CLINTON TOWN COUNCIL MAY 10, 2023 7:30 P.M.

FLAG SALUTE ROLL CALL STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

- 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council and Executive Session meeting minutes of April 26, 2023
- 2. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS APRIL
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- 4. MAYOR'S COMMENTS Summer council meeting schedule
- 5. PRESENTATION VETERAN'S HAVEN NORTH DAVID CULLEY and KARL VANDERHYDE
- 6. PROCLAMATION EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK
- 7. SOLID WASTE REFUND
- 8. INTRODUCTION OF BOND ORDINANCE 23-09 NEW STREET 2ND READING JUNE 14, 2023
- 9. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #23-10 ROUTE 173 and LEIGH STREET 2ND RDG. JUNE 14
- 10. RESOLUTION #91-23 CHAPTER 159
- 11. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 23-11 ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY 2^{ND} RDG. MAY 24
- 12. RESOLUTION #92-23 LIQUOR LICENSE HOLIDAY INN
- 13. RESOLUTION #93-23 LIQUOR LICENSE JD SPIRITS
- 14. RESOLUTION #94-23 TAX LIEN REDEMPTION
- 15. RESOLUTION #95-23 SUPPORT OF MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR EMS
- 16. RESOLUTION #96-23 SPECIAL LEGAL SERVICES
- 17. RESOLUTION #97-23 INVASIVE SPECIES
- 18. RESOLUTION #98-23 PURCHASE OF PROPERTY
- 19. CORRESPONDENCE
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- 21. STANDBY AND OVERTIME
- 22. PAYMENT OF BILLS
- 23. EXECUTIVE SESSION if necessary
- 24. ADJOURNMENT

ORDINANCE 23-09

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE RESURFACING OF NEW STREET IN AND BY THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$340,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$177,300 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Town of Clinton, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "Town") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$340,000, including a \$162,700 grant expected to be received from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation's Fiscal Year 2023 Municipal Aid Program (the "State Grant"). Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c), no down payment is being provided for the costs of the project since the project is partially funded by the State Grant.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the State Grant, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$177,300 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the resurfacing of New Street, including, without limitation, pavement resurfacing, storm drainage inlet modifications and installation

of ADA-compliant handicapped ramps and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

- (b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.
- (c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Town hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Town

is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

- (a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Town may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.
- (b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 10 years.
- (c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Town as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$177,300, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.
- (d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$55,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.
- Section 7. The Town hereby declares the intent of the Town to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described

in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received, other than those referred to in Section 1 hereto, shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Town is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Town and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Town. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Town pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Town and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Town fails to comply with its undertaking, the Town shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Town are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Town, and the Town shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Town for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law

ORDINANCE 23-10

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ROUTE 173 AND LEIGH STREET PEDESTRIAN PROJECT IN AND BY THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$270,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$80,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Town of Clinton, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "Town") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$270,000, including a \$190,000 grant expected to be received from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation's Local Aid Infrastructure Fund Program (the "State Grant"). Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c), no down payment is being provided for the costs of the project since the project is partially funded by the State Grant.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the State Grant, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$80,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the Route 173 and Leigh Street Pedestrian Project, including, without limitation, the installation of curbs and sidewalks along Route 173,

the replacement of sidewalks and the installation of storm drains on Leigh Street and the installation of ADA-compliant handicapped ramps and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

- (b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.
- (c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Town hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Town is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

- (a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Town may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.
- (b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 10 years.
- (c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Town as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$80,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.
- (d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$45,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

Section 7. The Town hereby declares the intent of the Town to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received, other than those referred to in Section 1 hereto, shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Town is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Town and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Town. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Town pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Town and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Town fails to comply with its undertaking, the Town shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Town are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Town, and the Town

shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Town for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law

TOWN OF CLINTON HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY ORDINANCE # 23-11

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 21, LOT 27 (59 Old Highway 22)

WHEREAS, Jamison C. Taylor, LLC (the "Property Owner") is the owner of Block 21, Lot 27 in the Town of Clinton (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton (the "Town") wishes to acquire the Property for public purposes, specifically to establish a new police department headquarters; and

WHEREAS, the Town and the Property Owner agreed on a purchase price of \$820,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town will be funding the purchase through the use of grant monies; and

WHEREAS, the Town authorized the execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council on May 10, 2023, which made the Town's purchase of the Property conditioned upon the passage of the within Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Land and Buildings Law, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:12-3, *et seq.*, requires adoption of an ordinance to authorize the acquisition of the Property.

