

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Dineen, Humphrey, Intrabartola, Johnson, Karsh, Traphagen, 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.”

Mayor Kovach welcomed the public to the meeting and explained how the meeting will be run by reading the following statement :

NJSA 10:4-8(b) authorizes municipalities to conduct public meetings through use of streaming services and other online meeting platforms. Recently adopted P.L. 2020, c.11 amends OPMA to clarify that in times of emergency public bodies may vote, accept public comment and cause a meeting to be open to the public via electronic means.

The Town of Clinton is using ZOOM Video Meetings. Please be aware that this meeting is being recorded for the public record.

We will continue to address all questions and comments for any topic that is not on the current agenda during public comments as well as comments during public hearings for any ordinances.

Please use the chat feature in ZOOM to indicate that you wish to be recognized for a comment or a question. You must provide your name and address to be recognized. You can also type in your questions. Feel free going forward to email councilmeeting@clintonnj.gov with any questions or concerns between meetings.

We ask that you keep your device muted until called upon by council. The meeting’s moderator may also mute participants.

The mayor and council will respond to all votes via roll call with the exception of opening and closing of public hearings will be a voice vote.

The Mayor and Council will respond to all votes by raising hands or via roll call.

Please feel free to reach out with a note at jkovach@clintonnj.gov anytime!

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson seconded by Mr. Humphrey to approve the council meeting minutes of September 9, 2020 as submitted.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Dineen, Humphrey, Intrabartola, Johnson, Karsh, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

1. Mayor Kovach explained that all votes will be roll call votes due to the confusion at the last council meeting. As mentioned in the opening statement, zoom in imperfect as well as the internet and there may be a loss of audio at times. At any time there may be a question on votes, please ask at the time the votes are being taken.
2. New Jersey League of Municipalities is going to be virtual with 80 sessions available from Monday through Friday. Badges must be ordered for any sessions and to obtain ceu's. Mayor Kovach asked anyone interested in attending sessions to notify the clerk.
3. Halloween discussion to take place after council business is addressed.
4. Mayor Kovach explained the need for the Town to send two letters in support of the A&P project and that Mayor and Council are in favor of the project to the Department of Environmental Protection. One letter addressing water and sewer and the other the affordable housing plan. The mayor will need to sign one and Mr. Phelan the other. The engineers are reviewing the situation currently and once completed, Tara St. Angelo, Esq. will prepare the letters. A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Ms. Dineen, to authorize the Mayor and Mr. Phelan to sign the prepared letters.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Dineen, Humphrey, Intrabartola, Johnson, Karsh, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

FIRE CHIEF JEFF HEDDEN

Chief Hedden spoke on behalf of the fire department and the unfortunate passing of Timothy Hagan. Chief spoke of his 3 1/2 years of service and the large percentage of responses Tim was a part of. His infectious smile made friends everywhere. To memorialize him at the department, his end of watch date is 8/24/2020 and the sticker will read "Keep it to Timmy's standards". He did everything 100% and will be remembered in a You Tube video during a training session where he went head first down a ladder.

Councilman Humphrey then read a proclamation to be presented to Tim's family and his fire department family.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, New Jersey native son and Town of Clinton resident Timothy David Hagan went home to be with the Lord on August 24, 2020 at the young age of twenty-one; and

WHEREAS, Tim was a brave and dedicated firefighter with the Clinton Fire Department who rose up from the Junior Firefighter program; and

WHEREAS, Tim adeptly acquired his Firefighter 1 certification, and completed his Firefighter Survival and RIC Operations training within one year of joining the department, and was Operations trained in Vehicle Rescue and Hazmat Operations; and

WHEREAS, his certifications allowed him to operate on a specialized crew to rapidly deploy at the scene of an incident to rescue any lost or trapped firefighters; and

***WHEREAS**, in addition to serving mankind as a firefighter Tim also assisted the disabled as a direct support professional; and*

***WHEREAS**, Tim was beloved both within the Fire Department and beyond, greeting all with his contagious smile and infectious laugh, spending time outdoors camping, fishing, hiking, or snowboarding, or indoors worshipping the Lord at the Church of the Covenant.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, posthumously honor Timothy for his years of service, and convey heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, brother firefighters, and all who loved him, for their tragic loss.*

Given on this Twenty-third Day of September in the Year Two Thousand Twenty in the One Hundred Fifty-Fifth Year since the Incorporation of the Town of Clinton and the Two Hundred Forty-Fourth Year of our Great Republic.

