

# **Township of Clinton Council Meeting**

1370 Route 31 Lebanon, New Jersey 08833 June 28, 2023

The mayor started the meeting at 7:00 pm and acknowledged that Lindsay Heller will be the secretary for this meeting in lieu of the Clerk.

Mayor Mullay read the Public Notice.

"This meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and all laws governing have been met. Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, and a copy of this agenda has been sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and was made available to the public on the Township's website on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023."

# SALUTE TO THE FLAG

## **ATTENDANCE**

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

## ALSO PRESENT:

Paul Bishop, Township Attorney William Close, Township Administrator

## COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA ONLY (Note:

The Mayor and Council will take public comment on the ordinance(s), if any, under Section G, during the Public Hearing portion).

There were no comments from the public.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

Recognizing Owen Maslanka, Boy Scout Troop 200, for obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

The mayor recognized that Owen Maslanka was in attendance for the meeting and read the proclamation for Owen.

## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

The Mayor and Council adjourned the Council meeting at 7:06 pm and convened the Board of Health meeting.

Erica Bush presented Block 43, Lot 9 for the septic system waiver request.

1. Approving a Septic System Waiver Request for the property located at Block 43, Lot 9, in the Township of Clinton.

Councilman Kochanowski motioned for the waiver to be granted, Councilman Glaser seconded the motion.

| Roll Call                       | Motion | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Recuse | Abstain | Absent |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------|------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| Brian Mullay, Mayor             |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Marc Strauss, Council President |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Bill Glaser, Councilman         |        | X        | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Tom Kochanowski, Councilman     | Х      |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Amy Switlyk, Councilwoman       |        |          |      |      |        |         | Χ      |

Erica Bush presented Block 45, Lot 5 for the septic system waiver request.

2. Approving a Septic System Waiver Request for the property located at Block 45, Lot 5, in the Township of Clinton.

Councilman Glaser motioned for the waiver to be granted, Council President Strauss seconded the motion.

| Roll Call                       | Motion | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Recuse | Abstain | Absent |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------|------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| Brian Mullay, Mayor             |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Marc Strauss, Council President |        | Х        | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Bill Glaser, Councilman         | Х      |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Tom Kochanowski, Councilman     |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Amy Switlyk, Councilwoman       |        |          |      |      |        |         | Χ      |

The Mayor and Council adjourned as the Board of Health and reconvened at 7:13 pm as the Governing Body.

## REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MAYOR

Councilman Glaser spoke about the Planning Board meeting that was held on June 19<sup>th</sup>; administrative matters were discussed, including the Stormwater Ordinance. The Sewage Authority may cancel the regular meetings scheduled for July 6<sup>th</sup> and August 3<sup>rd</sup> but hold a meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup>. The resident who is interested in a micro cannabis license is still interested and will attend a work session with the Council in coming months to discuss the suitability within the Township.

Councilman Kochanowski announced that the Hunterdon Games is scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup> and trying to get more municipalities to join.

Council President Strauss did not have a report for Board of Education or Historical Commission but shared that the Junior Police Academy will be graduating on June 30<sup>th</sup> at North Hunterdon High School. The Fire Chief is looking to schedule meetings with the Lebanon Fire and Town of Clinton Fire. An LEPC meeting is scheduled for tonight as well, an update may come at a future Council meeting. The ICC Festival that took place last week was successful and the CERT team assisted with the event.

Mayor Mullay reported that there were over 200 signups for the Summer Recreation and there are personnel matters on the agenda to help fill positions that are open.

Councilman Glaser asked about the access road to the Community Garden and Dog Park. Mayor Mullay responded that chip and seal is coming and Administrator Close updated with project information and that the project is scheduled for the end of August 2023.

## <u>ORDINANCES</u>

1. **ORDINANCE** – An ordinance to amend ordinance No. 1166-2022 entitled "An Ordinance to Establish Salaries, Wages and Compensation Ranges for Non-Contractual Officials and Employees of the Township of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey".

| Roll Call                       | Motion | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Recuse | Abstain | Absent |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------|------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| Brian Mullay, Mayor             |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Marc Strauss, Council President | Х      |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Bill Glaser, Councilman         |        | Х        | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Tom Kochanowski, Councilman     |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Amy Switlyk, Councilwoman       |        |          |      |      |        |         | Х      |

#### CONSENT AGENDA

"All items listed are considered to be routine by the Township 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 citizen, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately."