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

SECTION 1. Subject to the availability of funds described herein, the Town is hereby authorized acquire the Property as referenced hereinabove for the amount of \$820,000.00

SECTION 2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary actions and execute all necessary documents, including but not limited to a deed of conveyance, HUD-1 settlement statement, affidavit of title, and such other closing documents in order to authorize both the acquisition and conveyance of the Property.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as prescribed by law.

RESOLUTION - #91-23

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget and,

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton has received \$3,000,000.00 from the State of New Jersey and wishes to amend its 2023 budget to include this amount as a revenue.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2023 in the sum of \$3,000,000.00 which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues

Special Item of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services: Public and Private Revenues Off-Set with Appropriations: Police Office of Emergency Management Facility, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$3,000,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(a) Operations Excluded from the .5% Cap
Public and Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues:
Police Office of Emergency Management Facility:
Other Expenses

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION # 92-23

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton Governing Body is in receipt of an Application for the renewal of PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE (HOTEL/MOTEL EXCEPTION), #1005-36-004-009 for:

A HUNTS MILL ASSOCIATES LLC LIYO INN 111 ROUTE 173 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 1, 2023, renewal of the above captioned license for the 2023-2024 year and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

I, Cecilia Covino, Clerk of the Town of Clinton, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Clinton Mayor and Council at a meeting on May 10, 2023

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC, Town Clerk

Cecilia Covino

TOWN OF CLINTON HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY RESOLUTION #93-23

WHEREAS the Town of Clinton Governing Body is in receipt of an application for the renewal of **PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE** # 1005-44-001-007 for:

JD CORPORATION 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 June 30, 2023. Renewal of the above captioned license for he 2023-2024 year and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

I, Cecilia Covino, Clerk of the Town of Clinton, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Clinton Mayor and Council at a meeting held May 10, 2023.

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Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC

Municipal Clerk

TOWN OF CLINTON RESOLUTION #94-23

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Town of Clinton has been paid \$15,819.32, the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #21-00001 and the current charge of \$1,107.67on Block 23 Lot 13, assessed to CDP Wargo LLC., and struck off to the Town of Clinton;

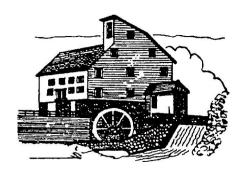
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 10th day of May 2023 by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, that the Tax Collector be authorized to cancel the municipal lien on Block 23, Lot 13;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to endorse the Tax Sale Certificate.

I, Cecilia Covino, Clerk of the Town of Clinton, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton at a meeting held on May 10, 2023.

Capilla Cavina Tavva Clark

Cecilia Covino, Town Clerk



TOWN OF CLINTON

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RESOLUTION #95-23

SUPPORT FOR BILLS S2946 AND A4505

WHEREAS, New Jersey's Medicaid reimbursement rate for Emergency Medical Services (**EMS**) Basic Life Support transportation is \$58.00 per trip, and

WHEREAS, this rate is reported to be the lowest rate in comparison to neighboring states and is among the lowest nationwide, and

WHEREAS, the rate of \$58.00 per trip has been in existence since 1994 and is no longer sustainable for the EMS system, and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey EMS system is facing a critical staffing crisis, rising costs due to inflation, and the emergency medicine industry becoming more complex,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Hunterdon County endorses bills S2946 and A4505 which increase the EMS Medicaid transportation rate to \$200.00 per trip, which better aligns with rates imposed by neighboring states.