Mayor Kovach then asked for a moment of silence.

- At 7:39 PM, due to technical difficulties with Zoom, Municipal Clerk Ceil Covino was involuntarily booted from the meeting. Mayor Kovach asked Administrator Phelan to take minutes until Ceil was able to return to the virtual meeting.

BANNER REQUEST – 200 CLUB OF HUNTERDON COUNTY

Mayor Kovach asked for a motion to approve a banner request for September 28 through October 12, 2020 as submitted:

- Motion made by Councilman Mike Humphrey
- 2nd by Councilman Ross Traphagen
- Roll Call vote
 - Ayes – Intrabartola, Humphrey, Karsh, Dineen, Traphagen, Johnson, Kovach
 - Nay - none
 - Abstain – none

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #133-20 – NJDOT TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Mayor Kovach asked for a motion to approve as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 133-20

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER REGARDING STOPPING OR STANDING ON CERTAIN PORTIONS OF ROUTE 173

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) requires a Resolution of Support from the Town of Clinton in order to prohibit stopping or standing on certain portions of Route 173 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 39:4-8.4; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed the request and, based upon guidance from the Town Chief of Police, recommends prohibiting stopping or standing on certain portions of Route 173; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council and the Chief of Police have reviewed the proposed regulations and have determined that the adoption of such regulations will support the public health safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, that it supports the NJDOT's Transportation Regulation Order regarding stopping and standing on Route 73 as follows:

In the Town of Clinton Route NJ 173

No stopping or standing along the eastbound (southerly) side:

From the northbound (easterly) curb line of the westbound exit ramp from Route I-78 / US 22 to a point 300 feet easterly therefrom

No stopping or standing along the westbound (northerly) side:

From the prolongation of the westerly curb line of Hancock Street to the northbound (easterly) curb line of the westbound exit ramp from Route I-78 / US 22.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any approved traffic regulations in conflict with or inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution be rescinded upon approval of the Traffic Regulation Order; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of the within Resolution to the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect upon approval of the Commissioner of Transportation as provided by law.

- Motion made by Councilman Mike Humphrey
- 2nd by Councilman Ross Traphagen
- Roll Call vote
 - Ayes – Intrabartola, Humphrey, Karsh, Dineen, Traphagen, Johnson, Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION 134-20 WATER CAPACITY RESERVATION INCREASE/FALLONE

Mayor Kovach asked for a motion to approve the resolution as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 134-20

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 122-20 WHICH PREVIOUSLY APPROVED
WATER CAPACITY RESERVATION APPLICATION # L20-01**

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2015, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton adopted Ordinance 15-1, which amended Chapter 142 of the General Ordinances of the Town of Clinton by creating procedures for applying for and receiving approval for water reservations; and

WHEREAS, the Town had previously received communication from the Fallone Group, LLC, who is contractually entitled to 22,100 Gallons Per Day (GPD) of water for a certain tract of land located in the Township of Union, known as Block 22, Lot 34 (Tax Map Page 6) per an Agreement with the Town of

WHEREAS, Fallone Group, LLC has indicated that they are going to proceed with an application to the Township of Union's Planning Board for the development of a seventy-four (74) unit townhouse development, and were seeking approval for the use of their previously approved gallongage; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2020, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton adopted Resolution 58-20, which memorialized the fact that Fallone Group, LLC was contractually entitled to 22,100 GPD; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2020, the Town has received an amendment to Water Reservation Application # L20-01, submitted in the name of the Fallone Group, LLC for the subject property referenced above requesting an additional 6,970 GPD above-and-beyond what they were previously contractually entitled to, which was approved via resolution 122-20 on August 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2020, the Town received a second amendment to Water Reservation Application # L20-01 submitted in the name of the Fallone Group, LLC for the subject property referenced above requesting an additional 360 GPD above-and-beyond what was approved via Resolution 122-20; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated August 31, 2020, the Town consulting engineer, Suburban Consulting Engineers, have reviewed the amendment to the application and recommend that the additional gallongage be approved; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2020, the Town's Water Committee held their monthly meeting in which they have reviewed and approved said application and deemed it complete, to which they have granted final approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter 142, Section 1, Sub-section J(3) of the Town's Ordinances, the Mayor and Council hereby approves the amended gallongage increase on Water Reservation Application # L20-01 in the amount of 360 GPD, for a total of 7,330 GPD.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be provided to the Applicant, Suburban Consulting Engineers, and the Town of Clinton Superintendent of Water.