1. Approval of the Regular Session meeting minutes from June 14, 2023. The Regular Session meeting minutes were tabled until the July 12<sup>th</sup> Council

meeting.

2. Approving the Payment of Bills.

| Roll Call                       | Motion | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Recuse | Abstain | Absent |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------|------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| Brian Mullay, Mayor             |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Marc Strauss, Council President | Χ      |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Bill Glaser, Councilman         |        | Х        | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Tom Kochanowski, Councilman     |        |          | Х    |      |        |         |        |
| Amy Switlyk, Councilwoman       |        |          |      |      |        |         | Х      |

3. **RESOLUTION** - Authorizing the return of premium refunds on lien redemptions for the property located at Block 74, Lot 13, in the Township of Clinton.

| Roll Call                       | Motion | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Recuse | Abstain | Absent |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------|------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| Brian Mullay, Mayor             |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Marc Strauss, Council President | Х      |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Bill Glaser, Councilman         |        | Х        | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Tom Kochanowski, Councilman     |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Amy Switlyk, Councilwoman       |        |          |      |      |        |         | Χ      |

4. **RESOLUTION** - Authorizing a refund of second quarter taxes and to cancel remaining taxed billed from April 12, 2023, through December 31, 2023, for the property located at Block 15, Lot 5.02, in the Township of Clinton.

| Roll Call                       | Motion | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Recuse | Abstain | Absent |
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| Brian Mullay, Mayor             |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Marc Strauss, Council President | X      |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Bill Glaser, Councilman         |        | Х        | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Tom Kochanowski, Councilman     |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Amy Switlyk, Councilwoman       |        |          |      |      |        |         | Χ      |

5. **RESOLUTION** - Approving a Morris County Pricing Cooperative Contract with South State, Inc., for various road repairs in the Township of Clinton in an amount not to exceed \$732,421.85.

| Roll Call                       | Motion | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Recuse | Abstain | Absent |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------|------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| Brian Mullay, Mayor             |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Marc Strauss, Council President | Χ      |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Bill Glaser, Councilman         |        | Х        | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Tom Kochanowski, Councilman     |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Amy Switlyk, Councilwoman       |        |          |      |      |        |         | Χ      |

6. **RESOLUTION** - Approving the purchase of a digital message board and solar speed signs for the Township of Clinton Police Department, with All Traffic Solutions under New Jersey State Contract 17-Fleet-007766, in an amount not to exceed \$23,558.71.

| Roll Call                       | Motion | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Recuse | Abstain | Absent |
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| Brian Mullay, Mayor             |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Marc Strauss, Council President | Χ      |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Bill Glaser, Councilman         |        | Х        | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Tom Kochanowski, Councilman     |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Amy Switlyk, Councilwoman       |        |          |      |      |        |         | Χ      |

7. **RESOLUTION** - Approving the purchase of body cameras and car cameras for the Township of Clinton Police Department, with Motorola Solutions under New Jersey State Contract 19198-NJ State 83909, in an amount not to exceed \$12,850.00.

| Roll Call                       | Motion | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Recuse | Abstain | Absent |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------|------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| Brian Mullay, Mayor             |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Marc Strauss, Council President | X      |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Bill Glaser, Councilman         |        | X        | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Tom Kochanowski, Councilman     |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Amy Switlyk, Councilwoman       |        |          |      |      |        |         | Χ      |

8. **RESOLUTION** - Approving the purchase of high band car radios and portable radios for the Township of Clinton Police Department, with Motorola Solutions under New Jersey State Contract 83909, in an amount not to exceed \$10,254.80.

| Roll Call                       | Motion | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Recuse | Abstain | Absent |
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| Brian Mullay, Mayor             |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Marc Strauss, Council President | Χ      |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Bill Glaser, Councilman         |        | Х        | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Tom Kochanowski, Councilman     |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Amy Switlyk, Councilwoman       |        |          |      |      |        |         | X      |

