

**TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MAY 24, 2023  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7:00 PM**

Council President Strauss called 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 22, 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	Present
Councilman Kochanowski	Present
Councilwoman Switlyk	Present
Council President Strauss	Present
Mayor Mullay	Absent

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA ONLY**

Mike Aversa from the Open Space/ Deer Program commented on the deer hunting program that is on the agenda for tonight's meeting. The Council, Township Attorney and Mr. Aversa spoke about the ordinance and changes that were made to the ordinance since last year. An updated copy of the rules will be sent out to Mr. Aversa from the Township Attorney, Trishka Cecil, regarding the changes.

**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."

Councilman Glaser moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Councilman Kochanowski seconded.

Result: Motion passed by unanimous vote (Mayor Mullay absent).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Glaser moved to approve the meeting minutes; Councilman Kochanowski seconded.

Result: Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**REPORTS:**

Councilman Glaser: Provided an update on the recent Planning Board meeting and reported that there will be a bid opening for a project by the Sewer Authority. The next meeting will be on June 8<sup>th</sup> with a time to be determined. There were no updates from the Finance Committee or the Cannabis Committee at this time.

Councilman Kochanowski: No reports were given at this meeting.

Councilwoman Switlyk: Reported that the deer hunting resolution is on the agenda for this meeting and hopes that this can be passed. The recent Disc Golf clinic was successful, and Councilwoman Switlyk is looking forward to more in the future. The Beaver Brook Historic Walk will be scheduled. There is a field trip for Clinton Township Middle School at Windy Acres and more information can be found online. The Green Fair is scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup>. There was a donation to the North Hunterdon High School of a polinator garden. There is a resolution on the agenda regarding an agreement with the grant writers for the Township that had expired, and Councilwoman Switlyk would like to have that renewed for the Township to use.

Council President Strauss: There was no report given for the Board of Education. There will be a meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm for the Historic Commission and a report to follow at the next Council Meeting. There were routine matters that were discussed for Public Safety, along with three officers making it into the "200 Club". Police interviews have concluded and there are two candidates that are on the agenda tonight for consideration. There is nothing to report from the Fire Department; there were routine matters that were discussed earlier, and the Emergency Medical Services report was emailed out.

Acting Administrator Close commented on the two potential new hires for the Police Department and how they will be a great asset to the Township. There were a high number of applicants that were shortened down to the top five, then three, and with these two being hired there will almost be a full department in Clinton Township. The two candidates will have to go through the academy and will be joining the Police Department once they graduate from the academy.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. 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.

Council President Strauss opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public. Council President Strauss closed the public hearing.

Councilwoman Switlyk motioned to adopt the ordinance; Councilman Glaser seconded.

Result: Motion passed by unanimous vote (Mayor Mullay absent).

2. 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.”

This Ordinance was tabled due to the lack of reporting from the Planning Board. The Council agreed to move the public hearing for this Ordinance to the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS (LISTED UNDER “NEW BUSINESS”)**

**ORDINANCE(S) FOR CONSIDERATION (LISTED UNDER “NEW BUSINESS”)**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none**

**CORRESPONDENCE - none**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. \* Resolution authorizing the refund of an overpayment for Block 79.03 Lot 1.0401

**RESOLUTION #79-2023**

**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 \$2,625.48; 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
	79.03	1.0401		2023/2	2,625.48
TOTAL REFUNDS					2,625.48

2. \* Resolution authorizing the refund of a premium refund for Block 82.11 Lot 11.0207

**RESOLUTION #80-2023**

**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.

Block	Lot	Certificate	Vendor	Premium
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82.11	11.0207 C0207	2022-004	Bala Partners LLC	1800.00
			PO Box 303	
			Pottersville, NJ 07979	
			TOTAL	\$1800.00

3. \* Chapter 159 – 2023 Recycling Tonnage Grant

**RESOLUTION #81-2023**

**REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION**

**2023 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT**

**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 \$7,546.82, which is now available from the State of New Jersey Hazardous Waste Program for the Recycling Tonnage Grant, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the like sum of \$7,546.82 is hereby appropriated under the caption of Recycling Tonnage Grant.