- Motion made by Councilwoman Rielly Karsh
- 2nd by Councilwoman Megan Johnson
- Roll Call vote
 - Ayes – Intrabartola, Humphrey, Karsh, Dineen, Traphagen, Johnson, Kovach
 - Nay - none
 - Abstain – none

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION 135-20 – PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF PTL. DEL RUSSO

Mayor Kovach asked for a motion to approve as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 135-20

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2019, Michael DelRusso was appointed as a probationary police officer with the Town of Clinton Police Department, and

WHEREAS, he has successfully completed his one year probationary period and has met all the departmental and state requirements for a police officer; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police, J. Cory Kubinak recommends his permanent appointment effective immediately;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton hereby appoint Patrolman Michael DelRusso as a full-time member of the Town of Clinton Police Department,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Michael DelRusso as well as placed in his personnel file.

- Motion made by Councilwoman Megan Johnson
- 2nd by Councilwoman Sherry Dineen
- Roll Call vote
 - Ayes – Intrabartola, Humphrey, Karsh, Dineen, Traphagen, Johnson, Kovach
 - Nay - none
 - Abstain – none

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION 136-20 – PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF PTL. GONZALEZ

Mayor Kovach asked for a motion to approve as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 136-20

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2019, Jose Gonzalez was appointed as a probationary police officer with the Town of Clinton Police Department, and

WHEREAS, he has successfully completed his one year probationary period and has met all the departmental and state requirements for a police officer; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police, J. Cory Kubinak recommends his permanent appointment effective immediately;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton hereby appoint Patrolman Jose Gonzalez as a full-time member of the Town of Clinton Police Department,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Jose Gonzalez as well as placed in his personnel file.

- Motion made by Councilman Mike Humphrey
- 2nd by Councilwoman Rielly Karsh
- Roll Call vote

- Ayes – Intrabartola, Humphrey, Karsh, Dineen, Traphagen, Johnson, Kovach
- Nay - none
- Abstain – none

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Councilwoman Dineen took this opportunity to comment of how wonderful it is seeing these new officers interacting with residents and children in Town while on duty.

**RESOLUTION 137-20 – REDEVELOPER’S AGREEMENT AND WATER SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH INGERMAN / A&P SITE**

Mayor Kovach asked for a motion to approve as submitted:

- Motion made by Councilwoman Lisa Intrabartola
- 2nd by Councilman Ross Traphagen
 - Before the roll call vote occurred, Attorney St. Angelo wanted to clarify a few changes to the Agreement.
 - She advised that normally, a developer would be required to make full payment of all water connection fees upon signature of this Agreement. However, due to the large costs, it was negotiated that the developer would only have to make a 25% payment at this time. She further advised that the fee will be calculated at the 2020 water connection rates and will the developer will have 2 years to make final connection to the water system. At the time of final connection, the remaining payment will need to be made to the Town.
 - Attorney St. Angelo advised that there are also some general typos that need to be corrected, as well as receiving the final water supply plan from the Town’s Water Engineer which will be made part of this Agreement in the form of an exhibit.
 - Additional changes include that there will be 6 private fire hydrants and 2 public hydrants located in the public right-of-way.
 - The developer is also required to provide a Performance Bond as part of this Agreement.
 - CFO Kathy Olsen asked Attorney St. Angelo why the initial 25% payment was going into escrow rather than directly to the water utility fund. She advised that this was something that was negotiated.
 - Fire Chief Jeff Hedden advised that he had met with the developers engineer on-site and reviewed the fire hydrant plan and reiterated the number and location of the hydrants previously referenced.

