

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

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – Carberry, Jones-Holt, Pendergast, Shea, Smith, Sosidka, 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. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the minutes of March 26, 2013 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Carberry to approve the Executive Session minutes of March 26, 2013 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS – MARCH

A motion was made by Mr. Smith seconded by Mrs. Jones-Holt, to accept the monthly reports for the month of March as submitted.

Administrator’s Report, Buildings & Grounds Report, Clerk’s Account, Cat & Dog Licensing Accounts, Construction Control/Inspection Report, Fire Official Report of January and February, Police Report, Road Foreman’s Report, Sewer Collector’s Report, Tax Collector’s Report, Water Report, Wastewater Treatment Plants Superintendent’s Report, and Zoning Officer’s Report.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – none

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

1. Happy Birthday to Councilman Shea!
2. Majority Leader, Loretta Weinberg and Majority Conference Leader, Gordon M. Johnson, responded to the resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council opposing S2511 which revises and updates the Open Public Meetings Act. Many changes have been made as the bills have progressed in the New Jersey State Legislature.
3. Mayor Kovach reminded Council liaisons that no spending may be done by any committees, boards or commissions without seeking approval from council.

4. An old fire hat was donated by the Clinton Fire Department, to friends of a Clinton family. The visitors were from Holland and the gentleman is a collector of fire department items, even as extensive of restoring an old fire truck that he had shipped from the United States. He was happy to receive the fire hat and cleaned it up, now in search of an old fire department uniform!
5. Bowl for Kids' Sake 2013, Mayor's Challenge, to benefit Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren. Mayor Kovach, along with Ms. Sosidka, Ms. Jones-Holt and Kathy Olsen will be teaming up to bowl on May 7, 2013.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #13-08 – BOND ORDINANCE FOR THE HALSTEAD STREET WATER MAIN REHABILITATION PROJECT

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Carberry, to adopt Ordinance #13-08 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #13-08

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE HALSTEAD STREET WATER MAIN REHABILITATION PROJECT FOR THE WATER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Town of Clinton, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "Town"). For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$2,000,000. No down payment is required as the purpose authorized herein is deemed self-liquidating and the obligations authorized herein are deductible from the gross debt of the Town, as more fully explained in Section 6(e) of this bond ordinance.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$2,000,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is improvements to the water utility, consisting of the Halstead Street Water Main Rehabilitation Project, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as

may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Town hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Town is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Town may lawfully undertake as a self-liquidating purpose of a municipal public utility. No part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 40 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Town as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$2,000,000, but that the net debt of the Town determined as provided in the Local Bond Law is not increased by this bond ordinance. The obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$300,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

(e) This bond ordinance authorizes obligations of the Town solely for purposes described in N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(h). The obligations authorized herein are to be issued for a purpose that is deemed to be self-liquidating pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-47(a) and are deductible from gross debt pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-44(c).

Section 7. The Town hereby declares the intent of the Town to issue the bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Town is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Town and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Town. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Town pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Town and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Town fails to comply with its undertaking, the Town shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Town are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Town, and the Town shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Town for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A copy of this Ordinance will be published in the April 17, 2013 edition of the Hunterdon Review. A public hearing will be held on May 14, 2013.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #13-09 – SALARY RANGE

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to adopt Ordinance #13-09 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE # 13-09

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE POSITION TITLES AND SALARY RANGES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE TOWN OF CLINTON IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY AND THE SEWER UTILITY IN THE TOWN OF CLINTON IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey as follows, until a subsequent salary ordinance is adopted:

The salary ranges per annum for the following officers and employees of the Town of Clinton, the Water Utility and the Sewer Utility shall be as follows:

| <u>TITLE</u> | <u>SALARY RANGE</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Town Clerk | \$25,000.00 - 60,000.00 |
| Deputy Town Clerk | 8,000.00 - 20,000.00 |
| Assessment Search Officer | 1,000.00 - 2,000.00 |
| Assessor of Taxes | 15,000.00 - 35,000.00 |
| Field Inspector | 3,000.00 - 7,000.00 |
| Collector of Taxes | 7,000.00 - 22,000.00 |
| Deputy Tax Collector | 6,000.00 - 20,000.00 |

