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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 Ms. Sosidka, to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held April 25, 2017.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Dineen to approve the Executive Session minutes for April 25, 2017.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS – APRIL

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Ms. Dineen to approve the monthly reports for the month of April as submitted:

Administrator’s Report, Clerk’s Account, Cat & Dog Licensing Accounts, Construction Control/ Inspection Report, Police Reports, Road Foreman’s Report, Sewer Collector’s Report, Tax Collector’s Report, Treasurer’s Report, Water Collector’s Report, Zoning Officer Report.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

1. 16th Annual Veterans Flag Day 5K Run and Fun Walk to be held Thursday, June 8, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at Lyons VA Campus, Bernards Township. For additional information, contact the clerk.
2. Community Day, Saturday,
3. June 3, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the County Fairgrounds on Route 179 in Ringoes.
4. Mayor Kovach announced the Leadership and Philanthropy class from Hunterdon Central High School is attempting to bring awareness to homelessness in our area. They are hosting “Box City 2017” which will take place at Hunterdon Central beginning 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 20 through 8:00 a.m. Saturday, May 21.

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5. Mayor Kovach also introduced a program called residential Government Energy Aggregation (GEA) designed by the Board of Public Utilities to save residential utility customers money on the supply portion of their utility bills. Mayor Kovach asked if Council was interested, a presentation can be made explaining how the programs work.
6. Police Chief Matheis has recommended the appointment of Deb Schaffer as the replacement crossing guard. Mayor Kovach accepted a motion made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Smith to appoint Ms. Schaffer as recommended.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Sosidka)
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #79-17 – CERTIFICATION OF ANNUAL AUDIT

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Ms. Dineen, to adopt Resolution #79-17, certifying that the Mayor and Council have reviewed the 2016 audit. A Group Affidavit of the Governing Body was signed by all. An original Group Affidavit certification will be sent to the State along with the proof of publication and the Resolution.

**RESOLUTION # 79-17
CERTIFICATION OF ANNUAL AUDIT**

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 2016 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body, and

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

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.S.C. 5:30-6.5, 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 “Comments and Recommendations” 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 “Comments and Recommendations as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; 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

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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. 52:27 BB-54 to wit:

R.S.52:27 BB-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 of Local Government Services), under 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 Town of Clinton, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #80-17 – MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry seconded by Mr. Rylak, to adopt Resolution #80-17 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION #80-17
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MORRIS COUNTY
COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP THEREIN FOR THE
PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (“MCCPC”) was created in 1974 to conduct a voluntary cooperative pricing system with municipalities, boards of educations, and other public bodies located in the County of Morris and adjoining counties; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the MCCPC is to provide substantial savings on various goods and services to its members through the cooperative public bidding process; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton desires to enter into an Agreement with the MCCPC, which is administered by Randolph Township as Lead Agency, to **renew** its membership in the MCCPC for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Richard Phelan, Business Administrator of the Town of Clinton is hereby authorized to complete the execution of an Agreement with the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council by the Township of Randolph as Lead Agency dated October 1, 2016, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5). Said Agreement is for **renewal** of membership in the MCCPC for a five (5) year period from October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2021.

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2. The Town of Clinton Clerk is hereby directed to submit a copy of this adopted Resolution, along with an executed Agreement, to Randolph Township as Lead Agency of the MCCPC.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon final passage according to law.
4. All appropriate Town of Clinton officials are authorized and directed to perform all required acts to affect the purpose of this Resolution.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

BANNER REQUEST – JEWISH MUSIC FESTIVAL

An application has been received from the Chabad of Hunterdon County to display a banner from June 26 through July 2 for their Jewish Music Festival to be held July 9, 2017. A motion was made by Ms. Sosidka, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve request.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A second application for a banner was received from the Red Mill Museum Village to be displayed October 9 through October 29 for the annual Haunted Village, event dates are October 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28, 2017. A motion was made by Ms. Dineen seconded by Mr. Rylak, to approve the request.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Notification received from the New Jersey Water Environment Association congratulating Barbara Hartsell, Lab Manager of the Clinton Wastewater Treatment Plant, being selected to receive the NJWEA Conference Management Certificate of Appreciation Award. The award presentation will take place at the President's Award Reception Monday, May 8, 2017. This is yet another award of Barbara's endeavors being appreciated by the many associations in New Jersey and on the national level. Congrats, Barbara!
2. A thank you card received from Fran Kuczynski, Tax Assessor, for a gift card received from Mayor and Council for her 5 year anniversary of working with the Town.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Councilman Smith

