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Roll Call: Bruno , Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

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

Mayor Kovach welcomed the public to the meeting and explained how the meeting will be run by reading the following statement:

NJSA 10:4-8(b) authorizes municipalities to conduct public meetings through use of streaming services and other online meeting platforms. Recently adopted P.L. 2020, c.11 amends OPMA to clarify that in times of emergency public bodies may vote, accept public comment and cause a meeting to be open to the public via electronic means.

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

The mayor and council will respond to all votes via roll call with the exception of opening and closing of public hearings will be a voice vote.

The Mayor and Council will respond to all votes by raising hands or via roll call.

COVID-19 RATEPAYER RELIEF MEASURES The Town is offering residential ratepayers experiencing economic hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic an installment plan for any Town of Clinton Water and Sewer arrearages accruing between March 9, 2020 and March 15, 2022. Please visit the Town’s website for more information. You can also contact the Sewer or Water Collector at (908) 735-8616. Additionally, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs’ Low Income Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is providing financial assistance to low-income households to reduce the balances on their residential water and sewer bills. Residents can apply online through the DCA.

Please feel free to reach out with a note at jkovach@clintonnj.gov anytime!

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Perloff, seconded by Mr. Bruno, to approve the meeting minutes of May 11, 2022.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

1. Mayor Kovach had the honor to participate in the retirement of Reverend Dr. Brandon Cho from the United Methodist Church for 40 years of Ministry on May 21, 2022. However he will still be working as he has accepted a part time position else- where.
2. Mayor Kovach attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor celebration for Paul Jeffrey Smith held on Sunday May 22, 2022. Congratulations!!!
3. JCPL is doing a planned power outage to do upgrades to their sub stations. The outage will be scheduled during the night hours. Mayor Kovach did ask them for at least a four day notice so the businesses can plan ahead.
4. Art Dysart, Water Superintendent, and Mayor Kovach attended the meeting at the Clinton Fire Department concerning the debriefing for the fire that happened on May 1, 2022 in the Union Hill Condos. The fire department asked specific questions about the water system. Our fire department will get the hydrant map showing where they are and the sizes of the mains working the fire hydrants. Mayor Kovach did ask our engineers to do a fire test on our system just to better understand our suppression system.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

Mayor Kovach read a proclamation declaring the first Friday of June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. The people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya Pendleton who was tragically shot at age 15 and other victims of gun violence and the loved ones of those victims. The color orange was chosen because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods and orange is a color that symbolized the value of human life.

Three ladies from the Mom’s Demand Action of Hunterdon County were in attendance. They were Keri Siniscalco, Nancy Rumore, and Lisa Demouro. Ms. Siniscalco said they look forward to making a relationship with Ms. Kovach and to work together to help solve this issue.

RESOLUTION #85-22 HOLIDAY INN – LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to adopt Resolution #85-22 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 85-22

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
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, 2022, renewal of the above captioned license for the 2022-2023 year and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #88-22 – AFFORDABLE HOUSING – REED TO BOUKEMA

A motion was made by Ms. Dineen, seconded by Mr. Traphagen, to adopt Resolution #88-22 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 88-22

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING DISCHARGE OF
AFFORDABLE HOUSING MORTGAGE**

WHEREAS, Huiting Reed purchased a home at 19 Rolling Hill Road, Clinton, New Jersey, on July 25, 2018; and

WHEREAS this home was designated as an Affordable Housing unit in the Town of Clinton; and

WHEREAS pursuant to the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing regulations, Huiting Reed executed a mortgage to the Town of Clinton Affordable Housing Authority which was recorded in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, on August 30, 2018 in Mortgage Book 4114 on page 80 (the "COAH Mortgage"); and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2022, Huiting Reed sold the home to Amanda M. Boukema who has executed a mortgage to the Affordable Housing Authority, which mortgage has been duly recorded;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor has the authority to execute a Discharge of the Mortgage given by Huiting Reed to the Town of Clinton Affordable Housing Authority.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #89-22 – AFFORDABLE HOUSING – BOUKEMA TO BEATON

A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Perloff, to adopt Resolution #89-22 as submitted:

RESOLUTION #89-22

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING DISCHARGE OF
AFFORDABLE HOUSING MORTGAGE**

WHEREAS, Amanda Boukema purchased a home at 23 Woodcrest Lane, Clinton, New Jersey, on December 29, 2014; and

WHEREAS this home was designated as an Affordable Housing unit in the Town of Clinton; and

WHEREAS pursuant to the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing regulations, Amanda Boukema executed a mortgage to the Town of Clinton Affordable Housing Authority which was recorded in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, on January 13, 2015 in Mortgage Book 3870 on page 739 (the “COAH Mortgage”); and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2022, Amanda Boukema sold the home to Catherine Beaton who has executed a mortgage to the Affordable Housing Authority, which mortgage has been duly recorded;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor has the authority to execute a Discharge of the Mortgage given by Amanda Boukema to the Town of Clinton Affordable Housing Authority.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #90-22 – JD SPIRITS – LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Perloff, to adopt Resolution #90-22 as submitted:

RESOLUTION #90-22

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, 2022. Renewal of the above captioned license for the 2022-2023 year and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #91-22 – 14 MOEBUS – REFUND OF ESCROW ACCOUNT

A motion was made by Mr. Perloff, seconded by Ms. Dineen, to adopt Resolution #91-22 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 91-22

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2021, 14 Moebus provided Escrow Funds to be deposited in a Town of Clinton escrow account, for work associated with a sewer project;

WHEREAS, the project has been completed and the Town Administrator has approved its release;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, to authorize the Chief Financial Officer to issue a check to 14 Moebus in the amount of \$2,500.00 to close the current escrow account.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bruno, Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #92-22 – CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT PARKING LOT LEAE

A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Ms. Dineen, to adopt Resolution #92-22 as submitted:

RESOLUTION #92-22

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARKING LOT LEASE AGREEMENT
WITH THE CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton (Town) and the Clinton Fire Department (Fire Department) has previously partnered into an agreement for the Town to lease thirty-five (35) parking spaces on Fire Department property; and

WHEREAS, said lease has recently expired and the parties are desirous to renew the lease for a term of twenty four (24) months from the date of expiration utilizing the same terms and conditions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council and the Clinton Fire Department enter into a lease agreement for a period of time beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the agreement as well as officers of the Clinton Fire Department.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #93-22 – SUMMER RECREATION SALARIES

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Perloff, to adopt Resolution #93-22 as submitted:

RESOLUTION #93-22

2022 SALARY RESOLUTION

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 and employees 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 2022:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Michelle Gallagher, Specialist	\$47.00/Hr.
Joseph Harris, Specialist	\$47.00/Hr.
Timothy Bidwell, Specialist	\$47.00/Hr.
Susan Lauricella, Specialist	\$47.00/Hr.
Jordie Kipp, Specialist	\$47.00/Hr.
Taylor Graff, Senior Counselor	\$18.00/Hr.
Emily Klien, Senior Counselor	\$18.00/Hr.

Evan Masiello, Senior Counselor	\$18.00/Hr.
Grace Medea, Senior Counselor	\$18.00/Hr.
Lily Rudeau, Junior Counselor	\$15.00/Hr.
Connor McIsaac, Junior Counselor	\$15.00/Hr.
Megan McIsaac, Junior Counselor	\$15.00/Hr.
Gianna Lauricella, Junior Counselor	\$15.00/Hr.
Julia Cutarelli, Junior Counselor	\$15.00/Hr.
Katie Moyer, Junior Counselor	\$15.00/Hr.
Skyler Klien, Junior Counselor	\$15.00/Hr.

