

## **REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES**

### **TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON**

**JANUARY 5, 2026 | 7:15 P.M.**

1370 Route 31 North, Annandale, New Jersey 08801

### **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT:** The Mayor read the following statement: “Adequate notice and electronic notice of this meeting were provided in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act. A copy of this revised agenda for this meeting was sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, the Courier News and the Hunterdon Review and posted on the bulletin board on January 5, 2026, and was made available to the public for download on the Township’s website prior to the meeting.”

### **SWEARING IN OF SCOTT RHINEHART, COUNCILMAN FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM**

### **SWEARING IN OF WILLIAM GLASER, COUNCILMAN FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM**

### **ROLL CALL**

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Councilman Glaser      | Present |
| Councilman Kochanowski | Absent  |
| Councilman Rhinehart   | Present |
| Councilman Hardiman    | Present |
| Mayor Mulla            | Present |

### **Also Present:**

Trishka Waterbury Cecil, Township Attorney  
Jeffrey Jotz, Acting Township Clerk

### **NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Councilman Hardiman nominated Councilman Glaser for Council President, seconded by Councilman Scott Rhinehart. All present were in favor.

### **SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

“The items listed below are considered to be routine by the Mayor and Council and will be enacted by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by the Mayor, a Council Member, or member of the public, in which event the

item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.”

Council President Glaser asked for Resolution numbers #2026-11 and #2026-13 to be removed and considered separately.

Council President Glaser motioned to approve the amended Consent Agenda; Councilman Hardiman seconded.

Result: Motioned passed by a vote of 4 in favor and none opposed (Councilman Kochanowski absent).

1. Resolution 2026-01 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton Authorizing the Adoption of the Cash Management Plan for the Year 2026.

## **RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey Local Fiscal Affairs Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:5, et seq. requires that municipalities adopt a Cash Management Plan which is designed to assure, to the extent practical, investment of local funds in interest bearing accounts and other permitted investments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cash Management Plan must include:

1. The designation of a public depository or depositories.
2. The authorization for investments as permitted by various applicable laws.
3. The annual submission of the Cash Management Plan to the governing body, which must be approved by a majority vote.
4. An annual audit of the Cash Management Plan.
5. That when an investment is in bonds which mature in more than one year, a determination that the maturity approximates the prospective time when such funds are needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Clinton that the attached Cash Management Plan is hereby adopted for the year 2026.

Cash Management Plan 2026

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## **I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

This Cash Management Plan (the “Plan”) is prepared pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S. A.40A: 5-14 in order to set forth the basis for the deposits and investment of certain public funds of the Township of Clinton, pending the use of such funds for the intended purposes. The plan is intended to assure that all public funds identified herein are deposited in interest bearing Deposits or otherwise invested in Permitted Investments hereinafter referred to. The intent of the Plan is to provide that the decisions made regarding the Deposits and the Permitted Investments will be done to ensure the safety, the liquidity (regarding its availability for the intended purposes), and the maximum investment return within such limits. The Plan is intended to ensure that any Deposit or Permitted Investment matures within the time period that approximates the prospective need for the funds deposited or invested so that there is not a risk to the market value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.

## **II. IDENTIFICATION OF FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS TO BE COVERED BY THE PLAN.**

- A. The Plan is intended to cover the deposit and/or investment of the following funds and accounts of the Township of Clinton:
  - 1. Current Fund
    - a. Current Fund Operating
    - b. Payroll
    - c. Lien Redemption
  - 2. Other Trust funds:
    - a. Developers Escrow
    - b. Recreation Trust
    - c. Performance Guarantee
    - d. Unemployment
    - e. Payroll Agency
    - f. Open Space
    - g. Animal Control
    - h. Other Trust Fund
  - 3. General Capital Fund
  - 4. COAH

B. It is understood that this Plan is not intended to cover certain funds and accounts of the Township of Clinton, specifically:

1. Deferred Compensation
2. Municipal Court
  - a. Fines Account
  - b. Bail Accounts

### **III. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS UNDER THE PLAN.**

The Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Clinton is hereby authorized and directed to deposit and/or invest the funds referred to in the Plan. Prior to making any such Deposits or any Permitted Investments, such officials of the Township of Clinton are directed to supply to all depositories or any other parties with whom the Deposits or Permitted Investments are made a written copy of this Plan which shall be acknowledged in writing by such parties and a copy of such acknowledgment kept on file with such officials.

### **IV. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES**

The following banks and financial institutions are hereby designated as official depositories for the Deposit of all public funds referred to in the Plan, including any certificates of Deposit which are not otherwise invested in Permitted Investments as provided for in this Plan:

CITIZENS BANK

UNITY BANK

NORTHFIELD BANK

NJ CASH MANAGEMENT FUND

NJARM

PEPACK/GLADSTONE BANK

All depositories must conform to the Government Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA) and shall provide a Notification of Eligibility from the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking, on a semi-annual basis. In addition, designated depositories shall maintain maximum FDIC or FSLIC coverage of all Township funds on deposit.

### **V. DEPOSIT OF FUNDS**

All funds shall be deposited within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-15, into appropriate fund operating accounts. Non-interest-bearing operating and capital accounts shall be regularly monitored for the availability of funds for investment. Trust accounts shall be maintained in accordance with the Federal and State statutes regulating such funds. Payroll, Developers' Escrow, Performance Bond deposits and other agency funds, which represent funds of individuals and other organizations held by the Township shall be deposited in regular interest-bearing checking accounts, unless applicable State statutes direct otherwise.

Where compensating balances are required by any designated depository to offset the cost of the services provided an agreement between the Township and the depository shall be executed, specifying the charge for each service and the balance required to offset each charge. Said agreement shall be reviewed on an annual basis.

## **VI. INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS AND PROCEDURE**

A. Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Designated Official is hereby authorized to invest the public funds covered by this Plan, to the extent not otherwise held in Deposits, in the following Permitted Investments:

1. Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America.
2. Government money market mutual funds.
3. Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor.
4. Bonds or other obligations of the Local Unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the Local Unit is a part or within which the school district is located.
5. Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Investment of the Department of the Treasury for investment by Local Units.
6. Local government investment pools.
7. Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1977, c.281 (C.52: 18A-90.4); or
8. Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities if:
  - a. The underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of this subsection "A."
  - b. The custody of collateral is transferred to a third party.
  - c. The maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days.
  - d. The underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section 1 of P.L. 1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41); ND
  - e. A master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

For purposes of the above language, the terms "government money market mutual fund" and Local government investment pool" shall have the following definitions:

Government Money Market Mutual Fund. An Investment Company or investment trusts:

- a. Which is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the "Investment Company Act of 1940," 15 U.S.C. sec. 80a-1, et seq., and operated in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7.
- b. The portfolio of which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of any eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities; and
- c. Which has:
- d. Attained the highest ranking or the highest letter and numerical rating of a nationally recognized statistical rating organization; or
- e. investing in U.S. Government securities for at least the most recent past 60 Months and with assets under management in excess of \$500 million.

