

TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2023

Mayor Mullay called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. announcing that all laws governing Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.

Mayor Mullay stated a notice was provided as required. The annual meeting notice is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk for public inspection.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL:

Councilman Glaser	Present
Councilman Kochanowski	Present
Councilwoman Switlyk	Present
Council President Strauss	Present
Mayor Mullay	Present

Also Present:

Trishka Cecil, Township Attorney
Carla Conner, Township Clerk

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Craig Naylor from Annandale stated the DPW did a good job salting the roads on Sand Hill Road for the school buses. Mr. Naylor was happy to see the quick response and the efforts that the Department of Public Works made.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A **MOTION** was made by Councilman Kochanowski to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Glaser and on Roll Call the following was recorded:

Councilman Glaser	Yes
Councilman Kochanowski	Yes
Councilwoman Switlyk	Yes (abstained from September 14, 2022 minutes)
Council President Strauss	Yes
Mayor Mullay	Yes

Motion carried.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Regular Session September 14, 2022.

REPORTS:

Councilman Glaser

Councilman Glaser reported that the Planning Board held their reorganization meeting on January 9th and Kevin Cimei and John Higgins were respectively re-elected chair and vice chair. At the meeting, rules and regulations, professional and other routine matters that were consistent with the years prior were adopted. The next Planning Board meeting will be February 6th. The Township's master plan and various elements that will be discussed in the future, with the Planning Board considering updates to the AH-9 zone, designation of the two Highland Centers, and rezoning of the OB-1 and C-1 zones along Route 31, including the ban on warehouses, and other clean-up of the zoning ap. If this all comes together in a Master Plan Reexamination and public hearings on the amendments, the Land Use and Stormwater Management elements meeting could be held on March 6th for adoption.

The Sewage Authority held its regular meeting on January 5th and routine matters were covered. The Votech Superintendent attended the first part of the meeting to discuss coordination between Votech and North Hunterdon. There will be a special meeting on January 19th for litigation counsel for the CCDA matter that was appointed. The next regular meeting will be on February 2nd, which will include their annual reorganization meeting, and the annual rate hearing will occur at the March 2nd meeting.

Councilman Glaser also reported that the coordination with the resident regarding the micro license in the Township could be in working session late in February.

Councilman Kochanowski

Councilman Kochanowski mentioned that the Finance Committee would like to have a meeting scheduled before the next Council meeting.

Councilwoman Switlyk

Councilwoman Switlyk gave updates on the Green Team and mentioned that the February 14th meeting may be moved to a different date. They are reviewing their actions for this year and there was a submission sent to New Jersey Transit for the adoption of the Annandale Train Station.

Environmental Commission met on January 5th and the next meeting will be held on February 6th. The Round Valley clean-up was a success and two more clean-ups have been scheduled. Community Day and Water Testing may be scheduled together; more information to come. Site plans are also being reviewed by the Environmental Commission. The road salt testing is continuing and there was a meeting held at Voorhees High School. The 2022 Annual Report will be presented.

Open Space is meeting tomorrow, and Councilwoman Switlyk thanked all who helped with the Windy Acres issues and updates. The trail clean ups have begun.

Council President Strauss

Council President Strauss commented on the Governor’s Educator of the Year Awards Event. There is a new Director of Curriculum for the school board.

The Historic Commission meeting will be held on the 1st, and Mayor Mullay mentioned a vacancy in the Commission.

Council President Strauss reported on updates from the Police Department, Fire Department, Emergency Services, and Emergency Management, stating that the Fire Chief is still waiting on the electrical work and that the Administrator should have the quotes in review.

Mayor Mullay

Mayor Mullay stated that the Township is still looking for a Deputy Administrator for the Court, and that other positions are available as well.

The Recreation Department has many events planned for the next few months; one being the Easter Egg hunt on April 8th at Bundt Park, Country Run is the last Sunday in April, and other Bundt Park updates regarding the playground and restrooms.

Mayor Mullay thanked Donna Hogrebe for being the Chair of the Recreation Committee and for her work and efforts on the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution #1 was pulled to New Business as it had the wrong Block/Lot number.

1. Resolution authorizing the refund of a premium refund for Block 60.003 Lot 26

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

Resolution #25-2023

WHEREAS, on properties located within the Township of Clinton, an overpayment of real estate taxes has been made; and

WHEREAS, applications have been made to the Tax Collector for refunds of said overpayments, totaling **\$6,363.72**; and

WHEREAS, the attached listing is a detail of the requested refunds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund such taxes to the parties in the amounts specified on the listing below.

VENDOR	BLOCK	LOT	LOCATION	Quarter	AMOUNT
BEAVER BROOK URBAN RENEWAL ASSOCIATES LLC	60.03	26	70 BEAVER AVE	22/1+2	6,363.72
C/O GEOFFREY LONG					
5 POWELL LANE					
COLLINGSWOOD, NJ 08108					
TOTAL REFUNDS					6,363.72

A **MOTION** was made by Councilman Glaser to approve the amended resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Switlyk, and a Roll Call of the following was recorded:

Councilman Glaser	Yes
Councilman Kochanowski	Yes
Councilwoman Switlyk	Yes
Council President Strauss	Yes
Mayor Mullay	Yes

Motion carried.