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bruno, Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #94-22 – AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY AWARD OF CONTRACT

A motion was made by Ms. Dineen, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to adopt Resolution #94-22 as submitted:

RESOLUTION #94-22

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY AWARD OF CONTRACT
WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6**

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton operates a Water Utility that provides water service to five towns within Hunterdon County and the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, main breaks unexpectedly occur at locations which cannot be predicted; and

WHEREAS, depending on the significance of the damage to streets and roads numerous residents can be impacted; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton experienced a main break on Old Allerton Road on May 22, 2022, causing a very large sinkhole; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works/Business Administrator for the Town of Clinton, has determined that an emergency repair of the roadway is necessary in order to maintain the integrity of the Water Utility to supply water to homes, businesses and schools; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works/Business Administrator for the Town of Clinton has determined, that the damaged water main and roadway requires emergency repairs to swiftly put the system back into regular operation; and

WHEREAS, the number of contractors who have the experience, availability and reliability to perform this work on an emergency basis is limited; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works/Business Administrator has secured a contractor who is qualified to do this work on an emergency basis; and

WHEREAS, Adamsville Maintenance has been secured to perform the emergency work; and

WHEREAS, an actual or imminent emergency exists which requires the performance of repair work to the water main and sinkhole on Old Allerton Road; and

WHEREAS, the need for the repair work could not have been reasonably foreseen; and

WHEREAS, the breakage of the water main and sinkhole causes, in the immediate, a public safety hazard if not promptly rectified; and

WHEREAS, the failure to immediately repair the water main and sinkhole will preclude the proper water supply to homes, schools and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the contract will be of such limited duration as to meet only the immediate needs of the emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, Hunterdon County that the Mayor and Clerk or the Public Works/Business Administrator is authorized to enter into a contract with Adamsville Maintenance in accordance with a copy of the proposal attached hereto.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bruno, Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #95-22 – HIRING 10TH CLASS POLICE OFFICER – ALEX JASZYN

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to adopt Resolution #95-22 as submitted:

RESOLUTION #95-22

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton Police Department requires the hiring of a new officer, and;

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

WHEREAS, the Police Chief and Police Committee recommend that the following person be hired to fill the open position at the level of 10th Class Police Officer at the 2022 rate of \$59,924.04;

ALEX JASZYN

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton hire Alex Jaszyn to fill the open position at the Town of Clinton Police Department effective June 13, 2022.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bruno, Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #96-22 – REDISCOVER H UNTERDON GRANT PROGRAM

A motion was made by Mr. Perloff, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to adopt Resolution #96-22 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 96-22

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR REDISCOVER HUNTERDON GRANT PROGRAM HUNTERDON COUNTY TOURISM'S EXPLORE HUNTERDON INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Rediscover Hunterdon's Communities Grant Program (RHGP) provides funding to Hunterdon municipalities looking to re-explore, re-create, or re-implement Community Day Downtown Festivals or event to highlight small businesses within your community that have been negatively affected by the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the total amount available through the RHGP program is up to \$5,000; and will be determined by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism based upon financial need and application materials. The funds will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis, until the grant program has been exhausted; and

WHEREAS, any Municipality of Hunterdon is eligible for RHGP funding from Hunterdon County; upon sufficient documentation of adversely effected Community Events due to the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, stimulating local economic activity that were operating prior to the pandemic and affected by required closures and other efforts to contain the pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Clinton, Mayor Kovach is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make an application for Grant Funds; and
- (b) submit a letter of intent along with application, and

(c) submit adopted resolution authorizing grant application; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Clinton hereby authorizes the support of the grant application for the funding of “Rediscover Hunterdon’s Communities Grant Program.”

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bruno, Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #22-07

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to introduce Ordinance #22-07 on first reading as submitted:

**TOWN OF CLINTON
SEWER UTILITY**

CAPITAL ORDINANCE NO. 22-07

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON SEWER UTILITY, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF CLINTON SEWER UTILITY AND APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$200,000.00 FROM THE SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

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

Section 1. The Town of Clinton in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, is hereby authorized to make the following improvements to the Sewer Utility in, by and for the Town, including all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefore:

<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED COST</u>
Tertiary Tank Rehabilitation	\$200,000.00
TOTAL	\$200,000.00

Section 2. The aggregate sum of \$200,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Sewer Utility Capital Improvement Fund for Sewer Utility Improvements within the Town of Clinton Sewer Utility to the payment of the cost of the improvements as described in Section 1 hereof.