Local Government Investment Pool. An investment pool:

- a. Which is managed in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a.7;
- b. Which is rated in the highest category by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization, which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of an eligible security pursuant to 17 C. F.R. sec. 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by U.S. Government securities;
- c. Which is in compliance with rules adopted pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L. 1968, c.410 (c.52: 14B-1 et seq.) by the Local Finance Board of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, which rules shall provide for disclosure and reporting requirements, and other provisions deemed necessary by the board to provide for the safety, liquidity and yield of the investments;
- d. Which does not permit investments in instruments that: are subject to high price volatility with changing market conditions; cannot reasonably be expected, at the time of interest rate adjustment, to have a market value that approximates their par value; or utilize an index that does not support a stable net asset value; and
- e. which purchases and redeems investments directly from the issuer, government money market mutual fund, or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, or through the use of a national or State bank, located within this State, or through a broker-dealer which, at the time of purchase or redemption, has been registered continuously for a period of at least two years pursuant to section9 of P.L. 1967 c.9 (C.49:3-56) and has at least \$25 million in capital stock (or equivalent capitalization if not a corporation), surplus reserves for contingencies and undivided profits, or through a securities dealer who makes primary markets in U.S. Government securities and reports daily to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York its position in and borrowing on such U.S. Government securities.

- B. Notwithstanding the above authorization, the monies on hand in the following funds and accounts shall be further limited as to maturities, specific investments or otherwise as follows:

## **VII. SAFEKEEPING CUSTODY PAYMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF PLAN.**

To the extent that any Deposit or Permitted Investment involves a document or security which is not physically held by the Township, then such instrument or security shall be covered by a custodial agreement with an independent third party, which shall be a bank or financial institution in the State of New Jersey. Such institution shall provide for the designation of such investments in the name of the Township to assure that there is no unauthorized use of the funds or the Permitted Investments that involve securities shall be executed by a “delivery versus payment” method to ensure that such Permitted Investments are either received by the Township or by a third-party custodian prior to or upon the release of the Township’s funds.

To assure that all parties with whom the Township deals either by way of Deposits or Permitted Investments are aware of the authority and the limits set forth in this Plan, all such parties shall be supplied with a copy of this Plan in writing and all such parties shall acknowledge the receipt of that Plan in writing, a copy of which shall acknowledge the receipt of that Plan in writing, a copy of which shall be on file with the Designated Official(s).

## **VIII. DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS**

All funds shall be disbursed as authorized and directed by the Township Council. The Chief Financial Officer shall, at the beginning of the year, present to the Township Council a schedule of debt service principal and interest payments and, when available, a schedule of School Tax payments for the upcoming year. Upon approval of the schedules of payments by the Township Council, the Chief Financial Officer shall then have the authority to make the following disbursements:

School Taxes  
County Taxes  
Open Space Taxes  
Interfunds  
Purchase of Investments  
Debt Service  
Payroll - Salaries and Wages  
Health Benefits for Employees & Retirees  
Pension payments  
Postage  
Petty Cash Reimbursements  
Utility bills

## **IX. PETTY CASH FUND**

Reimbursements for expenditures through the Petty Cash Fund shall be made within the limits approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services. The Petty Cash Fund shall be maintained in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-21. Petty Cash Funds shall be maintained in the following amounts:

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| Finance Dept | \$ 250.00 |
|--------------|-----------|

## **X. CHANGE FUNDS**

Change funds have been established by past resolutions of the governing body to provide change to taxpayers making payments to the following departments:

|                                                 |           |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Tax Office                                      | \$ 100.00 |
| Municipal Court                                 | \$ 100.00 |
| Township Clerk/ Animal Control License Official | \$ 50.00  |
| Recreation                                      | \$ 30.00  |

## **XI. SPECIAL EVENTS CAHNGE FUND**

Special Events change funds have been established by resolution of the governing body to provide change during special events held by Township in the amount of \$500.00.

## **XII. BONDING**

The following officials shall be covered by individual or blanket surety bonds; said surety bonds to be examined by the independent auditor to insure their proper execution:

Chief Financial Officer  
Tax Collector  
Court Administrator

Staff members of the Department of Finance and Tax Collection not covered by separate surety bonds shall be covered by a Public Employee's Faithful Performance Bond.

## **XIII. COMPLIANCE**

The Cash Management Plan of the Township of Clinton shall be subject to the approval of the Township Attorney and shall be subject to the annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-4.

As stated in N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14, the official(s) charged with the custody of Township funds shall deposit them as instructed by this Cash Management Plan and shall thereafter be relieved of any liability or loss due to the insolvency or closing of any designated depository.

If at any time, this Cash Management Plan conflicts with any regulation of the State of New Jersey, or and department thereof, the applicable State regulations shall apply.

#### **XIV. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

By the tenth day of each month during which this Plan is in effect, the Designated Official(s) referred to in Section III hereof shall supply to the Mayor and Administrator of the Township a written report of any permitted investments made pursuant to this Plan, which shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- A. The Name of any institution holding funds of the Township as a permitted investment.
- B. The amount of investments purchased or sold during the immediately preceding month.
- C. The class or type of investment purchased.
- D. The book value of such investments
- E. The earned income on such permitted investment. To the extent that such amounts are actually earned at maturity, this report shall provide an accrual of such earnings during the immediately preceding month.
- F. The fees incurred to undertake such permitted investments.
- G. The market value of all permitted investments as of the end of the immediately preceding month.
- H. All other information which may be deemed reasonable from time to time by the governing body of the Township.

#### **XXV. TERM OF PLAN.**

This Plan shall be in effect from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026. Attached to this Plan is a resolution of the governing body of the Township of Clinton approving this Plan for such a time period. The Plan may be amended from time to time. To the extent that any amendment is adopted by the Committee, the Designated Official (s) is directed to supply copies of the amendments to all of the parties who otherwise have received the copy of the originally approved Plan. The amendment shall be acknowledged in writing in the same manner as the original Plan was so acknowledged.

