

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Bruno, Johnson, Kashwick, Padmos via zoom, 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.”

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The Town of Clinton Council is meeting in person as well as providing an option for the public to participate via ZOOM video meetings. Please note that the option to attend is being provided as a courtesy, therefore, if Zoom becomes unavailable during the meeting and it cannot quickly be fixed, Council will continue with the remainder of the meeting.

For those joining us via Zoom, please raise your hand during designated times to be recognized for a comment. Whether you are appearing in person or via Zoom, you must provide your name to be recognized.

Please feel free going forward to email councilmeeting@clintonnj.gov with any questions or concerns between meetings. 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 minutes of the Council Meeting and Executive Session minutes of May 24, 2023 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Kashwick)
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Traphagen to approve the monthly reports for the month of May as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

1. Attended the Memorial Day ceremonies in Union Township and met Rich Booth, Veteran Services Officer for Hunterdon County. Invited Mr. Booth to the June 28, 2023 Council meeting.
2. Joined 450 mayors in signing a letter to the Governor and the Legislature to restore Energy Tax Receipts to every municipality. It is on the table and at the League, as well as the Conference of Mayors and Urban Mayors have joined us in supporting the restoration.

3. Safe in Hunterdon hosted their annual event and auction. Great event unfortunately conflicted with the Chabad dinner the same night. Chair of the Board, Jeannie Colalillo introduced the new Executive Director and former law enforcement officer, Lauren Bivona!
4. Thank you for Chief Kubinak, Sgt. McGuire, Sgt, Robbins and Officer Gonzalez for taking the time for a firearms demonstration for council.
5. Thank you to Norma Kania and all the volunteers again for all their work to host a fabulous Platinum Brunch on June 4, 2023.
6. Attended the Assembly committee to advocate for liquor license reform. There are several bills that are currently under discussion, including opening the pocket licenses which are those that are owned but currently not being used. While it is an option, it does not make them affordable for the local small business.
7. Mayor Kovach is on a panel at the State Planning and Redevelopment conference next week to talk about launching a new State Development and Redevelopment Plan.
8. Held a ribbon cutting at Clinton Corner Barbers, celebrated Scoops opening and another ribbon cutting at Dunkin' yesterday, June 13.
9. Hunterdon Games planning is underway, August 26 from 10-3pm, rain date August 27. Games this year are kickball, volleyball, spelling bee, Name that Tune, giant Jenga, hula hoop, corn hole, basketball, bocce, fitness run, hot dog eating and tug o' war. Towns are being asked to confirm their participation. Event will be held at Heritage Park in Bethlehem Township.
10. Commissioner LaTourette spent about 90 minutes touring the water and sewer facility. Explaining the use of the I Bank.
11. Committee appointments this evening – John Schneiderhan to the Economic Development Committee. Motion made by Mr. Perloff, seconded by Mr. Bruno.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Ryan Pender appointment to the Recreation Committee, motion by Mr. Kashwick, seconded by Mr. Perloff.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried
12. Land Use Board meeting, June 20, 2023 at the Clinton Fire Department, 7:30 pm : Topic Clinton Commons.
13. Attended the CPS Board meeting this evening and distributed Proclamations to the Boys Baseball team, District Champs!
14. Welcome to Brian Testa, who will be the School Resource Officer at Clinton Public. Chief Kubinak introduced Mr. Testa, a retired officer from Bernardsville. Mr. Testa is going to be a Class II officer allowing him to assist Clinton Police if necessary. Mr. Testa will be working at

the school during regular school hours where he will be in charge of safety and security at the school. He is currently going through basic SRO training.

15. A Colonial Taverns of New Jersey Program will be held at the North Branch of the Hunterdon Library on July 27, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. Michael Gabriele is the author of "Colonial Taverns of New Jersey. In addition to Mr. Gabriele, Don Sherblom of the Vought House organization and Hank Bonnell, who is currently rebuilding his ancestor's tavern in Clinton, will be guest speakers.
16. A letter of thanks from Paul Muir, Director of the Red Mill addressed to Officer Melissa Tornberg for her assistance at the Mill.

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #23-09

A motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Ms. Johnson to open the public hearing of Ordinance 23-09 as submitted:

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.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Fire Chief Hedden once again mentioned the apron to the fire house that needs to be replaced and to be conscious of the fact that a 90,000 lb. fire truck uses the apron and drives New Street, he was assured that has been addressed. Councilman Kashwick asked if a crosswalk will be painted from East Main, across New Street? Chief Kubinak said yes there will be a crosswalk.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson seconded by Mr. Perloff to adopt Ordinance #23-09 on final reading.