At 7:53 PM, Municipal Clerk Covino returned to the Zoom meeting and took the roll call vote on this resolution and the remaining items in the meeting.

- Roll Call vote
 - Ayes – Dineen, Humphrey, Intrabartola, Johnson, Karsh, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach
 - Nay - none
 - Abstain – none

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #138-20 – ANNUAL CURFEW

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Intrabartola, to adopt Resolution #138-20 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 138-20

WHEREAS, the period immediately prior and subsequent to Halloween, and the holiday time period commencing October 9 and continuing through November 6, 2020, a time when some persons under the age of eighteen and others may engage in mischief, acts of vandalism, and other petty disorderly offenses which are harmful to and interfere with the rights of citizens to use the streets and public areas of the Town of Clinton; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police of the Town of Clinton has determined, after due investigation and deliberation, that the incidence of juvenile delinquency within the Town will or may reach such a level of frequency or severity so as to present a clear and present danger to the public peace, safety, health, morals and welfare of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has studied and evaluated the question of the public safety and health in the Town of Clinton and has determined that the safety of the public and the welfare of juveniles will be enhanced if a nocturnal curfew is imposed limiting the ability of persons under the age of eighteen to use the streets and public areas of the Town of Clinton.

WHEREAS, Chapter 60 of the Ordinance of the Town of Clinton authorizes the imposition of a curfew.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, as follows:

- (A) Based on an oral report submitted to the Mayor and Council by the Chief of Police, the Mayor and Council hereby declare that a temporary emergency exists in the Town of Clinton during the period from Friday, October 9, 2020, up to and including Friday, November 6, 2020; and
- (B) The Mayor and Council do hereby declare a temporary curfew commencing at 9:00 p.m. October 9, 2020, up to and including 6:00 a.m. November 6, 2020. The terms of the curfew shall be consistent with Chapter 60 of the Code of the Town of Clinton.
- (C) Notice of this curfew shall be posted in accordance with Section 60-8 of the Ordinance of the Town of Clinton in such places as may be designated by the Chief of Police so as to give all interested parties notice of the imposition of the curfew.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Dineen, Humphrey, Intrabartola, Johnson, Karsh, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #139-20 – SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO HIGHLANDS

Councilwoman Karsh updated Council to re-up the resolution that Council proposed earlier this year. Council is encouraged to submit a grant proposal to the Highlands Council for a central business district market study and strategic economic development town wide study to get a base line understanding of the sustainable future of the Town. A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to adopt Resolution #139-20 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 139--20

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS COUNCIL FOR A CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT MARKET STUDY AND STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton (the “Town”) desires to make an application to the New Jersey Highlands Council for the purpose of securing funds to draft a Central Business District Market Study and Strategic Economic Development Planning Proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Town will seek up to \$50,000 for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Town’s Economic Development Committee has recommended applying for such grant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Clinton authorizes submission of a grant application to Highlands Council for the purpose of drafting a Central Business District Market Study and Strategic Economic Development Planning Proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant any other documents required to effectuate the purposes of this ordinance on behalf of the Town of Clinton.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Dineen, Humphrey, Intrabartola, Johnson, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach
ABSTAIN: Karsh

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Karsh)
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #140-20 – HIRING OF A FINANCIAL EXPERT

Attorney St. Angelo explained that she is waiting to hear back from two experts that are available to do the work. A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to adopt Resolution #140-20 as submitted:

RESOLUTION #140-20

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A FINANCIAL EXPERT

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2020, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton authorized the execution of a Redeveloper's Agreement (the "Redeveloper's Agreement") with Highway 22 Grocery Owners, LLC (the "Redeveloper") for the redevelopment of property designated as Block 21, Lots 30.01, 31, 32 and 33 (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Redeveloper's Agreement indicates that the Redeveloper intends to make an application to the Town under the Long Term Tax Exemption Law for approval of an agreement for payment in lieu of taxes, (hereinafter referred to as a "Financial Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Town requires specialized advice from an expert on the terms of such Financial Agreement; and

WHEREAS, there are very few experts that are qualified to give such advice; and

WHEREAS, the Town anticipates only being able to obtain two to three proposals from qualified experts; and

WHEREAS, funds are or will be made available, up to, but not to exceed
\$10,000, for this purpose to be certified by the Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*) authorizes the hiring of a professional without competitive bidding providing that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bidding and the contract itself be made available for public inspection.

