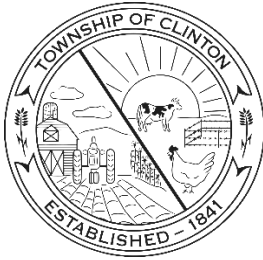


MINUTES



Township of Clinton Mayor and Council August 9, 2023

1370 Route 31, Lebanon, New Jersey 08833

Mayor Mullay called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The following notice was read into the record: Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act. On August 7, 2023, a copy of this agenda was sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and made available to the public on the Township's website.

Mayor Mullay acknowledged that Boy Scout Troop 121 was in attendance and asked if they could lead the Council in the salute to the flag.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present:

Trishka Cecil, Township Attorney
William Close, Acting Township Administrator
Lindsay Heller, Acting Township Clerk
Robert Emery, Fire Chief
Thomas DeRosa, Police Chief

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 F, during the Public Hearing portion.*

There were no comments from the public.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MAYOR

Councilman Glaser reported on the Planning Board Special Meeting that was held on July 24th and the regular meeting on August 7th. During the second meeting the AH-9 Ordinance was discussed. The Ordinance was found to be substantially consistent with

the Master Plan. The Sewerage Authority had a special meeting on July 20th in lieu of the regular July and August meetings. There was a follow up meeting with certain members and the authority's professionals on the upcoming development of northern Route 31, including the Willow at Spruce Run and the St. Luke's medical building. The Cannabis Committee would like to have the resident who is inquiring about the micro-license come to the September 13th meeting with a small presentation. Mayor Mullay acknowledged the request from Councilman Glaser and agreed to have the presentation at the next Council meeting. A poll of the Council was taken, with all in favor of having the resident to attend.

Councilman Kochanowski commented that the teams are filling up for the Hunterdon Games and returning participants.

Councilwoman Switlyk gave updates on the Open Space Meeting and commented on the maintenance of properties throughout the Township. There will be a cleanup scheduled at the Annandale Train Station in September and more information to follow. Educational Walks are scheduled, along with the "birding" walks.

Council President Strauss thanked the Superintendent of the schools, Dr. Melissa Stager, and the transparency that has been created with the Council. Council President Strauss thanked the Police and Fire Chief for their help and assistance with National Night Out.

Mayor Mullay reported on personnel matters regarding the Code Enforcement Officer and new Acting Clerk positions. Mayor Mullay mentioned USDA grants on rural areas and that not all are for the Township, but it can be eligible for some. Mayor Mullay discussed the County's Economic Development grant application to NJTPA and a study to look at ways to combine open space within the Township lines and asked for the Council's support. Mayor Mullay thanked Officer Vastola for her work and the guidance from the Police and Fire Department.

Fire Chief, Robert Emery, gave a report on the Fire Department thus far in the year. Chief Emery mentioned the volunteer issue that they are experiencing and gave examples of recent calls. There have been many community events within the Township, including the "Water Down" event for the summer camp. A recent Fire 1 graduate has gone to Morris County for training as well. Chief Emery thanked the Council for their consideration with the grant money resolutions that are on the agenda for tonight.

Police Chief, Thomas DeRosa, recognized Officer Vastola for her work and dedication to National Night Out. Chief DeRosa commented on the Junior Police Academy that was held recently and plans on going to the Police Academy in September. Chief DeRosa thanked Mr. Close for his guidance and help with the Department.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING/ INTRODUCTION

None

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/ PUBLIC HEARING

1. ORDINANCE 1188-2023 – 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”.

Mayor Mullay opened the public hearing. There being no one from the public who wished to speak, Mayor Mullay closed the public hearing.

Result: Adopted unanimously.

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

2. ORDINANCE 1189-2023 – An Ordinance of the Township of Clinton in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, Amending the Development Regulations Applicable to the AH-9 Affordable Housing Zoning District Located on Route 31 North in order to Facilitate the Construction of a 100 Percent Affordable Housing Project in said District. *(Public Hearing to be moved to August 23, 2023, at 7 p.m.)*

Mayor Mullay announced that due to a notice issue, the public hearing was being carried to August 23, 2023 at 7 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution 126-2023 – To comply with promulgations of the Local Finance Board for review of the Annual (2022) Audit.

Mr. Close commended the C.F.O., Christine Licata, Mayor Mullay, and the Finance Committee on the audit.

Councilman Glaser thanked Mr. Close for his assistance with the audit.

Result: Approved unanimously.

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

2. Resolution 127-2023 – Appointing a part-time Code Enforcement Officer.

Result: Approved unanimously

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

3. Resolution 128-2023 - Authorizing the purchase from Firefighter One of an Ambient Air Dryer for the Fire Department through the American Rescue Plan, Firefighter Grant.

Result: Approved unanimously with one recusal.