ROLL CALL: Bruno, Johnson, Kashwick, Padmos, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #23-10

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bruno, to open the public hearing of Ordinance #23-10 as submitted:

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.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

There being no public comment, a motion was made by Mr. Perloff seconded by Mr. Kashwick to close the public portion of the meeting.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Kashwick seconded by Mr. Perloff to adopt Ordinance #23-10 on final reading.

ROLL CALL: Bruno, Johnson, Kashwick, Padmos, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #23-12 – WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bruno, to open the public hearing of Ordinance #23-12 as submitted:

**WATER UTILITY
CAPITAL ORDINANCE NO. 23-12
CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON WATER UTILITY, IN THE COUNTY OF
HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF IMPROVEMENTS
IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF CLINTON WATER UTILITY AND APPROPRIATING
THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$197,500.00 FROM THE WATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
FOR WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

There being no public comment, a motion was made by Mr. Perloff seconded by Mr. Kashwick to close the public portion of the meeting.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson seconded by Mr. Bruno to adopt Ordinance #23-12 on final reading.

ROLL CALL: Bruno, Johnson, Kashwick, Padmos, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #23-13 – VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

A motion was made by Mr. Perloff, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to open the public hearing of Ordinance #23-13 as submitted:

ORDINANCE #23-13

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$153,279 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$145,615 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Vote all ayes

Motion carried

There being no public comment, a motion was made by Mr. Bruno seconded by Mr. Perloff to close the public portion of the meeting.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Traphagen seconded by Ms. Johnson to adopt Ordinance #23-13 on final reading.

ROLL CALL: Bruno, Johnson, Kashwick, Padmos, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

INTRODUCTION OF BOND ORDINANCE #23-14 – SEWER UTILITY

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson seconded by Mr. Kashwick to introduce Bond Ordinance #23-14 as submitted:

ORDINANCE #23-14

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SEWER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$232,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$232,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE 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 several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Town of Clinton, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "Town"). For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$232,000. No down payment is required as the purposes authorized herein are deemed self-liquidating and the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein are deductible from the gross debt of the Town, as more fully explained in Section 6(e) of this bond ordinance.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$232,000 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. The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation & Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds & Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
a) The acquisition of new drive skimmers and scrapers for Clarifier #2, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$100,900	\$100,900	15 years
b) The acquisition of part replacements for centrifugal blower, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$30,300	\$30,300	15 years
c) The acquisition of an effluent pump drive, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$50,400	\$50,400	15 years
d) Geographic information system asset mapping, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	<u>\$50,400</u>	<u>\$50,400</u>	5 years
Total:	<u>\$232,000</u>	<u>\$232,000</u>	

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 improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Town may lawfully undertake as self-liquidating purposes of a municipal public utility. No part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 12.82 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 \$232,000, but that the net debt of the Town determined as provided in the Local Bond Law is not increased by this bond ordinance. The obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$2,000 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 purposes or improvements.

(e) This bond ordinance authorizes obligations of the Town solely for purposes described in N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(h). The obligations authorized herein are to be issued for purposes that are deemed to be self-liquidating pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-47(a) and are deductible from the gross debt of the Town pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-44(c).

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 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 for the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements 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.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A summary of this ordinance will be published in the Courier News edition of June 18, 2023. A public hearing will be held June 28, 2023.

RESOLUTION #103-23 – CONCERNS REGARDING ROUTE 78

A motion was made by Mr. Bruno seconded by Mr. Perloff to adopt Resolution #103-23 as amended as accepted:

Councilman Kashwick asked that Assemblyman John DiMaio's name be added to the distribution list, it was left off by mistake. It has been added.

RESOLUTION #103-23

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RESIDENT CONCERNS REGARDING STATE ROUTE 78

WHEREAS, over the past few years, many Town of Clinton residents have expressed their concerns with the noise, pedestrian safety and storm/ground water runoff from sections of Route 78 going through the Town: and

WHEREAS, Route 78 is owned and maintained by the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT Commitment to Communities states the Department wants to be inclusive of all the communities it serves by fostering good relationships, listening and being responsive, and making changes when warranted; and

WHEREAS, residents have voiced concerns that the intensity of the noise has amplified, falling debris has become more frequent and safety concerns from water runoff have only increased as the volume of traffic on Route 78 has grown; and

WHEREAS, the increased noise from Route 78 can be heard in every neighborhood within the Town of Clinton, and only seems to be getting worse; and