- 2. Resolution 2026-02 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton Authorizing Signatures on Township Checks.

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES ON TOWNSHIP CHECKS**

**WHEREAS** the following officials shall be authorized to sign our Current and Municipal Accounts checks for the Township of Clinton for the year 2026:

- Mayor

- Municipal Clerk
- Chief Financial Officer
- Township Administrator

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that signatures noted below are required for the accounts designated:

- Clinton Twp Municipal Court
- General Account and Bail Account
- Court Administrator
- Deputy Court Administrator

3. Resolution 2026-03 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton for Temporary Budget 2026.

### **RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON FOR TEMPORARY BUDGET 2026**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 allows for a municipality to adopt a temporary budget within the first 30-days of its budget year when contracts, commitments, or payments need to be made prior to the adoption of the regular budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the total appropriations of the previous year’s budget exclusive of appropriations for debt service, capital improvements, and public assistance totals \$12,772,769.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the maximum allowable amount of the temporary budget is 26.25% of the allowable appropriations for a total of \$3,352.851.86

**NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clinton in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the 2026 Temporary Budget shall be as follows:

| DEPARTMENT      | ACCOUNT TYPE | AMOUNT      |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| Mayor & Council | S&W          | \$5,475.00  |
| Mayor & Council | O/E          | \$3,000.00  |
| Administration  | S&W          | \$40,000.00 |
| Administration  | O/E          | \$30,000.00 |
| Municipal Clerk | S&W          | \$24,000.00 |
| Municipal Clerk | O/E          | \$15,000.00 |
| Financial Admin | S&W          | \$68,000.00 |
| Financial Admin | O/E          | \$10,000.00 |

|                            |     |                |
|----------------------------|-----|----------------|
| Information Technology     | O/E | \$20,000.00    |
| Collection of Taxes        | S&W | \$28,850.00    |
| Collection of Taxes        | O/E | \$8,000.00     |
| Assessment of Taxes        | S&W | \$33,360.00    |
| Assessment of Taxes        | O/E | \$7,000.00     |
| Legal Services             | O/E | \$70,000.00    |
| Engineering Services       | O/E | \$15,000.00    |
| Environmental Commission   | O/E | \$700.00       |
| PY Bills                   | O/E | \$13,958.91    |
| Planning Board             | S&W | \$20,850.00    |
| Planning Board             | O/E | \$10,500.00    |
| Zoning Board               | S&W | \$6,250.00     |
| Zoning Board               | O/E | \$1,000.00     |
| Boad of Adjustment         | O/E | \$1,500.00     |
| Fair Housing consultant    | O/E | \$3,000.00     |
| Construction Code          | S&W | \$77,500.00    |
| Construction Code          | O/E | \$4,000.00     |
| General Insurance Premiums | O/E | \$207,000.00   |
| Group Health Insurance     | O/E | \$610,000.00   |
| Police                     | S&W | \$1,200,000.00 |
| Police                     | O/E | \$25,000.00    |
| Division of Fire Safety    | O/E | \$30,000.00    |
| Fire Hydrant Rental        | O/E | \$30,000.00    |
| Fire Prevention            | S&W | \$18,000.00    |
| Fire Prevention            | O/E | \$2,500.00     |
| Prosecutor                 | O/E | \$27,200.00    |
| Road Repair                | S&W | \$335,000.00   |
| Road Repair                | O/E | \$30,000.00    |
| Storm Recovery             | O/E | \$75,000.00    |
| Buildings & Grounds        | O/E | \$65,000.00    |
| Fleet Maintenance          | O/E | \$60,000.00    |
| Board of Health            | O/E | \$1,000.00     |
| Animal Control Services    | O/E | \$5,000.00     |
| Recreation                 | S&W | \$18,500.00    |
| Recreation                 | O/E | \$10,000.00    |
| Electric                   | O/E | \$15,000.00    |
| Street Lighting            | O/E | \$12,000.00    |
| Telephone                  | O/E | \$27,000.00    |
| Water                      | O/E | \$750.00       |
| Natural Gas                | O/E | \$17,500.00    |
| Sewer                      | O/E | \$1,500.00     |

|                                         |     |                       |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| Gasoline/Diesel                         | O/E | \$55,000.00           |
| PERS                                    | O/E | \$321,954.00          |
| Social Security                         | O/E | \$140,000.00          |
| DCRP                                    | O/E | \$3,375.00            |
| PFRS                                    | O/E | \$820,357.09          |
| Court                                   | S&W | \$95,625.00           |
| Court                                   | O/E | \$15,000.00           |
| Public Defender                         | O/E | \$15,000.00           |
|                                         |     |                       |
| <b>Total Operations inside the CAP</b>  |     | <b>\$4,805,205.00</b> |
|                                         |     |                       |
|                                         |     |                       |
| Bond Principal                          | O/E | \$1,200,000.00        |
| Bond Interest                           | O/E | \$248,000.00          |
| <b>Total Operations Outside the CAP</b> |     | <b>\$1,448,000.00</b> |

4. Resolution 2026-04 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton Setting the Delinquent Tax Interest Rate and Canceling Taxes Under \$10.00.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON SETTING THE DELINQUENT TAX INTEREST RATE AND CANCELING TAXES UNDER \$10.00**

**WHEREAS**, N.J. Revised Statutes 54:4-67 implies that affirmative action is required on the part of the governing body in fixing the rate of interest on delinquent taxes.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Clinton, that the interest rate on delinquent taxes shall be 8% per annum of the first \$1,500.00 and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 for the year 2024 and no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made within the 10th calendar day following the day upon which same became payable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 the governing body may also fix a penalty to be charged to a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year and that such penalty shall not exceed and shall be set at 6% of the amount of the delinquency.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, in any case where the taxes are not paid during the respective extended periods, the full interest rate from the due date shall apply; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, P.L. 1979, Chapter 82, as amended by PL 1996, Chapter 113 (C.40A:9-154.1) allows the governing body of a municipality to authorize the Township Tax Collector

to process the refund and/or cancel property taxes less than \$10.00 without further action of the governing body.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Township of Clinton Tax Collector is hereby authorized to process refunds and delinquencies as permitted by P.L. 1979, Chapter 82, as amended by PL 1996, Chapter 113 (C.40A:9-154.1)

5. Resolution 2026-05 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton to Authorize the Tax Collector to Hold a Tax Sale.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON  
AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO HOLD TAX SALE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton that the Tax Collector is authorized to conduct a tax sale for all prior years' delinquent taxes pursuant to New Jersey Law Chapter 99.

