

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present: Kashwick, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach  
Via Zoom: Johnson, Padmos, Perloff  
Absent: Bruno

**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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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Kashwick, seconded by Mr. Traphagen, to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting and Executive Session minutes of June 14, 2023 as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

A motion was made by Mr. Traphagen, seconded by Mr. Kashwick, to approve the Treasurer’s May 2023 monthly reports as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE**

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

1. Mayor Kovach announced that Officer Alex Jaszyn of the Police Department finished his one year probation period and requested a motion to permanently appoint Officer Jaszyn to the police department. Motion made by Mr. Kashwick, seconded by Mr. Traphagen.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

2. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be taking place for a new all-inclusive playground at the Deer Path Park tomorrow Thursday June 29 at 4:30pm. Mayor Kovach reminded council that everyone received an invitation. Eric LeGrand a motivational speaker and coach will be speaking. He is an advocacy for accessibility and inclusive for ADA accessible inspiration. There will be pizza and beverages afterwards for anyone who wants to attend.
3. The Hunterdon Games planning is still going strong. They are starting to put together the team and need to identify the team members by the beginning of August. A reminder for the date is August 26 starting at 10am to 3pm to be held at Heritage Park in Bethlehem Township. Again the events will be kickball, volleyball, spelling bee, name that tune, giant jenga, corn hole, basketball 3 on 3, bocce, 1 mile run, hula hoop, hot dog eating and tug o war. It will be a fun day.
4. Flag Day parade and Flag retirement ceremony took place last Friday. Mayor Kovach would like to thank the Clinton Guild for hosting and to Boy Scout Troop 121 for their band and also for the flag retirement ceremony at the Red Mill Museum.
5. Chamber Women's Leadership was a great panel last week. Panel consisted of amazing women entrepreneurs, Janet Madalena from Madalenas Cheesecakes, Annie Rossi from Addicted Chic and Evelyn Shallo of Interior Motives.
6. New Jersey Conference of Mayors had their ribbon cutting last week. Paul Muir who is the President was the lucky one to cut the ribbon. Congratulations to them.
7. Filming, we almost had one in the Town. We were so so close. A production was down in Delaware Township and filming in Lambertville but many picketers for the Writers Guild were there. Mayor Kovach was contacted to possible film here on Main Street. A big thank you to Chief Kubinak and Sgt. Mc Guire who said yes right off the bat and to the Main Street businesses that did not blink an eye and were on board. Unfortunately, the picketing at other locations shut the production down. The star of the production was not comfortable continuing.
8. The Planning and Redevelopment Conference was last week. The State Plan that was supposed to be adopted in 2012 is now coming back. They will be going around to many counties doing cross acceptance.
9. The Senate passed unanimously Bill S861 34-0 which is the bill to burn Christmas trees. It will go to the Assembly floor Friday which is expected to pass and then will go to the Governor's desk.
10. Rutgers has a NJ State Policy Lab with the NJ Conference of Mayors. Mayor Kovach said she will send out the information for Council to get the invite to receive e-mails from them. They put together a lot of policy papers and one they are working on right now is housing. It may be interesting since the Town is dealing a lot with that right now.
11. The United Way of Hunterdon County had their annual meeting today. Mayor Kovach reported she sat in on that.

12. Land Use Board had their first meeting on the Moebus Track on June 20, 2023 at the Clinton Fire House. Just a reminder that there will be an opportunity for everyone to ask their questions. It may not be at every meeting, but the board will not vote until all interested parties have asked all their questions and after the questions all parties have an opportunity to provide comments. This is a multi-meeting process and I ask everyone to be patient. The board will give everyone a chance to speak.
13. Mayor Kovach would to thank Patrick Taylor who donated a new net for the basketball court.

**PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #23-14**

A motion was made by Mr. Kashwick, seconded by Mr. Traphagen to open the public hearing of 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.**

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

There being no further comments, a motion was made by Mr. Traphagen 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. Traphagen to adopt Ordinance #23-14 on final reading.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #23-15 – AMENDMENTS TO MASTER PLAN**

A motion was made by Mr. Kashwick seconded by Mr. Traphagen to introduce Bond Ordinance #23-15 as submitted:

**ORDINANCE #23-15  
ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDED HIGHLANDS LAND USE ORDINANCE**

Summary:

The purpose of this Ordinance is to effectuate the policies, goals and objectives of the Town of Clinton Master Plan, in particular the recently amended Highlands Element of the Master Plan (adopted June 16, 2023), while at the same time advancing the purposes of zoning as set forth in the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law (“MLUL”, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq.), addressing the substantive goals and intents of the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (“Highlands Act,” N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq.), and satisfying the goals, requirements and provisions of the Highlands Regional Master Plan (RMP). The ordinance implements the recommendations of the Amended Highlands Element of the Town Master Plan, specifically updated goals and policies regarding the Highlands Protection Zone and cluster development within the Highlands Protection Zone. The ordinance is based on the model ordinance prepared by the Highlands Council and has been modified to address regulations for cluster development.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A summary of this ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review’s edition of July 5, 2023. A public hearing will be held July 26, 2023.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #23-16 – LEAD BASED PAINT**

A motion was made by Mr. Traphagen seconded by Ms. Padmos to introduce Bond Ordinance #23-16 as submitted:

**ORDINANCE # 23-16**

**Amending and Supplementing Chapter 70 of the Code of the Town of Clinton Regarding Requirements for Inspection for Lead-Based Paint**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Clinton regulates residential units, including rental units, through Chapter 70 of the Town Code, entitled “Dwellings, Unit Rental of;”

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to P.L. 2021, c.182, all municipalities are required to inspect single-family, two-family, and multiple rental dwelling units located within the municipality at tenant turnover for lead-based paint hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the residents of the Town of Clinton to amend the Town Code at this time to require inspections for lead-based paint in residential rental dwellings to conform with this State law.

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

**Section 1.** Section 70-3 of the Town Code entitled “Application for Landlord’s Registration Statement,” shall be amended by adding additional application requirements by adding subsections (H) and (I):

(H) Owners / landlords of dwelling units subject to the lead-based paint inspection requirements of Town Code Section 70-17 shall provide up-to-date information on any anticipated tenant turnover dates and results of previously conducted lead-based paint inspections.

- (I) copies of any lead-free certifications issued pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:17.

**Section 2.** Section 70-17 of the Town Code entitled, “Lead-Based Paint Inspections,” shall be added as follows:

- A. Required Inspections.
- 1) Required Initial Inspection. The owner, landlord, and / or agent of every single-family, two-family, and / or multifamily dwelling unit (as defined in Chapter 88 of the Town Code) offered for rental shall be required to obtain an inspection of the unit for lead-based paint hazards within two years of the effective date of P.L. 2021, c. 182 (i.e. by July 22, 2024), or upon tenant turnover, whichever is earlier.
  - 2) Required Recurring Inspection. After the initial inspection required by Section 70-17(A)(1) above of the Town Code, the owner, landlord, and/or agent of such dwelling unit offered for rental shall be required to obtain an inspection of the unit for lead-based paint hazards every three years, or at tenant turnover, whichever is earlier.
- B. Standards. Inspections for lead-based paint in rental dwelling units shall be governed by the standards set forth in N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.1 et seq., and N.J.S.A. 55:13A-1 et seq., as may be amended from time to time.
- C. Exceptions. A dwelling unit in a single-family, two-family, or multiple rental dwelling shall not be subject to inspection and evaluation for the presence of lead-based paint hazards if the unit:
- 1) has been certified to be free of lead-based paint;
  - 2) was constructed during or after 1978;
  - 3) is in a multiple dwelling that has been registered with the Department of Community Affairs as a multiple dwelling for at least 10 years, either under the current or a previous owner, and has no outstanding lead violations from the most recent cyclical inspection performed on the multiple dwelling under the “Hotel and Multiple Dwelling Law,” P.L.1967, c.76 (C.55:13A-1 et seq.);
  - 4) is a single-family or two-family seasonal rental dwelling which is rented for less than six months duration each year by tenants that do not have consecutive lease renewals; or
  - 5) has a valid lead-safe certification in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.16(d)(2). Lead-safe certificates are valid for two years. If the lead-safe certificate has expired, and there will be a tenant turnover, an inspection will be necessary before the three-year inspection cycle deadline.
- D. Lead-Based Paint Inspector.
- 1) Creation of Office. The Office of Clinton Lead-Based Paint Inspector is hereby established.
  - 2) Appointment. The Mayor shall nominate, with the advice and consent of the Town Council, and appoint a Lead-Based Paint Inspector. The Lead-Based Paint Inspector can be an individual or a corporate entity. The Lead-Based Paint Inspector can be an appointed employee of the Town or a contracted vendor.
  - 3) Term of Office. The term of office of the Lead-Based Paint Inspector shall run from the date of the appointment to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December immediately following such appointment.