Recorded vote:

TOWN OF CLINTON HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION # 96-23

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BARON & BUDD, P.C. AND COSSICH, SUMICH, PARSIOLA & TAYLOR LLC FOR SPECIAL LEGAL SERVICES

- **WHEREAS**, the Town of Clinton (the "Town") operated and maintains a municipal water system; and
- WHEREAS, Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances ("PFAS") including, but not limited to, Perfluorononanoic acid ("PFNA"), perfluorooctanoic acid ("PFOA"), and/or perfluorooctane sulfonic acid ("PFOS") have been detected in the Town's water system; and
- **WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2023, the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") announced proposed National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for PFAS; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Town learned of a pending lawsuit relating to PFAS, in which Dupont among others have been named as defendants for their role in manufacturing PFAS;
- WHEREAS, the Town desires to weigh its options and seek to recover the substantial costs necessary to treat the Town's water system to maintain levels of PFNA, PFOA, and/or PFOS in compliance with any EPA regulations; and
- WHEREAS, Baron & Budd, P.C. and Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor LLC are able to provide legal services to the Town with respect to damages, compensation, and other relief to which the Town may be entitled as a result of an action to be filed by the above-referenced firms on behalf of the Town against the manufacturer(s) and supplier(s) of firefighting foam products (known as "aqueous film forming foam" or "AFFF") and/or other products containing PFAS, PFOA or PFOS, and any other related compounds; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Town now desires to enter into a Legal Services Agreement for special legal services by and between the City and Baron & Budd, P.C. and Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor LLC, a copy of which is attached hereto; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:11-1, et seq., .) authorizes the hiring of an attorney 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; and
- **WHEREAS,** the Legal Services Agreement reflect a contingency fee, which does not require the Town to pay any fees under the Agreement unless there is a monetary recovery in the anticipated litigation.
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute the Legal Services Agreement in substantially the same form as attached hereto and any other ancillary documents necessary to effectuate the intent and objectives of the Legal Services Agreement and this Resolution.
- 2. This Agreement is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provision of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.
- 3. This Resolution shall take effect upon proper publication in accordance with applicable law.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Town of Clinton Council at a meeting held on May 10, 2023.		
Cecilia Covino, Clerk	Janice Kovach, Mayor	

TOWN OF CLINTON

RESOLUTION # 97-23

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO MITIGATE THE IMPACTS OF INVASIVE SPECIES

WHEREAS, invasive species are considered the second greatest threat to biodiversity after outright habitat destruction; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has been severely impacted by a wide variety of invasive species, causing harm to agricultural and natural lands, leading to economic and ecological losses; and

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in the state senate and assembly to regulate invasive species and form the New Jersey Invasive Species Council to address the mitigation of the impacts of invasive species; and

WHEREAS, this legislation (S2186/A3677) "prohibits sale, distribution, or propagation of certain invasive plant species without permit from Department of Agriculture; establishes NJ Invasive Species Council".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Clinton that the governing body supports this legislation and ask that the Assembly and Senate pass this legislation quickly and expeditiously; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the offices of:

Governor Phil Murphy

Senator Nicholas Scutari, Senate President

Senator M. Teresa Ruiz, Senate Majority Leader

Senator Steven Oroho, Republican Leader

Senator Bob Smith, Chair, Senate Environment and Energy Committee

Senator Douglas Steinhardt

Senator Andrew Zwicker

Assemblyman Craig Coughlin, Assembly Speaker

Assemblyman Erik Peterson

Assemblyman John DiMaio

Assemblyman Roy Freiman

Assemblyman Sadaf Jaffer

and to the governing bodies of nearby municipalities.

	Janice Kovach, Mayor
ATTEST:	
Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC Town Clerk	

DATED: May 10, 2023

TOWN OF CLINTON HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION # 98-23

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE BLOCK 21, LOT 27 (59 Old Highway 22)

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton (the "Town") has negotiated to purchase Block 21, Lot 27 (the "Property") for the purposes of establishing a new police department headquarters; and

WHEREAS, funds are available from the Police Office and Emergency Management Grant that was awarded to the Town; and

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

- 1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract in substantially the same form as attached hereto for the purchase of the Property, which contract will be subject to the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the purchase of the Property and other conditions.
- 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a tru	ue copy of a Resolution adopted by the Town of Clinton
Council at a meeting held on	
Cecilia Covino Clerk	Ianice Koyach Mayor