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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 :

N.J.S.A. 10:4-8 (b) authorizes municipalities to conduct public meetings through use of streaming services and other online meeting platforms.

The Town of Clinton is using ZOOM Video Meetings, which are also live-streamed to Facebook Live on the Town’s Facebook Page at @clintonnjgov

Please be aware that this meeting is being recorded for the public record.

Both ZOOM and Facebook Live are imperfect, so if glitches pop-up, please be patient.

We will be addressing all questions and general comments after the governing body has conducted business and shared reports. We will take comments during the public hearing of any Ordinances on the agenda.

Councilman Mike Humphrey will be moderating questions and comments on ZOOM and Facebook. Please use the chat feature in Zoom to indicate that you wish to be recognized for a comment. You can also type in questions.

You must provide you name and address to be recognized for comment.
We ask that you keep your device muted until called upon by the council.
The Mayor and Council will respond to all votes using chat.

Please feel free to reach out with a note at jkovach@clintonnj.gov for any reason after the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Dineen seconded by Ms. Intrabartola to approve the council meeting minutes of June 24, 2020 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS – JUNE

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to accept the Monthly Reports for the month of June as submitted: Administrator’s Report, Clerk’s Account, Cat and Dog Licensing Accounts, Construction Control / Inspection Report, Police Report, Tax Collector’s Report, Zoning Officer

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #112-20 – EXECUTIVE SESSION – AFFORDABLE HOUSING

A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Johnson, to enter into Executive Session to obtain attorney information regarding Affordable Housing at 7:35 p.m.

RESOLUTION # 112-20

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:

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_____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;

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 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: _____) 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.)

 X 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: Land Acquisition OR affordable housing 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

Upon returning to the regular meeting, a motion was made by Ms. Dineen, seconded by Mr. Humphrey to return to the regular meeting at 7:48 p.m.

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Vote all ayes

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Laura Burr, 26 Union Road, presented to Council her concerns of safety on Union Road. Ms. Burr broke it down into three matters.

1. 25 mph speed limit and 6 ton weight limit often ignored with trucks coming off the highway when the interstate has traffic and the cars exceeding 50 mph.
2. Sidewalks do not connect from Union Road to Rupell's Road and other disconnects in the Knolls such as Spruce Road does not connect to Union, forcing children and parents to walk in the street.
3. The need of a crossing guard at the intersection of Exit 15 where the traffic light is, the gas station and the car wash is extremely warranted and needed.

Councilwoman Johnson agreed with Ms. Burr on all points. Ms. Karsh said the points have been addressed and regarding the speed, asked if the sign "THIS IS YOUR SPEED" the electronic sign that the police have, could be relocated on Union Road for a time. The Chief said he could set it to record the higher speed comes in and the speed and documents the time of day that people abuse the speed limits.

Ms. Burr addressed the cut through the Knolls down to the Clinton House and asked if that could be properly paved. Ms. Karsh explained it is not possible because there is no viable way down because of the elevation making it ADA compliant. The Town is working with Go Hunterdon for pedestrian friendly solutions and with the school. Chief Kubinak will address the need for a crossing guard. Follow up with the school will be made in August.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

1. Garrett Reed Gonzalez-Rivas, is interested in earning his eagle scout status, by pursuing a Clinton Park Enhancement by building benches at the Water Street lot. Buildings and Grounds is looking at the idea.
2. Hunterdon County Prevention Resources produced a documentary for discussion on July 15 with a Q & A period, please share the information on social media.
3. Hunterdon Medical Center is not holding their annual Gala but are working on a telethon with 11 other organizations and a "town challenge" to participate in raising money through donations.
4. Eric Eisenhart is also talking about a competitive challenge where folks would be visiting sites in Hunterdon County and running short and/or long distances. Mayor Kovach is 6 miles away from 172 miles in the "Garden State Parkway challenge".
5. The Governor set forth an Executive Order today requiring that masks must be worn outside if social distancing is not an option.

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RESOLUTION #109-20 – STATEWIDE INSURANCE – RENEW THE FUND

A motion was made by Ms. Karsh, seconded by Ms. Intrabartola, to adopt Resolution #109-20 as submitted:

RESOLUTION #109-20

STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION TO JOIN (RENEW) THE FUND

WHEREAS, a number of local units have joined together to form the Statewide Insurance Fund (“FUND”), a joint insurance fund, as permitted by N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, CLINTON TOWN (“LOCAL UNIT”) has complied with relevant law with regard to the acquisition of insurance; and

WHEREAS, the statutes and regulations governing the creation and operation of joint insurance funds contain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of such funds; and

WHEREAS, the LOCAL UNIT has determined that membership in the FUND is in the best interest of the LOCAL UNIT.