E. Application and Notice. Whenever any rental dwelling unit subject to this Section 70-17 is scheduled for a change in occupancy, the then current owner shall provide written notice to the Rental Housing Officer that an inspection is needed at least 20 days prior to the scheduled change. Such notice shall be made with a completed application on a form to be provided by the Rental Housing Officer.

F. Time for inspections. The Town shall designate 6 days per year, approximately every two months, where the Town's Lead-Based Paint Inspector shall be available to conduct inspections of dwelling units. If the owner or landlord of a dwelling unit requires inspections outside of such time period, they shall hire a private lead evaluation contractor who is certified to provide lead paint inspection services by the Department of Community Affairs to satisfy the requirements of this section

Inspection fees shall be paid prior to the inspection. No inspections or re-inspections shall take place unless all fees are paid. Scheduled inspections or re-inspections may be canceled by the Town unless the completed application and required fees have been received by the Town at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled inspection or on the last working day prior to the scheduled inspection.

G. Failure to show for an inspection. A no-show for a scheduled lead paint inspection shall be subject to a \$50 re-inspection fee in addition to all other inspection fees. A no-show inspection means:

- 1) The owner/agent fails to meet inspector within 10 minutes of the appointed time for inspection or re-inspection;
- 2) The owner/agent does not have a key or is unable to give the Lead Paint Inspector or designee access to the premises for the scheduled inspection or re-inspection; or
- 3) Electrical power to a premises is disconnected.

H. Production of Lead-Safe Certifications. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.16(e), property owners shall:

- 1) Provide evidence of a valid lead-safe certification and the most recent tenant turnover to the Rental Housing Officer at the time of the cyclical inspection required pursuant to the Hotel and Multiple Dwelling Law (N.J.S.A. 55:13A-1 et seq.).
- 2) Provide evidence of a valid lead-safe certification to new tenants of the property at the time of tenant turnover and shall affix a copy of such certification as an exhibit to the tenant's or tenants' lease.
- 3) Maintain a record of the lead-safe certification which shall include the name or names of the unit's tenant or tenants if the inspection was conducted during a period of tenancy.

I. If lead-based paint hazards are identified, then the owner of the dwelling shall remediate the hazards through abatement or lead-based paint hazard control mechanisms in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.16(d). Upon the remediation of the lead-based paint hazard, the Town Lead-Based Paint Inspector or designee, as may be applicable, or the owner's private lead inspector, shall conduct an additional inspection of the unit to certify that the hazard no longer exists. The fee for such additional inspection shall be charged consistent with the fee schedule adopted pursuant to subsection (L) below.

