

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Bruno, Johnson, Kashwick, Padmos, Perloff (via zoom), 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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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Bruno seconded by Ms. Johnson, to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting of July 26, 2023 as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

A motion was made by Mr. Traphagen seconded by Mr. Bruno to approve the monthly reports for the month of July as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE**

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

1. Mayor Kovach asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Sheila Oliver, Lt. Governor, who passed away August 1. Governor asked for flags to remain lowered for the entire month of August.
2. For those who may have seen pictures of a mural at Clinton Township Middle School, the young artist, Ava Valley is now working on a mural on the side of Audio Video Synergy on Main Street. The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick are working with Ava and her family to see how they can offer assistance. We are extremely grateful to both.
3. Historic received a \$5,000 grant for Gebhardt field. Mr. Traphagen will report on shortly.
4. Surely many have visited the park and saw the new equipment and even used it! The park looks amazing. Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted in moving over 170 yards of mulch. Thank you to Mike Ragozine for his generous donation and for helping to spread it.

5. Mark from CitiSpot has completed his most recent project, a documentary “Our Town Called Clinton”. He did an amazing job and thank you to all the folks that participated. The initial screening at the Art Museum is scheduled for September 30. After announcing the date, Mayor Kovach was reminded that is the night of the Carpool Cinema. Mayor Kovach will reach out to Mark and the Art Museum to choose another date for the premiere.
6. Mayor Kovach met with Highlands Resilience Project Focus Group which is looking for feedback from stakeholders and municipalities and what resources should be available. Important to be reminded that not all communities are alike and there is not a one size first all approach.
7. Hunterdon Games are days away! Mayor Kovach asked everyone to come out and join as spectators or if interested in participating let us know! This Saturday, August 26, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Heritage Park, Bethlehem Township.
8. Ruthi Byrne and Fairleigh Dickenson University is hosting Gubernatorial candidate conversations. The first was earlier this month with Mayor Fulop, the next is in September with Jack Ciatarelli and more scheduled as candidates announce. Great opportunity to get some insight into policy perspectives.
9. Vintage baseball game held at Gebhardt Field. Councilman Perloff will elaborate in reports.
10. Thank you to the Clinton Fire Department for hosting a great BBQ. A good time catching up with everyone and to thank the volunteers for all that they do. Mayor Kovach presented the CFD a donation from the Haunting on the River proceeds.  
The South Branch Emergency Services also received a donation from the movie proceeds.
11. NJ State Policy Lab – internship presentations were at Rutgers Bloustein School last week. Amazing to see the research and work that these students put into their projects with the hope of helping drive policy discussions in New Jersey. The presentations will also become part of the discussions with NJCM. Topics of housing and mental health were also discussed. All the presentations and policy papers are online to review.
12. The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Hooper Canoe races were held last weekend, a little windy on the water but everyone did a great job navigating. Clinton Fire Department won the golden paddle again this year but Chief Kubiak said the Police Department will be back next year!
13. Corvette show at the Red Mill was very well attended!
14. Clinton joined to Opiate Task Force and met this week to discuss how the funding that the county is receiving can best serve our communities.
15. Polytech announcement today to celebrate the additional state funding toward the new full-time vocational school in Hunterdon County. \$3M in State funding, the building will be built in the lower lot of North Hunterdon High School, Route 31 South.
16. Attended the kick off to the Hunterdon County Fair with the Chamber of Commerce! Great turnout!

**PROCLAMATION – PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

Mayor Kovach presented the Prostate Cancer Awareness Month proclaiming the month of September 2023 awareness month.

**FEE WAIVER – CACTUS FLOWER PICTURES**

A small independent production has submitted a filming application to the Town of Clinton and Chief Kubinak for review. The request is to film one evening, September 2, 2023, 4:00 p.m. to midnight on Lower Center Street with a cast of 3 members and 9 crew members. There will be 2 vehicles and 1 cargo van with equipment. The appropriate insurance has been supplied and Chief Kubinak recommended an officer be hired for this event for safety, which has been agreed to and will be paid for by Cactus Flowers. A motion was made by Mr. Kashwick, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to approve the request.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**WATER REFUND**

Water Collector, Nancy Burgess, requesting a refund in the amount of \$144.68 to a resident who moved away and had a credit balance. Motion made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Kashwick, to refund the amount as requested.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION ##123-23 – CHAPTER 159**

A motion was made by Mr. Kashwick, seconded by Ms. Padmos, to adopt Resolution #123-23 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION – 123-23**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Clinton has received \$25,000.00 from the State of New Jersey and wishes to amend its 2023 budget to include this amount as a revenue.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2023 in the sum of \$25,000.00 which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues

Special Item of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written

Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Public and Private Revenues Off-Set with Appropriations:

NJUCF Stewardship Grant, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a like sum of \$25,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(a) Operations Excluded from the .5% Cap

Public and Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues:

NJUCF Stewardship Grant:  
Other Expenses

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #124-23 – BYOB TOWN PICNIC**

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Trapahgen, to adopt Resolution #124-23 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION # 124-23**

WHEREAS, the Code of the Town of Clinton, Chapter 32, Section 7, prohibits consumption of alcoholic beverages in, on, or upon any public street, or land owned or occupied by any federal, state, county or municipal government, or as further explained in the Section 32-7 A through D; and

WHEREAS, alcoholic beverages may be consumed at occasions or events held by bona fide nonprofit organizations or other groups if specifically permitted by resolution of the Mayor and Council; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, that BYO (Bring Your Own) consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted at the Hunts Mill Park during the Town of Clinton Town Picnic to be held on September 9, 2023, rain date September 23, 2023 beginning at 3:00 PM .