6. Resolution 2026-06 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton Authorizing the Special Tax Counsel to File Tax Appeals.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON  
AUTHORIZING THE SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL TO FILE TAX APPEALS**

**WHEREAS**, the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation has been advised by the Attorney General's Office that the Municipal or Tax Attorney should file tax appeals on behalf of the municipality; and

**WHEREAS** the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation will no longer accept tax appeals from Municipal Tax Assessors as was permitted in the past provided a resolution was adopted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council that the Township Tax Counsel is authorized to file tax appeals, and settlement stipulations on behalf of the Township of Clinton pursuant to this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation with advice copies to the Township Attorney and the Tax Assessor.

7. Resolution 2026-07 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton Authorizing the Tax Assessor to File Corrective Appeals.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON  
AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR TO FILE CORRECTIVE APPEALS**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Jeff Ward serves as Tax Assessor for the Township of Clinton; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ward is authorized to process corrective appeals, sign stipulations to assessment appeals and process farmland rollback petitions on behalf of the Township of Clinton.

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

1. Mr. Ward is authorized to perform the tasks outlined above.
2. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation.
8. Resolution 2026-08 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton Appointing the Public Agency Compliance Officer.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON  
APPOINTING THE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

**WHEREAS** the New Jersey Department of the Treasury requires municipalities to designate a Public Agency Compliance Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Brian Mullay is most qualified to serve in this capacity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that Brian Mullay is appointed Public Agency Compliance Officer.

9. Resolution 2026-09 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton Setting Fees for Meeting Notices and Designating the Official Newspapers.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON SETTING  
FEES FOR MEETING NOTICES AND DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, Sec. 14 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 permits the public body to fix a reasonable sum to be charged to persons who request that notice of meeting as required under the Act be mailed to them individually; and said sum is to cover the costs of providing such notices and said section further permits the public body to provide such notices free of charge to news media who so request.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Each person requesting an individual notice be mailed to him shall pay according to the State Statute for copies of such notices, as required under the act. Requests for such individual notice made by news media shall be granted without cost.

1. The sum herein designated is subject to change upon the adoption of superseding resolution by this public body; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, Sec. 3d of the Open Public Meetings Act requires that said notice of meeting's be submitted to two (2) newspapers, one (1) of which shall be the official newspaper; and, the Township Council of the Township of Clinton has determined that the Hunterdon Review, Courier News and Star Ledger as the official newspapers of the Township of Clinton during calendar year 2026, as required by Sec. 13 and 3d(2) of the Open Public Meetings Act, as the publications that have the greatest likelihood of informing the public within the jurisdictional boundaries of Clinton Township of such meetings; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Clinton that the Hunterdon County Democrat is hereby designated as the official weekly newspaper of this body during 2026, as required by Sec. 13 and 3d(2) of the Open Public Meetings Act.

10. Resolution 2026-10 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton Appointing the Township Professionals for the Year 2026.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON  
APPOINTING THE TOWNSHIP PROFESSIONALS FOR THE YEAR 2026 WITH NOT TO  
EXCEED AMOUNTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton desire to engage certain professionals for the year 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, those professionals consist of the following:

|                     |                                                                      |              |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Township Attorney   | <b>Trishka Waterbury Cecil, Esq.</b><br>Mason, Griffin & Pierson, PC | \$165,000.00 |
| Township Auditor    | Suplee Clooney                                                       | \$33,500.00  |
| Township Planner    | <b>Tom Behrens</b><br>Burgis Associates                              | \$25,000.00  |
| Special Tax Counsel | <b>Fred Semrau, Esq.</b><br>Dorsey & Semrau                          | \$20,000.00  |

|                             |                                                               |              |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Labor Counsel               | <b>Steve Trimboli</b><br>Knapp, Trimboli, & Prusinowski, LLC. | \$125,000.00 |
| Bond Counsel                | <b>Matt Jessup</b><br>McManimon, Scotland, & Baumann          | \$20,000.00  |
| Affordable Housing Attorney | <b>Jon Drill</b><br>Stickel, Koenig, Sullivan, & Drill        | \$70,000.00  |
| Website Administrator       | City Connections                                              | \$8,800.00   |
| Township Engineer           | <b>Stanley Schrek</b><br>Van Cleef Engineering Associates     | \$65,000.00  |

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have reviewed the qualifications of the above-mentioned professionals and find them to be qualified to act on behalf of the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, all fees are delineated in the contract documents, and the Township Administrator has determined and certified in writing that the value of each of the acquisitions may not exceed the amounts above without further authorization from Mayor and Council; and

**WHEREAS** the anticipated term of these contracts is one year; and

**WHEREAS** the above-mentioned professionals have completed and submitted a Campaign Contributions Affidavit as required by N.J.S.A. 19A:44A-20.2 *et seq.* verifying they have not made any reportable contributions to a candidate or municipal committee representing the elected officials in the Township of Clinton in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the aforementioned from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS** all of the aforementioned Professional Services Agreements are contingent upon Township Attorney Review; and

**WHEREAS** the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value shall be filed with this resolution of award;

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.* authorizes the award of the aforesaid contracts without public bidding as the professional services contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for these purposes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey authorizes the execution of contracts as described herein:

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the above referenced contracts.
2. A copy of this Resolution, the Certifications of Contract Value, the Campaign Contributions Affidavits, and the executed Agreements shall be placed on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.
3. Notice of the award of these contracts shall be published in the official Township newspaper as required by law.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

11. Resolution 2026-12 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton Designating Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner for the Somerset County Joint Insurance Fund for 2026.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON DESIGNATING COMMISSIONER AND ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER FOR THE SOMERSET COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR 2026**

**WHEREAS**, as a condition of membership in the Somerset County Joint Insurance Fund, it is necessary to designate a Township Official to serve as a Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner, to represent the Township of Clinton.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that for the year 2026, Thomas DeRosa, be designated as the Commissioner for the Township of Clinton with Jay Meixsell, designated as Alternate Commissioner.