- J. If no lead-based paint hazards are identified, then the Town Lead-Based Paint Inspector or designee or the owner's private lead inspector shall certify the dwelling as lead safe on a form prescribed by the Department of Community Affairs, which shall be valid for two years and shall be filed with the Rental Housing Officer and Lead-Based Paint Inspector.
- K. Records. The Town Lead-Based Paint Inspector shall maintain up-to-date information on inspection schedules, inspection results, tenant turnover and a record of all lead-free certifications issued pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:17. § 171-29.
- L. Fees for lead-based paint inspections.
- 1) In addition to all other fees due under this Chapter 70, additional fees in the following amounts shall be paid for each lead-based paint inspection. Said fee shall be dedicated to meeting the costs of implementing and enforcing this section and shall not be used for any other purpose.
    - i. Fees for a New Jersey Certified Lead Paint Inspector / Risk Assessor Inspection and Lead Wipe Sample Analysis shall be set by resolution each year by the Town Mayor and Council to reflect actual charges for such services by the appointed Lead-Based Paint Inspector.
    - ii. New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Inspection Fee - \$20 per unit. This fee shall be waived if the property owner or landlord can provide proof that the Department of Community Affairs has already assessed such fee pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.10.
  - 2) Alternatively, a dwelling owner or landlord may directly hire a private lead evaluation contractor who is certified to provide lead paint inspection services by the Department of Community Affairs to satisfy the requirements of this section, in which case only a fee for filing a lead-safe certification in the amount of \$20 shall be due.
  - 3) In a common interest community, any inspection fee charged shall be the responsibility of the unit owner and not the homeowners' association, unless the association is the owner of the unit.
- M. Violations and Penalties.
- 1) The Town and the Housing Enforcement Officer shall be authorized to conduct investigations and issue penalties to enforce a property owner's failure to comply with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.16 or this Section.
  - 2) In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.19, the penalties for a violation of this section shall be as follows:
    - i. If a property owner has failed to conduct the required inspection or initiate any remediation efforts, the owner shall be given 30 days to cure the violation.
    - ii. If the property owner has not cured the violation after 30 days, the property owner shall be subject to a penalty not to exceed \$1,000 per week until the

required inspection has been conducted or remediation efforts have been initiated.

- iii. The time to cure a violation may be extended at the discretion of the Town of the property owner is proceeding diligently and in good faith to cure such violations.

**Section 3.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

**Section 4.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

**Section 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried  
1 Abstention - Kashwick

A summary of this ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review's edition of July 5, 2023. A public hearing will be held July 26, 2023.

**RESOLUTION #114-23 – HIRING OF ROBERT GLOSS**

A motion was made by Mr. Kashwick seconded by Mr. Traphagen to adopt Resolution #114-23 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION #114-23**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Clinton Water/Roads Department requires the hiring of one new Laborer, and;

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

**WHEREAS**, the Water Superintendent/Public Works Director recommends that the following person be hired to fill the open position at a rate of \$22.25 per hour;

ROBERT GLOSS

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton hire Robert Gloss to fill the open position of Laborer effective July 5, 2023.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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



**RESOLUTION #115-23 – ADOPTING GREEN GROUNDS & MAINTENANCE POLICY**

A motion was made by Mr. Kashwick, seconded by Mr. Traphagen to adopt Resolution #115-23 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION #115-23**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING GREEN GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE POLICY**

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton is desirous of promoting initiatives and benefits that can be achieved by building a green sustainable community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton Green Team and Buildings and Grounds Committee has developed a Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy, setting forth guidelines to use that encourage the best management practices to achieve environmentally sound and efficient results in maintaining and designing municipal buildings and property; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton governing body has determined it is in the best interest of the public to formally adopt the Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy as part of the Town's Sustainable Jersey initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Clinton hereby adopts the Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy and approves the continued implementation of the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this policy be forwarded to all department heads and commission/committee chairs and be published on the Town's website.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #116-23 – AMENDING RECREATION FEE SCHEDULE**

A motion was made by Mr. Traphagen, seconded by Mr. Kashwick, to adopt Resolution #116-23 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION #116-23**

**WHEREAS**, §4-20.I.2 of the Code of the Town of Clinton (the Code) provides that the user charge for participation in the rental of the Recreation Facility/Property shall be established by yearly resolution of the Mayor and Council; and

**WHEREAS**, setting the fees is the responsibility of the Recreation Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town's current practice is to accept and review the fees as recommended by the Recreation Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have received a schedule for the Recreation Facility/Property rentals as follows:

**Field Rental.** To be defined herein as user Rental agreement being accepted for the reason pertaining to reserving a field for an organized event, game, league or season.

- One-time rental:
  - Thirty five dollars and 00/100 (\$35.00 USD) per field up to four (4) hours per rental.