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #125-23 – FIREWORKS TOWN PICNIC**

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Padmos, to adopt Resolution #125-23 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION # 125-23**

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton Recreation Committee has requested permission from the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, to have a Fireworks Display at the Town Picnic to be held on September 9, 2023, rain date September 23, 2023 at Hunts Mill Park, and

WHEREAS, Garden State Fireworks, Inc. has provided a Certificate of Insurance in the amount of \$5,000,000 naming the Town of Clinton as an additional insured, and

WHEREAS the Town of Clinton Recreation Committee will request the Clinton Fire Department and the South Branch Emergency Services to standby at the scene;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton that the Recreation Committee's request for a fireworks display at the Town Picnic on September 9, 2023, rain date September 23, 2023 at dark, be approved.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

In addition, a motion was made by Mr. Bruno seconded by Ms. Johnson authorizing the Chief

Finance Officer to make payment to the vendor for the fireworks due to scheduling of the next council meeting following the picnic.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #126-23 – I-BANK – WEST MAIN WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bruno, to adopt Resolution #126-23 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION #126-23**

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COMBINATION OF CERTAIN ISSUES OF BONDS OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY INTO A SINGLE ISSUE OF BONDS AGGREGATING NOT TO EXCEED \$2,640,000 IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT FOR SALE TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK.**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(f), the Bonds of the Town of Clinton, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the “Town”), authorized pursuant to the bond ordinances of the Town heretofore adopted and described in Section 2 hereof shall be combined into a single and combined issue of Bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$2,640,000 for sale to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank and the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the New Jersey Water Bank.

Section 2. The principal amount of Bonds authorized by each ordinance to be combined into a single issue as above provided, the bond ordinances authorizing the Bonds described by reference to the number, the improvement description and the date of adoption, and the period or average period of usefulness determined in each of the bond ordinances are respectively as follows:

<b>Principal Amount of Bonds</b>	<b>Number of Ordinance</b>	<b>Description of Improvement and Date of Adoption of Bond Ordinance</b>	<b>Useful Life</b>
\$1,740,000	17-10	West Main Street Water Main Replacement Project, finally adopted December 12, 2017	40 years
\$900,000	20-12	Supplemental for West Main Street Water Main Replacement Project, finally adopted May 13, 2020	40 years

Section 3. The following matters are hereby determined with respect to the combined issue of Bonds:

a. The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of Bonds presently authorized to be issued pursuant to each of the bond ordinances and the respective periods or average period of usefulness therein determined, is not less than 40 years.

b. The Bonds of the combined issue shall be designated "Utility Bonds" or any such other designation as may be required by the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank and shall mature within the average period of usefulness herein determined.

c. The Bonds of the combined issue shall be sold and issued in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law applicable to the sale and the issuance of bonds authorized by a single bond ordinance and accordingly may be sold with other issues of bonds.

Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

a. None of the Bonds described in Section 2 hereof has been sold or issued heretofore, and the bond ordinances described in Section 2 have not been rescinded and now remain in full force and effect as authorizations for the respective amounts of Bonds set opposite the descriptions of the bond ordinances in Section 2.

b. The several purposes or improvements authorized by the respective bond ordinances described in Section 2 hereof are purposes for which bonds may be issued lawfully pursuant to the Local Bond Law and are all purposes for which a deduction may be taken in any annual or supplemental debt statement.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #127-23 – I-BANK**

A motion was made by Mr. Kashwick, seconded by Ms. Johnson to adopt Resolution #127-23 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION #127-23**

**RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF NOT EXCEEDING  
\$2,640,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON,  
IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE TO  
THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK  
AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS  
AGREEMENTS, ALL  
PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY WATER BANK**

**WHEREAS**, the TOWN OF CLINTON, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "Local Unit"), has determined that there exists a need within the Local Unit for the West Main Street Water Main Replacement Project, including a water main extension to reinforce the distribution system as well as the replacement of the critical river crossing and the installation of a new main along West Main Street and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto (the "Project") as defined in each of that certain Loan Agreement (the "I-Bank Loan Agreement") to be entered into by and between the Local Unit and the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (the "I-Bank") and that certain Loan Agreement (the "Fund Loan Agreement," and together with the I-Bank Loan Agreement, the "Loan Agreements") to be entered into by and between the Local Unit and the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (the "State"), all pursuant to the New Jersey Water Bank (the "Program");

**WHEREAS**, the Local Unit has determined to finance the acquisition, construction, renovation or installation of the Project with the proceeds of a loan to be made by each of the I-Bank (the "I-Bank Loan") and the State (the "Fund Loan," and together with the I-Bank Loan, the "Loans") pursuant to the I-Bank Loan Agreement and the Fund Loan Agreement, respectively;

**WHEREAS**, to evidence the Loans, each of the I-Bank and the State require the Local Unit to authorize, execute, attest and deliver the Local Unit's Bonds to the I-Bank (the "I-Bank Loan Bond") and Bonds to the State (the "Fund

