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Mayor Kovach called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – Carberry, Dineen, Pendergast (8:03), Smith, Sosidka (8:04) Mayor Kovach

Absent - Rylak

## STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Mayor Kovach read the following statement: "Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided, indicating the time and place of the meeting and the proposed agenda, which notice was posted, made available to newspapers, and filed with the Clerk of the Town of Clinton in accordance with Section 3(d) of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975."

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held May 9, 2017.

Vote all ayes Motion carried

## <u>APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS – APRIL</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Dineen to approve the Treasurer's and the Wastewater Treatment Plant monthly reports for the month of April as submitted.

Vote all ayes Motion carried

## **PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE**

#### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

- 1. The annual Relay for Life will be held June 16 and 17, 2017. A request to present a proclamation has been prepared and will be presented at the June 13, 2017 council meeting.
- 2. Mayor Kovach presented to Council the proposal of summer hours for employees to be as presented last year. Employees interested in early hours on Fridays during the summer would have to take shorter lunches three times a week to allow for dismissal at 3:00 PM on Fridays. Motion made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Ms. Dineen, to offer the employees the schedule.

Vote all ayes Motion carried

### PROCLAMATION – HOPE FOR THE HURT

Hope for the Hurt is a developing organization working towards building awareness of critical issues that affect young people. Mayor Kovach presented the proclamation.

#### BANNER REQUEST – RUNNING OF THE LIONS 5K

An application has been received from North Hunterdon Education Foundation to display a banner for the "Running of the Lions 5K" to be held October 15, 2017. The display dates are September 25 through October 9, 2017. A motion was made by Ms. Dineen, seconded by Mr. Carberry, to approve the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes Motion carried

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### **RESOLUTION #81-17 – OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES**

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to adopt Resolution #81-17 as submitted:

#### **RESOLUTION #81-17**

**WHEREAS,** the Tax Collector of the Town of Clinton has received overpayments for the following block and lots due to refinance, closing or payment error,

**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 overpayments to Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service c/o Centralized Refunds, P.O. Box 9202, Coppell, Texas, 75019-9978, for the following accounts:

<b>BLOCK</b>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
12	4	Sandrian, Kathleen Spann	\$ 2,629.69
29.01	12.01	Judy Shanley	\$ 2,179.32
31	20.08	Donald & Monica Berkman	\$ 36.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tax Collector remove the overpayments on the above block and lots for the 2nd quarter 2017.

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

Vote all ayes Motion carried

#### CORRESPONDENCE

### **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL**

### **Chief Matheis**

Chief Matheis reported on the Clinton Fire Department and Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad's celebration parade! It was a great parade and everything ran smoothly.

# Richard Phelan, Business Administrator

- 1. The new projector and screen have been installed in the Council Room due to a grant that was received.
- 2. Mr. Phelan's son, Ryan, attended the parade on Saturday and was excited to see Ms. Sosidka appearing like she was going to jump out of the jeep that was taking her to the Hunts Mill Park. Ms. Sosidka wanted to be sure Ryan saw her as she wanted to wave and say hi!

### Kathy Olsen, CFO

1. Ms. Olsen attended her Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association conference last week and reported that the State is not reimbursing Towns the Homestead Rebate money until July, which amounts to \$90,000 to the Town of Clinton.

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### **Councilman Smith**

- 1. Water Department The Town Water engineer will be attending the June 27, 2017 council meeting to make a presentation regarding the asset management plan that was addressed months ago before introducing the water rate increase in January, 2017. The engineer will be using the new projector and screen to make his presentation.
- 2. Mr. Smith wished to express his gratification to Becky Setnicky of the Rescue Squad and Mike Clancy of the Fire Department, the co-chairs of the parade committee. Excellent job!

#### **Councilwoman Dineen**

- 1. Shade Tree met with the Town Arborist and completed an inventory of town trees and is working on a plan for the year. Shade Tree made a few recommendations that will be forwarded to the Buildings and Grounds Committee.
- 2. Clinton Guild Ms. Dineen will be attending their meeting this Thursday, May 25, 2017. A topic for discussion will be the trash cans on Main Street.

## Councilwoman Sosidka

- 1. Historic Commission is interviewing historians of the Town of Clinton for a documentary. Old tapes made by Joan Hooper that were donated to the Commission by Nancie Greaney were converted onto a thumb drive by Roger Plaisted. The interviewers are learning that as interesting it is to hear old stories and the history of the town, questions need to be organized in a way that people can follow. Mayor Kovach asked about tapes that recorded Mayor Allie McGaheran and Ms. Sosidka believes they were already converted onto CD's that need to be edited.
- 2. Summer Recreation information is on the web site as well as the tennis camp information. Tiffany Cinquemani has prepared a wish list of ideas for future trips if the Commission can raise funds to do other things and possibly boost enrollment.
- 3. Sustainable Jersey Grant has awarded the Town of Clinton a \$10,000 grant! Ms. Sosidka and Mayor Kovach attended the award presentation. Great news for the Clinton Conservancy and the Green Team. Kathy Madden and Deena Roberts worked diligently on the grant application and are to be congratulated. The history of the award was very interesting to learn, how PSE&G, being interested in conservation, did not want to wait for the Government to award and began a grass roots level grant. Mr. Carberry asked the sequence of the monetary award. The Town has received \$5,000 and will receive the additional \$5,000 of the \$10,000 once the money has been expended by the Town. Possibly October when the final \$5,000 will be received.

#### **Councilman Pendergast**

1. Echoing Mr. Smith's comments, great accomplishments by Becky Setnicky and Mike Clancy, cochairs of the CFD/CFARS parade! Three years of hard work came to a reality this past Saturday, May 20, 2017. The support of local businesses was amazing! Dan Torrone, "Dr. D" put in extremely long hours and shared his expertise totally gratis; Mr. Hooper, of the Christmas Parade committee donated \$1,000; Johnson Dodge of Washington, Warren County, loaned several jeeps for the Mayor and Council to ride during the parade and supplied the red mugs for folks to buy for beer and refills. Mayor Kovach asked if mugs and challenge coins were still available and Mr. Pendergast assured her there were plenty and that copies of the ad program will be put in each of council's folders.

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2. Sewer – moving forward with plans of improvements to the filter building. The engineers from Van Cleef, as well as electrical and structural experts attended a meeting to renovate the plant which in need of repairs.

# STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry seconded by Mr. Pendergast to approve the standby and overtime submitted for the period of May 5 through May 18, 2017 attached to these minutes.

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

Vote all ayes Motion carried

# **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

A motion was made by Ms. Dineen, seconded by Ms. Sosidka, to approve the voucher list attached to these minutes.

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

Vote all ayes Motion carried

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Ms. Sosidka to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 a.m.

	Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC, Municipal Clerk
Mayor Janice Kovach	