4. \* Resolution supporting the Click It or Ticket Mobilization of May 22 - June 4, 2023

**RESOLUTION #82-2023**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CLICK IT OR TICKET MOBILIZATION OF MAY 22 – JUNE 4, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, there were 701 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 37% of the motor vehicle occupants killed in those traffic crashes were not wearing a seat belt; and

**WHEREAS**, use of a seat belt remains the most effective way to avoid death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 135,000 lives were saved by safety belt usage nationally between 1975-2000; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization from May 22 – June 4, 2023, in an effort to raise awareness and increase seat belt usage through a combination of high visibility enforcement and public education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of further increasing the seat belt usage rate in the state from the current level of 94%; and

**WHEREAS**, a further increase in seat belt usage in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey declares it's support for the Click It or Ticket seat belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 22 – June 4, 2023, and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of seat belt use.

5. \* Chapter 159 - Click It or Ticket

**RESOLUTION #83-2023**

**CHAPTER 159**

**REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION**

**2023 CLICK IT OR TICKET GRANT**

**SEAT BELT MOBILIZATION**

**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 \$1,885.00, which is now available from the State of New Jersey Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety for Click It or Ticket Grant Seat Belt Mobilization, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the like sum of \$1,885.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of Click It or Ticket Grant Seat Belt Mobilization.

6. \* Chapter 159 – accepting Sustainable NJ Grant and requesting approval of items of Revenue and Appropriation

**RESOLUTION #84-2023**

**CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SUSTAINABLE NEW JERSEY GRANT AND REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION**

**WHEREAS**, Clinton Township (“Township”) is the recipient of a \$2000 grant from Sustainable New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township wishes to use this grant among other things to construct a pollinator garden at North Hunterdon High School (“NHHS”) by purchasing plants and signage and donating the materials to NHHS to construct the garden; and

**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 may approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount;

**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 Council hereby request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2022 budget in the sum of \$2,000.00, which is now available from Sustainable Jersey Grant funded by PSE&G Foundation.
3. The like sum of \$2,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of Sustainable Jersey Grant, to be used to acquire and donate to North Hunterdon High School plants and other materials for the construction of a pollinator garden.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.



7. Resolution supporting S2186/A-3677 prohibiting the sale, distribution, or Propagation of certain invasive plant species.

Councilwoman Switlyk motioned to approve the resolution; Councilman Glaser seconded.

Result: Motion passed by unanimous vote (Mayor Mullay absent).

**RESOLUTION #85-2023**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING S-2186/A-3677 PROHIBITING THE SALE, DISTRIBUTION OR PROPAGATION OF CERTAIN INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES**

**WHEREAS**, invasive species are considered the second greatest threat to biodiversity after outright habitat destruction; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey has been severely impacted by a wide variety of invasive species, causing harm to agricultural and natural lands, leading to economic and ecological losses; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey State Senate and Assembly have introduced legislation (S-2186/A-3677) that prohibits the sale, distribution, or propagation of certain invasive plant species without first obtaining a permit from the Department of Agriculture; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation also establishes a thirteen-member “New Jersey Invasive Species Council” consisting of representatives from various State agencies, stakeholder organizations, and the public, whose tasks among other things shall be to develop a comprehensive Invasive Species Management Plan to be submitted to the Governor and Legislature within a year of the effective date of the legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council find that the proposed legislation will advance the public health, safety, and welfare;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, that the Township supports S-2186/A-3677, and requests that the Senate and Assembly pass the legislation quickly and expeditiously; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Clerk shall cause a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the offices of Governor Murphy, Senators Steinhardt and Zwicker, Assemblypersons Peterson, DiMaio, Freiman, and Jaffer, and to the governing bodies of the municipalities abutting Clinton Township; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

8. Resolution authorizing the hiring of Francesca Escudero as a Police Officer

Councilwoman Switlyk motioned to approve the resolution; Council President Strauss seconded.

Result: Motion passed by unanimous vote (Mayor Mullay absent).

