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Flag Salute.

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

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Councilwoman Dineen 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.”

Councilwoman Dineen welcomed the public to the hybrid 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.

The Town of Clinton is a public meeting as well as using ZOOM Video Meetings. Please be aware that this meeting is being recorded for the public record.

Please use the chat feature in ZOOM to indicate that you wish to be recognized for a comment or a question. You must provide your name and address to be recognized. You can also type in your questions. 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!

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting and the executive session of May 25, 2022 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS - MAY

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

MAYOR'S COMMENTS - NONE

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #22-05 – WATER IMPROVEMENTS

A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to open the public hearing of Ordinance #22-05 as submitted:

**WATER UTILITY
CAPITAL ORDINANCE NO. 22-05
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 \$400,000.00 FROM THE
WATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Mr. Phelan explained the capital ordinance will provide for the purchase of equipment needed for the water department. There being no further questions, a motion was made by Mr. Traphagen, seconded by Mr. Perloff, to close the public portion of the meeting.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Perloff, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to approve Ordinance #22-05 on final reading.

ROLL CALL: Bruno, Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #22-06 – CAPITAL PROJECTS

A motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to open the public hearing of Bond Ordinance #22-06 as submitted:

ORDINANCE #22-06

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWN OF
CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW
JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$98,550 THEREFOR AND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$93,623 BONDS OR
NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST
THEREOF.**

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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Mr. Phelan explained the capital improvements for various departments and explained that this ordinance authorizes borrowing for the acquisition of various equipment including a solar speed monitor sign and LED crossing signs for the police department; turn out gear and related expenditures for the fire department; streets and roads / buildings and grounds - acquisition of a lawn mower and other related costs as well as the acquisition of computer equipment and related costs and expenditures for the administration.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to adopt Ordinance #22-07 on final reading.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bruno, Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Traphagen

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #22-07

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Perloff to open the public hearing of Ordinance #22-07:

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE NO. 22-07
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 SEWER
UTILITY AND APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$200,000.00 FROM THE
SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Mr. Phelan explained the purpose of this ordinance which is to provide funding for sewer utility improvements such as Tertiary Tank Rehabilitation. There being no further comments, a motion was made by Mr. Perloff, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to close the public portion of the meeting.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Perloff, to adopt Ordinance #22-07 on final reading.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bruno, Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #98-22 – PURCHASE OF WATER SERVICE TRUCK 2023 F750 DIESEL

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to adopt Resolution #98-22 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 98-22

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton wishes to purchase a 2023 F750 Diesel Regular Cab Base from an authorized vender under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing;

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, the Route 23 Auto Mall has been awarded the State Contract T-3063; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing agent recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best price available; and

WHEREAS, the actual cost for the 2023 F740 Diesel Regular Cab Base is not expected to exceed \$79,427.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of \$79,427.00 under Ordinance #22-05,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Clinton, that Route 23 Auto Mall be awarded a contract for the purchase of a 2023 F750 Diesel Regular Cab Base.

Mr. Phelan explained that the current truck will be traded in at a very good exchange.

ROLL CALL: Bruno, Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #99-22 – TERTIARY FILTER TANK REHABILITATION

A motion was made by Mr. Traphagen, seconded by Mr. Bruno, to adopt Resolution #99-22 as submitted:

RESOLUTION #99-22

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
(WWTP)**

TERTIARY FILTER TANK REHABILITATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton (“Town”) received and opened bids for WWTP Tertiary Filter Tank Rehabilitation project on June 3, 2022 pursuant to the authority of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received;

WWTP Tertiary Filter Tank Rehabilitation Project – Base Bid and Alternate Items

Dynamic Sand Blasting & Painting, LLC	- \$140,000.00
US Tank Painting	- \$178,710.00
Allied Paining, Inc.	- \$184,000.00
Manda Corporation	- \$220,000.00

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WHEREAS, after review by the Sewer Engineer, Purchasing Agent and the Town Attorney Dynamic Sand Blasting and Painting LLC has been determined to be the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, a certificate of available funding has been presented;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that a contract is hereby awarded to Dynamic Sand Blasting and Painting LLC, in the amount of \$140,000.00 for the WWTP Tertiary Filter Tank Rehabilitation project, and that the Mayor and Town Clerk of the Town of Clinton are hereby authorized, respectively, to execute and attest to an agreement with Dynamic Sand Blasting and Painting LLC, pursuant to bid specifications.

TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, at a regular meeting held on June 8, 2022.

All bids have been reviewed by the Engineer and our Attorney.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bruno, Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #100-22 – AWARD OF CONTRACT – TREE SERVICE

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Traphagen, to adopt Resolution #100-22 awarding Rich's Tree Service the contract to remove several dead ash trees:

RESOLUTION # 100-22

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton has the need to remove trees associated with the King's Crossing Road Improvement Project and the vendor is listed under a State of New Jersey Purchasing Contract;

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, Rich Tree Service has been awarded Contract T0465; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing agent recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best price available; and

WHEREAS, the actual cost for the Tree Removal is expected not to exceed \$60,996.35; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of \$60,996.35 within the General Capital Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Clinton, that Rich Tree Service be awarded the contract for the Removal of Trees in King's Crossing.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bruno, Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

BANNER REQUEST

A banner application has been received for the Unity Bank Charity Car Show to be held Sunday, October 16, 2022. The dates to display the banner are October 10 through October 17, 2022. A motion was made by Mr. Bruno seconded by Mr. Perloff to approve the request.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

A Citizen Involvement application has been received from Sharon Dysart, Hancock Street, expressing an interest in the Board of Health vacancy. A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Bruno, to appoint Ms. Dysart to the Board of Health.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Councilman Perloff

Clinton Guild – Music on Main has been performing for two weeks, first week was rainy but last week was great! Lower Center Street may be closed from the parking lot down to Main depending on the crowds, it will be at the discretion of the Police Chief. Flag Day Bike Parade Friday, June 10 @ 6:30 p.m. and bike safety program presented by Clinton Police. The parade will be followed by the flag retirement ceremony at the Red Mill organized by the Scout Troop 191 and Councilman Traphagen. The Clinton Guild is also offering “Sponsor a Tree”! Mr. Traphagen is setting up the information on the website. Sponsors will get one of the coveted gold plaques placed on the box around the tree to show you helped support beautifying our downtown!