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				

4. Resolution 129-2023 - Authorizing the purchase from Superior Laundry Equipment of a Maytag Gear Washer for the Fire Department through the American Rescue Plan, Firefighter Grant.

Result: Approved unanimously with one recusal.

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				

5. Resolution 130-2023 - Authorizing the purchase from Strategic Safety Dynamics of turnout gear for the Fire Department through the American Rescue Plan, Firefighter Grant.

Result: Approved unanimously with one recusal.

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

6. Resolution 131-2023 - Approving the New Jersey State Fireman’s Association Application of the Annandale Hose Co. #1.

Mr. Close acknowledged that this resolution is good for other firefighters to be aware of this application.

Chief Emery gave background information on this application and the history of the application for firefighters and how it helps with expenses for the family of the firefighters if needed.

Result: Approved unanimously with one recusal.

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				

7. Resolution 132-2023 - Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton approving the settlement of litigation captioned Melsky v. Township of Clinton et al., Docket No. HNT-L-80-20.

Result: Approved unanimously with one recusal.

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

8. Resolution 133-2023 – Establishing the Annual salaries & wages for non-contract personnel.

Result: Approved unanimously.

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				
Amy Switlyk, Councilwoman		X	X				

9. Resolution 146-2023 - Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton appointing Lindsay Heller as Acting Township Clerk.

Mr. Close reported on the background of Ms. Heller’s experience and explained the steps and statues that make this appointment possible for the Township.

Result: Approved unanimously.

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				

CONSENT AGENDA

The items listed below are considered to be routine by the Mayor and Council and were enacted by a single motion and approved unanimously. Resolutions 136-2023 and 137-2023 were removed from the consent agenda and acted on separately.

1. Approval of the Regular Session meeting minutes from July 12, 2023, and Special Meeting minutes from July 27, 2023.
2. Approval of bills/vouchers.
3. Resolution 134-2023 – Resolution to refund for overpayment for food license for food truck event at Bundt Park.
4. Resolution 135-2023 - Approving a Master Services Agreement with Language Line Services, Inc.
5. Resolution 136-2023 - Discussed and voted on separately (see below).
6. Resolution 137-2023 - Discussed and voted on separately (see below).
7. Resolution 138-2023 – Authorizing the return of premium refunds on lien redemptions.
8. Resolution 139-2023 – Resolution to release certain performance guarantees and escrow.
9. Resolution 140-2023 Resolution approving the New Jersey Employee Advisory Service Agreement for Fiscal Year 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$570.00.
10. Resolution 141-2023 - Resolution for refund for a PERC Test.
11. Resolution 142-2023 – Authorizing Road repairs for various roads with Tilcon, NY, MMCP Contract #6 (Amendment to Resolution #106-2023).

12. Resolution 143-2023 - Approving Shared Services Agreement with North Hunterdon-Voorhees Board of Education for a Law Enforcement Officer.

13. Resolution 144-2023 - Supporting the 2023 UDrive, UText, UPay, Distracted Driving crackdown for August and September.

Result: approved unanimously.

14. Resolution 145-2023 - Approving a Shared Services Agreement with North Hunterdon-Voorhees Board of Education for Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers.

Result: consent agenda approved unanimously.

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				

5. Resolution 136-2023 - Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton authorizing the Qualified Purchasing Agent to approve purchases under the bid threshold made through the New Jersey State Contract and/ or purchasing cooperatives of which the Township is a member.

Councilman Glaser questioned the resolution and why we are acting on this item. Mr. Close explained the reasoning for the formalization and the QPA can act on items for the Council.

Result: Approved unanimously.

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

6. Resolution 137-2023 - Authorizing the purchase from BSN Sports of batting cages for the Recreation Department, OMNIA Partners #R201101.

Councilman Glaser questioned where the batting cages will be at Bundt Park and asked for an explanation of the usage of the two batting cages. Mayor Mullay and Mr. Close explained who can use the batting cages and it was part of the Capital Budget. Councilman Glaser asked if these were replacing the old cages and Councilman Kochanowski asked if the amount includes to install and maintain the batting cages.

Result: Tabled until the September 13th Mayor and Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Bob Shanahan, Clinton Township, questioned the work being done at Whispering Hills. Mayor Mullay mentioned that door hangers with information should have been placed by the contractors to houses that would be affected by the work.

Dr. Melissa Stager thanked Police Chief DeRosa and his department for the support with the Township and the schools and acknowledged SRO Officer Akers. Dr. Stager mentioned the two questions on the ballot for this year’s election and the funding for the schools and where the funds would go if passed. Dr. Stager thanked the Council for their support. Mayor Mullay commented that he supports the ballot questions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm on a motion by Councilman Glaser, seconded by Councilman Kochanowski, followed by roll call.

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				

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Heller
Acting Township Clerk

Approved: September 27, 2023