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

1. The Mayor, in consultation with the Town Planner and Attorney, is authorized to solicit proposals from qualified experts to provide advice on terms of a Financial Agreement as set forth above; and
2. Given the limited availability of such experts, the Mayor, in consultation with the Town Planner and Attorney is authorized to select such an expert and execute an agreement with such expert. The fees paid under such agreement shall not exceed \$10,000.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public contracts Law, subject to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-11, which states that "No local unit shall be required to advertise for bids for any of the work performed pursuant to 40A:5-4."
4. A notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Town and a copy of the resulting contract shall be made available for public inspection.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Dineen, Humphrey, Intrabartola, Johnson, Karsh, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #20-20 – COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

A motion was made by Ms. Dineen, seconded by Ms. Intrabartola, to introduce Ordinance #20-20 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE # 20-20

**AMENDING SECTION 88-62 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON TO ADD
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PARKING AND STORAGE OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES IN
THE C-1 ZONE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton has determined that it is appropriate and necessary to adopt amendments to its zoning code to address the parking and storage of commercial vehicles in the C-1 District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 88-62 of the Code entitled “Parking and loading” is amended by adding the following:

- E. Parking and storage of commercial vehicles shall be permitted in the C-1 Zone District, provided that:
- (1) Said vehicles are accessory to and related to the principal use of the property.
 - (2) Except while such vehicles are being loaded or unloaded, said vehicles may not be parked or stored unless in designated and properly striped parking spaces not less than 75 feet from a public right-of-way, including sidewalks. Approved commercial uses in existence prior to the adoption of this ordinance October 14, 2020, shall be exempt from the requirement that commercial vehicles shall be stored or parked at least 75 feet from a public right-of-way or sidewalk if such vehicles are parked in properly striped parking spaces.
 - (3) Said vehicles are not disabled and are properly registered and insured, unless the same are stored or parked in a wholly enclosed garage or are awaiting repair at a public garage.
 - (4) The area in which any such vehicle is to be parked or stored shall not preempt any off-street parking space required to be provided by provision of any other land use ordinance of the Town.
 - (5) The parking or storing of such vehicle will not interfere with any site distance requirement.
 - (6) No vehicle containing or having displayed upon it any advertising matter intended to promote the interest of any business shall be parked or stored in a parking area serving said business unless it is parked in a side or rear yard of the lot not fronting on a street or in a wholly enclosed garage.

SECTION 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Dineen, Humphrey, Intrabartola, Johnson, Karsh, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A copy of this ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review edition of October 1, 2020. A public hearing will be held October 14, 2020.

HALLOWEEN DISCUSSION

Mayor Kovach opened discussion with Council and the Police Chief as to how Halloween will be addressed this year. After a lengthy discussion of various options, council decided trick or treating should be a parental decision if their children will be going door to door, however, the hours will be limited to 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2020. A page will be posted to the website with an information fact sheet and a notice will be sent home to families via the virtual back pack at Clinton Public School. Resident and Community educator at CPS, Liz Hedden offered her opinion as to the Town running a trunk or treat while school will not be having it, sending a mixed message. Fire Chief Hedden stated there are links to Halloween guidelines on the Hunterdon County Chief's Association for additional information.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mrs. Connell was thankful for the assistance she received in getting her mail delivery problems straightened out.
2. Thank you from Hunterdon County Department of Human Services for supporting a Stigma Free Task Force Initiative in the Town of Clinton.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL

Councilwoman Intrabartola

Councilwoman Intrabartola reported on her meeting with Leon Andrews, Director of the League of Cities, discussing ways to build an inclusion, diversity and equality committee that was originally launched in June/July this year. Basic checklists were made available as well as sample resolutions that Ms. Intrabartola will share with everyone. Two virtual events coming soon are Community over Chaos with the New Jersey Institute of Social Justice and the Annual conference based in Washington, DC. November 10, 2020. A possible partnership with the League of Municipalities is being discussed to make a greater presence in New Jersey due to moments of crisis in cities recently.