9. **RESOLUTION** - Approving the purchase of radar equipment for the Township of Clinton Police Department, with Stalker Solutions under New Jersey State Contract 17-Fleet-00726, in an amount not to exceed \$6,930.00.

| Roll Call                       | Motion | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Recuse | Abstain | Absent |
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| Brian Mullay, Mayor             |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Marc Strauss, Council President | X      |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Bill Glaser, Councilman         |        | Х        | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Tom Kochanowski, Councilman     |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Amy Switlyk, Councilwoman       |        |          |      |      |        |         | Χ      |

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **RESOLUTION** - Approving the seasonal hire of James Hughes, II as a Laborer in the Department of Public Works.

| Roll Call                       | Motion | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Recuse | Abstain | Absent |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------|------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| Brian Mullay, Mayor             | X      |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Marc Strauss, Council President |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Bill Glaser, Councilman         |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Tom Kochanowski, Councilman     |        | Х        | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Amy Switlyk, Councilwoman       |        |          |      |      |        |         | Х      |

2. **RESOLUTION** - Approving the full-time hire of Joseph Raddi as a Laborer in the Department of Public Works.

| Roll Call                       | Motion | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Recuse | Abstain | Absent |
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| Brian Mullay, Mayor             |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Marc Strauss, Council President |        | X        | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Bill Glaser, Councilman         | X      |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Tom Kochanowski, Councilman     |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Amy Switlyk, Councilwoman       |        |          |      |      |        |         | Χ      |

3. **RESOLUTION** - Approving the amendment to resolution #101-2023, for the salaries of the new Seasonal hires for Parks and Recreation Counselors.

| Roll Call                       | Motion | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Recuse | Abstain | Absent |
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| Brian Mullay, Mayor             |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Marc Strauss, Council President |        | Х        | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Bill Glaser, Councilman         | Χ      |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Tom Kochanowski, Councilman     |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Amy Switlyk, Councilwoman       |        |          |      |      |        |         | Х      |

4. **RESOLUTION** - Authorizing Thomas DeRosa as the Alternate Commissioner for the Somerset County Joint Insurance Fund for 2023.

| Roll Call                       | Motion | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Recuse | Abstain | Absent |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------|------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| Brian Mullay, Mayor             |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Marc Strauss, Council President | Χ      |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Bill Glaser, Councilman         |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Tom Kochanowski, Councilman     |        | X        | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Amy Switlyk, Councilwoman       |        |          |      |      |        |         | Х      |

 RESOLUTION - Authorizing the Township of Clinton to establish a Special Events Change Fund and establishing the Township Chief Financial Officer maintain the funds.

| Roll Call                       | Motion | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Recuse | Abstain | Absent |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------|------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| Brian Mullay, Mayor             | X      |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Marc Strauss, Council President |        | X        | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Bill Glaser, Councilman         |        |          | X    |      |        |         |        |
| Tom Kochanowski, Councilman     |        |          | Х    |      |        |         |        |
| Amy Switlyk, Councilwoman       |        |          |      |      |        |         | Х      |

6. **RESOLUTION** - Authorizing the Affordable Housing Counsel to apply for the entry of a post-judgement consent order from the Superior Court of New Jersey in connection with the construction of an affordable housing project by the Ingerman Development Company, LLC., in the Township of Clinton.

| Roll Call                       | Motion | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Recuse | Abstain | Absent |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------|------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| Brian Mullay, Mayor             |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Marc Strauss, Council President |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Bill Glaser, Councilman         | Х      |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Tom Kochanowski, Councilman     |        | Х        | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Amy Switlyk, Councilwoman       |        |          |      |      |        |         | Χ      |

Council President Strauss recused himself from item #7 at 7:37 pm

7. **RESOLUTION** - Approving a Preventive Maintenance Service Contract for Annandale Hose Company Apparatus with Fire & Safety Services, in an amount not to exceed \$21,095.00.

| Roll Call                       | Motion | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Recuse | Abstain | Absent |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------|------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| Brian Mullay, Mayor             |        | X        | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Marc Strauss, Council President |        |          |      |      | Х      |         |        |
| Bill Glaser, Councilman         |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Tom Kochanowski, Councilman     | Χ      |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Amy Switlyk, Councilwoman       |        |          |      |      |        |         | Χ      |

Council President Strauss re-entered the meeting at 7:38 pm.

