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Roll Call: Humphrey, Johnson, Karsh, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach  
Absent: Dineen, Intrabartola

**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. 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 general comments for any topic that is not on the current agenda during Public Comments as well as comments during public hearings for any Ordinances.

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

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**

A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey seconded by Ms. Karsh to approve the council meeting minutes of July 22, 2020 as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS – JULY**

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson seconded by Ms. Karsh, to accept the monthly reports for the month of July as submitted: Clerk’s Account, Cat & Dog Licensing Report, Police Report, Tax Collector’s Report, Zoning / Code Enforcement Officer’s Report,

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE**

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

1. Mayor Kovach asked for a moment of silence for a prominent and memorable Hunterdon County community leader and long-time resident, Frank C. Hooper, who passed away August 6, 2020. Mr. Hooper was the grand marshal of the annual Christmas parade and will always be remembered for his 1947 White Mack fire truck and so many other events.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #20-18** – has been postponed until August 26, 2020 council meeting, giving Council time to review before introducing.

**PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #20-16 - REDEVELOPMENT PLAN OF A & P SITE**

A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey seconded by Ms. Johnson, to open the public hearing of Ordinance #20-16:

**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**

Vote all ayes  
1 Abstention (Karsh)  
Motion carried

Geoff Long, development principal from Ingerman, was available at this meeting to answer questions from the Mayor and Council and the public comments. Many residents attended the meeting via zoom and had lots of public comment for both public hearings on the ordinances.

Kyle Perloff, 28 West Main Street, explained that he is a new resident in Town and asked what exactly does this redevelopment plan refer to. Mayor Kovach explained the area of the former A&P was designated as an “Area in Need of Redevelopment” and as part of the Fair Share Housing Plan this ordinance must be put in place. Fire Chief Jeff Hedden said he received the updated drawings and reviewed them with Jack Daniels, the Fire Official, and the dimensions of the fire truck were incorrect but have been corrected. Mr. Long explained the amended plan, 6,000 sq. ft. of retail space on the first floor, 120 rental apartments. Mr. Long met with Michael Margulies AIA, an architect specializing in historic structures and gave design suggestions for the new development’s facade. Ms. Karsh, 116 Center Street, asked if the retail space would be designed to connect the proposed retail space with the downtown shopping district in a street scaping plan and Mr. Long was happy to say yes! The plan is to have it connect with strip of stores located next to the site, directing shopping in that direction.

Meg Mullin, 35 West Main Street, expressed concerns of light pollution but that is a topic for the Land Use Board to address. Paul Kipp, 33 West Main Street, asked about setbacks, Paul. Balasic, 45 West Main Street questioned the number of units and was told for every one affordable housing unit we get four market rate units.

There being no further comments, a motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to close the public portion of the meeting.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to adopt Ordinance #20-16 on final reading.

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

Vote all ayes  
1 Abstention (Karsh)  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #20-17 – REDEVELOPMENT PLAN**

A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Traphagen, to open the public hearing of Ordinance #20-17:

**ORDINANCE #20-17  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE  
OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR  
BLOCK 24, LOTS 2 AND 10  
BLOCK 25, LOTS 18, 19, AND 20**

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

Questions and comments were taken from the following residents:

Paul Kipp, 31-33 West Main Street; Paul Balasic, 45 West Main Street and Chris Balasic; Kyle Perloff 28 West Main Street; Norma Kania, 27 West Main Street; and Meg Mullin VDM 35 West Main Street.

Questions addressed number of housing units, traffic, light pollution, the Lansdown Trail parking and accessibility, an access road that would lead behind existing properties and the possibility of car access alongside the trail that could take folks to the Ramsey Road access, avoiding traveling on West Main Street and the traffic situation. Also a concern was the influx to Clinton Public School, to which Councilwoman Johnson replied that the housing would be mostly age restricted and special needs housing which would not add children to the school system.

Walter Wilson, principal of Clinton Development Partners, gave an overview of the proposed plans for the Global Agway/Fox Lumber site. The original building will house a micro brew / distillery towards the rear of the building. The developers would like to see an open market in the front of the building, similar to the Easton Market or the Stockton Market, but not to carry items that would compete with the shops on Main Street. Mr. Wilson is also focusing on street scape frontage and architectural design to tie it in the Town's early years.