Loan Bond," and together with the I-Bank Loan Bond, the "Local Unit Bonds"), said Local Unit Bonds to be issued in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,640,000 pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Law of the State, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the Revised Statutes of the State (the "Local Bond Law"), other applicable law and the Loan Agreements;

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-27(a)(2) of the Local Bond Law allows for the sale of the I-Bank Loan Bond and the Fund Loan Bond to the I-Bank and the State, respectively, without any public offering, and N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9(a) allows for the sale of the I-Bank Loan Bond to the I-Bank without any public offering, all under the terms and conditions set forth herein;

**WHEREAS**, the I-Bank and the State have expressed their desire to close in escrow the making of the Loans, the issuance of the Local Unit Bonds and the execution and delivery of the Loan Agreements, all pursuant to the terms of an Escrow Agreement (the "Escrow Agreement") to be entered into by and among the I-Bank, the State, the Local Unit and the escrow agent named therein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by a 2/3 vote of the full membership of the governing body of the Local Unit as follows:

**Section 1.** The I-Bank Loan Agreement, the Fund Loan Agreement and the Escrow Agreement (collectively, the "Financing Documents") are hereby authorized to be executed and delivered on behalf of the Local Unit by either the Mayor or the Chief Financial Officer in substantially the forms on file with the Clerk, with such changes as the Mayor or the Chief Financial Officer (each an "Authorized Officer"), in their respective sole discretion, after consultation with counsel and any advisors to the Local Unit (collectively, the "Local Unit Consultants") and after further consultation with the I-Bank, the State and their representatives, agents, counsel and advisors (collectively, the "Program Consultants," and together with the Local Unit Consultants, the "Consultants"), shall determine, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such Financing Documents by an Authorized Officer as determined hereunder. The Local Unit Clerk is hereby authorized to attest to the execution of the Financing Documents by an Authorized Officer of the Local Unit as determined hereunder and to affix the corporate seal of the Local Unit to such Financing Documents.

**Section 2.** The Authorized Officers of the Local Unit are hereby further severally authorized to (i) execute and deliver, and the Local Unit Clerk is hereby further authorized to attest to such execution and to affix the corporate seal of the Local Unit to, any document, instrument or closing certificate deemed necessary, desirable or convenient by the Authorized Officers or the Local Unit Clerk, as applicable, in their respective sole discretion, after consultation with the Consultants, to be executed in connection with the execution and delivery of the Financing Documents and the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby, which determination shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of each such certificate or other document by the party authorized hereunder to execute such certificate or other document, and (ii) perform such other actions as the Authorized Officers deem necessary, desirable or convenient in relation to the execution and delivery thereof.

**Section 3.** In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:2-27(a)(2) of the Local Bond Law and N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9(a), the Local Unit hereby sells and awards its I-Bank Loan Bond to the I-Bank and its Fund Loan Bond to the State, in a total aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,640,000, all in accordance with the provisions hereof. The Local Unit Bonds have been referred to and are described in bond ordinance #17-10 of the Local Unit finally adopted on December 12, 2017, entitled "Bond Ordinance Providing for the West Main Street Water Main Replacement Project in and by the Town of Clinton, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, Appropriating \$1,740,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,740,000 Bonds or Notes of the Town to Finance the Cost Thereof," as supplemented by bond ordinance #20-12 of the Local Unit finally adopted on May 13, 2020, entitled "Bond Ordinance Providing a Supplemental Appropriation of \$900,000 for the West Main Street Water Main Replacement Project in and by the Town of Clinton, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$900,000 Bonds or Notes of the Town to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof." The aforementioned ordinances were finally adopted by the Local Unit at meetings duly called as set forth above, at which time a quorum was present and acted throughout, all pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Law and other applicable law.

**Section 4.** The Chief Financial Officer of the Local Unit is hereby authorized to determine, in accordance with the Local Bond Law and pursuant to the terms and conditions established by the I-Bank and the State under the Loan Agreements and the terms and conditions hereof, the following items with respect to the I-Bank Loan Bond and the Fund Loan Bond:

- (a) The aggregate principal amounts of the I-Bank Loan Bond and the Fund Loan Bond to be issued;
- (b) The maturity and annual principal installments of the Local Unit Bonds, which maturity shall not exceed 30 years;
- (c) The date of the Local Unit Bonds;
- (d) The interest rates of the Local Unit Bonds;
- (e) The purchase price for the Local Unit Bonds; and
- (f) The terms and conditions under which the Local Unit Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities.

**Section 5.** Any determination made by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to the terms hereof shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution and attestation of the Local Unit Bonds by the parties authorized under Section 6 hereof.

**Section 6.** The Local Unit hereby determines that certain terms of the Local Unit Bonds shall be as follows:

- (a) The I-Bank Loan Bond shall be issued in a single denomination and shall be numbered R-1. The Fund Loan Bond shall be issued in a single denomination and shall be numbered R-2;
- (b) The Local Unit Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form and shall be payable to the registered owners thereof as to both principal and interest in lawful money of the United States of America; and
- (c) The Local Unit Bonds shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer under official seal or facsimile thereof affixed, printed, engraved or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Local Unit Clerk.