**RESOLUTION #86-2023**

**AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF FRANCESCA ESCUDERO AS A POLICE OFFICER**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a vacancy in the position of probationary Police Officer in the Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police and Township Administrator have conducted a detailed examination process and interviewing of top candidates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police and Administrator recommend that Ms. Francesca Escudero be hired as a Police Officer with the Clinton Township Police Department, with a start date on or about June 26, 2023, contingent upon the successful completion of the following:

1. Successful completion of the Police Academy
2. Background Investigation
3. Psychological Evaluation
4. Medical Examination
5. Mayor and Council Approval

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Escudero shall start at the Probationary step, with a starting salary of \$45,910.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that Ms. Francesca Escudero is hereby hired pursuant to the terms of this resolution and the appropriate labor contract, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that for seniority purposes, her date of hire (anniversary date) shall be her actual start date, which as stated above is estimated to be on or about June 26, 2023.

9. Transfer of Liquor License

Councilwoman Switlyk motioned to approve the resolution; Councilman Kochanowski seconded.

Result: Motion passed by unanimous vote (Mayor Mullay absent).

**RESOLUTION #87-2023**

**AUTHORIZING A PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER - THE FOOD CURE LLC TO JUNIPER HILL RESTAURANT, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, Juniper Hill Restaurant, Inc. has filed an application for a Person to Person transfer of Alcoholic Beverage License #1006-33-013-011 heretofore issued to The Food Cure LLC with a mailing address of 73 Beaver Avenue, Annandale, NJ 08801.

**WHEREAS**, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

**WHEREAS**, proof of publication of notice of transfer has been received for the April 13, 2023 and April 20, 2023 editions of the Hunterdon County Democrat; and

**WHEREAS**, no objectors have filed their protest this transfer; and

**WHEREAS**, a thorough investigation has been conducted pursuant to NJAC 13:2-7.7a including a criminal background check and financial disclosure documentation; and

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

- 1) Approves the person to person transfer of the License #1006-33-013-011 to Juniper Hill Restaurant, Inc.

10. Resolution awarding contract for Petticoat Land Roadway Improvements (Contract No. 1-23).

Councilman Glaser motioned to approve the resolution; Councilwoman Switlyk seconded.

Result: Motion passed by unanimous vote (Mayor Mullay absent).

**RESOLUTION #88-2023**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR PETTICOAT LANE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS (CONTRACT NO. 1-23)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Clinton has determined that it is necessary to make roadway reconstruction improvements to Petticoat Lane, and to advertise for bids for the performance of the work; and

**WHEREAS**, after legally proper notice and publication, six bids were received on April 19, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the three lowest bids received were reviewed by the Township Engineer for completeness, mathematical correctness, and conformance with the bid requirements, while the remaining bids were reviewed only for mathematical correctness which could affect the order of bids; and

**WHEREAS**, the apparent low bidder for the Base Bid and the Alternate Bid was Crossroads Paving, located at 386 South Street, Suite 169, Newark, New Jersey 07105, with a total bid price of \$592,660.50, including the Base and Alternate Bids; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer has recommended that the contract be awarded to Crossroad Paving as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Attorney's Office has reviewed Crossroad Paving's bid documents and has determined that they are in order; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available in Account No. 04-215-55-920-000 for this purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Clerk shall therefore be authorized and directed to execute the Agreement for the Petticoat Lane Road Improvements, upon advice of counsel, subsequent to bidder's timely compliance with all post award requirements, and the Township's receipt of the approval of this contract award by the New Jersey DOT in accordance with grant conditions or any amendments thereto;

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

1. The above preamble is incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
2. Subject to the foregoing conditions, the Agreement for the Petticoat Lane Roadway Improvements (Contract 1-23) is hereby awarded to Crossroads Paving, 386 South Street, Suite 169, Newark, New Jersey 07105, in the total amount of \$\$592,660.50, including the Base and Alternate Bids, and the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement for same.
3. A copy of this resolution, and the executed agreement shall be placed on file in the office of the Township Clerk.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

11. Resolution authorizing a service agreement with Millennium Strategies for Grant writing services.

Councilwoman Switlyk motioned to approve the resolution; Councilman Kochanowski seconded.