- *Amending resolution #191-2022, authorizing the purchase of rock salt from Morton Salt through the Hunterdon County Purchasing CO-OP for 2022-2023, Contract #51-HCCP increasing the NTE to \$29,500.00.**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

Resolution #26-2023

Amending resolution #191-2022, authorizing the purchase of rock salt from Morton Salt through the Hunterdon County Purchasing CO-OP for 2022-2023, Contract #51-HCCP increasing the NTE to \$29,500.00

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend Resolution #191-2022 to purchase rock salt to be used by the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Township belongs to the Hunterdon County Purchasing CO-OP and purchases rock salt through this program for the year.

WHEREAS, the funds are available as evidenced by the Chief Finance Officer's Certification through account #01-203-29-290-252; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton, as follows:

- Rock salt shall be purchased through the Hunterdon County Purchasing CO-OP from Morton Salt, increasing the NTE amount to \$29,500.

3. Transfer of Funds

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

Resolution #27-2023

WHEREAS, various 2022 bills have been presented for payment this year, which bills represent obligation of the prior fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the fiscal year are available until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allows transfers to be made from unexpended balances to those which are expected to be insufficient during the first three months of the succeeding year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Clinton in the County of Hunterdon that the following transfers in the amount of \$93.00 be made between the 2022 Budget Appropriation Reserves as follows:

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Hydrant rental	01-203-25-266-226	\$93.00
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TO

Water utility	01-203-31-445-230	\$93.00
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A **MOTION** was made by Councilman Glaser to approve this resolution, seconded by Councilman Kochanowski, and a Roll Call of the following was recorded:

Councilman Glaser	Yes
Councilman Kochanowski	Yes
Councilwoman Switlyk	Yes
Council President Strauss	Yes
Mayor Mullay	Yes

Motion carried.

4. Resolution approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for an ADA accessible playground for the Township of Clinton.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

Resolution #28-2023

WHEREAS, that Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$500,000.00 to carry out a project to build an inclusive ADA accessible playground on property the Township owns that is immediately adjacent to a new affordable housing development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton does hereby authorize the application for such grant; and recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Township of Clinton and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signature appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

A **MOTION** was made by Mayor Mullay to approve this resolution, seconded by Council President Strauss, and a Roll Call of the following was recorded:

Councilman Glaser	Yes
Councilman Kochanowski	Yes
Councilwoman Switlyk	Yes
Council President Strauss	Yes
Mayor Mullay	Yes

Motion carried.

6. Resolution authorizing the purchase of Pierce Custom Chassis Pumper from Fire & Safety Services through Houston Galveston Area Cooperative (HGACBUY), Contract #FS12-19, NTE \$791,574.24

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

Resolution #29-2023

WHEREAS, there is a need to purchase a Pierce Custom Chassis Pumper for the Township of Clinton Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds are available through the ARP funds as evidenced by the Chief Finance Officer's Certification in account #02-213-41-710-0108; and

WHEREAS, public bids are not required when the purchase is made through a purchasing cooperative in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton in the County of Hunterdon that the Township of Clinton Fire Department is hereby authorized to purchase a Pierce Custom Chassis Pumper from Fire & Safety Services through HGACBUY, Contract #FS12-19 at a total cost not to exceed \$791,574.24.

A **MOTION** was made by Councilman Glaser to approve this resolution, seconded by Councilman Kochanowski, and a Roll Call of the following was recorded:

Councilman Glaser	Yes
Councilman Kochanowski	Yes
Councilwoman Switlyk	Yes
Council President Strauss	Recuse
Mayor Mullay	Yes

Motion carried.

7. Resolution appointing Eric Perkins, Esq., as Clinton Township’s Municipal Court Judge for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2025.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

Resolution #30-2023

WHEREAS, the Township of Clinton requires the services of a municipal court judge; and,

WHEREAS, Eric Perkins has successfully served in that capacity for several terms; and

WHEREAS, Judge Perkins’s most recent appointment ended on December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to re-appoint Judge Perkins to continue serving as Clinton Township’s municipal court judge for another three-year term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton, in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, that pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 2B:12-4*, Eric Perkins, Esq. be and is hereby appointed as the Township’s municipal court judge for a three-year term effective January 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2025, at such salary as has been or shall be set by the Township’s most current salary resolution.

A **MOTION** was made by Mayor Mullay to this resolution, seconded by Council President Strauss, and a Roll Call of the following was recorded:

Councilman Glaser	Yes
Councilman Kochanowski	Yes
Councilwoman Switlyk	Yes
Council President Strauss	Yes
Mayor Mullay	Yes

Motion carried.

8. Payment of Bills

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

TOTALS:

CURRENT	\$2,855,658.20
TRUSTS	\$6,492.78
ESCROW	\$1,440.00
GRANT	\$7,200.00
RECREATION	\$2,719.62
DOG LICENSE	\$1.20
OPEN SPACE	\$3,727.60
 GRAND TOTAL:	 \$2,877,239.40

A **MOTION** was made by Councilman Kochanowski to approve this resolution, seconded by Councilman Glaser, and a Roll Call of the following was recorded:

Councilman Glaser	Yes
Councilman Kochanowski	Yes
Councilwoman Switlyk	Yes
Council President Strauss	Yes
Mayor Mullay	Yes

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

No comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** was made by Councilman Glaser to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m., seconded by Councilman Kochanowski, and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Councilman Glaser	Yes
Councilman Kochanowski	Yes
Councilwoman Switlyk	Yes
Council President Strauss	Yes
Mayor Mullay	Yes

Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Carla Conner, Township Clerk

Brian Mullay, Mayor

Adopted: May 10, 2023