Following a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to close the public portion of the meeting.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Ms. Karsh, to adopt Ordinance #20-17 which determines an amendment to the Town's Zoning Map to identify the Redevelopment Area as the boundaries of the area regulated in the Redevelopment Plan for the Riverside Redevelopment Area. The official Zoning map of the town shall be amended to coincide with the plan for this area.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

Council acknowledges the concerns of residents and suggested they attend the Land Use meetings and pay attention to the plans as they become available. Land Use meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. with additional meetings on the third Tuesday is needed. At those meetings, experts will be available to answer questions regarding engineering and traffic. Interested parties can also email questions or concerns to the website, [www.clintonnj.gov](http://www.clintonnj.gov) Mayor Kovach thanked everyone for their participation this evening.

**RESOLUTION #118-20 – PURCHASE OF POLICE SPORTS UTILITY VEHICLE**

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Traphagen, to adopt Resolution #118-20 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION #118-20**

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton wishes to purchase a Police Sports Utility Vehicle from an authorized vender under the State of New Jersey Purchasing Program;

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, Winner Ford has been awarded the New Jersey State Contract #A88729 (T2776); and

WHEREAS, the purchasing agent recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best price available; and

WHEREAS, the actual cost for the Police Sports Utility Vehicle is expected not to exceed \$36,682.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of \$36,682.00 under the Capital Budget, Ordinance 19-09;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Clinton, that Winner Ford be awarded a contract for the purchase of a Police Sports Utility Vehicle.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #119-20 / #120-20 / #121-20 WATER RESERVATIONS**

A motion was made by Ms. Karsh, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to adopt the following water reservation resolutions as presented:

**RESOLUTION # 119-20**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING WATER CAPACITY RESERVATION  
APPLICATION # L20-04**

**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 has received Water Reservation Application # L20-04, dated May 18, 2020, submitted in the name of the Kerwin-Savage Partnership/108 Alton Place (Township of Clinton, Block 79.07, Lot 1, Tax Map Page 13, located at 108 Alton Place); and

**WHEREAS**, on July 21, 2020, the Town's Water Consulting Engineer, Suburban Consulting Engineers, informed the Town of Clinton Water Committee of their recommendation of approval of the afore-mentioned application which proposes residential development of one (1) single family, 4-bedroom home, ninety six (96) 3-bedroom townhomes, and forty three 1/2/3 bedroom apartments; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 22, 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 Water Reservation Application # L20-04 in the amount of 29,745 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.

**RESOLUTION # 120-20**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING WATER CAPACITY RESERVATION  
APPLICATION # L20-06**

**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 has received Water Reservation Application # L20-06, dated July 2, 2020, submitted in the name of the Township of Clinton/LeCompte Project (Township of Clinton, Block 29, Lot 4, Tax Map Page 7, located at 65 Valley Crest Road); and

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**WHEREAS**, on July 21, 2020, the Town's Water Consulting Engineer, Suburban Consulting Engineers, informed the Town of Clinton Water Committee of their recommendation of approval of the aforementioned application which proposes development of ninety (90) 1/2/3 bedroom apartments and 2,500 SF office space and community room; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 22, 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 Water Reservation Application # L20-07 in the amount of 17,542 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.

**RESOLUTION # 121-20**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING WATER CAPACITY RESERVATION**

**APPLICATION # L20-07**

**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 has received Water Reservation Application # L20-07, dated July 15, 2020, submitted in the name of the Township of Clinton, Annandale Village LLC (Township of Clinton, Block 53, Lot 3, Tax Map Page 8.01, located at 6 West Street); and

**WHEREAS**, on July 21, 2020, the Town's Water Consulting Engineer, Suburban Consulting Engineers, informed the Town of Clinton Water Committee of their recommendation of approval of the aforementioned application which proposes development of twelve (12) apartments and one (1) restaurant with 112 seats; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 22, 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 Water Reservation Application # L20-07 in the amount of 5,020 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.

Vote all ayes

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Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #122-20 – WATER RESERVATION**

A motion was made by Ms. Karsh, seconded by Mr. Humphrey to adopt Resolution #122-20 which is granting addition capacity to Fallone Group, LLC. For the record, Ms. Karsh stated she was not endorsing the development, only the water aspect.