Result: Motion passed by unanimous vote (Mayor Mullay absent).



**RESOLUTION #89-2023**

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR GRANT WRITING SERVICES WITH MILLENNIUM STRATEGIES THROUGH BERGEN BID, CONTRACT #BC-RFP-22-008 (COOP), NTE \$20,000**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Clinton finds a need to authorize an agreement for Grant Writing Services with Millennium Strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract period shall commence on June 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

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

**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 is hereby authorizing an agreement for grant writing services through Bergen Bid COOP, contract # BC-RFP-22-008 (COOP), NTE \$20,000.

12. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a Gravely PT 560 from Montague Tool & Supply through Bergin Bids, Contract #bc-bid-22-09, NTE \$42,000.00.

Councilman Glaser motioned to approve the resolution; Councilwoman Switlyk seconded.

Result: Motion passed by unanimous vote (Mayor Mullay absent).

**RESOLUTION #90-2023**

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A GRAVELY PT 560 MOWER FROM MONTAGUE TOOL & SUPPLY THROUGH BERGEN BIDS CONTRACT #BC-BID-22-09, NTE \$41,714.44**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to purchase a Gravely PT 560 Mower for the Township of Clinton DPW; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds are available as evidenced by the Chief Finance Officer's Certification; through account #01-201-44-900-304 ; 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 DPW is hereby authorized to purchase a Gravely PT 560 Mower from Montague Tool & Supply through Bergen Bids, Contract #BC-BID-22-09 at a total cost not to exceed \$41,714.44.

13. Resolution approving tree removal at Field of Dreams with Tree King, MCCPC Contract #18, NTE \$8,625.00.

Councilman Kochanowski motioned to approve the resolution; Councilman Glaser seconded.

Result: Motion passed by unanimous vote (Mayor Mullay absent).

**RESOLUTION #91-2023**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING TREE REMOVAL AT FIELD OF DREAMS WITH TREE KING, MCCPC CONTRACT #18, NTE \$8,625.00**

**WHEREAS**, due to continued deterioration of various trees at Field of Dreams that is beyond the ability of our Public Works Department to remove, there exists a need to engage an outside contractor, and

**WHEREAS**, after consulting with the Public Works Director, it has been determined that the most cost-effective way to accomplish these repairs is through the use of the Morris County Pricing Cooperative, and,

**WHEREAS**, Tree King, was awarded the removal, trimming and stump grinding services with the Morris County Co-op for 2022-2023, and

**WHEREAS**, the funds are available as evidenced by the Chief Finance Officer's Certification in account # 03-201-56-851-813 and 01-201-26-310-229; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Administrator is hereby authorized to contract with Tree King, through their contract with the Morris County Co-op contract #18, to remove trees at Field of Dreams, NTE \$8,625.00.

14. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a Gasboy Fueling Station Pedestal from E. M. Grant, NTE \$8,118.00

Councilman Kochanowski motioned to approve the resolution; Councilman Glaser seconded.

Result: Motion passed by unanimous vote (Mayor Mullay absent).

**RESOLUTION #92-2023**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A GASBOY FUELING STATION PEDESTAL FROM E. M. GRANT, NTE \$ 8,118.00**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to repair the Gasboy fueling station pedestal for the Department of Public Works; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds are available as evidenced by the Chief Finance Officer's Certification in account #01-201-44-900-304; and

**WHEREAS**, the DPW Director has obtained 2 written quotes for the purchase of a Gasboy fueling station pedestal, where the lowest quote is from E. M. Grant, NTE \$8,118.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton in the County of Hunterdon that the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to purchase a Gasboy fueling station pedestal from E. Grant, NTE \$8,118.

15. Resolution regarding Clinton Township's 2023-2024 Deer Management Program

Councilwoman Switlyk motioned to approve the resolution; Councilman Glaser seconded.

Result: Motion passed by unanimous vote (Mayor Mullay absent).