**Section 7.** The I-Bank Loan Bond and the Fund Loan Bond shall be substantially in the form set forth in the I-Bank Loan Agreement and the Fund Loan Agreement, respectively.

**Section 8.** The law firm of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC is hereby authorized to arrange for the printing of the Local Unit Bonds, which law firm may authorize McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank and the State for the Program, to arrange for same. The Local Unit auditor is hereby authorized to prepare the financial information necessary in connection with the issuance of the Local Unit Bonds. The Mayor, the Chief Financial Officer and the Local Unit Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any certificates necessary or desirable in connection with the financial and other information.

**Section 9.** The Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer are hereby severally authorized to execute any certificates or documents necessary or desirable in connection with the sale of the Local Unit Bonds, and are further authorized to deliver same to the I-Bank and the State upon delivery of the Local Unit Bonds and the receipt of payment therefor in accordance with the Loan Agreements.

**Section 10.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Section 11.** Upon the adoption hereof, the Local Unit Clerk shall forward certified copies of this resolution to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, bond counsel to the Local Unit, and Richard T. Nolan, Esq., McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried



A motion was made by Mr. Kashwick, seconded by Ms. Padmos, to adopt Resolution #128-23 as submitted and to certify the have reviewed it, the Group Affidavit will be signed by each council member.

**RESOLUTION # 128-23  
CERTIFICATION OF ANNUAL AUDIT**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

**WHEREAS**, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2022 as been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body, and

**WHEREAS**, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.S.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations” and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and,

**WHEREAS**, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

**WHEREAS**, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board, and

**WHEREAS**, failure to comply with the promulgations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27 BB-54 to wit:

R.S.52:27 BB-52 – “A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the (Director of Local Government Services), under provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Governing Body of the Town of Clinton, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Vote all eyes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Traphagen, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to adopt Resolution #129-23 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION # 129-23**

**CANCELLATION OF TAXES**

**WHEREAS**, Block 31, Lot 37 was never assessed until 2013;

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Assessor shows the ownership as “Unknown” and states that the property should be considered as an “Uncollectible”;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, that the taxes due on Block 31, Lot 37 in the amount of \$62.64 for the year 2023 be cancelled, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tax Collector be relieved from the obligation to collect that assessment.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #130-23 – HIRING OF LABORER**

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Kashwick, to adopt Resolution #130-23 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION # 130-23**

**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 \$21.15 per hour;

Vincent Chiera

**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 August 28, 2023.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #131-23 – HIRING OF LABORER**

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Kashwick, to adopt Resolution #131-23 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION #131-23**

**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 \$21.15 per hour;

Marvin Kocher

**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 September 5, 2023.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #132-23 – RENEWAL OF THE STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND**

A motion was made by Ms. Padmos, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to adopt Resolution #132-23 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION #132-23**

**STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND**

**RESOLUTION TO JOIN (RENEW) THE FUND**

WHEREAS, a number of local units have joined together to form the Statewide Insurance Fund (“FUND”), a joint insurance fund, as permitted by N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, THE Town of Clinton (“LOCAL UNIT”) has complied with relevant law with regard to the acquisition of insurance; and

WHEREAS, the statutes and regulations governing the creation and operation of joint insurance funds contain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of such funds; and

WHEREAS, the LOCAL UNIT has determined that membership in the FUND is in the best interest of the LOCAL UNIT.

WHEREAS the LOCAL UNIT agrees to be a member of the FUND for a period of three (3) years, effective from **January 1, 2024** terminating on **January 1, 2027** at 12:01 a.m. standard time; and

WHEREAS, the LOCAL UNIT has never defaulted on claims, if self-insured, and has not been canceled for non-payment of insurance premiums for two (2) years prior to the date of this Resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the LOCAL UNIT does hereby agree to join the Statewide Insurance Fund; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that to the extent required by law, the Local Unit shall provide notice of the Indemnity and Trust Agreement to the Office of the State Comptroller; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the LOCAL UNIT will be afforded the following coverage(s) :

- Workers’ Compensation & Employer’s Liability \_\_\_\_\_
- Comprehensive General Liability \_\_\_\_\_
- Automobile Liability and Physical Damage \_\_\_\_\_

Public Officials and Employment Practices Liability  
Property  
Inland Marine Boiler and Machinery Crime-  
Faithful Performance and Fidelity Pollution  
Liability  
Cyber Liability  
Non Owned Aircraft 33

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LOCAL UNIT's Fund Commissioner is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying the membership in the FUND as required by the FUND's Bylaws and to deliver same to the Administrator of the FUND with the express reservation that said documents shall become effective only upon the LOCAL UNIT's admissions to the FUND following approval of the FUND by the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance.

**STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND**

**INDEMNITY AND TRUST  
AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT made this 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY of August 2023, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, by and between the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter "FUND"), and the Town of Clinton the County of Hunterdon a duly constituted local unit of government (hereinafter "LOCAL UNIT");

WHEREAS, two or more local units have collectively formed a joint insurance fund as such an entity is authorized and described in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the LOCAL UNIT has agreed to become a member of the FUND in accordance with and to the extent provided for in the Bylaws of the FUND and in consideration of such obligations and benefits to be shared by the membership of the FUND; and

WHEREAS, the LOCAL UNIT has complied with relevant law with regard to the acquisition of insurance;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

1. The LOCAL UNIT, upon entering the FUND, agrees to be bound by and to accept and comply with each and every provision of the FUND's Bylaws, Risk Management Program, as it applies to the LOCAL UNIT and the applicable statutes and administrative regulations pertaining to joint insurance funds.
2. The LOCAL UNIT agrees to participate in the FUND with respect to the coverage listed in the LOCAL UNIT's "Resolution to Join" in accordance with the FUND's Bylaws and Risk Management Program.
3. The LOCAL UNIT agrees to become a member of the FUND until **January 1, 2027, at 12:01 a. m.** eastern standard time. The commencement date shall be the effective date as established by the FUND's Bylaws and policies.
4. The LOCAL UNIT certifies that it has not been canceled for non-payment of insurance premiums for a period of at least two (2) years prior to the date hereof, or, if self-insured, that it has never defaulted on any claims.
5. In consideration of membership in the FUND, the LOCAL UNIT agrees that it shall jointly and severally assume and discharge the liability of each and every member of the FUND in

accordance with statute and regulation, and by execution hereof the full faith and credit of the LOCAL UNIT is pledged to the punctual payment of any sums which shall become due to the FUND in accordance with the Bylaws thereof, this Agreement or any applicable statute or regulation.

- 6. If the FUND, in the enforcement of any part of this Agreement, shall incur necessary expense or become obligated to pay attorney's fees and/or court costs, the LOCAL UNIT agrees to reimburse the FUND for all such reasonable expenses, fees and costs on demand.
- 7. The LOCAL UNIT and the FUND agree that the FUND shall hold in trust all monies paid by the LOCAL UNIT to the FUND and those monies will be used in accordance with all applicable statutes, the FUND's Bylaws and the Risk Management Program.
- 8. If required by the Commissioner of Insurance or applicable statutes or regulations, the FUND shall establish separate trust fund accounts in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36, et seq. and any other statutes or regulations that may be applicable. Said trust accounts shall be used solely for the payment of claims made against members of the FUND, excess insurance premiums and/or the administration of the FUND, or for such other purposes as now or hereunder permitted by statute or regulation.
- 9. Each LOCAL UNIT which shall become a member of the FUND shall be obligated to execute an agreement similar in form to this Agreement.
- 10. To the extent required by law, the LOCAL UNIT shall provide notice of this Agreement to the Office of the State Comptroller.

Name of Member Entity:

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ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #133-23 – T-MOBILE HOMETOWN GRANT**

Councilwoman Johnson gave a brief description of the T-Mobile Hometown Grant opportunity which is a national grant to support a community project with the intentions of going towards the playground equipment. A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Padmos, to apply for the grant.

**RESOLUTION # 133-23**

WHEREAS T-Mobile Hometown Grant is a \$25 million, five-year initiative to support the people and organizations who help small towns across America thrive and grow, and

WHEREAS, Hometown Grants are given every quarter to up to 25 small towns, apply for funding to support a community project such as revitalizing or repurposing a historic structure, creating a downtown asset or destination or improving a space where friends and neighbors gather, and;

WHEREAS, project that add to a sense of place or could lead to further investment are of particular interest, and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton continues to progress with the upgrades of making an inclusive playground for children and includes a meeting place for everyone to enjoy,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Clinton wishes to apply for the T-Mobile Hometown Grant.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #134-23 – I-BANK – Foster Wheeler Booster Pump Station**

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Padmos, to adopt Resolution #134-23 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION #134-23**

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COMBINATION OF  
CERTAIN ISSUES OF BONDS OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN  
THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY INTO A  
SINGLE ISSUE OF BONDS AGGREGATING NOT TO EXCEED  
\$2,750,000 IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT FOR SALE TO THE NEW  
JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK.**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(f), the Bonds of the Town of Clinton, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "Town") authorized pursuant to the bond ordinances of the Town heretofore adopted and described in Section 2 hereof shall be combined into a single and combined issue of Bonds in the principal amount of \$2,750,000 for sale to the New Jersey Infrastructure

Bank and the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the New Jersey Water Bank.

Section 2. The principal amount of Bonds authorized by each ordinance to be combined into a single issue as above provided, the bond ordinances authorizing the Bonds described by reference to the number, the improvement description and the date of adoption, and the period or average period of usefulness determined in each of the bond ordinances are respectively as follows:

<b>Principal Amount of Bonds</b>	<b>Number of Ordinance</b>	<b>Description of Improvement and Date of Adoption of Ordinance</b>	<b>Useful Life</b>
\$1,200,000	17-11	Foster Wheeler Booster Pump Station Project, finally adopted December 12, 2017	20 years
\$1,550,000	19-15	Foster Wheeler Booster Pump Station Project, finally adopted December 10, 2019.	40 years

Section 3. The following matters are hereby determined with respect to the combined issue of Bonds:

d. The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of Bonds presently authorized to be issued pursuant to each of the bond ordinances and the respective periods or average period of usefulness therein determined, is not less than 31.27 years.

e. The Bonds of the combined issue shall be designated "Utility Bonds" or any such other designation as may be required by the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank and shall mature within the average period of usefulness herein determined.

f. The Bonds of the combined issue shall be sold and issued in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law applicable to the sale and the issuance of bonds authorized by a single bond ordinance and accordingly may be sold with other issues of bonds.

Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

c. None of the Bonds described in Section 2 hereof has been sold or issued heretofore, and the bond ordinances described in Section 2 have not been rescinded and now remain in full force and effect as authorizations for the respective amounts of Bonds set opposite the descriptions of the bond ordinances in Section 2.

d. The several purposes or improvements authorized by the respective bond ordinances described in Section 2 hereof are purposes for which bonds may be issued lawfully pursuant to the Local Bond Law and are all purposes for which no deduction may be taken in any annual or supplemental debt statement.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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



Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #135-23 – I-BANK - Foster Wheeler Booster Pump Station**

A motion was made by Mr. Kashwick, seconded by Mr. Traphagen to adopt Resolution #135-23 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION #135-23  
RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF NOT EXCEEDING  
\$2,750,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON,  
IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE TO  
THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK  
AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS  
AGREEMENTS, ALL  
PURSUANT TO AND AS REQUIRED BY THE NEW JERSEY WATER BANK**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Clinton, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "Local Unit"), has determined that there exists a need within the Local Unit to acquire, construct, renovate or install a project consisting of the Foster Wheeler Booster Pump Station improvements (the "Project") as defined in each of that certain Loan Agreement (the "I-Bank Loan Agreement") to be entered into by and between the Local Unit and the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (the "I-Bank") and that certain Loan Agreement (the "Fund Loan Agreement", and together with the I-Bank Loan Agreement, the "Loan Agreements") to be entered into by and between the Local Unit and the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (the "State"), all pursuant to the New Jersey Water Bank (the "Program");

**WHEREAS**, the Local Unit has determined to finance the acquisition, construction, renovation or installation of the Project with the proceeds of a loan to be made by each of the I-Bank (the "I-Bank Loan") and the State (the "Fund Loan", and together with the I-Bank Loan, the "Loans") pursuant to the I-Bank Loan Agreement and the Fund Loan Agreement, respectively;

**WHEREAS**, to evidence the Loans, each of the I-Bank and the State require the Local Unit to authorize, execute, attest and deliver the Local Unit's Bond, to the I-Bank (the "I-Bank Loan Bond") and Bonds, to the State (the "Fund Loan Bond", and together with the I-Bank Loan Bond, the "Local Unit Bonds"), said Local Unit Bonds to be issued in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,750,000, pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey (the "Local Bond Law"), other applicable law and the Loan Agreements;

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-27(a)(2) of the Local Bond Law allows for the sale of the I-Bank Loan Bond and the Fund Loan Bond to the I-Bank and the State, respectively, without any public offering, and N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9(a) allows for the sale of the I-Bank Loan Bond to the I-Bank without any public offering, all under the terms and conditions set forth herein;

**WHEREAS**, the I-Bank and the State have expressed their desire to close in escrow the making of the Loans, the issuance of the Local Unit Bonds and the execution and delivery of the Loan Agreements, all pursuant to the terms of an Escrow Agreement (the "Escrow Agreement") to be entered into by and among the I-Bank, the State, the Local Unit and the escrow agent named therein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by a 2/3 vote of the full membership of the governing body of the Local Unit as follows:

**Section 1.** The I-Bank Loan Agreement, the Fund Loan Agreement and the Escrow Agreement (collectively, the "Financing Documents") are hereby authorized to be executed and delivered on behalf of the Local Unit by either the Mayor or the Chief Financial Officer in substantially the forms on file with the Clerk, with such changes as the Mayor or the Chief Financial Officer (each an "Authorized Officer"), in their respective sole discretion, after consultation with counsel and any advisors to the Local Unit (collectively, the "Local Unit Consultants") and

after further consultation with the I-Bank, the State and their representatives, agents, counsel and advisors (collectively, the "Program Consultants", and together with the Local Unit Consultants, the "Consultants"), shall determine, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such Financing Documents by an Authorized Officer as determined hereunder. The Local Unit Clerk is hereby authorized to attest to the execution of the Financing Documents by an Authorized Officer of the Local Unit as determined hereunder and to affix the corporate seal of the Local Unit to such Financing Documents.

**Section 2.** The Authorized Officers of the Local Unit are hereby further severally authorized to (i) execute and deliver, and the Local Unit Clerk is hereby further authorized to attest to such execution and to affix the corporate seal of the Local Unit to, any document, instrument or closing certificate deemed necessary, desirable or convenient by the Authorized Officers or the Local Unit Clerk, as applicable, in their respective sole discretion, after consultation with the Consultants, to be executed in connection with the execution and delivery of the Financing Documents and the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby, which determination shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of each such certificate or other document by the party authorized hereunder to execute such certificate or other document, and (ii) perform such other actions as the Authorized Officers deem necessary, desirable or convenient in relation to the execution and delivery thereof.

