted to convey his sincere appreciation and thanks to the Clinton Police Department for their role in the renovation process. Each night an officer placed cones in the appropriate parking spaces and each day the department allowed work to take place using a large mechanical lift. Mr. Villa said the officers and dispatchers were all very courteous and helpful.
2. A check has been received from Statewide Insurance in the amount of \$2,547.69. The Executive Committee of Statewide instituted a Safety Grant Program in an effort to provide support for programs that enhance safety for members, their residents and employees. The funds were used toward the installation of a computerized projection screen, camera and speakers in the Council Room and will be used for power point presentations and other presentations of Council and the Land Use Board and may also be used for training sessions.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Richard Phelan, Business Administrator

1. Reminder that the auction is now taking place on line and ends Friday. This is the fourth time in five years that it has been held. Over the years we have netted \$38,000 and for this current auction we are already up to \$9,000 to date.

Councilman Smith

1. Water Committee – the Annual Consumer Confidence Report has been printed, information inserted by Water Superintendent, Roger Plaisted. Copies are mailed to all water users. This is a requirement imposed by the State of New Jersey
Next Water meeting, Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

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Councilwoman Sosidka

1. Board of Recreation was forwarded a question from Amwell Valley Cricket Club, looking for a new field to play cricket. Mr. Smith asked what the impact would be to the fields and how much room would be needed. Mr. Carberry said the Board will be discussing it at an upcoming meeting for there are many questions that need to be answered. The request is for calendar year 2018.

Councilman Pendergast

1. Sewer Committee is in the process of getting estimates for the filter building. Department of Environmental Protection application is complete. Sludge permit is moving along. The Halstead sewer line cleaning is underway during evening hours.
2. Clinton Fire Department – held their first Grill Night of the season and was well attended. August 19, 2017 is the Annual Clam Bake and this year will be hosted by the Fire Department and the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad. The plastic commemorative steins for the parade were a hit and the department is considering making ceramic ones for anyone interested. The cost may be \$15.00 each.

Councilman Rylak

1. The Clinton Conservancy is very active. Resident, Denise Birmingham has painted the sewer pipe at the Water Street parking lot. Many volunteers are getting involved including a few Water Street residents and girl scouts. Megan Jones-Holt and the Clinton Sunrise Rotary are going to assist in applying for a \$5,000 grant with the conservancy for work to be done at DeMott Pond.

David Den Hollander, owner of The Country Garden Shed in Franklin Township, has offered to plant Bright annuals at the “Welcome to Clinton” signs in three locations for free! We will need volunteers to water the plants until they are established. Anyone interested may contact Kathy Madden at 908-735-8301.

STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Ms. Dineen to approve the standby and overtime as amended for the period of June 2 through June 15, 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 Ms. Sosidka 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

RESOLUTION #93-17 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Sosidka seconded by Mr. Rylak to enter into Executive Session at 8:24 p.m. to discuss Affordable Housing litigation.

RESOLUTION # 93-17

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act; *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.*, declares it to be the public policy of the State to insure the right of citizens to have adequate advance notice of and the right to attend meetings of public bodies at which business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act also recognizes exceptions to the right of the public to attend portions of such meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find it necessary to conduct an executive session closed to the public as permitted by the *N.J.S.A. 40:4-12*; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council will reconvene in public session at the conclusion of the executive session;

NOW, **THEREFORE**, BE IT **RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that they will conduct an executive session to discuss the following topic(s) as permitted by *N.J.S.A. 40:4-12*:

A matter which Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court requires be kept confidential or excluded from discussion in public (Provision relied upon:
_____);

_____A matter where the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;

_____A matter whose disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;

_____A collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions thereof (Specify contract:

_____A matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;

_____Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection;

_____Investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;

Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party; (the general nature of the litigation or contract negotiations is:

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_____ OR _____ the public disclosure of such information at this time would have a potentially negative impact on the municipality's position in the litigation or negotiation; therefore this information will be withheld until such time as the matter is concluded or the potential for negative impact no longer exists.)

_____ Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his or her ethical duties as a lawyer; (The general nature of the matter is: _____
OR _____ the public disclosure of such information at this time would have a potentially negative impact on the municipality's position with respect to the matter being discussed; therefore this information will be withheld until such time as the matter is concluded or the potential for negative impact no longer exists);

_____ Matters involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective or current public officer or employee of the public body, where all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected have not requested in writing that the matter(s) be discussed at a public meeting; (The employee(s) and/or general nature of discussion is _____

OR _____ the public disclosure of such information at this time would violate the employee(s) privacy rights; therefore this information will be withheld until such time as the matter is concluded or the threat to privacy rights no longer exists.;

_____ Deliberation occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty or loss of a license or permit;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby declare that their discussion of the subject(s) identified above may be made public at a time when the Town Attorney advises them that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the Town or any other entity with respect to said discussion. That time is currently estimated to be: _____ (estimated length of time) OR upon the occurrence of _____

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council, for the reasons set forth above, hereby declare that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: Upon returning from Executive Session and there being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Rylak to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

Janice Kovach, Mayor