**RESOLUTION #93-2023**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING CLINTON TOWNSHIP'S 2023-2024 DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, as part of a comprehensive deer management plan and for the purpose of reducing Clinton Township's white-tailed deer population, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton amended Chapter 198, "Parks, Recreation Areas and Open Space" of the Code of the Township of Clinton ("Code") to allow limited hunting on Township-owned parks and open spaces for the purpose of culling white-tailed deer only (see Ordinance No. 1127-18 adopted on December 12, 2018 and Ordinance No. 1133-19 adopted on August 7, 2019); and

**WHEREAS**, section 198-27C of the Code authorizes the Mayor and Council to designate annually by resolution which parks and open spaces will be made available for hunting through the Township's municipal deer management program and during which dates, to

establish limits on the number of permits to be issued for each property, and to establish any conditions or requirements as shall be necessary for public safety or for the efficacy of the program;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023, as follows:

**Preamble.** The preamble to this resolution is hereby incorporated as if more fully set forth herein.

**Properties; seasons; number of permits.** Pursuant to section 198-27C of the Code of the Township of Clinton ("Code" or "Township Code"), the hunting of white-tailed deer will be allowed beginning on or about September 9, 2023 and ending on or about February 17, 2024 on the properties listed below and subject to all applicable State hunting regulations, the restrictions and conditions set forth in Chapter 198, Article VIII of the Code (even if not repeated herein), all other restrictions and conditions contained in the Code, and the regulations and conditions set forth herein:

Windy Acres (Block 7, Lots 31.01, 31.02 and 18.03)

Location: 200, 220 and 234 Main Street, Lebanon, NJ (±291 acres)

Seasons: This property shall be open to bow and firearm hunting during all regular deer hunting seasons established by the State of New Jersey for Deer Management Zone 12 for 2023-2024.

Permits: No more than three municipal deer management permits shall be issued for this property. These permits are site specific and non-transferable. Permittees shall be authorized to hunt only on the property for which they have been issued a permit and shall be responsible for knowing the property lines and safety zone requirements for that property.

Restrictions: See below under "General Limitations."

Prostak East (Block 19, Lot 28)

Location: 1080 Stanton-Lebanon Road, Lebanon, NJ (±75 acres)

Seasons: This property shall be open to bow and firearm hunting during all regular deer hunting seasons established by the State of New Jersey for Deer Management Zone 12 for 2023-2024.

Permits: No more than three municipal deer management permits shall be issued for this property. These permits are site specific and non-transferable. Permittees shall be authorized to hunt only on the property for which they have been issued a permit and shall be responsible for knowing the property lines and safety zone requirements for that property.

Restrictions: See below under "General Limitations."

Prostak West (Block 25, Lot 10)

Location: 1081 Stanton-Lebanon Road, Lebanon, NJ (±84 acres)

Seasons: This property shall be open to bow and firearm hunting during all regular deer hunting seasons established by the State of New Jersey for Deer Management Zone 12 for 2023-2024.

Permits: No more than two municipal deer management permits shall be issued for this property. These permits are site specific and non-transferable. Permittees shall be authorized to hunt only on the property for which they have been issued a permit and shall be responsible for knowing the property lines and safety zone requirements for that property.

Restrictions: See below under "General Limitations."

Hacketts Preserve (Block 63, Lots 2 and 3.14)

Location: 153 Annandale-High Bridge Road (accessed via Sunrise Circle), Annandale, NJ (±80 acres)

Seasons: This property shall be open to bow and firearm hunting during all regular deer hunting seasons established by the State of New Jersey for Deer Management Zone 8 for 2023-2024.

Permits: No more than three municipal deer management permits shall be issued for this property. These permits are site specific and non-transferable. Permittees shall be authorized to hunt only on the property for which they have been issued a permit and shall be responsible for knowing the property lines and safety zone requirements for that property.

Restrictions: See below under “General Limitations.”

Bray’s Hill (Block 30, Lot 19; see map for specific gun and bow locations)

Location: 13 Sand Hill Road, Annandale, NJ (±93 acres)

Seasons: This property shall generally be open to bow and firearm hunting during all regular deer hunting seasons established by the State of New Jersey for Deer Management Zone 12 for 2023-2024. Note that portions of this property are limited to bow hunting only; see the Bray’s Hill map for specific gun and bow locations.