8. **RESOLUTION** - Approving tax credits for negotiated civil action complaint for the property located at Block 29, Lot 13, in the Township of Clinton.

| Roll Call                       | Motion | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Recuse | Abstain | Absent |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------|------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| Brian Mullay, Mayor             |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Marc Strauss, Council President |        | Х        | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Bill Glaser, Councilman         | Х      |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Tom Kochanowski, Councilman     |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Amy Switlyk, Councilwoman       |        |          |      |      |        |         | Х      |

9. **RESOLUTION** - Approving the renewal of a liquor license for LeCram II Corp., for the Round Valley Inn.

| Roll Call                       | Motion | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Recuse | Abstain | Absent |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------|------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| Brian Mullay, Mayor             |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Marc Strauss, Council President | X      |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Bill Glaser, Councilman         |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Tom Kochanowski, Councilman     |        | Х        | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Amy Switlyk, Councilwoman       |        |          |      |      |        |         | Χ      |

The last three (3) resolutions were added to the agenda.

10. **RESOLUTION** - Approving the renewal of a liquor license for Lamington Pub, Inc., for Chelsea's Pub.

| Roll Call                       | Motion | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Recuse | Abstain | Absent |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------|------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| Brian Mullay, Mayor             |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Marc Strauss, Council President |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Bill Glaser, Councilman         | Х      |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Tom Kochanowski, Councilman     |        | Х        | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Amy Switlyk, Councilwoman       |        |          |      |      |        |         | Χ      |

11. **RESOLUTION** - Acknowledging the pier diem hire of Carla Conner as Acting Municipal Clerk for the Township of Clinton.

| Roll Call                       | Motion | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Recuse | Abstain | Absent |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------|------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| Brian Mullay, Mayor             | Χ      |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Marc Strauss, Council President |        |          | Х    |      |        |         |        |
| Bill Glaser, Councilman         |        |          | Х    |      |        |         |        |
| Tom Kochanowski, Councilman     |        | Х        | Х    |      |        |         |        |
| Amy Switlyk, Councilwoman       |        |          |      |      |        |         | Χ      |

12. **RESOLUTION** - Approving the purchase of software and hardware situational awareness solution for automatic license plates, video, and audio detection for the Township of Clinton Police Department, with Flock Group, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$6,200.00.

| Roll Call                       | Motion | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Recuse | Abstain | Absent |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------|------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| Brian Mullay, Mayor             |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Marc Strauss, Council President | Х      |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Bill Glaser, Councilman         |        | Х        | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Tom Kochanowski, Councilman     |        |          | Χ    |      |        |         |        |
| Amy Switlyk, Councilwoman       |        |          |      |      |        |         | Х      |

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

# **CORRESPONDENCE**

## PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Council President Strauss announced that on July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12 pm to 9 pm there is an event for helping a local first responder at Just Chill, where part of the proceeds will go to the family to help with expenses.

The mayor spoke about the Public Hearing that was held on June 27<sup>th</sup> with the County of Hunterdon regarding the proposed sale of the County Transfer Station. There were comments and questions from residents within the Township.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Council adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm on a motion by Councilman Glaser, seconded by Council President Strauss followed by a roll call vote.

| Roll Call                       | Motion | Seconded | Ayes | Nays | Recuse | Abstain | Absent |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------|------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| Brian Mullay, Mayor             |        |          | Х    |      |        |         |        |
| Marc Strauss, Council President |        | Х        | Х    |      |        |         |        |
| Bill Glaser, Councilman         | Χ      |          | Х    |      |        |         |        |
| Tom Kochanowski, Councilman     |        |          | Х    |      |        |         |        |
| Amy Switlyk, Councilwoman       |        |          |      |      |        |         | X      |