Councilwoman Dineen

Land Use Board approved an accessory use on September 15, for a drive thru Dunkin Donuts at the Shell station. The next meeting October 6, 2020 to hear the site plan application for Old Urban Renewal Associates LLC, the A&P re-development proposal, all plans are available for review on the Clinton website home page listed under Land Use Board.

Councilman Traphagen

Shade Tree – approved four locations for taking down trees that residents expressed concern. The committee made notes of areas where the lantern flies are very bad and will be drafting a letter to the Department of Agriculture asking for possible assistance in treating the area.

Rescue Squad will be holding a County technical rescue drill and trench rescue simulation on Saturday, September 26.

Councilwoman Karsh

Water Committee – Water professionals are making up a handy info graphic that will explain to water customers exactly what chemicals are tested for a better understanding and a more transparent explanation for customers. The Foster Wheeler / Fox Fire Pump station will be going out for bid before the end of the year. Night work on West Main Street upgrades has been underway, a thank you to the residents for their patience. The asset management plan continues to be updated, leak detection is on-going and large meter replacement is nearly completed.

Economic Development Committee – is working with the Police Chief and Go Hunterdon for a pedestrian safety walkability sidewalk survey. Go Hunterdon provided a checklist and the business zone will be the first place to begin a walkability inventory of sidewalks.

Clinton Guild is having their Teacher Appreciation week, save 15% on sales over \$20.00. Drive in movie night is sold out for this coming Saturday. Pumpkin Fest is being planned with Chief Kubinak.

October 2, 8:00 a.m. will be a joint meeting of the water and roads committee to discuss Stormwater Management amendments and ordinance amendments. The committees will hear recommendations from professionals. Meeting open to the public via zoom link.

Councilman Humphrey

Clinton Fire Department – Chief Hedden reported 18 calls for the month of August and 184 calls for the year. At the end of August, the fire department sent their engine out for extensive repairs, estimates are coming in approximately \$10,000; the truck is 18 years old. The fire department continues working on fire district talks and have the numbers council requested. Chief Hedden asked that they be on a Council agenda in December to continue talks.

On September 12, 2020, a call came in of smoke in the Clinton House. Chief Hedden commented on the “logistical design nightmare” in front of the Clinton House. Getting fire apparatus to the area was very difficult. Councilman Humphrey wants to see the problem in person with a site visit and asked the fire department to meet there. Mr. Phelan was asked to reach out to Mr. Clerico, the Town Engineer, to also attend a visit to see if anything can be done.

Full Election Page on the website, clearly explaining the process. Ballot drop boxes are located throughout the County, 12 in all. North Hunterdon Library on Halstead expected to be delivered by October 2.

Environmental Commission – a letter was sent to the Land Use Board outlining recommendations for the old A&P site, including concerns about pedestrian pathways and safety. Also questions about the intended use of renewable energy and equipment on site etc.

Councilwoman Johnson

Board of Education – Thanks again to Dr. Cohen, the staff and all involved with the school during this difficult time.

Orange ribbons are \$10.00 available at the school as a fundraiser in support of Claire Wranitz, a Glen Gardner student at Clinton Public School, who is suffering from leukemia. Harper's Table on Route 31 is hosting a fundraiser on October 11, 2020 movie night showing Hocus Pocus, to help the family.

Sewer Committee to meet Friday, September 25, 2020.

Governor Murphy is running a free NARCAN distribution throughout the State of New Jersey from September 24-26, 2020. Additional pharmacies are participating this year. This life saving tool is extremely expensive and could save lives. Councilwoman Johnson said she will email the locations to the Website Committee and asked the committee to post the locations in Hunterdon County on the site.

September is National Suicide Awareness month and many are struggling now with isolation and depression. There are many hot lines available for people in need that Ms. Johnson will be sharing with the Website Committee for posting on the site. There is help available and we are urged to help others who are struggling.

APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Ms. Intrabartola, to approve the standby and overtime attached to these minutes for September 4 through September 17, 2020.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Dineen, Humphrey, Intrabartola, Johnson, Karsh, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Karsh, to approve the voucher list as attached to these minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Dineen, Humphrey, Intrabartola, Johnson, Karsh, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 P.M.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC, Municipal Clerk

Mayor Janice Kovach