12. Resolution 2026-14 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton to establish a Green Team Advisory Committee for the CY 2026.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON TO ESTABLISH A GREEN TEAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton strives to save tax dollars, assure clean air and water, improve working and living environments to build a community that is sustainable economically, environmentally and socially; a community which would thrive well into the new century; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton wishes to build a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future with green community initiatives which are easy to replicate and affordable to implement; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton that we do hereby establish a Green Team Advisory Committee consisting of nine (9) members who shall be residents or employees of Clinton Township, appointed annually, but whose initial term or appointment shall be through December 31, 2026.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton that the Missions, Goals, and Objectives for the Green Team Advisory Committee will be established.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton that the following persons are hereby appointed to the Green Team Advisory Committee for the year 2026 and are eligible to serve until replaced through an updated resolution or ordinance:

- Mario Caballero
- Amy Switlyk
- Patti Pedretti
- Geoff Varty
- Mike Flynn
- Brian Mullay
- Jay Meixsell

13. Resolution 2026-15 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton Designating a Safety Coordinator and Alternate Safety Coordinator for the Somerset County Joint Insurance Fund for 2026.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON  
DESIGNATING A SAFETY COORDINATOR AND ALTERNATE SAFETY COORDINATOR FOR  
THE SOMERSET COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR 2026**

**WHEREAS**, as a condition of membership in the Somerset County Joint Insurance Fund, it is necessary to designate a Township Official to serve as a Safety Coordinator and Alternate Safety Coordinator, to represent the Township of Clinton.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that for the year 2026, Jay Meixsell be designated as the Safety Coordinator for the Township of Clinton with Dakota Simon designated as Alternate Safety Coordinator.

14. Resolution 2026-16 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton designating official Township Depositories.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON  
DESIGNATING OFFICIAL TOWNSHIP DEPOSITORIES**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:55-14 mandates that the governing body of a municipal Corporation shall, by resolution passed by a majority vote of the full membership thereof, designate as a depository of its monies a bank or trust company having its place of business in the state and organized under the laws of the United States or this state;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026, by the Township Council of the Township of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that:

Investors Savings Bank/Citizens Bank N.A.  
New Jersey Cash Management Fund  
Unity Bank  
Peapack-Gladstone Bank

All Federally secured Banks in the State of New Jersey be and are hereby designated as depositories for the Township of Clinton for the year 2026.

Prior to the deposit of any municipal funds in the above-mentioned depositories, said bank shall file with the Chief Financial Officer a statement indicating that the bank is covered under the Government Units Deposit Protection Act 9 R.S. (17:9-41).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Clinton that the various municipal accounts will be deposited in the Banks listed above and the persons responsible shall be as follows:

| <b>ACCOUNT</b>                      | <b>CUSTODIAN</b> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Current Account                     | Finance Officer  |
| Escrow Account                      | Finance Officer  |
| Capital Account                     | Finance Officer  |
| Unemployment Compensation Account   | Finance Officer  |
| Animal Control Account              | Finance Officer  |
| Recreation Commission Trust Account | Finance Officer  |
| Payroll Account                     | Finance Officer  |
| Payroll Agency Account              | Finance Officer  |
| Performance Guarantee Account       | Finance Officer  |
| Open Space Account                  | Finance Officer  |

|                              |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Credit Card Clearing Account | Finance Officer     |
| COAH Account                 | Finance Officer     |
| Trust Account                | Finance Officer     |
| Tax Redemption Account       | Tax Collector       |
| Court General Accounts       | Court Administrator |
| Court Bail Accounts          | Court Administrator |

15. Resolution 2026-17 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton approving member participation in various Cooperative Pricing Systems for the CY 2026.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON APPROVING MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEMS FOR CY 2026**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

**WHEREAS**, below is a list of Cooperative Pricing Systems the Township of Clinton will utilize in 2026 for the purchase of goods and services;

Morris County CO-OP  
Cranford Police CO-OP  
Education Services Commission  
Somerset County CO-OP  
The Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission  
Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission CO-OP  
New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (Bergen Bids)  
Sourcewell  
Omni Partners Government Purchasing Alliance Coop Vendors  
HGACBUY  
NJSTART

**WHEREAS**, the above Cooperative's, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System under the terms and conditions of the respective cooperatives for the purchase of goods and services.

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

- 1) This resolution shall be known and may be cited as a Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of Clinton, pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*.
- 2) The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.
- 3) All appropriate Township of Clinton officials are authorized and directed to perform all required acts to affect the purpose of this Resolution.
- 4) This resolution shall take effect immediately upon final passage according to law.

16. Resolution 2026-18 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton authorizing to pay bills.

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON AUTHORIZING TO PAY BILLS**

**WHEREAS**, under certain circumstances, bills/expenses may need to be paid between Township Council meetings.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Chief Financial Officer and Township Administrator be authorized to pay such bills as when payments become due when the pay periods fall between the regular scheduled Council meetings.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these checks will be so noted on the next bills list submitted to the Council for approval following their issuance.

17. Resolution 2026-19 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton approving the petty cash fund for 2026.

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON APPROVING THE PETTY CASH FUND FOR 2026**

**WHEREAS**, The Township of Clinton has hereby established a Petty Cash Fund in the amount of \$250.00, and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that a petty cash fund shall be established and maintained in the Finance Department under the supervision of the Chief Financial Officer in the amount of \$250.00. Such petty cash shall be used for purchases not to exceed \$30.00; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of Clinton Township, County of Hunterdon hereby authorized such action.

18. Resolution 2026-20 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton approving the appointment of Clean Communities’ Coordinator and Deputy Coordinator for the Township of Clinton.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF CLEAN COMMUNITIES’ COORDINATOR AND DEPUTY COORDINATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON**

**WHEREAS** the Township of Clinton needs to appoint a Clean Communities Coordinator and a Deputy Clean Communities Coordinator to represent the Township of Clinton.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Jay Meixsell is hereby appointed as the Clean Communities Coordinator, and Dakota Simon is appointed as the Deputy Clean Communities Coordinator effective January 1, 2026.

19. Resolution 2026-21 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton appointing Terri Howell as the Technical Assistant to the Construction Official for the Township of Clinton.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON APPOINTING TERRI HOWELL AS THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANT TO THE CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON**

**WHEREAS** the Township of Clinton needs to appoint a Technical Assistant to the Construction Official for the Township of Clinton.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Terri Howell is hereby appointed as the Technical Assistant to the Construction Official effective January 1, 2026.