- Season rental:
  - Thirty dollars and 00/100 (\$30.00 USD) per field per occurrence for season rental greater than seven (7) games.

**Community Center Service Rentals.** To be defined herein as User Rental agreement being accepted for the reason of performing a service or selling goods with an associated price, charge or fee.

- Hourly rental:
  - Thirty five dollars and 00/100 (\$35.00 USD) per hour up to four (4) hours per rental.
- Daily rental:
  - Twenty five dollars and 00/100 (\$25.00 USD) per hour for extended rental greater than four (4) hours per occurrence
- Recurring rental:
  - Thirty dollars and 00/100 (\$30.00 USD) per hour for recurring rental greater than seven (7) occurrences per year.

**Community Center One Off Event Rentals.** To be defined herein as any approved rental request not identified as a Service Related Rental

- Town of Clinton Resident Rental:
  - Fifty dollars and 00/100 (\$50.00 USD) up to four (4) hours per rental.
- Non Town of Clinton Resident Rental:
  - Seventy five dollars and 00/100 (\$75.00 USD) up to four (4) hours per rental.

**Community Center Additional Fees.** The following fees apply upon request

- **Unreturned or Lost Key Fee.** Twenty dollars and 00/100 (\$20.00 USD) per key if the facility key is not returned.
- **Equipment Storage.** Fifty dollars and 00/100 (\$50.00 USD) for one key copy to Town's padlock.
- **Food Provision.** One hundred dollars and 00/100 (\$100.00 USD) if food to be included during the event.
- **General Recreation Event Admission, Concession or Participation Fee.** Zero dollars and 00/100 (\$0.00 USD) up to one hundred fifty dollars and 00/100 (\$150.00 USD) for any additional admission, concession, participation or registration fee.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council that the proposed fees are hereby accepted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Kovach received a letter from Mr. Clinton Cort who visited Town and gave a resolution on the name "Clinton". In the letter was a map of all the "Clintons" he has visited throughout the United States. Mr. Cort and his wife has visited 23 of 34 Clintons so far. The letter will be in the clerk's office if anyone is interested in seeing it.

## **REPORTS OF COUNCIL**

### **Councilwoman Johnson**

1. She would like to thank all who came out to help tear down the playground at the Community Center; Friendly Sons of St. Patrick's and special thanks to Nicole Ayers. There is no delivery date for the new equipment yet but will inform Mayor and Council when they do.
2. Public announcement: There is no more room in the Summer Recreation program. Wish can take more children but it just is not possible. There is a wait list of about 30 kids at this time.

### **Councilwoman Padmos**

1. Playground Committee has a quick meeting to go over the logistics. Ms. Padmos would like to thank the town and volunteers who participated in the demo. A special thanks to Jeff Hedden and Russ from Russ' Wrench for help making it a very fast demo of the playground. Ms. Padmos was not able to be there herself but she wanted to let people know she is proud to be a part of this community. She would also like to thank Joe Swemmer of Swemmer, LLC who took all the old equipment away.
2. The Fun Run had to be change to Sunday, June 25, because of the weather. It was a very successful run. Thanks to Mayor Kovach for coming out and running with the kid.
3. Next event will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pints for The Park at Sunken Silo Brew Works on August 25, 2023. We are hoping for a Hugh turnout for the end of summer. It was a great time last year.
4. Economic Development just did some e-mails this month. Many member were away on vacation. Devon Stone is finishing up the business directory.
5. Congratulations to Just Chill for celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a ribbon cutting, free ice cream and giveaways till 4pm this Saturday.
6. Building and Grounds looked over the green grounds maintenance policy that was voted on this evening. A special thanks to Councilman Kashwick for all his hard work on helping us make better decisions for our environment.

### **Councilman Perloff**

1. Clinton Guild rescheduled their meeting from tomorrow to July 19, 2023.
2. Water Committee reported another lower usage consumption from this May to last May. Down 2.8 million down from last May; 53.7 million was used. A small main break was repaired off of Andreann Drive.
3. Local and Small Business grant opportunity and educational session was held Tuesday June 20 at the Community Center. A special thanks to the keynote speakers: Holly Smith of Designer Dawgs who spoke about her success story about getting through the grant process. Chris Phelan, President of the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce, Paul Muir, President of the Clinton Guild and Janis Rega from US Department of Agriculture.