WHEREAS, the debris and water runoff can be seen at the 2 overpasses for Route 78 that go through the Town of Clinton, and a third located in Union Township that is within approximately 100 feet of our municipal boundary; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the Town of Clinton have met with both State and Federal officials on numerous occasions to try and find a solution to reduce or eliminate the concerns but no remediation actions have occurred; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton have approved Ordinance 23-10 approving the expenditure of funds to remediate damage caused to the sidewalks of Leigh Street underneath Route 78, specifically the areas affected by Route 78 water runoff.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton recognize that the concerns brought forward by our residents are both quality of life and safety issues that need to be addressed by the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Tom Kean Jr. sent a June 2nd, 2023 letter to NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti requesting the issues brought forward to his office by the Town of Clinton be addressed by the NJDOT as soon as possible.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton recognize that the NJDOT Traffic Noise Management Policy and Noise Wall Design Guidelines establish a Noise Study Process for Type II projects that would benefit the Town of Clinton.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton recognize that Federal DOT guidelines state “The views of the impacted residents will be a major consideration in reaching a decision on the reasonableness of abatement measures to be provided.”

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton is committed to working with the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation however we can in order to remedy all the concerns they have been presented with.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton recognize and support the concerns brought forward by our residents and hereby ask that State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation identify corrective action to all the items that they have been presented with in recent years. Specifically by taking action including but not limited to conducting a Type II Process Noise Study, remediating the noise pollution and water runoff from Route 78 impacting the Town of Clinton, and implementing safety measures to prevent Route 78 roadway and vehicle debris from injuring pedestrians or damaging property.

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

NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti
Congressman Tom Kean Jr.
Senator Douglas Steinhardt
Senator Andrew Zwicker
Assemblyman Erik Peterson
Assemblyman Roy Freiman
Assemblyman Sadaf Jaffer
Assemblyman John DiMaio

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #110-23 – DEDICATION BY RIDER – HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Mr. Traphagen, seconded by Ms. Johnson to adopt Resolution #110-23 as submitted:

**TOWN OF CLINTON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**DEDICATION BY RIDER RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION # 110-23**

Requesting approval of the Director of Local Government Services

To Establish a Dedication by Rider for the Historical Commission

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonable accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-1.1 allows municipalities to receive dedicated funds for a specific purpose; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides that the Director of Local Government Services may approve expenditures of monies by dedication by rider;

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

1. The Mayor and Council hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures for the Historical Commission.
2. The Municipal Clerk of the Town of Clinton is hereby directed to forward two Certified copies of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bruno, Johnson, Kashwick, Padmos, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #111-23 – RENEWAL OF CLINTON HOUSE LIQUOR LICENSE

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Traphagen, to adopt Resolution #111-23 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 112-23

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton Governing Body is in receipt of an application for the renewal of **PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE, #1005-33-003-008** for:

**SIDIROUNDA, L.L.C.
t/a T CLINTON HOUSE
2 WEST MAIN STREET
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.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #112-23 – RENEWAL OF CLUB LICENSE FOR HUNTERDON ART MUSEUM

A motion was made by Mr. Perloff, seconded by Mr. Bruno, to adopt Resolution #112-23 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 113-23

WHEREAS the Town of Clinton Governing Body is in receipt of an application for the renewal of **CLUB LICENSE # 1005-31-005-002** for:

**HUNTERDON ART MUSEUM
A NJ NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION
9 LOWER CENTER STREET
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 through June 31, 2024 year and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #113-23 – HIRING OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR POLICE

A motion was made by Mr. Perloff, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to adopt Resolution #113-23 as submitted:

RESOLUTION #113-23

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton Police Department requires the hiring of an Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police, and;

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

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police recommends that the following person be hired to fill the open position at a rate of \$20.00 per hour;

Janet Chamberlain

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton hire Janet Chamberlain to fill the open position of Administrative Assistant effective June 14, 2023.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bruno, Johnson, Kashwick, Padmos, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

REPORTS OF COUNCIL

Councilwoman Padmos

1. Building and Ground and Roads – Roads look good and may not have a road project to apply for through DOT this year.
2. Platinum Club had a successful brunch on June 4, 2023. Thank you to Liz Hedden, the Clinton Fire Department and the Towne Restaurant for a great breakfast and lunch. Thank you to Councilman Traphagen for providing the music. Everyone had a nice time!
3. Booster Club is selling raffle tickets in Town of Friday night in front of Just Chill. Tickets are \$10 for a drawing June 23, 2023 following the Color Run at 7:00 p.m. The prize is an Ooni Karu 12” pizza oven.
4. The Color Run is June 23 at 5:30 p.m. and registration can be done on line at friendsofclinton.org Great way to kick off summer with the Color Run, then follow up with Music on Main and the raffle drawing.
5. Save the Date – August 25 for the 2nd Pints for the Park at Sunken Silo.