1. Water Department – an outstanding letter of commendation to the Town of Clinton Water Department and the Public Works crew. A resident from Grandin Terrace in Annandale expressed their thanks for their promptness, efficient efforts and the professionalism of the department.
2. Parking lot projects. Lower Center has been completed and the Water Street lot is nearing completion. The municipal lot will be the next project but will not begin until after the CFD/CFARS parade on May 20. Arrangements to be made to access the lot for first responders for fuel and for water vehicles. Mr. Carberry stated for the record that the contractor recovered after a few early glitches and has been great!

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3. Buildings and Grounds – garbage cans on Main Street continue to be an issue. A merchant and Guild President, Bill Healy, are going to be invited to attend the next Building and Grounds meeting. President Healy will be asked to canvas the merchants as to where the extra garbage cans should be placed. Mr. Rylak mentioned that there was someone interested in helping change out the bags on the weekends for \$8 or \$10 an hour. That would have to be discussed at B&G because that would make the person an employee of the Town and would have to put the trash bags back by the Municipal Barn.
4. Senior Luncheon went very well and the food provided by Laskey's was the best ever! Sean Rogan filled in for chair, Rosemary Pendergast, and did an excellent job! The eighth and ninth graders were also in attendance to assist.
5. Fox Lumber held their "Raise the Roof" event on Saturday May 6th. This was the fourth annual Open House for Fox and it was a great time! Music, food, fun and games, a wonderful time for families! A very elaborate event!

Councilwoman Dineen

1. Shade Tree – change in meeting schedule from Monday to Thursday, May 11 this week, meeting at 5:30 pm in the municipal lot. The committee and the arborist will tour the town to access the trees as to healthy or not and to plan what approach will be taken this Spring and Fall.

Clerk Covino

1. Reported on the Municipal Clerk's Association of New Jersey Conference attended April 25 through April 27, 2017. Several seminars pertaining to Open Public Records Act (OPRA), Ethics, Elections, Licensing, and more which allowed for 14.5 credits. Outstanding conference.

Councilman Pendergast

1. Clinton Fire Department/First Aid and Rescue Squad celebration parade is upon us! Saturday, May 20, 2017 beginning at 12:30 p.m. Johnson Jeeps of Washington, NJ will be providing jeeps for the Mayor and Council. The municipal lot at the Fire Department will be closed beginning Wednesday, May 17 through Sunday, May 21. A picnic will follow the parade beginning at 1:00 p.m. at Hunts Mill Park and will run to 5:00 p.m. Free hot dogs, (2,000 hot dogs and buns donated by Shop Rite) music, beer garden and a raffle drawing at 3:00 p.m. The "after party" will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the rescue squad for the organizations involved.

Councilman Carberry

1. Board of Recreation did not hold their recent meeting due to a lack of quorum.

Councilman Rylak

1. Attended the Kentucky Derby event at Hawke Pointe Saturday, May 6, 2017. It was a wonderful time and compliments go out to the Red Mill Museum Village and Dan and Mary Ann Shea for organizing it.
2. Kudos to Kathy and John Madden for hosting a Cinco de Mayo party on May 5th. Socializing with folks and talk about a movement to bring the Clinton Conservancy and Green Team to work together. A buzz to bring art to the Town getting local artists, including the Art Museum and the Clinton Public School artists, to paint murals under the Route 78 overpass on Leigh Street and talking to the County to allow art work under the Main Street Pony Truss bridge. A simpler

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project is to paint a sewer main at the Water Street parking lot that has been recently repaved and will be spruced up with plantings. Mr. Smith suggested getting a release for artists to sign off their work to the Town.

Mayor Kovach

Mayor Kovach mentioned that the missing Ronald McDonald that was stolen from the Clinton McDonald's on Center Street has been found. Ironically the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's office was investigating the missing "Ronald" but failed to assist in the missing Rubber Ducky last July, 2016. Mayor Kovach joked that Mr. Rylak question why the Prosecutor did not assist with the Ducky!

STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry seconded by Mr. Pendergast to approve the standby and overtime submitted for the period of April 21 through May 4, 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 Ms. Sosidka seconded by Mr. Carberry, 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 Ms. Dineen to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC, Municipal Clerk

Mayor Janice Kovach