20. Resolution 2026-22 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton establishing the Township Holidays for 2026.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON ESTABLISHING THE TOWNSHIP HOLIDAYS FOR 2026**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton does hereby recognize the following holiday schedule for the Township employees:

Monday, January 19, 2026.....Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Monday, February 16, 2026.....President’s Day  
Friday, April 3, 2026.....Good Friday  
Monday, May 25, 2026.....Memorial Day  
Saturday, July 4, 2026.....Independence Day

(Observed on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Monday, September 7, 2026.....Labor Day  
Monday, October 12, 2026.....Columbus Day  
Wednesday, November 11, 2026.....Veteran’s Day  
Thursday, November 26, 2026.....Thanksgiving Day  
Friday, November 27, 2026.....Day after Thanksgiving  
Friday, December 25, 2026.....Christmas Day  
Friday, January 1, 2027.....New Year’s Day

21. Resolution 2026-23 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton appointing Christine Licata as Treasurer for the Township of Clinton.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON  
APPOINTING CHRISTINE LICATA AS TREASURER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON**

**WHEREAS** the Township of Clinton needs to appoint a Treasurer for the Township of Clinton.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Christine Licata is hereby appointed as the Treasurer effective January 1, 2026.

22. Resolution 2026-24 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton designating the rate fees for Special Session and Coverage for the Municipal Court.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON  
DESIGNATING THE RATE FEES FOR SPECIAL SESSION AND COVERAGE FOR THE  
MUNICIPAL COURT**

**WHEREAS**, due to occasional circumstances, the Township of Clinton is in need to host Special Sessions at the Municipal Court; and

**WHEREAS**, due to occasional absences, the Township of Clinton is in need of coverage for court hearings; and

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

| TITLE                     | SPECIAL SESSIONS |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Alternate Judge           | \$ 800.00        |
| Alternate Prosecutor      | \$ 700.00        |
| Public Defender           | \$ 700.00        |
| Alternate Public Defender | \$ 700.00        |

## ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 2026-11: Council President Glaser asked that Resolution #2026-11 be amended with the revised dates as shown below.

1. Resolution 2026-11 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton Setting 2026 Meeting Dates for Township Council.

## RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON APPROVING THE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2026

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Clinton that the following is established as a schedule of regular public and work meetings of the Township Council to be held during 2026.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the meetings shall commence at 7:00 P.M. and the location shall be the Public Safety Building, 1370 Route 31 North, Annandale, NJ 08801 except as otherwise noted.

In accordance with the dictate of the Open Public Meetings Act, a copy of this resolution shall immediately:

- Be posted on the bulletin Board at the Municipal Building and shall remain posted for the year 2026.
- The following newspapers will be noticed: the Courier News, Star Ledger, and the Hunterdon Review.
- Filed with the Township Clerk.
- Mailed to those people who have requested and paid the charges for copies of the schedule and revisions thereto and shall be promptly mailed to those persons who hereinafter make such request and prepay such charge.

Tuesday, January 5, 2026 – Re-Organization Meeting  
Wednesday, January 14, 2026  
Wednesday, January 28, 2026  
Wednesday, February 11, 2026  
Wednesday, February 25, 2026  
Wednesday, March 11, 2026  
Wednesday, March 25, 2026  
Wednesday, April 8, 2026  
Wednesday, April 22, 2026  
Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Wednesday, May 10, 2026  
Wednesday, June 24, 2026  
Wednesday, June 25, 2026  
Wednesday, July 8, 2026  
Wednesday, July 22, 2026  
Wednesday, August 12, 2026  
Wednesday, August 26, 2026  
Wednesday, September 9, 2026  
Wednesday, September 23, 2026  
Wednesday, October 14, 2026  
Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Wednesday, November 4, 2026  
Wednesday, November 18, 2026

Wednesday, December 2, 2026  
Wednesday, December 16, 2026

The Reorganization Meeting for 2027 will take place Monday, January 4, 2027, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers located on the 3rd Floor of the Public Safety Building, 1370 Route 31 North, Annandale, NJ 08801.

Council President Glaser motioned to approve Resolution 2026-11 as amended; Councilman Rheinart seconded.

Result: Motioned passed by a vote of 4 in favor and none opposed (Councilman Kochanowski absent).

2. Resolution 2026-13 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton for 2026 Appointments by Mayor and Council.

## **RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON FOR THE 2026 APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following appointments are made for the year 2026:

### **2026 APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

| <b><u>POSITION</u></b>    | <b><u>APPOINTMENT</u></b> | <b><u>TERM/YEAR</u></b>                   |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| TOWNSHIP PROSECUTOR       | JORDAN RICKARDS           | ONE YEAR                                  |
| ALTERNATE PROSECUTOR      | JOSEPH TAURIELLO          | ONE YEAR                                  |
| PUBLIC DEFENDER           | SCOTT MITZNER             | ONE YEAR                                  |
| ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER | ANTHONY ROTUNNO           | ONE YEAR                                  |
| TOWNSHIP JUDGE            | ERIC PERKINS              | ONE YEAR                                  |
| ALTERNATE JUDGE           | MICHAEL FEDUN             | ONE YEAR                                  |
| RECREATION COMMITTEE      |                           |                                           |
| SEAT #1                   | MARK UCCARDI              | THREE YEARS                               |
| SEAT #2                   | JEFF SZABO                | REMAINDER OF UNEXPIRED<br>THREE-YEAR TERM |
| SEAT #4                   | DANA GOODMAN              | REMAINDER OF UNEXPIRED<br>THREE-YEAR TERM |
| SEAT #5                   | ROGER STRAIGHT            | THREE YEARS                               |
| CHAIRPERSON               | MARK UCCARDI              | ONE YEAR                                  |

|                                            |                           |            |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD                  |                           |            |
| SEAT #1                                    | JANET HOWARD              | TWO YEARS  |
| SEAT #2                                    | WILLIAM HONACHEFSKY JR.   | TWO YEARS  |
| ALTERNATE #1                               | LES GEISE                 | TWO YEARS  |
| PLANNING BOARD                             | MIKE AVERSA               | ONE YEAR   |
| ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION                   | DOUG PECOTA               | ONE YEAR   |
| COUNCIL MEMBER                             | SCOTTE RHINEHART          | ONE YEAR   |
| CHAIRPERSON                                | WILLIAM HONACHEFSKY JR.   | ONE YEAR   |
| PLANNING BOARD COUNCIL MEMBER              | BILL GLASER (CLASS III)   | ONE YEAR   |
| SEWER AUTHORITY                            | STEVE KROMMENHOECK        | FIVE YEARS |
| <b><u>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL</u></b> |                           |            |
| POLICE DEPARTMENT                          | CHIEF THOMAS DEROSA       | ONE YEAR   |
| SOUTH BRANCH EMERGENCY SERVICES            | CHIEF FRANK SETNICKY      | ONE YEAR   |
| SOUTH BRANCH EMERGENCY SERVICES            | DEPUTY CHIEF CHRIS MILLER | ONE YEAR   |
| SOUTH BRANCH EMERGENCY SERVICES            | BUCKY BUCHANAN            | ONE YEAR   |
| OEM/CERT COORDINATOR                       | STEVE KROMMENHOECK        | ONE YEAR   |
| ANNANDALE HOSE CO. CHIEF                   | STEPHEN DOMBROWSKI        | ONE YEAR   |
| ANNANDALE HOSE CO. DEPUTY CHIEF            | FRED SCHUTTS              | ONE YEAR   |
| PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATOR                  | MARC STRAUSS              | ONE YEAR   |