**RESOLUTION # 122-20**

**SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION APPROVING WATER CAPACITY RESERVATION**

**APPLICATION # L20-01**

WHEREAS, the Town has 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, knows as Block 22, Lot 34 (Tax Map Page 6) per an Agreement with the Town of Clinton dated September 11, 2006; and

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 seventy-four (74) single family home development, and were seeking approval for the use of their previously approved gallonage; 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, the Town has received an amendment to Water Reservation Application # L20-01, dated July 2, 2020, 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; and

WHEREAS, on July 21 2020 the Town's Water Consulting Engineer, Suburban Consulting Engineers, informed the Town of Clinton Water Committee of their recommendation of approval of the aforementioned application which proposes development of seventy-four (74) single family homes; and

WHEREAS, on July 22, 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 Water Reservation Application # L20-01 in the amount of 6,970 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.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION # 123-20 – GROUP AFFIDAVIT**

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Council has received and reviewed the 2019 Annual Audit. There being no questions, a motion was made Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Karsh, to adopt Resolution #123-20 and have Council sign the Group Affidavit attesting to their review.

**RESOLUTION # 123-20**

**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 2019 as 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

**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.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried



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**RESOLUTION #124-20 – HIRING OF JEFFREY DYSART**

A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Traphagen, to adopt Resolution #124-20 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION # 124-20**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Clinton Buildings and Grounds Department requires the hiring of a Custodian, and;

**WHEREAS**, the position was advertised for, applications accepted and interviews performed, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works/Business Administrator and the Buildings & Grounds Committee recommend that the following person be hired to fill the open position at a rate of \$15.00 per hour not to exceed 15 hours per week;

Jeffrey Dysart

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton hire Jeffrey Dysart to fill the open position of Custodian effective August 24, 2020.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #125-20 – WATER RESERVATION – INGERMAN**

A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to adopt Resolution #125-20 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION # 125-20**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING WATER CAPACITY RESERVATION APPLICATION # L20-08**

**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 has received Water Reservation Application # L20-08, dated July 20, 2020, submitted in the name of the Old 22 Urban Renewal Associates, LLC (Town of Clinton, Block 21, Lots 29, 30.01, 31, 32, 33, Tax Map Page 4, located at 49 Old Highway 22); and

**WHEREAS**, on July 22, 2020, the Town's Water Committee held their monthly meeting in which they have reviewed and provided a conditional approval pending receipt of a formal letter from Suburban Consulting Engineers memorializing the specifics of the applicants request; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 4, 2020, the Town's Water Consulting Engineer, Suburban Consulting Engineers, informed the Town of Clinton Water Committee of their recommendation of approval of the aforementioned application which proposes development of 120 apartments with inclusionary housing, a pool, and 6,892 SF of retail space; and

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**WHEREAS**, as the Town's Water Committee is satisfied with the information outlined by Suburban Consulting Engineers, the application is deemed complete, to which they have granted a final approval and have imposed the conditions listed in Suburban Consulting Engineers August 4, 2020 letter.

**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 Water Reservation Application # L20-08 in the amount of 19,432 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.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #126-20 – REJECTION OF PUMP STATION BIDS**

A motion was made by Ms. Karsh, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to adopt Resolution #126-20 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION # 126-20**

**AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR THE FOSTER WHEELER AND FOX FIRE BOOSTER  
PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton ("Town") received and opened sealed bids for the Foster Wheeler and Fox Fire Booster Pump Station Improvement Projects on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 10:00AM pursuant to the authority of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the following six (6) bids were received:

	<b>Contract A</b>	<b>Contract B</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>Foster Wheeler</b>	<b>Fox Fire</b>	
Cypreco Industries Inc.	\$875,523.00	\$613,000.00	\$1,488,523.00
DeMaio Electrical Co., Inc.	\$947,717.00	\$629,081.00	\$1,576,798.00
CMS Construction, Inc.	\$1,019,026.00	\$739,908.00	\$1,758,934.00
Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co., Inc.	\$1,102,683.00	\$792,500.00	\$1,895,183.00
Iron Hills Construction Company	\$1,156,130.00	\$817,490.00	\$1,973,620.00
Scafar Contracting, Inc.	\$1,222,200.00	\$883,000.00	\$2,105,200.00

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law (LPCL), N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(d), the Town will be rejecting all bids in order to substantially revise the specifications for this project.

