

**TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 10, 2023**

Mayor Mullay calls the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. announcing that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act. A copy of the agenda for this meeting was sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, posted on the bulletin board on May 5, 2023, and was made available to the public for download on the Township's website prior to the meeting.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ATTENDANCE

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA ONLY

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA:

All items listed with an asterisk "*" are considered to be routine by the Township Mayor and Council and will be enacted by a single motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items unless requested by the Mayor, a Council member or citizen, in which event the item will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

A **MOTION** was made by Council President Strauss to approve the consent agenda, 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

DISCUSSION – ROAD CLOSINGS: not discussed.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

Block 91.04 Lot 19 – Chris B.

A **MOTION** was made by Councilman Kochanowski to approve the waiver, 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

* Regular Session

January 25, 2023

REPORTS:

Mike Aversa, Open Space Chairman, shared information on the deer hunting program throughout the Township and updates on the program for this season and the following that they are hoping to have approved. There are some items that need more clarification for the upcoming seasons as well.

Councilman Glaser mentioned Planning Board matters and reported that the next meeting will be held next Monday. The Sewerage Authority held a meeting on the 4th and routine matters were discussed along with the bids for an upcoming project. The Cannabis Committee is looking to have a presentation at a future Council meeting in June.

Councilman Kochanowski asked about Community Day in the Township. Councilwoman Switlyk provided updates from the Open Space Committee and upcoming meetings and events taking place. The Environmental Commission gave updates on Windy Acres at their last meeting, along with upcoming events. There is a resolution on the agenda for "Adopt-A-Station" for consideration.

Council President Strauss reported that the Board of Education adopted their 2023 budget and there are two questions on the ballot this year for consideration. There were public safety updates, including the interviews for patrol officer have concluded for the Township Police Department.

Mayor Mullay had nothing to report.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. An Ordinance of the Township of Clinton in Hunterdon County, New Jersey amending the "Code of the Township of Clinton, New Jersey" to establish requirements for lead-based paint inspections.

Mayor Mullay opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Mullay closed the public hearing.

A **MOTION** was made by Council President Strauss to adopt the ordinance, 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

2. An Ordinance of the Township of Clinton in Hunterdon County, New Jersey amending the "Code of the Township of Clinton, New Jersey" to establish Business Insurance Registration requirements.

Mayor Mullay opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Mullay closed the public hearing.

A **MOTION** was made by Council President Strauss to adopt the ordinance, 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

- 3. An Ordinance of the Township of Clinton in Hunterdon County, New Jersey Amending Chapter 165 (LAND USE REGULATIONS) of the "Code of the Township of Clinton" to establish two Highlands Centers and Create a Highlands Environmental Resource Zone.

Mayor Mullay opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Mullay closed the public hearing.

A **MOTION** was made by Councilman Glaser to adopt the ordinance, 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

RESOLUTIONS (LISTED UNDER "NEW BUSINESS")

ORDINANCE(S) FOR CONSIDERATION (LISTED UNDER "NEW BUSINESS")

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. An Ordinance amending and supplementing portion of the Land Use Ordinance found in Chapter 148 entitled "Land Development" of the code of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey pertaining to warehouses, truck terminals and trucking facilities.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. * Resolution authorizing the refund of an overpayment for Block 4.03 Lot 40.

RESOLUTION #74-2023

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 \$1706.57; 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	Quarter	AMOUNT
CORELOGIC	4.03	40	2023/1	1,706.57
PO BOX 9202				
COPPELL TX 75016				
TOTAL REFUNDS				1,706.57

2. * Resolution authorizing the refund of a premium refund for Block 47 Lot 15, Block 46 Lot 17.

**RESOLUTION #75-2023
AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF PREMIUM REFUNDS ON
LIEN REDEMPTIONS**

WHEREAS, liens on properties located in the Township of Clinton have been redeemed; and

WHEREAS, Tax Collector, Patricia Centofanti requests Mayor and Council approve the premium refunds required.