Council President Glaser motioned to approve Resolution 2026-13; Councilman Rheinhart seconded.

Result: Motioned passed by a vote of 4 in favor and none opposed (Councilman Kochanowski absent).

## **REORGANIZATION**

### **1. 2026 Mayoral Appointments.**

Mayor Mullay read the following Mayoral appointments into the record.

### **2026 APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR**

| <b><u>POSITION</u></b> | <b><u>APPOINTMENT</u></b> | <b><u>TERM/YEAR</u></b> |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT    |                           |                         |
| SEAT #6                | STEVE BAYLY               | FOUR YEARS              |
| SEAT #7                | SHARON STEVENS            | FOUR YEARS              |
| ALTERNATE #1           | VACANT                    | TWO YEARS               |
| ALTERNATE #2           | VACANT                    |                         |

|                                                                               |                                                                     |                                                                                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                               |                                                                     | REMAINDER<br>OF TWO-YEAR<br>TERM                                               |
| ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION CHAIR                                                | GEOFF VARTY                                                         | ONE YEAR                                                                       |
| ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION<br>SEAT #3<br><br>SEAT #6<br>SEAT #7<br>ALTERNATE #1 | AMY SWITLYK<br><br>GEOFF VARTY<br>SANDRA MILLWARD<br>AMELIA REITMAN | REMAINDER<br>OF THREE-<br>YEAR TERM<br>THREE YEARS<br>THREE YEARS<br>TWO YEARS |
| HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION<br>SEAT #4<br>ALTERNATE #1                   | NEIL SIMONELLI<br>MATT MURPHY                                       | FOUR YEARS<br>TWO YEARS                                                        |
| PLANNING BOARD<br>CLASS II<br>ALTERNATE #2                                    | SANDRA BUTCHER<br>RICHARD GRUBE                                     | ONE YEAR<br>TWO YEARS                                                          |
| PERS/PFRS CERTIFYING SUPERVISOR<br>PERS/PFRS CERTIFYING OFFICER               | LINDSAY HELLER<br>CHRISTINE LICATA                                  | ONE YEAR<br>ONE YEAR                                                           |
| <b><u>BOARDS/COMMISSIONS LIAISONS</u></b>                                     |                                                                     |                                                                                |
| CT BOARD OF EDUCATION<br>NORTH HUNTERDON-VOORHEES BOE<br>RECREATION COMMITTEE | ANDY HARDIMAN                                                       | ONE YEAR                                                                       |
| PLANNING BOARD<br>SEWER AUTHORITY                                             | BILL GLASER                                                         | ONE YEAR                                                                       |
| OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE<br>HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION             | SCOTT RHINEHART                                                     | ONE YEAR                                                                       |
| FINANCE COMMITTEE                                                             | TOM KOCHANOWSKI<br>BILL GLASER                                      | ONE YEAR                                                                       |
| PERSONNEL COMMITTEE<br>ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION                               | BRIAN MULLAY                                                        | ONE YEAR                                                                       |
| <b><u>PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS</u></b>                                          |                                                                     |                                                                                |
| ZONING OFFICER                                                                | RICHARD COTTER                                                      | ONE YEAR                                                                       |
| DEPUTY ZONING OFFICER                                                         | CANDACE DEJIANNE                                                    | ONE YEAR                                                                       |
| RECYCLING COORDINATOR                                                         | JAY MEIXSELL                                                        | ONE YEAR                                                                       |

Mayor Mullay removed Resolution 2025-26 from the Agenda.

2. Resolution 2026-26 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton approving an agreement for Municipal Advisor and Continuing Disclosure Services with Phoenix Advisors.

### **AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH AN INDEPENDENT REGISTERED MUNICIPAL ADVISOR (PHOENIX ADVISORS)**

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of Phoenix Advisors is to provide certain financial and other information and notices, within specified timeframes, in a manner prescribed by the regulators of the underwriter that purchased said bond issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton has a need for Municipal Advisory services without publicly advertising for bids pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, utilizing the professional services exception to public bidding set forth in N.J.S.A 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i).

**WHEREAS**, Phoenix Advisors, being duly registered as a Municipal Advisor with the Securities Rulemaking Board (the “MSRB”) provides professional municipal advisory services; and

**WHEREAS**, Phoenix Advisors has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Phoenix Advisors has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate in the Township of Clinton in the previous (1) year, and that the contract will prohibit Phoenix Advisor from make any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds are available as evidenced by the Chief Finance Officer's Certification; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract has been awarded for a term of one year term, for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 with the award resolution and contract available for public inspection in the Clerk’s office.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

3. The Mayor & Council of the Township of Clinton hereby approve the execution of an Agreement with Phoenix Advisors for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.
4. The Township of Clinton Clerk is hereby directed to submit a copy of this adopted Resolution, along with an executed Agreement to Phoenix Advisors.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon final passage according to law.

Councilman Rheinhart motioned to approve Resolution 2026-26; Councilman Hardiman seconded.

Result: Motion passed by vote of 4 in favor and none opposed (Councilman Kochanowski absent).

3. Resolution 2026-27 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton appointing a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) for the CY 2026.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON  
APPOINTING A QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT (QPA) FOR THE CY 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Clinton desires to have a QPA to continue to be eligible to utilize the bid threshold of \$53,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C 5: 34-5 et seq. establishes the criteria for a "Qualified Purchasing Agent" (QPA); and

**WHEREAS**, Sean Canning possesses the QPA certification issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Clinton that Sean Canning, QPA be appointed as the Clinton Township QPA, effective January 1, 2026, authorized to exercise the duties of purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(30).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this Resolution and a copy of Sean Canning's certification be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Mayor Mullay motioned to approve Resolution 2026-27; Council President Glaser seconded.