Rubber Ducky Race is July 10, 2022, the annual event sponsored by the Sunrise Rotary. The Guild is sponsoring the third place prize! Mr. Traphagen and Mayor Kovach will be in the water! Great event!!

The Superhero Race is hoping to make a return to Clinton, October 8, 2022! The Economic Development Commission is helping member Elizabeth Halpin apply for a County “Rediscover Hunterdon’s Communities Grant Program”. The grant would help with expenses for the run such as music, capes and medals, tables, police coverage and marketing! This will bring hundreds of people to town, helping to sustain the Main Street shops and restaurants.

Recreation – working on arranging a meeting. The insurance is under review, event planning for upcoming events. Movie night, July 15, 2022 tentative date. The PTO is partnering with the Rec Committee for a summer series.

Farmer’s Market continues to request the use of the Community Center restrooms for their vendors and to request use of the Center for a year round indoor market. Fee schedule, hourly rate / full day rental is still being discussed. Resident rental rates to remain the same and a schedule of the rates to be forwarded to Councilwoman Johnson.

Union Township Mayor, David De Giralamo and Mayor Kovach are joining forces to bring together four other towns and possibly more to hold the Hunterdon Games, an Olympic style competition. The event is scheduled for August 20, 2022 and will be held at Finn Park in Union Township. Currently Union Township, Clinton Town, High Bridge, and Lebanon Borough have signed on, hoping to add up to eight

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more towns, possibly Clinton Township, Alexandria, Bethlehem Township. Teams have to be decided and game ideas need to be developed.

Councilman Humphrey

Communication Committee is going to change procedure by writing their own articles and welcome committees to add to them.

Clinton Fire Department reported 124 calls year to date. Firefighters are taking a highway certification training, June 27. The department welcomed Anthony Durante as a full member. The roof on their building is almost complete, \$116,000 job! Besides the roof, electric needed to be rewired and an air conditioner condenser was necessary.

Next Grill Night will be June 24, 2022. The Platinum Club attended the last grill night, however, the rain was so strong that not as many folks attended. Mr. Humphrey urged everyone to attend the upcoming grill night.

Attorney St. Angelo

June 9, 2022, Attorney St. Angelo will be attending the County Tax Board hearing for one appeal. 12 appeals were received but Tax Assessor Fran Kuczynski and assistant assessor, Louise Hartzog, did a great job, as always and only one will need to be addressed at the Tax Board.

Councilman Traphagen

Sunday, June 5, 2022 the Platinum Brunch was held at the fire department and went well! Approximately 30 folks attended and enjoyed a great lunch! Thanks to the Towne Restaurant, Thomson's Specialty for desserts and to the Clinton Fire Department for the use of their facility.

June 11, 2022 Garden Party fund raiser, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Center Street, \$100.00 per person, funds to be used for façade program.

Roads – trench resurfacing on Harrison Street, Lingert Street and Fairview Avenue to be scheduled for July. Town applying for Discretionary Aid to move a utility pole in front of the fire department and to continue sidewalks along Old 22 from the A&P project to New Street. Also applying for NJDOT Local Aid grant to repave New Street and add handicap ramps.

Councilwoman Johnson

Board of Education – meetings coincide with Council. School ends June 20, 2022. The PTO is planning Summer Literacy program tomorrow night, June 9. A book swap to take place, a therapy dog will join the group to read with.

Booster Club is hosting a Color Run, June 24, 2022 at Gebhardt Field. Dr. D will donating his talent and will entertain, Kona Ice will be there and will donate his proceeds back to the Booster Club. \$1,500 has already been raised, funding the Halstead playground. The Run is encouraging kids with disabilities to join in. Booster Club is hosting an adult fundraiser, August 26, at Sunken Silo where there will be bands and food. Finalizing the insurance at this time and thank you to our Insurance Agent, Caroline Conboy, for helping the Club review insurance information.

Summer Recreation Program is now closed for registering. Trips have been booked and there is not enough staff to add children. Many fun events are planned, it is going to be a great program!

Councilman Bruno

Board of Health meeting Wednesday, June 15 to discuss changing the annual rabies clinic from January to October. Will report back.

Shade tree meeting will be held tomorrow night via zoom, a new member to be appointed.

Buildings and Grounds - Tennis court engineering report due back soon. Line striping will take place over the course of a month. Swing strap still on back order.

Received a request to use the Community Center for a roller skating party! Request was denied because of the refinished floors. Molly Padmos, 16 Water Street, explained she was part of the five adults asking to use the center. She said they are all new skates and they would not harm the floor. The five ladies wanted a place to practice.

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 13 through May 26, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bruno, Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bruno, Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #101-22 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Perloff, to enter into Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. to discuss a matter of potential litigation. No action will be taken.

RESOLUTION # 101-22

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

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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.

Vote all ayes

Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Upon returning from Executive Session and there being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Humphrey seconded by Mr. Perloff to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

Janice Kovach, Mayor