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

1. Checks shall be issued for the properties listed below, such checks representing premium refunds on tax liens.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Certificate</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Premium</u>
47	15	2019-004	Bala Partners LLC	41,000.00
			PO Box 303	
			Pottersville, NJ 07979	
46	17	2022-001	Bala Partners LLC	2,200.00
			TOTAL	\$43,200.00

3. * Release of Escrows.

**RESOLUTION #76-2023
TO RELEASE CERTAIN PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES
AND ESCROWS**

BE IT RESOLVED that certain performance guarantees and escrows have been recommended by the Construction Department and Township Engineer to be released.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following refunds be issued:

Amount	Block / Lot	Applicant	Type of Permit
\$500.00	71/24	Elizabethtown Gas	Escrow
\$344.00	27.01/6	Elizabethtown Gas	Escrow
\$500.00	82.04/12	Elizabethtown Gas	Escrow
\$500.00	91/3.03	Elizabethtown Gas	Escrow
\$500.00	39/5	Elizabethtown Gas	Escrow

\$500.00	63/3.12	Elizabethtown Gas	Escrow
\$500.00	60.03/26	Elizabethtown Gas	Escrow
\$461.00	55/4	Elizabethtown Gas	Escrow
\$500.00	28.01/17	Elizabethtown Gas	Escrow

4. * Chapter 159 – Distracted Driving Crackdown.

RESOLUTION #77-2023

CHAPTER 159

REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION

2023 UDRIVE, UTEXT, UPAY;

DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN

APRIL 1-30, 2023

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 was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2023 budget in the sum of \$7,000.00, which is now available from the State of New Jersey Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety for Distracted Driving Crackdown Grant UDrive, UText, UPay, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$7,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of Distracted Driving Grant.

5. Resolution approving “Adopt-A-Station” agreement with New Jersey Transit Corporation.

RESOLUTION #78-2023

RESOLUTION APPROVING “ADOPT-A-STATION” AGREEMENT WITH NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION

WHEREAS, to maintain and enhance safe and attractive train station sites for commuters, communities, and to support a cleaner environment, New Jersey Transit Corporation (“NJTC”) has established a program known as Adopt-A-Station (“Program”), through which an individual or group of individual volunteers may adopt a train station site or a portion thereof (“Site”) to do work, projects, or perform other activities to improve the Site; and

WHEREAS, Clinton Township’s Green Team wishes to participate in the Program in connection with the Annandale Train Station; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find that it will advance the public health, safety and welfare for the Green Team to do so;

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

1. The preamble to this resolution is hereby incorporated as if more fully restated herein.
2. The Mayor and Clerk are authorized and directed to sign the New Jersey Transit “Adopt-a-Station” agreement attached hereto, or such other substantially similar agreement as shall have been approved by the Township Attorney.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

A **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Switlyk to adopt the 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

6. Capital Ordinance for Improvements to Petticoat Lane and various other roads by the Township of Clinton, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, appropriating the total amount of \$1,500,000.00 which \$1,350,000.00 is from the General Capital Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and \$150,000.00 is from NJDOT Municipal Aid Program

A **MOTION** was made by Council President Strauss to introduce the ordinance, 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

Public Hearing is scheduled for May 24th, 2023.

7. Capital Ordinance for various other improvements and equipment by the Township of Clinton, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, appropriating the total amount of \$453,700.00 which \$200,000.00 is from the General Capital Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and \$253,700.00 is from General Capital Fund, Fund Balance

A **MOTION** was made by Mayor Mullay to introduce the ordinance, 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	Recuse
Mayor Mullay	Yes

Public Hearing is scheduled for June 14th, 2023.

8. An Ordinance of the Township of Clinton in Hunterdon County, New Jersey amending the Township's Stormwater Management Regulations set forth in Article XXXV (Surface Water Management) of Chapter 165 (Land Use Regulations) of the "Code of the Township of Clinton".

A **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Switlyk to introduce the ordinance, 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

Public Hearing is scheduled for May 24th, 2023.

9. Payment of Bills.

A **MOTION** was made by Council President Strauss to approve the payment of bills, 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

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 8:06 pm

A **MOTION** was made by Councilman Glaser, 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

Respectfully submitted,



Lindsay Heller
Acting Township Clerk

Adopted by Mayor & Council: February 28, 2024