Section 3. Said improvements are lawful capital improvements of the Sewer Utility having a period of usefulness of at least five (5) years. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements, no part of the cost of which shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 4. The capital budget of the Town of Clinton Sewer Utility is hereby amended to conform with provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 5. This capital ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as required by law.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A copy of this Ordinance will be published in the Courier News edition of May 27, 2022.
A public hearing will be held June 8, 2022.

WATER REFUND – DIANE BENSINGER

Water Collector, Nancy Burgess, is requesting water refund to Diane Bensinger, 3 Goldfinch Court, Annandale. The tenant moved out and has a credit balance after the final water reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, authorizing the refund to Diane Bensinger in the amount of \$89.96.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bruno, Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The United Way is having their 2022 Annual Meeting and Community Report Out on June 16, 2022 from 5:30pm to 07:30pm at Razberry's in Flemington. It is that time of the year when they celebrate the volunteers and campaign results from the past year. If anyone is interested in attending contact the clerk's office for registration.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL

Police Chief Cory Kubinak

Chief Kubinak reported that two crossing guards will be coming on the agenda. One is a local 21 year old gentleman and the other is an older gentleman. The local gentleman will be starting right away with the summer recreation program. The older gentleman will be starting in October.

Chief Kubinak wanted to let Mayor and Council know there are five homeless people in town. One is up by the Community Center who you cannot approach. The lady gets very aggressive and belligerent to the officers. Another lady is 82 and the local church is going to take her in for a week. Senior Services in our area are full and they cannot give support. Councilwoman Johnson commented that there are no shelters in Hunterdon County. The closes one is in Morris County which has limited beds. Some of the other homeless persons are living out of their cars.

The parking that takes place on Ramsey Road, next to the Cracker Barrel and the Hampton Inn looks horrific. That is under Franklin Township municipality. They are going to pass an ordinance very soon where there will be no parking. Chief Kubinak's concern is that the parking will come into our town.

Kathy Olsen, Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Olsen explained the Water Department requires tenants to put down a \$100 deposit to cover the last payment when they move out. There is one tenant at 55 Sam Bonnell Drive that was involved in the fire that happened on May 1, 2022 who has a balance over her deposit and interest of \$4.23. Ms. Olsen is asking Mayor and Council to waive that payment.

A motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Perloff, authorizing to waive the balance of \$4.23.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bruno, Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Councilman Perloff

Recreation Committee Kid's Movie event has been moved up to this Friday, May 27, 2022 at 7:30. It is a joint effort with the PTO of Clinton Public School.

The Whitehouse Wind Symphony will be back in town on June 17, 2022 at the Red Mill Museum.

The Recreation Committee is looking into some additional sport leagues. On the top of the list is a kick ball league. The committee is looking into some ideas on getting that going. The leagues would be beneficial to the whole recreation program.

There has been talk about the Famer's Market opening year round. They can apply with the existing fees but may be a little bit more to that. They may want to go on the grass in front, they asked about signs, and they are interested in joining the Clinton Guild.

The Clinton Guild would like to thank Mayor and Council for helping them get Lower Center Street closed for the Come Together Music for Fridays. They would also like to thank the Public Works Department and Rich Phelan, Business Administrator for their assistance. Main Street is not being closed. Lower Center Street will only be closed from the second driveway down to Main Street. Residents on Lower Center Street will be able to get to their driveways. This closure is important to help with the overflow of residents watching the performers as they step into the street.

The Clinton Guild Birdhouse competition was a success. It brought in much downtown activity in the town. Twenty six birdhouses entered. There were three age categories which were 11 and under, 12 thru 17, and 18 and older. The winners were as follows:

<u>11 and under</u>		<u>12 thru 17</u>		<u>18 and over</u>	
1 st Place	Victor Wallace	1 st Place	Sam Beder	1 st Place	Tom Lieb
2 nd Place	Andy Greco	(only 1 entry)		2 nd Place	Adna Ali
3 rd Place	Abigail Higgins			3 rd Place	Catherine Paretti

The people's choice was Catherine Paretti.

Councilman Humphrey

The Fire Department had grill night last Friday which also coincided with the Platium Club. Due to the heavy rain in the beginning the turnout was low but then started to fill up.