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| Tax Search Officer | 1,000.00 - 2,000.00 |
| Collector of Water Rents | 30,000.00 - 60,000.00 |
| Collector of Sewer Rents | 12,000.00 - 35,000.00 |
| Assistant to Sewer Collector | 12,000.00 - 40,000.00 |
| Chief Financial Officer | 25,000.00 - 65,000.00 |
| Deputy Treasurer | 6,000.00 - 30,000.00 |
| Treasurer of Water Department | 15,000.00 - 30,000.00 |
| Treasurer of Sewer Department | 15,000.00 - 30,000.00 |
| Finance Assistant | 10,000.00 - 40,000.00 |
| Secretary to Planning Board | 4,000.00 - 10,000.00 |
| Secretary to Board of Adjustment | 4,000.00 - 10,000.00 |
| Secretary to Board of Health | 500.00 - 3,000.00 |
| Registrar of Vital Statistics | 500.00 - 3,000.00 |
| Public Works/Business Administrator | 65,000.00 - 135,000.00 |
| Superintendent of Water Department | 45,000.00 - 100,000.00 |
| Assistant Superintendent of Water Department | 40,000.00 - 90,000.00 |
| Superintendent of Wastewater Plant | 45,000.00 - 100,000.00 |
| Laboratory Supervisor/Manager | 35,000.00 - 85,000.00 |
| Public Works Employee/Foreman | 10.00 - 60.00/Hr. |
| Chief of Police | 65,000.00 - 150,000.00 |
| Sergeant | 50,000.00 - 130,000.00 |
| Patrolman | 30,000.00 - 120,000.00 |
| Emergency Management Coordinator | 1,000.00 - 5,000.00 |
| Emergency Management Administrator | 250.00 - 1,000.00 |
| Municipal Prosecutor | 10,000.00 - 30,000.00 |
| Public Defender | 2,000.00 - 8,500.00 |
| Building Sub-Code Official | 10,000.00 - 35,000.00 |
| Electrical Sub-Code Official | 3,000.00 - 12,000.00 |
| Plumbing Sub-Code Official | 3,000.00 - 10,000.00 |
| Fire Sub-Code Official | 2,500.00 - 7,500.00 |
| Construction Control Officer | 12,000.00 - 35,000.00 |
| Zoning Officer | 2,500.00 - 12,000.00 |
| Code Enforcement/Housing Officer | 3,000.00 - 18,000.00 |
| Fire Prevention Officer | 7,500.00 - 18,000.00 |
| Animal Control Officer | 3,000.00 - 10,000.00 |
| Mayor | 3,000.00 - 7,500.00 |
| Council Member | 3,000.00 - 7,000.00 |
| Laborer/Seasonal Help | 6.00 - 18.00/Hr. |
| Clerical/Bookkeeping Help | 6.00 - 18.00/Hr. |
| Janitor Community Center | 10.00 - 20.00/Hr. |
| School Crossing Guards | 14.00 - 21.00/Hr. |
| Recreation Adult Instructors | 700.00 - 6,000.00 |
| Recreation Teen Counselors | 6.00 - 10.00/Hr. |
| Stand-by Hourly Rate | 4.00 - 10.00/Hr. |
| Mileage | Per IRS Regulations |
| Longevity Pay | 2%, 3% and 4% |

All employees shall be paid on a biweekly basis except for the Mayor and Council, Prosecutor and Public Defender who shall be paid on a quarterly basis. The above schedules are subject to changes required on account of calendar year requirements.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Councilman Shea asked if this salary range is just a matter updating, Ms. Olsen explained yes. The last time this was done was in 2008 and it is for five years. The range is set and annually a resolution with salaries is adopted.

A copy of this Ordinance will be published in the April 17, 2013 edition of the Hunterdon Review. A public hearing will be held on May 14, 2013.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #13-10 – AMENDING FEE SCHEDULE

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Carberry, to adopt Ordinance #13-10 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #13-10

**AMENDING SUBSECTION K OF SECTION 73-3 ENTITLED “FEE SCHEDULE” OF
THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON**

WHEREAS, §4-20.I.2 of the Code of the Town of Clinton (the Code) provides that the user charge for participation in the summer recreation program shall be established by yearly resolution of the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, §73-3.K of the Code sets a specific fee for participation in the summer recreation program; and

WHEREAS, setting the fee for the recreation program annually by resolution as authorized by §4-20.I of the Code is more efficient and provides for more flexibility in setting fees; and

WHEREAS, the Town’s current practice is to set the fee for participation in the summer recreation program by annual resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to amend §73-3.K of the Code to be consistent with §4-20.I of the Code and with current practice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Clinton as follows:

1. Subsection K of §73.3 of the Code of the Town of Clinton is hereby amended in its entirety to read to read:

K: Summer recreation program. Fee and Registration as set annually by resolution

2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

3. If any section, phrase or portion of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction for any reason, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A copy of this Ordinance will be published in the April 17, 2013 edition of the Hunterdon Review. A public hearing will be held on May 14, 2013.

