



Township of Clinton Council Meeting

1370 Route 31
Lebanon, New Jersey 08833
July 12, 2023

Council President Strauss chaired the meeting in lieu of the Mayor.

Council President Strauss read the Public Notice at 7:03 pm.

“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 July 10th, 2023.”

Council President acknowledged that Lindsay Heller will be the secretary for this meeting in lieu of the Acting Township Clerk, and that a Boy Scout, Patrick, will be joining the Council at the dais to help him obtain a merit badge.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ATTENDANCE

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

Also Present

Trishka Cecil, Township Attorney
William Close, Acting 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).

Andrea Gordon, Clinton Township, asked questions and had concerns about the affordable housing units that are being built in the Township on Route 31. Ms. Gordon

also asked about the potential sale of the Transfer Station on Petticoat Lane. Members of the Council advised Ms. Gordon of the requirements by the State for the affordable housing statues. Administrator Close shared with Ms. Gordon if she has questions or concerns about the Transfer Station, to please contact the County with her concerns, and stated that all questions and comments about the Transfer Station should be submitted by September 25th to the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MAYOR

Councilman Glaser reported that the regular meeting for the Planning Board was canceled for July 10th and a special meeting is scheduled for July 24th to adopt the Annandale Village resolution. The Sewerage Authority has canceled both meetings for July and August but will host a special meeting on July 20th. The Finance Committee has nothing to report on, however Councilman Glaser mentioned that the State budget did not include the \$200 million Governor Murphy proposed to offset the impact of the increase in the State Health Plan, but it did include a \$75 million increase verse the prior year in the energy tax in the municipal allocation, which will result in an increase to the Township. The resident who is interested in the micro cannabis license in the Township is still interested in attending a work session with the Council within the next few months to discuss the suitability within the Township.

Councilman Kochanowski had nothing to report for this meeting.

Councilwoman Switlyk shared Environmental Commission correspondence that were brought to her attention over the last few weeks, the dam removal at Beaver Brook, and a resident's concern about the Transfer Station as well. A letter will be sent on behalf of the Commission to the County regarding the residents' concerns. There will not be a meeting in August for the Commission. The Green Fair was held this past weekend and the numbers weren't where they were expected to be but she believed that the weather played a factor and asked if the Green Team can join on the food truck festival in the fall in hopes of an increase of numbers. The vendors at the food truck festival this past weekend did a great job and are looking forward to the fall event. The committee would like to try to get a silver certification this year instead of bronze. Classes and preparations for the train station cleanup will help with the silver nomination. There was an electric fence set up near the beehives, which is solar powered, to protect them from wildlife. They are hoping to get two more beehives as well. The hunting orientation has been completed.

Councilman Kochanowski asked about decals being put on the DPW and Police vehicles in the Township to show the certifications that the Township has received. Administrator Close mentioned that it will be looked into and can be placed on the DPW vehicles if approved.

Council President Strauss did not have reports on the Board of Education or the Historical Society but reported on Public Safety and advised that reports have been emailed and shared from the Police Department and Fire Chief. The fire department facilities will receive work to keep the buildings manicured. The CERT team assisted with the 4th of

July parade in Lebanon. A correspondence came in from a resident asking if it would be possible to keep up on the maintenance of the landscaping at the Old Municipal building

Council President Strauss asked the Administrator if the Mayor had updates. There were no updates from the Mayor at this time.

ORDINANCES

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” (INTRODUCTION).

Councilwoman Switlyk motioned for the ordinance to be introduced, Councilman Kochanowski seconded the motion.

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

The Public Hearing for this Ordinance is scheduled for August 9th, 2023, at the Council Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. ORDINANCE – 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”.

Councilman Glaser and Township Attorney, Ms. Cecil gave updates and the history of this ordinance and the benefits of this Ordinance to the Township.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

There were no comments from the public.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

Councilwoman Switlyk motioned to close the Public Hearing on the Ordinance, Councilman Kochanowski seconded the motion.

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

ADOPTION:

Councilwoman Switlyk motioned to adopt the Ordinance, Councilman Kochanowski seconded the motion.

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

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.”

Councilman Kochanowski motioned to approved the Consent Agenda, Council President Strauss seconded the motion.

1. Approval of the Regular Session meeting minutes from June 14, 2023, and June 28, 2023.

Councilwoman Switlyk abstained from the June 28th meeting minutes.

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

2. Approving the Payment of Bills.

Councilman Glaser abstained from the checks that were paid to the condo associations.

Councilwoman Switlyk asked Administrator Close if there was a way to see a reports for grants like how the trust accounts show on the bills list. Administrator Close mentioned that charges can be shown, but a running report can be distributed quarterly.

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

3. Authorizing certain statutory payments of claims and other claims regular in nature, to be processed and paid in between Council meetings.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approving the continued professional services agreement regarding the services to the Canning Group, LLC., to serve as Administrator until on or before December 31, 2023.

Councilwoman Switlyk asked the Council President if he knew how the process to find an Administrator for the Township was going. Council President Strauss advised that question should be answered by the Mayor, since the Mayor is a liaison for personnel matters.

Councilman Glaser motioned to approve the Resolution, Councilwoman Switlyk seconded the motion.

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

2. Approving the 2024 Municipal Aid Application for Glen Eagles Drive, Muirfield Lane Road Improvements in the Township of Clinton.

Councilman Glaser mentioned that this grant application is routine every year, with various roads listed for the grant. The grant money helps with costs, is beneficial to the

Township to apply for this, and reported on recent road work that has been done with the funding of this grant money.

Councilwoman Switlyk motioned to approve the Resolution, Councilman Glaser seconded the motion.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council President Strauss thanked Administrator Close for the quick response and work done for a road in the Township that needed work to be done in a timely manner.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 7:46 pm on a motion by Councilman Glaser, seconded by Councilman Kochanowski followed by a roll call vote.

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