Permits: No more than two municipal deer management permits shall be issued for this property. These permits are site specific and non-transferable. Permittees shall be authorized to hunt only on the property for which they have been issued a permit and shall be responsible for knowing the property lines and safety zone requirements for that property.

Restrictions: See below under “General Limitations.”

White Cloud (Portion of Block 88, Lot 3.02\*; bow only)

Location: 1257 State Highway 31 Lebanon, NJ (±29 acres\*)

Seasons: This property shall be open only during the fall bow, permit bow, and winter bow hunting seasons established by the State of New Jersey for Deer Management Zone 10 for 2023-2024. No hunting shall be allowed during the permit muzzleloader, six-day firearm or permit shotgun seasons.

Permits: No more than one municipal deer management permit shall be issued for this property. This permit is site specific and non-transferable. The permittee shall be authorized to hunt only on the property for which he/she has been issued a permit and shall be responsible for knowing the property lines and safety zone requirements for that property.

Restrictions: \*Hunting shall take place only in the ±11-acre area marked as Area 1 on the White Cloud map.

For additional restrictions, see below under “General Limitations.”

Cramer’s Creek (aka Marookian) (Portion of Block 82, Lots 4 and 4.03\*; bow only)

Location: 108 Allerton Road and 13 Cedar Grove Road, Annandale, NJ (±133 acres\*)

Seasons: This property shall be open only during the fall bow, permit bow, and winter bow hunting seasons established by the State of New Jersey for Deer Management Zone 10 for 2023-2024. No hunting shall be allowed during the permit muzzleloader, six-day firearm or permit shotgun seasons.

Permits: No more than two municipal deer management permits shall be issued for this property—one for Area 1 on the Cramer’s Creek map and one for Area 2 on the Cramer’s Creek map.\* These permits are site/area specific and non-transferable. The permittee shall be authorized to hunt only on the portion of the property for which he/she

has been issued a permit and shall be responsible for knowing the property lines and safety zone requirements for that property.

Restrictions: \*Hunting shall take place only in the ±50-acre area marked as Areas 1 and 2 on the Cramer's Creek map. Permittees shall be further limited to hunting only in the specific area (Area 1 or Area 2) covered by their permit.

For additional restrictions, see below under "General Limitations."

### **3. General Limitations:**

- A. Hunting shall be allowed only during the dates designated by the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish and Wildlife for the applicable seasons listed above. The specific dates shall be set forth on each permit. Any dates set forth on the permits notwithstanding, the Township in its discretion may make it a condition of any permit that hunting not take place on certain days as may be necessary to protect the health and safety of the public.
- B. Only white-tailed deer may be hunted; hunting, shooting or killing any other game is strictly prohibited.
- C. Baiting shall be allowed only from automatic feeders with a maximum capacity of thirty gallons.
- D. Hunting shall take place only from commercially manufactured elevated tree stands.
- E. Ground blinds are prohibited.
- F. Deer drives are prohibited.
- G. Target practice is prohibited (discharging a crossbow into a portable discharge target prior to transport shall not be considered target practice).
- H. Field dressing shall be allowed but must take place away from trails and property lines.
- I. At least one members of the hunting team (*i.e.* permittee plus alternates) shall be required to participate in a hunter orientation and safety course conducted by the Township, however, remaining team members are strongly encouraged to participate as well to ensure complete familiarity with the rules and regulations of the hunt.
- J. Each hunting team is urged to target as many deer as possible and must harvest a minimum of four does. If a team fails to harvest at least four does, their application for the following year will not be given priority and will be a factor considered in determining eligibility to participate in future Township management programs.
- K. Hunters are allowed to retain any harvested deer for their personal use. To encourage hunters to harvest as many deer as possible, however, the Township shall reimburse the hunters for the direct processing costs of any deer donated to Hunters Helping the Hungry, subject to an aggregate limit of \$10,000.00.
- L. All permits shall be site specific and non-transferable. Permittees shall be authorized to hunt only on the properties for which they have been issued a permit (including sub-areas of those properties where applicable) and shall be responsible for knowing the property lines and safety zone requirements for that property.
- M. Hunting on Sundays and Christmas Day is strictly prohibited.
- N. No hunting shall take place until the permittees have posted warning signs and no-hunting signs along the property boundaries and the Township has posted warning signs at all public entries into the property.