WHEREAS, the LOCAL UNIT agrees to be a member of the FUND for a period of three (3) years, effective from **January 1, 2021** terminating on **January 1, 2024** at 12:01 a.m. standard time; and

WHEREAS, the LOCAL UNIT has never defaulted on claims, if self-insured, and has not been canceled for non-payment of insurance premiums for two (2) years prior to the date of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LOCAL UNIT does hereby agree to join the Statewide Insurance Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to the extent required by law, the Local Unit shall provide notice of the Indemnity and Trust Agreement to the Office of the State Comptroller; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LOCAL UNIT will be afforded the following coverage(s) :

Workers' Compensation & Employer's Liability	<u>X</u>
Comprehensive General Liability	<u>X</u>
Automobile Liability and Physical Damage	<u>X</u>
Public Officials and Employment Practices Liability	<u>X</u>
Property	<u>X</u>
Inland Marine Boiler and Machinery	<u>X</u>
Crime-Faithful Performance and Fidelity	<u>X</u>
Pollution Liability	<u>X</u>
Cyber Liability	<u>X</u>
Non Owned Aircraft	<u>X</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LOCAL UNIT's Fund Commissioner is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying the membership in the FUND as required by the FUND's Bylaws and to deliver same to the Administrator of the FUND with the express reservation that said documents shall become effective only upon the LOCAL UNIT's admissions to the FUND following approval of the FUND by the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance.

INDEMNITY AND TRUST AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made this 8TH day of July 2020 in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, by and between the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter "FUND"), and CLINTON TOWN in the County of Hunterdon a duly constituted local unit of government (hereinafter "LOCAL UNIT");

WHEREAS, two or more local units have collectively formed a joint insurance fund as such an entity is authorized and described in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the LOCAL UNIT has agreed to become a member of the FUND in accordance with and to the extent provided for in the Bylaws of the FUND and in consideration of such obligations and benefits to be shared by the membership of the FUND; and

WHEREAS, the LOCAL UNIT has complied with relevant law with regard to the acquisition of insurance;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

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1. The LOCAL UNIT, upon entering the FUND, agrees to be bound by and to accept and comply with each and every provision of the FUND's Bylaws, Risk Management Program, as it applies to the LOCAL UNIT and the applicable statutes and administrative regulations pertaining to joint insurance funds.
2. The LOCAL UNIT agrees to participate in the FUND with respect to the coverage listed in the LOCAL UNIT's "Resolution to Join" in accordance with the FUND's Bylaws and Risk Management Program.
3. The LOCAL UNIT agrees to become a member of the FUND until January 1, 2024, at 12:01 a. m. eastern standard time. The commencement date shall be the effective date as established by the FUND's Bylaws and policies.
4. The LOCAL UNIT certifies that it has not been canceled for non-payment of insurance premiums for a period of at least two (2) years prior to the date hereof, or, if self-insured, that it has never defaulted on any claims.
5. In consideration of membership in the FUND, the LOCAL UNIT agrees that it shall jointly and severally assume and discharge the liability of each and every member of the FUND in accordance with statute and regulation, and by execution hereof the full faith and credit of the LOCAL UNIT is pledged to the punctual payment of any sums which shall become due to the FUND in accordance with the Bylaws thereof, this Agreement or any applicable statute or regulation.
6. If the FUND, in the enforcement of any part of this Agreement, shall incur necessary expense or become obligated to pay attorney's fees and/or court costs, the LOCAL UNIT agrees to reimburse the FUND for all such reasonable expenses, fees and costs on demand.
7. The LOCAL UNIT and the FUND agree that the FUND shall hold in trust all monies paid by the LOCAL UNIT to the FUND and those monies will be used in accordance with all applicable statutes, the FUND's Bylaws and the Risk Management Program.
8. If required by the Commissioner of Insurance or applicable statutes or regulations, the FUND shall establish separate trust fund accounts in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36, et seq. and any other statutes or regulations that may be applicable. Said trust accounts shall be used solely for the payment of claims made against members of the FUND, excess insurance premiums and/or the administration of the FUND, or for such other purposes as now or hereunder permitted by statute or regulation.

9. Each LOCAL UNIT which shall become a member of the FUND shall be obligated to execute an agreement similar in form to this Agreement.
10. To the extent required by law, the LOCAL UNIT shall provide notice of this Agreement to the Office of the State Comptroller.