Result: Motion passed by vote of 4 in favor and none opposed (Councilman Kochanowski absent).

4. Resolution 2026-28 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton granting authority for approval of certain purchases through New Jersey State Contracts and/or Purchasing Cooperative for the year 2026.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON  
GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL OF CERTAIN PURCHASES THROUGH NEW**

## **JERSEY STATE CONTRACTS AND/OR PURCHASING COOPERATIVES FOR THE YEAR 2026**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and P.L.2011, c.139, the governing body may delegate the power to award purchases, contracts and/or agreements through New Jersey State Contracts and/or Purchasing Cooperatives to which the Township of Clinton is a member; and

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of streamlining Township operations and improving efficiency, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council to authorize the Purchasing Officer/Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) to approve purchases, contracts and agreements through New Jersey State Contracts and/or Purchasing Cooperatives, subject to provisions and requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and P.L.2011, c.139 below the \$53,000.00 threshold in individual purchases and the aggregate as defined by N.J.S.A.40A:11-2(19).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton that the Purchasing Officer/Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) upon receipt of an identified need and direction from the Township is hereby authorized to approve purchases, contracts and/or agreements through New Jersey State Contracts and/or Purchasing Cooperatives to which the Township of Clinton is a member without further action from Council, provided that funds are available to cover the expenditure.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Purchase approvals made by the Purchasing Officer/Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) by virtue of the adoption of this Resolution shall be subject to the provisions and requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and that no amount of any contract shall be in excess of the bid threshold in a single purchase or the aggregate without express individual resolutions authorizing such cooperative purchases by contract number.

Councilman Rheinhardt motioned to approve Resolution 2026-28; Councilman Hardiman seconded.

Result: Motion passed by vote of 4 in favor and none opposed (Councilman Kochanowski absent).

5. Resolution 2026-29 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton appointing Jordan Rickards as Municipal Prosecutor for the Township of Clinton during Calendar Year 2026.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON  
APPOINTING JORDAN RICKARDS AS MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP  
OF CLINTON DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 2B:25-4a requires every municipal court to “have at least one municipal prosecutor appointed by the governing body of the municipality”; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:25-4b, municipal prosecutors are to serve for a term of one year from the date of their appointment; and

**WHEREAS**, Jordan Rickards is an attorney-at-law in good standing licensed in the State of New Jersey, as required by N.J.S.A. 2B:25-4a, and possesses the necessary experience and qualifications to serve as the Township’s municipal prosecutor;

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

1. In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2B:25-4a, Jordan Rickards is hereby appointed to serve as the Township’s Municipal Prosecutor for a one-year term beginning on January 1, 2026, and ending on December 31, 2026.
2. Jordan Rickards shall be compensated in accordance with, and her appointment shall be subject to the terms of, such professional service agreement or other agreement as shall be approved by the Mayor and Council, as authorized by N.J.S.A. 2B:25-4d.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Councilman Rheinhardt motioned to approve Resolution 2026-29; Councilman Hardiman seconded.

Result: Motion passed by vote of 4 in favor and none opposed (Councilman Kochanowski absent).

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Resolution 2026-30 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Award of Contract to Animal Control Solutions in a Fair and Open Manner.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON,  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF  
CONTRACT TO ANIMAL CONTROL SOLUTIONS IN A FAIR AND OPEN MANNER**

**WHEREAS**, the Township is in need of animal control services, procured in a fair and open manner in accord with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, on December 5, 2025, at 12:00P.M.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township received one (1) proposal from Animal Control Solutions, 2 Marshall Drive, Flemington, N.J. 08822, to wit \$38,400 per year for two (2) years, in addition to extra ad hoc services as outlined in bid proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has determined that the bid submitted was the lowest responsible bid in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4a; and

**WHEREAS** the proposal (Attachment A) is acceptable to the Township for a two (2) year award for Animal Control Services, with extensions in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15; and

**WHEREAS**, subject to the approval of future budgets by the governing body of the Township of Clinton, the Chief Financial Officer certifies funding is available in the amounts as proposed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The proposal by Animal Control Services, 2 Marshall Drive, Flemington, N.J. 08822 is acceptable to the Township, and the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract reflecting a two (2) year award for services, to wit \$38,400 per year for two (2) years, in addition to extra ad hoc services as outlined in bid proposal, appended hereto, with extensions available in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15

Councilman Rheinhardt motioned to approve Resolution 2026-30; Councilman Hardiman seconded.

Result: Motion passed by vote of 4 in favor and none opposed (Councilman Kochanowski absent).

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

The Mayor and Council adjourned from Township Council business and reorganized for Board of Health business at 7:34 pm.

The Council met as the Board of Health at 7:34 pm.

## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

1. Resolution BOH 2026-01 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton acting in its capacity as the Township Board of Health, to grant blanket authority to the Hunterdon County Health Department to sign treatment works approval forms in connection with subsurface sewage disposal systems in Clinton Township.

Councilman Rheinhardt motioned to approve Resolution 2026-30; Councilman Hardiman seconded.

Result: Motion passed by vote of 4 in favor and none opposed (Councilman Kochanowski absent).

Councilman Hardiman motioned to approve adjourn the Board of Health meeting and return to Council; Council President Glaser seconded.

Result: Motion passed by vote of 4 in favor and none opposed (Councilman Kochanowski absent).

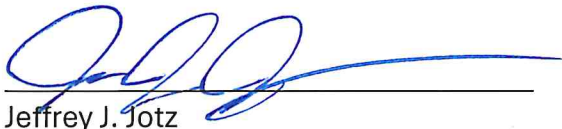
The Council adjourned the Board of Health meeting and returned to Council at 7:35 pm.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

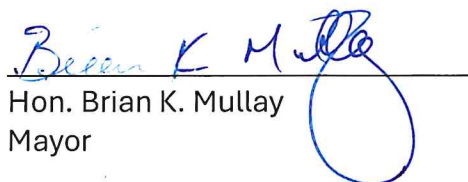
Mayor Mullahey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm; Councilman Hardiman seconded.

Result: Motion passed by a voice vote of all present (Councilman Kochanowski absent).

Respectfully submitted



Jeffrey J. Jotz  
Acting Township Clerk



Hon. Brian K. Mullahey  
Mayor

Adopted by Mayor and Council: Jan. 14, 2026