**Notice.** The Township Clerk shall cause a press release and a legal notice in a form approved by the Township Attorney notifying the public of the above designated dates and locations to be published on the Township's website and in the Township's officially-designated newspapers as well as such others newspaper or newspapers as may be deemed advisable to publicize the above-referenced dates and locations as widely as possible.

**Other.**

- A. Permittees must provide proof of membership in the New Jersey Federation of Sportmans' Club or equivalent.
- B. Permits shall be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications from Township residents and employees shall receive priority.
- C. Permittees shall be required to comply with all of the requirements set forth in Chapter 198, Article VIII of the Township Code even if not specifically restated herein, as well as all other provisions of the Township Code. In the event of a conflict between the conditions and requirements set forth herein and any conditions or requirement set forth in Chapter 198 or elsewhere in the Code, the Code shall supersede.
- D. Permittees shall comply at all times with the hunting regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish and Wildlife, including but not limited to harvest requirements and bag limits.
- E. Violation of any of the requirements of this resolution, the Township Code, or applicable State regulations shall be grounds for the immediate revocation of hunting privileges.
- F. The Township reserves the right to modify any of the conditions and restrictions set forth in this resolution **at any time, including after issuance of 2023-2024 permits**, in the interests of the public health, safety and welfare of Township residents.

**Effective date.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

16. Resolution authorizing payment to South Branch Emergency Services (SBES), NTE \$57,500.00.

Councilman Kochanowski motioned to approve the resolution; Councilwoman Switlyk seconded.

Result: Motion passed by unanimous vote (Mayor Mullay absent).

**RESOLUTION #94-2023**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO SOUTH BRANCH EMERGENCY SERVICES (SBES), NTE \$57,500**

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the Township of Clinton are currently serviced by the South Branch Emergency Services (SBES); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Clinton authorizes two payments to South Branch Emergency Services (SBES) in June 2023 and December 2023 totaling \$115,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Clinton authorizes the first payment to South Branch Emergency Services (SBES) in the amount not to exceed \$57,500.

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available to pay from account 01-201-25-260-999; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton authorizes the CFO to pay the South Branch Emergency Services (SBES) in the amount not to exceed \$57,500.

17. Resolution authorizing the hiring of James Macedo as a Police Officer.

Council President Strauss motioned to approve the resolution; Councilman Kochanowski seconded.

Result: Motion passed by unanimous vote (Mayor Mullay absent).

### **RESOLUTION #95-2023**

#### **AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF JAMES MACEDO AS A POLICE OFFICER**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a vacancy in the position of probationary Police Officer in the Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police and Township Administrator have conducted a detailed examination process and interviewing of top candidates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police and Administrator recommend that Mr. James Macedo be hired as a Police Officer with the Clinton Township Police Department, with a start date on or about June 26, 2023, contingent upon the successful completion of the following:

1. Successful completion of the Police Academy
2. Background Investigation
3. Psychological Evaluation
4. Medical Examination
5. Mayor and Council Approval

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Macedo shall start at the Probationary step, with a starting salary of \$45,910.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that Mr. James Macedo is hereby hired pursuant to the terms of this resolution and the appropriate labor contract, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that for seniority purposes, his date of hire (anniversary date) shall be his actual start date, which as stated above is estimated to be on or about June 26, 2023.

18. Payment of Bills.

Councilman Kochanowski motioned to approve the resolution; Councilman Glaser seconded.

Result: Motion passed by unanimous vote (Mayor Mullay absent).


### **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

There were no comments from the public.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Council adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lindsay Heller  
Acting Township Clerk

Adopted by Mayor and Council: February 28, 2024