Vote all ayes

Motion carried

RESOLUTION #110-20 – - 2020-2021 LIQUOR LICENSE QUICK CHEK

A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Traphagen to adopt Resolution #110-20 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 110-20

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton Governing Body is in receipt of an Application for the renewal of **PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE #1005-44-001-004** for;

**QUICK CHEK FOOD STORES/SHOPRITE LIQUORS
41, 41 ½ & 43 OLD HIGHWAY ROUTE 22
CLINTON, NEW JERSEY 08809**

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, fees have been paid and clearance has been received from the New Jersey Department of the Treasury;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Clinton Governing Body does hereby approve, effective July 8, 2020, renewal of the above captioned license for the 2020-2021 year and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Vote all ayes

Motion carried

RESOLUTION #111-20 – INCREASING THE BID THRESHOLD

A motion was made Ms. Dineen, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to adopt Resolution #111-20 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 111-20

RESOLUTION FOR INCREASING BID THRESHOLD

WHEREAS, the recent changes to the Local Public Contracts Law gave local contracting units the ability to increase their bid threshold up to \$44,000; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3a, permits an increase in the bid threshold if a Qualified Purchasing Agent is appointed as well as granted the authorization to negotiate and award such contracts below the bid threshold; and

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WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq. established the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Olsen possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent as issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton desires to take advantage of the increased bid threshold;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Town of Clinton, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, hereby increases its bid threshold to \$44,000.00.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #113-20 – POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE

A motion was made by Mr. Traphagen, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to adopt Resolution #113-20 as submitted:

RESOLUTION NO. 113-20

Resolution Authorizing the Postponement of a Mortgage Between

The Town of Clinton and Citizens Bank, N.A.

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2018, Melanie Dominko-Richards 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, Lot 7 Q C0104 and known by the street address of 4 Rolling Hill Road, Clinton, NJ, said mortgage being filed on February 12, 2018 in Mortgage Book 4080 at page 275 in the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office which mortgage was second and subordinate to the first mortgage in the original principal amount of \$80,987.00 made to MERS, solely as nominee for Finance of America Mortgage LLC; and,

WHEREAS, Melanie Dominko-Richards now seeks to refinance her first mortgage with Home Point Financial Corporation, in the amount of \$80,950.00, and a condition of her refinance is that the mortgage held by the Town of Clinton be subordinated to the new Home Point Financial Corporation 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,

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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.

Votes all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #114-20 – PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF POLICE CHIEF

A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Ms. Dineen, to adopt Resolution #114-20 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 114-20

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2019, J. Cory Kubinak was appointed as a probationary Chief of Police within the Clinton Police Department; and

WHEREAS, he has successfully completed and excelled during his one year probationary period; and

WHEREAS, the Police Committee recommends that J. Cory Kubinak receive his permanent appointment effective July 1, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton hereby permanently appoint J. Cory Kubinak as the Chief of Police.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION # 115-20 – 2020 – SALARY AMENDMENT III

A motion was made by Ms. Dineen, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to adopt Resolution #115-20 as submitted:

RESOLUTION #115-20

2020 SALARY RESOLUTION – AMENDMENT III

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Clinton in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey as follows:

That the following position titles within the Town of Clinton in the County of Hunterdon, the respective salaries or compensation set forth below are hereby fixed as the maximum amounts to be paid for the year 2020:

POSITION

SALARY

Detective – Police Department

\$100/Month

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The foregoing resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication thereof according to law.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #20-16 – AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

A motion was made by Ms. Dineen, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to introduce Ordinance #20-16 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE # 20-16

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING AND AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT
PLAN FOR
BLOCK 8, LOTS 23.02, 23.05, 24, 27, 29.02, AND 33**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution #60-18 adopted on February 27, 2018 (as amended by Resolution #126-19 adopted on September 24, 2019) the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton (the “Council”) authorized the Town of Clinton Land Use Board (the “Land Use Board”) to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether an area known as the former A&P Super Market and identified as Block 21, Lots 6, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 30.01, 31, 32, 33, and 34 on the Town of Clinton Tax Maps (the “Redevelopment Area”) met the statutory criteria to be designated as an “Area in Need of Redevelopment” pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3 et seq. (the “LRHL”); and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Board held a public hearing on October 15, 2019 regarding the preliminary investigation and the Redevelopment Area was found to meet the standard for an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Board subsequently adopted Resolution # 2019-0011 that same date recommending that the Town Council designate the Redevelopment Area as an “Area in Need of Redevelopment” pursuant to the LRHL; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted Resolution #141-19 on October 22, 2019 designating the Redevelopment Area as an “Area in Need of Redevelopment” in accordance with the Land Use Board’s recommendation and instructed the Land Use Board to prepare a redevelopment plan; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with the Town Planner, Jim Kyle, P.P. of Kyle & McManus Associates, the Land Use Board prepared a redevelopment plan dated January 10, 2020 (the “Redevelopment Plan”);

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Town Council adopted Ordinance #20-01 adopting the Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with the Town Planner, Jim Kyle, P.P. of Kyle & McManus Associates, the Land Use Board prepared an Amended Redevelopment Plan dated June 25, 2020 (which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, the “Amended Redevelopment Plan”) which increases the residential unit count to provide an additional affordable unit and changes the general layout of the proposed project;

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(f), because the Land Use Board prepared the Amended Redevelopment Plan, the Town Council does not have to refer the Amended Redevelopment Plan to the Land Use Board for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, after conducting a public hearing on the Amended Redevelopment Plan, the Town Council finds that it is in the best interests of the Town to adopt the Amended Redevelopment Plan.

