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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.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:jkovach@clintonnj.gov) anytime!

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Kovach explained that the approval of the December 9, 2020 council minutes and two sets of executive session minutes of the same date will be held until January 13, 2021.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS – NOVEMBER**

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Dineen, to approve the Treasurer’s and Animal Licensing reports for the month of November as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE**

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

1. \_Mayor Kovach has received two resignation letters from the Board of Recreation, Nancy Smith after 45 years and Rosemary Pendergast after 21 years. A proclamation will be awarded to both long time members and they will be missed. Ms. Dineen and Ms. Johnson stated that both ladies offered so much to the committee over the years. A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Intrabartola, to accept the resignations with regrets.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #171-20 – REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Traphagen, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to adopt Resolution #171-20 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION # 171-20**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector of the Town of Clinton has received an overpayment for following block and lot due to refinance,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to refund the overpayment to the following account:

<b><u>BLOCK</u></b>	<b><u>LOT</u></b>	<b><u>OWNER</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
29	19.06	Kreutel, William & Jan	\$ 3,892.78

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tax Collector remove the overpayment on the above block and lot for the 4th quarter 2020.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #172-20 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

A motion was made by Ms. Intrabartola, seconded by Ms. Karsh, to adopt Resolution #172-20 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION – #172-20**

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that there will be excesses in certain appropriations over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriations for the year 2020, and it has also been determined that certain appropriations are deemed to be insufficient to fulfill the purposes of such appropriations; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides for the transfer of the amount of such appropriations as may be deemed in excess to such appropriations as may be deemed to be insufficient; and

**WHEREAS**, the transfers about to be authorized do not affect any appropriations, to which or from which transfer are prohibited under the statutes;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following transfers between 2020 appropriations be authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Mayor & Council – Other Expenses	\$ 1,200.00	
Legal – Other Expenses	2,300.00	
Tax Assessment – Other Expenses	2,000.00	
Streets & Roads – Other Expenses	6,500.00	
Land Use Board – Other Expenses	4,000.00	
Buildings & Grounds – Other Expenses	6,000.00	
Maintenance of Parks – Other Expenses	2,000.00	
Parks & Playgrounds – Other Expenses	2,000.00	
Street Lighting – Other Expenses	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Buildings & Grounds – Salary & Wages		2,500.00
Solid Waste – Other Expenses		15,000.00
Group Insurance – Other Expenses 13,000.00		
Water – Other Expenses		500.00
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TOTALS	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 31,000.00

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**STANDBY AND OVERTIME**

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Dineen, to approve the standby and overtime attached to these minutes for November 27 through December 10, 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. Dineen, seconded by Ms. Intrabartola, 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

Mr. Humphrey expressed his thanks to all the Town employees for their dedication and exemplary work for the Town. It was a stressful year and everyone stepped up to carry on through the rough times. Mayor Kovach echoed Mr. Humphrey's sentiments and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2021!

Re-organization meeting will be held Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Kovach also reported that the Governor is expected to sign the economic recovery package for small businesses such as our Main Street and other projects. We are first in line and Mayor Kovach will share the information with Council as soon as it is received.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Dineen, seconded by Ms. Intrabartola, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 a.m.

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Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Janice Kovach, Mayor

Council Meeting  
Special Time: 8:00 a.m.  
December 23, 2020