The newsletter was submitted on Monday to the printer. It should be here in a couple days so we can label and tab them to get them out to the residents by June 1st. A special thanks to Nancy Burgess for labeling and tabbing all the newsletters. It takes a substantial amount of time to complete.

Tara St. Angelo, Town Attorney

Ms. St. Angelo will have the garbage bid specs ready soon. She made her comments and set them over to Rich Phelan, Business Administrator, and Kathy Olsen, Chief Financial Officer.

Ms. St. Angelo said she will give her updates on potential and pending litigation during the executive session.

Councilwoman Dineen

Water Committee met last Wednesday. There were no new water reservation applications or will serve applications.

The water department is hiring at this time.

The water department issued their water available letter in May. There has been no change to the available amount of water which is about 10,500 gallons per day.

July 22, 2022 is the next date to submit the lead/galvanized line inventory list of the water customer's pipes. A web based survey was put out to the customers on a voluntary basis and we have received about fifty responses.

The water department is working on submitting our capital improvement report to the Department of Environment Protection according to the Water Quality Accountability Act.

The valve replacement project which we having been working on for a couple of years is very beneficial and is paying off. 82 hydrants were inspected and not one needed repair. They are being flushed every year. The water department started testing the foxfire pump station for a two week trial. The construction completion day is around July 3rd.

Councilman Traphagen

The South Branch Rescue Squad had their open house. There was a very good turn-out. Councilman Traphagen said he stopped by the station here in town and watched an extraction. It was very interesting for the children so hopefully will have some future members.

The Historic Garden Party Fund Raiser is coming up. Anyone interested in attending you can get your tickets.

The North Branch North Hunterdon Library is doing some landscape work on the property. They are redoing the area in front between the parking lot and the sidewalk. They are laying down new sod and putting in patio areas with tables for people to sit outside and read their books. It is looking terrific.

Councilwoman Johnson

Summer Recreation is going to be amazing. The new director Samantha Lestrage is putting together some great activities and trips. Registration at this time is closed but if do you need to register someone reach out to Councilwoman Johnson or Ms. Lestrage.

The Booster Club collected the sneakers for the donation project. They were put out at the Community Center for pickup by FedEx. They will find out in a couple weeks how much the Booster Club recycled in sneakers. There were around twenty bags that were collected. Each bag is about twenty to fifteen pairs of sneakers. Not bad for a week's worth of work.

The Booster Club is also planning a Color Run for June 24th with a rain date of June 26th. Information will be coming out shortly as well as taking care of their insurance. Their insurance can also cover small local vendors or small business who do not have that high of coverage. It will open up more opportunities for the vendors and businesses.

Councilwoman Johnson and Councilman Traphagen are working with Eric Eisenhart to bring back the Super Hero Race. There is a meeting on Tuesday, May 31st to discuss that.

To help bring awareness about kids with disabilities, the Booster Club is discussing having a walk for them to participate in and have a fun event for them as well. Trying to bring awareness of the inclusive playground coming here to Town of Clinton, Hunterdon County.

Councilman Bruno

The Shade Tree Committee meets tomorrow. Councilman Bruno looked into the tree that was reported dead and it is. He will look into the budget on getting that removed. He heard that Jersey Central Power and Light (JCPL) bought trees for towns but found out they do not work with municipalities. They work with 501C3.

Councilman Bruno will be forwarding e-mails which he receives for the Board of Health for Region 2 to Mayor and Council for their reference. They put out information about the baby formula shortage. If council knows of anyone concerned they can reach out to them with this information.

STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Traphagen, seconded by Mr. Perloff, to approve the standby and overtime attached to these minutes for the period of April 29, through May 12, 2022.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bruno, Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bruno, Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION 97-22 – EXECUTIVE SESSION – LITIGATION UPDATES

A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Bruno to enter into Executive Session to discuss a matter of potential litigation at 8:37 pm, where no action will be taken:

**RESOLUTION #97-22
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: _____);

_____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;

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.)

_____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 _____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.

A motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Humphrey to come out of Executive Session at 9:58 pm at which time the following resolution was presented.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Traphagen seconded by Ms. Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm.

Nancy Burgess, RMC
Municipal Deputy Clerk

Janice Kovach, Mayor