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

Section 1. Pursuant to the authority granted to the Town Council by N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7, the Amended Redevelopment Plan for the Former A&P Supermarket, dated June 25, 2020, prepared by Kyle & McManus Associates and attached hereto is hereby adopted.

Section 2. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:12-7(c), the Amended Redevelopment Plan for the Former A&P Supermarket hereby supersedes applicable provisions of the Town of Clinton Land Use Ordinances. In so doing the Amended Redevelopment Plan for the Former A&P Supermarket shall constitute an explicit amendment to the Town Zoning Map to identify the Redevelopment Area as the boundaries of the area regulated by the Amended Redevelopment Plan for the Former A&P Supermarket. The official Town Zoning map shall be amended to henceforth coincide with the Amended Redevelopment Plan for the Former A&P Supermarket.

Section 3. If any portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any other part thereof. Any invalidation shall be confined in its operation to the section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, term, or provision or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after final approval and publication according to law.

A notice of this Ordinance will be published in the Courier News edition of January 11, 2020. A public hearing will be held August 12, 2020.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. United Way of Hunterdon County, Katherine Abarca, Community Outreach Liaison, working to support participation in the 2020 Census for Hunterdon so we can get an accurate count and ensure proper funding is available for services such as Medicaid, public transportation, and senior housing. Everyone is being asked to spread the word for by making a civic duty and community impact.
2. Arbor Day Foundation sent of letter of congratulations to Clinton on earning recognition as a 2019 Tree City USA.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL

Councilwoman Johnson

Parks and Recreation held an emergency meeting to discuss having a Drive In Movie at Hunts Mill Park and to request the use of the Hunts Mill Park to stage the drive in. The plan was to tentatively set August 22, a Saturday night, for the movie. Ms. Karsh, member of the restart committee, suggested a weeknight as not to take away from guild events and outside dining on the weekends. Ms. Johnson agreed that would be a good idea. Ms. Dineen, suggested the Water Authority property. All ideas will be discussed

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with the committee. Ms. Intrabartola of the committee will now handle scheduling of the fields and the community center.

Ms. Johnson would like to promote the revitalization of the playground efforts and their search of volunteers in every area. Social media will begin putting out information for everyone to share.

Councilman Humphrey

Mr. Humphrey addressed Council to discuss the procedure taking place of events happening without full approval of the Mayor and Council. Mr. Humphrey wishes to formalize a process of events taking place. Mayor Kovach explained that the two graduation parades of cars took place at the discretion of the Police Chief who is also the Office of Emergency Management coordinator because of the emergency conditions, OEM makes the final decision. Mr. Humphrey stated that he would like to see “communication alerts” and shared thoughts and feelings of council when proposals are made to have an event in Town. A penalty and fines should be imposed to organizations or groups for holding events without prior council approval. Mr. Humphrey referenced the Fourth of July parade as an example of lack of communication.

Councilwoman Dineen

Roads Committee will meet Friday, July 10, agenda items will include sidewalks discussion on Union Road and Rupell’s Road.

Land Use Board reviewed a site plan application for completeness for 82 West Main Street, the Shell station. They will be scheduled for a Land Use meeting. A second application was the approval of the final subdivision for Sal Latino on Riverside Drive.

The Land Use Board also discussed the redevelopment plan for the Global Agway / Fox property. The plan was distributed to the Council for their review and comments. The Council will have this on their agenda for introduction at the July 22 meeting and a public hearing scheduled for August 12.

Councilman Traphagen

All committees to meet next week.

Mayor Kovach gave CONGRATULATIONS to Councilman Traphagen on his marriage to Meghan on July 4, 2020! Everyone wished him their best!

Councilwoman Karsh

Economic Development Committee meets next week.

The Clinton Guild has been working hard on promoting the Town. The “Cheery Birds” is the latest in fund raising efforts. Clinton Swag Bags is also an exciting venture, gift bags are prepared by a few different shops for \$50.00 value, which is the cost of the bags. They were given out for graduates, made up for guys, gals or gender neutral. They went over so big the Guild is continuing making them!

The re-start committee is also continuing helping out the business owners and diners setting up barriers supplied by the Red Mill as a pedestrian walkway. Ms. Karsh asked everyone to push the idea out to everyone to use the walkway allowing diners not having pedestrians through tables on the sidewalks.

APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Traphagen, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to approve the standby and overtime attached to these minutes for June 12 through June 25, 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 9:08 P.M.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

Mayor Janice Kovach