

Mayor Kovach called the special meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – Cohen, Duffy, Insel, Pendergast, Shea, Smith, Mayor Kovach

**STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:**

Mayor Kovach read the following statement: “Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided, indicating the time and place of the meeting and the proposed agenda, which notice was posted, made available to newspapers, and filed with the Clerk of the Town of Clinton in accordance with Section 3(d) of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975.”

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Shea, to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held November 6, 2012 as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
1 Abstention (Cohen)  
Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS – OCTOBER**

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast seconded by Mr. Shea, to accept the monthly reports for the month of October as submitted:

Administrator’s Report, Building and Grounds Foreman’s Report, Clerk’s Account, Construction Control/Inspection Report, Police Report, Road Foreman’s Report, Sewer Collector’s Report, Tax Collector’s Report, Water Collector’s Report, Treasurer’s Report, Wastewater Treatment Plants Superintendent’s Report, Zoning Officer Report.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Walter Hetzel, 36 West Main Street, expressed his thanks to all emergency services during Hurricane Sandy.

As President of the Guild, Mr. Hetzel distributed the Holiday schedule of events. Mayor Kovach will open the holiday festivities on Friday, November 23 with the annual tree lighting ceremony at 6:30 p.m. on Dora’s patio on Main Street and the Menorah lighting on December 8 in front of the Municipal Building. Mr. Hetzel stated the merchants will be busy decorating the Town and would appreciate any and all help that is offered.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

Mayor Kovach echoed Mr. Hetzel’s words of praise for the efforts displayed by the Police, Fire, Rescue, DPW and staff, and also to thank the residents and merchants for their understanding and patience.

Mayor Kovach also wishes a speedy recovery to Bob Hoffman and Jerry Vogel, the men that were involved in an accident on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> in the Town.

**HUNTERDON ART MUSEUM**

Mayor Kovach announced that an agreement has been signed by the Hunterdon Art Museum and the Town of Clinton. Final details have been worked out and the Planning Board issue has been resolved. Mr. Cushing explained the settlement agreement and the outstanding obligations to be

fulfilled by the Museum. The museum's mortgage to be submitted to the town is scheduled for the end of November.

**RESOLUTION #163-12 – OVERPAYMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adopt Resolution #163-12 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION # 163-12**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector of the Town of Clinton has received a double payment for the following block and lot due to refinance or closing,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to refund the overpayment to Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service c/o Refund Department, PO Box 961250, Fort Worth, TX, 76161, for the following account:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
16	20.18	Tanveer Khan & Hui-Min Hou	\$ 2,920.31

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tax Collector remove the overpayment on the above block and lot for the 4th quarter of 2012.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Cohen, Duffy, Insel, Pendergast, Shea, Smith, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #164-12 – OVERPAYMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to adopt Resolution #164-12 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION #164-12**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector of the Town of Clinton has received overpayments for following block and lots due to State Tax Court Judgments,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to refund the overpayments to the following accounts and made payable as per Judgment to Coughlin Duffy LLP & following homeowners c/o Jonathan F. Donath, Esq., 350 Mount Kemble Avenue, P.O. Box 1917, Morristown, NJ 07962-1917.

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
31	3.40 Condo	Muralimohan Venkatakrisna & Saritha Desu	\$1,650.41
31.01	26.10 Condo	Janardhan Satyanarayana & Geetha Srirangapatna	\$ 699.33
31.01	26.16 Condo	Lawrence Alan Bonagudi	\$ 699.33

31      8.22 Condo      Esther Thambidural      \$1,291.85

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tax Collector remove the overpayment on the above block and lots for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2012.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Cohen, Duffy, Insel, Pendergast, Shea, Smith, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #165-12 – OVERPAYMENT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to adopt Resolution #165-12 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION #165-12**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector of the Town of Clinton has received a double payment for following block and lot.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to refund the overpayment to Hudson City Savings Bank, P.O. Box 944, West 80 Century Road, Paramus, NJ, 07652, for the following account:

<b><u>BLOCK</u></b>	<b><u>LOT</u></b>	<b><u>OWNER</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
22	10	Fischer, Jane	\$2,171.53

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tax Collector remove the overpayment on the above block and lot for the 4th quarter of 2012.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Cohen, Duffy, Insel, Pendergast, Shea, Smith, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**CORRESPONDENCE – None**

**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS**

**Richard Phelan, PW/Business Administrator**

1. Recycling and Garbage Bids are scheduled for November 27, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.  
The proposals for professionals have been received and will be reviewed.