4. Mr. Perloff will be meeting with Kathy Guzman from the NJ Economic Development Authority will be coming to town tomorrow, June 29, and after their meeting they will meet with many of the Main St and Old Route 22 businesses about some grant opportunities. Mr. Perloff will report back to Mayor and Council as well as the Economic Development Commission on what she has to say.
5. Recreation is running a one week tennis camp by Grace Rogan. Registration forms are live on our website for anyone who is interested. Ms. Rogan has done a terrific job organize it and presenting it to the Recreation Committee at their last meeting. 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. For Clinton Community Youth Athletics, we need to name our volunteers for insurance purposes. The names are as follows: Tracia King, Supervisor; Grace Rogan, Volunteer; Gabrielle Kahn, Volunteer; Kirstyn McKee, Volunteer for the 2023 tennis camp.  
Mr. Perloff requested a motion to accept these names as the tennis camp volunteers. A motion was made by Mayor Kovach, seconded by Mr. Kashwick.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

### **Councilman Traphagen**

1. Historic Commission met last week. One item was the welcoming signs coming into Town. Karen Romagna, a resident on Leigh St., is in the process of making a new painting. She is very close to completion.
2. Hunterdon County contacted the Historic Commission to participate in the cemetery cleanup this past weekend. Mr. Traphagen was able to join in with along with several volunteers. He is thinking in the future it can become a town event not just from the county to clean up all the cemeteries in the town.

### **Councilman Kashwick**

1. Mr. Kashwick asked Norma Kania if there was anything from Platium Club. She said they are working on putting a committee together to work on the gardens at the Red Mill behind the log cabin making it a correct herb and vegetable garden to the time period.
2. Environmental Commission did not meet this month.
3. Shade Tree Commission received the second quote for fulfilling the tree grant in Kings Crossing so they will be moving ahead with that.
4. The Green Team and Shade Tree Commission did a tree identification walk to practice some of their skills they learned at the training they went to at Duke Farms in May.

5. Tree dedication this Saturday, July 1 for Jack Holt a former long-time resident. The tree is located between the Towne Restaurant and Old Sub Base. The tree was planted last year. Mr. Kashwick and other Shade Tree members met Reverend Holt and Lynn Arnold from The Sunrise Rotary to go over the plans for the dedication.
6. Green Team received feedback from Sustainable Jersey. We were awarded 95 out of the 150 points that we needed to get our bronze certification. The next submission is July 27. With the policy we passed tonight, shredding day, Green Fair, our educational events, farmers market, crosswalk, and supporting local business, we should be able to get the remaining points. Mr. Kashwick thanked Mr. Perloff for his presentation on June 20 because they will get points for that as well.
7. Thanks to the Red Mill Museum for hosting our Dark Sky Film. We had 25 people attend and unfortunately had to cancel the walk portion to the fire flies due to the weather and secondly because the fire flies are not out yet. Hopefully it will be rescheduled for July.
8. Green Fair will take place on July 8 from 11 am to 2pm at Bundt Park. It is being co-sponsored with Clinton Township Green Team and the High Bridge Environmental Commission. There are 18 exhibitors signed up so far and 14 electric vehicles. This is going to take place at the same time as the Food Truck Festival. Hopefully there will be many people attending.
9. Clinton Conservancy has been cleaning up many of the gardens around town. They just finished up the one on Water Street.

**Chief Kubinak**

1. The police department just finished up with their patch sales. They raised \$500 which was donated to the Hunterdon Arc. The Hunterdon Arc requested if the department could put together a small training package for their residents. Our officers can go up there for an hour or two and spend time with the residents.

**STANDBY AND OVERTIME**

A motion was made by Mr. Kashwick, seconded by Mr. Traphagen to approve the standby and overtime attached to these minutes for the period of June 9 through June 23, 2023.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Kashwick seconded by Mr. Traphagen to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

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Nancy Burgess, RMC  
Deputy Municipal Clerk

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Janice Kovach, Mayor