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

1. All bids for the Foster Wheeler and Fox Fire Booster Pump Station Improvement Projects are hereby rejected pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(d).

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2. The Town's Purchasing Agent, in conjunction with the Town's Water Engineer, are authorized to revise the bid specifications and re-bid the projects in accordance with the LPCL.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all bidders above and the Town of Clinton Water Engineer.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

#### **AMENDMENT TO THE WATER ASSET MANAGEMENT MASTER PLAN**

In June of 2017, the water engineers, Andrew Holt, P.E. and Eleni Giannikopoulos came before council to make an Water Asset Management Planning presentation. Mr. Holt and Ms. Giannikopoulos gave a detailed report on the 5 year capital improvement plan and stated that it will be updated from time to time as necessary. This evening, a 163 page amendment to the plan was prepared and distributed to Council. The plan is available in the Clerk's Office for anyone interested is reviewing. A motion was made by Ms. Karsh, seconded by Mr. Traphagen, to accept the Amendment to the Asset Management Plan.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The Census Bureau is going to begin knocking on doors seeking cooperation from residents to complete the census survey. It takes very little time and will ensure that municipalities get the funding sources they are entitled to. Currently the County is at 75% and Clinton is at 78%. Please respond and tell your neighbors to do as well.

#### **REPORTS OF COUNCIL**

##### **Richard Phelan, Business Administrator**

Mr. Phelan updated Council to the two major projects that will be taking place. The temporary water services on West Main Street will begin the week of August 17. This phase should take approximately three weeks and the following stage will be to remove old water mains.

Sewer Committee has been meeting twice a month to discuss the wastewater treatment plant filter building project. The press itself weighs 18,000 lbs. assembled and delivered and the next stage to begin outside working to the equipment installed. Former WWTP Superintendent, Paul Klitsch, will assist the engineer during the project.

##### **Attorney Tara St. Angelo**

The 2020 tax appeals have been settled by Fran Kuczynski, the Tax Assessor. Ms. St. Angelo commented Fran on a great job and minimal loss, fair to Town and appellant.

The Fairness & Compliance hearing was held last Friday at the Somerset County Courthouse, we are in conditional compliance with the court and close to finalizing.

##### **Councilman Humphrey**

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Environmental Commission will be sharing a proposed property maintenance ordinance with Shade Tree and the Land Use Board.

John Kashwick of the Shade Tree has been named as the liaison to the Environmental Commission. by the committee, but this is a mayoral appointment. A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Ms. Karsh, to appoint John Kashwick as liaison between Environmental and Shade Tree Commission.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

The Newsletter is expected to go out the end of August but articles are at an all-time low. Please reach out to everyone for articles. A full page for Clinton Public School, North Hunterdon and Voorhees and the Police.

Clinton Fire Department – report given by Chief Hedden. 43 calls for June and July, broken down into fires, motor vehicle accidents, smell of gas, and a landing zone response.

**Councilwoman Karsh**

Roads Committee – Georges Place road project, plan to go out for bid in March, 2021. Union Road, potential for sidewalks when the re-paving takes place.

Economic Development Commission to meet with the New Jersey Economic Development authority to discuss the PPE access program which allows small business to purchase at affixed rate with no price gauging.

Clinton Guild is spearheading the Drive-In movie night, looking for a date at the end of September. The Guild is no longer requesting the street be closed for diners any longer, they would prefer shoppers to walk past their shops.

**Councilman Traphagen**

The Rescue Squad had 303 calls last month, normal pre-pandemic numbers.

Historic Commission to meet next week and look at revised drawings for the A&P with the assistance of Michael Margulies AIA.

**Councilwoman Johnson**

Board of Recreation is having a zoom meeting next week regarding the park re-vitalization and meeting with volunteers. The Engineer will be invited to attend the next council meeting to discuss the park plans.

**APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME**

A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to approve the standby and overtime attached to these minutes for July 10 through July 23 and July 24 through August 6, 2020.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Karsh to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 P.M.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC, Municipal Clerk

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Mayor Janice Kovach