Councilman Bruno

1. Clinton Fire Department – Grill Night Friday, June 16, 2023 – Theme – An Open House!!
2. Playground removal of swings is being planned for June 24, 2023 and the new swings and tot area will be installed this summer. Volunteers are welcomed! Deegan family providing a dumpster 8:00 a.m. to remove old equipment. Mayor Kovach suggested reaching out to Superintendent Culley to see if there are men who might be able to assist. Councilwoman Johnson mentioned Nicole Ayers, Chair of the Playground Committee and Paster Traci Henry from Clinton Presbyterian Church, organizing volunteers to help with removal.

Councilman Perloff

1. Water Committee will meet next Tuesday, June 20.
2. Clinton Guild meets on June 29, 2023. The Flag Day parade will be this Friday, June 16, 2023, starting on the Art Museum patio, the Police will give the bike safety talk and the scouts are ready for the flag retirement ceremony at the Red Mill.
3. Hunterdon Art Museum will be held Sunday June 18, Vintage Artist's Closet Day. Sumer camp begins Monday.
4. Local and Small Business grant opportunity and educational series will be Tuesday June 20 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. This is a County and State wide series. Holly Smith of Designer Dawgs will be a speaker to share her success story with attendees. Chris Phelan, President of the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce and Paul Muir, President of the Clinton Guild will present.
5. Recreation will meet tomorrow, June 15. Car pool Cinema to be rescheduled for September, keeping the license expiration in mind.
Committee member, Sean Rogan, daughter Grace, is going to run a tennis camp for one week at the end of July or early August! More details to follow! Way to go, Grace!!
Picnic rain date is September 23 and attempting to work on a reduced budget, Councilwoman Johnson working with firework company.
6. Buildings and grounds – question about bathroom access in the Community Center or port-a-johns at the park. Ideas being accepted.
7. Economic Development will meet June 19, 2023. Councilman Perloff asked about reaching out to the County regarding the wooden boards on the Pony Truss Bridge in need of repair. A few have been replaced recently.

Kathy Olsen, CFO

Ms. Olsen reported on her TCTA Conference she recently attended regarding veterans deductions increase over 4 year period to \$2,500 and 10% off assessments for first responders. All in legislation at this time.

Councilman Kashwick

1. Platinum Club has a highly successful brunch on June 4! Thank you to CFD, Norma Kania and all others that participated in this wonderful event.
2. The Green Team/Environmental Commission is working on additional points with Sustainable Jersey. GoHunterdon informs us that we should be getting points for the EV fire safety training. Also participating in the Green Fair and EV Car Show on July 8 at Bundt Park. We will be hosting that event along with the High Bridge Environmental Commission and the Clinton Township Green Team.
Thank you to Norma Kania and Weichert Realtors for scheduling a shredding day on June 10, 2023.

3. Shade Tree has been very busy tending to watering the new trees during the recent drought. Thank you to Mr. Phelan for ordering the watering bags. Committee is waiting on a second quote for the tree planting grant. July 1 at 9:30 a.m. is the dedication of the tree for Jack Holt in front of the Towne Restaurant.
4. The Green Team will be holding two upcoming events, an educational event on light pollution on June 24. The Team will be showing the film Dark Sacred Night at the Red Mill. The filmmaker Jared Fischer will be there for Q&A and discuss the film. After the film a walk on the Landsdown Trail to view the fireflies. The County has given permission to walk the trail.

Councilwoman Johnson

1. Congratulations to all the graduates of North Hunterdon, Voorhees and Clinton Public School!
2. Summer Rec is completely full with 25 names on a wait list. Rec begins July 3, holiday the 4th and resumes the 5th.

Councilman Traphagen

1. Rescue Squad – 337 calls for the month of May and 1628 YTD. Blood Drive scheduled for June 25, 2023 and free box of girl scout cookies for donors as a thank you.
2. The Garden Party and Bonnell Tour went well! Hank Bonnell was very happy to everyone who joined the tour. Thank you to all who attended both events and for everyone who donated to the silent auction. Resolution #110-23, Dedication by Rider, approved earlier this evening will allow the Historical Commission to receive dedicated funds for a specific purpose and pay expenditures for the Commission.

Mayor Janice Kovach

In light of the cancellation of council meetings July 12 and August 9, Mayor Kovach asked for a motion authorizing CFO, Kathy Olsen, to pay the bills. Motion made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Perloff, to grant the request.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Perloff, seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the standby and overtime attached to these minutes for the period of May 12 through May 25 and May 26 through June 8, 2023.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bruno, Johnson, Kashwick, Padmos, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Perloff seconded by Mr. Kashwick to approve the voucher list attached to these minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bruno, Johnson, Kashwick, Padmos, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Perloff seconded by Mr. Traphagen to adjourn the meeting at 8.25 p.m.

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

Janice Kovach, Mayor