**Section 3.** In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:2-27(a)(2) of the Local Bond Law and N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9(a), the Local Unit hereby sells and awards its I-Bank Loan Bond to the I-Bank and its Fund Loan Bond to the State, in a total aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,750,000, all in accordance with the provisions hereof. The Local Unit Bonds have been referred to and are described in bond ordinance #17-11, which bond ordinance is entitled "Bond Ordinance Providing for the Foster Wheeler Booster Pump Station Improvements Project in and by the Town of Clinton, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, Appropriating \$1,200,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,200,000 Bonds or Notes of the Town to Finance the Cost Thereof" and bond ordinance #19-15, which bond ordinance is entitled "Bond Ordinance Providing a Supplemental Appropriation of \$1,550,000 for the Foster Wheeler Booster Pump Station Improvements Project in and by the Town of Clinton, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, Authorizing the Issuance of an Additional \$1,550,000 Bonds or Notes of the Town for Financing Part of the Appropriation and Amending the Project Description and Period of Usefulness Set Forth in Bond Ordinance #17-11 of The Town Finally Adopted December 12, 2017" The aforementioned ordinances were finally adopted by the Local Unit at a meetings duly called and held on December 12, 2017 and December 10, 2019, respectively, at which times a quorum was present and acted throughout, all pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Law and other applicable law.

**Section 4.** The Chief Financial Officer of the Local Unit (the "Chief Financial Officer") is hereby authorized to determine, in accordance with the Local Bond Law and pursuant to the terms and conditions established by the I-Bank and the State under the Loan Agreements and the terms and conditions hereof, the following items with respect to the I-Bank Loan Bond and the Fund Loan Bond:

- (a) The aggregate principal amounts of the I-Bank Loan Bond and the Fund Loan Bond to be issued;
- (b) The maturity and annual principal installments of the Local Unit Bonds, which maturity shall not exceed 30 years;
- (c) The date of the Local Unit Bonds;
- (d) The interest rates of the Local Unit Bonds;
- (e) The purchase price for the Local Unit Bonds; and
- (f) The terms and conditions under which the Local Unit Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities.

**Section 5.** Any determination made by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to the terms hereof shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution and attestation of the Local Unit Bonds by the parties authorized under Section 6(c) hereof.

**Section 6.** The Local Unit hereby determines that certain terms of the Local Unit Bonds shall be as follows:

- (a) The I-Bank Loan Bond shall be issued in a single denomination and shall be numbered R-1. The Fund Loan Bond shall be issued in a single denomination and shall be numbered R-2;
- (b) The Local Unit Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form and shall be payable to the registered owners thereof as to both principal and interest in lawful money of the United States of America; and
- (c) The Local Unit Bonds shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer under official seal or facsimile thereof affixed, printed, engraved or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Local Unit Clerk.

**Section 7.** The I-Bank Loan Bond and the Fund Loan Bond shall be substantially in the form set forth in the I-Bank Loan Agreement and the Fund Loan Agreement, respectively.

**Section 8.** The law firm of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC is hereby authorized to arrange for the printing of the Local Unit Bonds, which law firm may authorize McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank and the State for the Program, to arrange for same. The Local Unit auditor is hereby authorized to prepare the financial information necessary in connection with the issuance of the Local Unit Bonds. The Mayor, the Chief Financial Officer and the Local Unit Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any certificates necessary or desirable in connection with the financial and other information.

**Section 9.** The Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer are hereby severally authorized to execute any certificates or documents necessary or desirable in connection with the sale of the Local Unit Bonds, and are further authorized to deliver same to the I-Bank and the State upon delivery of the Local Unit Bonds and the receipt of payment therefor in accordance with the Loan Agreements.

**Section 10.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Section 11.** Upon the adoption hereof, the Local Unit Clerk shall forward certified copies of this resolution to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, bond counsel to the Local Unit, and Richard T. Nolan, Esq., McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

### **BANNER REQUESTS**

Clinton Town Picnic banner to be displayed August 21 through September 11, 2023 and Unity Bank Charity Car Show to be displayed October 2 through October 9, 2023. A motion was made by Mr. Kashwick, seconded by Ms. Padmos to approve both banner requests.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

### **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT – DISCUSSION**

Councilman Bruno discussed this grant with Council members Padmos and Johnson of the Buildings and Grounds Committee regarding the guidelines of the 2024 Safe Routes to School infrastructure grant application and will confer with Chief Kubinak regarding same. There is a mandatory pre-application webinar that applicants must partake of. October 4, 2023 is the next scheduled meeting that must be attended in order to apply. The objectives of the SRTS program are to enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bike to

school, to make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age, to improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption and air pollution in the area of New Jersey Schools. Projects must be located within two miles of a school that serves students in grades K-12. The program will be available for the construction of infrastructure projects only, such as sidewalks, crosswalks, bike lane, multi-use paths, traffic calming measures and other means to ensure the ease and safety of children walking or biking to school. Chief Kubinak suggested to confer with goHunterdon, a very helpful support team in Hunterdon County.

**CORRESPONDENCE - none**

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL**

**Chief Kubinak**

Bad news - Officer Andrew Lerner has submitted his letter of resignation from the Clinton Police Department. His last day will be August 27, 2023 following his night shift. A motion was made by Mr. Traphagen, seconded by Mr. Bruno, to accept his resignation with regrets.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

Good news – Detective Alberto Bonilla and his wife welcomed a baby boy, Demetris Augustus!  
Congratulations to them!!

Search for crossing guards continues and a police officer, jobs have been posted on Town website.

**Richard Phelan, Business Administrator**

Mr. Phelan explained the work schedule and the temporary road closure for Leigh Street. The work is being done on the corner property, new water line and sidewalk. A one day closure is scheduled for next week for paving, before school opens.