**Kathy Olsen, CFO**

1. The State of New Jersey announced an extension for taxes until November 16, 2012.

**Councilman Pendergast**

1. Sewer Committee – Mr. Pendergast invited the new council members to join him on a tour of the Treatment plant and extended it to any other council members that have never toured the plant. The tour may be advertised if there is a quorum of council members attending.

**APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME**

A motion was made by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Cohen to approve the standby and overtime pay attached to these minutes for October 26 through November 28, 2012.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Cohen, Duffy, Insel, Pendergast, Shea, Smith, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

A motion was made by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Pendergast to approve the voucher list attached to these minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Cohen, Duffy, Insel, Pendergast, Shea, Smith, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**HURRICANE SANDY DEBRIEF**

Also being known as “Super Storm Sandy”, Chief Matheis gave an overview of the preparations taken by the Police Department for the storm. Chief Matheis stated it was not necessary to activate the Emergency services, town was well managed and everyone was safe. When it was determined that seven wells were down and two were being run on generators, Chief Matheis went directly to the Fire Department to explain how this may impact fire suppression. Updates and information was constantly being distributed to residents via the [clintonnjpolice.com](http://clintonnjpolice.com) website. Mr. Pendergast thanked the Chief and said he did an outstanding job! He then asked if it was necessary to declare an emergency, how long would it take to get assistance, Chief responded he would contact the county and assistance would be immediately forthcoming. Mr. Shea said the police website needs to be dovetailed to the town’s website and the benefit of the police site is that it is managed and updated by the police.

Mr. Smith stated how important it is for everyone to call JCP&L and report outages. Mr. Duffy asked how many people can the reverse 911 reach, Chief responded they can only reach hard phone lines and so many people no longer have them or if power is out, they might not have phone signal. Chief also stated that past experience shows outages that occur on the far end of Center Street frequently and advised the property owner that they need to rectify the situation. Numerous substations were destroyed delaying repairs, Mr. Shea suggested the Town invite JCP&L to discuss what took place, however, he did state thanks were in order for their valiant effort to restore power as quickly as they did. Mrs. Insel reinforced how important it is for residents to sign up for the police website and the links to the Fire Dept and Rescue Squad Facebook pages, updates are made regularly.

Bucky Buchanan, Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad, represented the Squad this evening and said preparations started two weeks prior to the storm. Bucky also reported on how the squad was staffed and how they responded to southern counties that needed help. [RegisterReady.nj.gov](http://RegisterReady.nj.gov) is a valuable tool and urged residents, especially seniors to register. Hunterdon Helpline can offer assistance to people who need help in registering. People with special needs are strongly encouraged to register. Senior Advisor for the Town, Vince Cardarelli, will be asked to notify the seniors he has contact information for.

Scott Wintermute, Vice President of the Clinton Fire Department and Deputy Coordinator of OEM, attended tonight’s meeting along with Deputy Chief Walt Dorf and Chief Steve Higgins. Scott reported the preparation efforts of the Fire Department and after thoughts on how the

department would approach another storm in the future. Walt Dorf said everything was well managed and with the large crew available, they were able to assist the road crew in clearing roads.

Carmine Iazzetta, 18 Goosetown Drive, suggested pre storm conference calls or group meetings to educate residents in case of evacuation, where shelters would be set up. Mr. Iazzetta did thank the squads and council for doing such a good job and keeping the residents informed.

Beth Sosidka, 1 Haver Farm Road and Councilwoman elect, described a mobile site, and mobile apps. that the schools seem to use to call households and keep families informed. Facebook is also a very good tool.

There being no further comments this evening, Mayor Kovach thanked the Fire Department and Rescue Squad and residents for coming.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Smith seconded by Mrs. Insel to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC  
Town Clerk

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Mayor Janice Kovach