**Councilman Kashwick**

Platinum Club is planning a tour of the Red Mill Museum. Once date and time is confirmed, information will be posted.

Shade Tree Commission – received three quotes for the takedowns in the Knolls and Pond Ridge and awarded the project to the lowest bidder for \$12,480. Work to be completed the third or fourth week of September. The Commission is working on a policy for memorial trees. Several members took a webinar with iTree and completed an application to do tree inventories. Commission is also looking to update the inventory for next year and do a tree identification walk once a year, possibly making it a Green Team event.

Environmental Commission – expressed concerns about the health of the river. In the past five years there has been extensive eutrophication, which is when the water becomes over enriched with nutrients leading to the plentiful growth of simple plant life. The Commission is looking for ways to improve and will make recommendations.

Green Team – Awaiting response from Sustainable Jersey on our application, expect to hear back by mid-September. With the Fall approaching, an educational effort to “Leave the Leaves” would be timely. The Team discussed an award program for pollinator-friendly gardens. Norma Kania is working on the Buy Local campaign for the weekend of Thanksgiving and Mary Jo Kurtiak suggested a table at the Farmers Market.

**Councilwoman Johnson**

Clinton Public School starts Thursday, August 31, 2023.

The swing and tot area is really coming along and thank you to the Booster Club, all the volunteers and Mike Ragozine for the mulch and helping to spread. A lot of money was saved by doing the breakdown and removal, building and spreading mulch ourselves.

**Councilman Traphagen**

Newsletter – waiting on a few articles!

Rescue Squad – reported 350 calls for July, 35 of which were in the Town.

Historic Commission – the Welcome to Clinton signs are being worked on. The new photo is beautiful and all should be installed in October. The \$5,000 grant received is for Gebhardt field where new signage will be installed telling the history of the field.

**Councilman Bruno**

Clinton Fire Department will be hosting a Grill Night for Veteran's on October 20, 2023. Following in the direction of Veterans, the Buildings & Grounds Committee is working on banners to be displayed along Old Highway 22 of local Veteran's. If anyone knows of a local Vet send the information to Mr. Bruno.

The Fire Department won the Golden Paddle at the Canoe Races!

**Councilwoman Padmos**

Economic Development Committee – welcomed new members with great new ideas to promote the new branding and the Public Relations aspect. EDC talking with the Communications and Newsletter Committee to collect articles and get good press out about the Town and share on the website. Meeting with Paul Muir to work more closely with the Clinton Guild. Ms. Padmos working with Councilman Traphagen and John Creech to promote the Town through communications.

Barbie Party at Just Chill was so much fun!!

This Friday, August 25, 2023, Pints for the Park at Sunken Silo 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm Great music, \$1. Oyster night and \$25 cover charge for the playground and get one beer free! Ribbon Cutting at the Community Center playground will be September 23 at noon.

Attended a USDA program for rural development grant which was very informative which could possibly benefit the fire department and the school because Glen Gardner attends CPS. We do not qualify for everything but in the area of agriculture there are grant monies available. Councilwoman Padmos will share her information with the fire department and the school.

Thank you to the Clinton Fire Department for hosting a picnic at the firehouse, it was a lot of fun!

Playground Committee met to discuss the next steps for the park. Planning on picking out some individual pieces to have as a backup plan. Current plan is to continue with fundraising and purchase the large inclusive piece, the big ramp structure.

**Councilman Perloff**

Guild meeting tomorrow morning. EDC arranging for a demo of the park mobile with the Guild. Councilman Perloff agreed with Ms. Padmos of all that is in the works and the positive direction of the Committee.

Water Committee met last week and continue to see the savings in leak reductions. Great job to the Water Department, Rich Phelan and Art Dysart.

Recreation Committee meeting tomorrow.

Gebhardt Field hosted another vintage ball game on a very hot day! Attendance was low but they did play a double header!

The canoe races were great! Two dozen races and over 50 participants! Great day!

Town Picnic is September 9, rain date, the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Volunteers needed and sign up genius program is on line. Volunteers needed for lots of games, bounce houses, dunk tanks, tattoos and definitely the clean up! Carpool Cinema scheduled for September 30, rain date October 7. Tickets are selling, available on the QR code on fliers which are hanging in most of the shops.

Regarding the insurance for vendors for the picnic, we have not received all the certificates yet and there are some deficiencies in ones we received. Councilman Perloff talked to Mr. Phelan and Insurance Advisor, Caroline Conboy, and made some recommendations to review. Hoping to come back with a policy that will last longer than the one we did in April, removing the umbrella payment making it easier for vendors. Currently, there are some gaps in payments and Councilman Perloff would like to waive the medical coverage on the insurance. Councilwoman Johnson said if we do this we will have to waive it for the other events coming up this year. Everyone agreed.

Councilman Perloff made a motion to accept the remaining certificates of insurance for the town picnic as presented with the condition that the certificates meet the minimum requirements for General Aggregate waiving the medical. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bruno.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**STANDBY AND OVERTIME**

A motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the standby and overtime attached to these minutes for the period of July 21 through August 3 and August 4 through August 17, 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. Traphagen 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. Traphagen seconded by Ms. Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

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Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Janice Kovach, Mayor