RESOLUTION #77-13 – AMENDMENT TO PERSONNEL POLICY

Tabled until the Personnel Committee meets to discuss changes.

RESOLUTION #78-13 – OPPOSITION TO EARLY VOTING BILL

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to adopt Resolution #78-13 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 78-13

Resolution Opposing S2364/A3553

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S-2364 and Assembly Bill A3553 propose to create a system of early voting in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the goal of accommodating voters in pursuit of greater participation in the democratic process is a worthy goal; and

WHEREAS, these bills would in reality increase workloads, add more costs to the election process, and ultimately serve to confuse voters more than it would accommodate their needs; and

WHEREAS, these bills would require for each primary and general election a public facility, except a public school, located in each municipality in an area of a high concentration of population to be open and available to registered voters starting 15 days before an election for early polling, possibly conflicting with if not pushing out other important uses for these buildings, causing inconvenience to residents; and

WHEREAS, these bills require retraining of poll workers and dramatically increased hours, as well as chain of custody requirements to protect the voting process, despite the fact that recruiting and training polls workers is already a difficult process; and

WHEREAS, these bills would increase costs to municipalities, including overtime pay for workers; and

WHEREAS, although these bills allow municipalities to request reimbursement for extra costs and provide an appropriation, the appropriation does not outline a specific amount nor

dedicated funding, only that which the State Treasurer and the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting deem necessary, and they do not outline the procedure for a municipality whose reimbursement request is denied; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity for “Early Voting” already exists in the State of New Jersey through the Vote by Mail ballot process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that governing body of the Town of Clinton in the County of Hunterdon does hereby oppose S2364 and A3553; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the governing body of the Town of Clinton does hereby call upon its representatives in the State Legislature to oppose the adoption of this bill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Office of the Governor, Senate President Sweeney, Senators Gill and Whelan, sponsors of S2364, Speaker Oliver, Assemblymen Wisniewski, Diegnan, Benson, Conaway, and Coughlin, sponsors of A3553, our State Senator and Assembly representatives, the County Board of Elections, and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

This being submitted at the Council meeting held on April 9, 2013.

| Council Vote | Motion | Second | Ayes | Nays | Absent | Abstain |
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| Carberry | X | | X | | | |
| Jones-Holt | | | X | | | |
| Pendergast | | X | X | | | |
| Shea | | | X | | | |
| Smith | | | X | | | |
| Sosidka | | | X | | | |
| Mayor Kovach | | | X | | | |

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #79-13 – URGING NJ TRANSIT FOR ONE SEAT RIDE SERVICE

Council discussed this resolution at a prior meeting following a resolution adopted by the Hunterdon County Freeholders and the Hunterdon County Planning Board. The expectations are for NJ Transit to have one or more of their newly acquired dual powered (diesel and electric) locomotives provide one seat traveling for Hunterdon County residents to go directly into Manhattan, not having to switch trains in Newark. Ms. Sosidka suggested adding language to the resolution asking for more trains to be added to the limited number of trains leaving High Bridge, and Annandale. A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Carberry, to adopt Resolution #79-13 as amended.

Resolution # 79 -13

WHEREAS, all Raritan Valley Line trains currently terminate at Newark Penn Station and riders destined for midtown Manhattan and Penn Station New York must transfer trains; and

WHEREAS, the Raritan Valley Line is one of NJ TRANSIT’s major rail lines, carrying almost 12,000 riders per weekday; and

WHEREAS, the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition has advocated for one seat ride service to midtown Manhattan on NJ TRANSIT's Raritan Valley Line since 1998; and

WHEREAS, NJ TRANSIT is acquiring 36 dual powered (diesel and electric) locomotives and is currently testing them in a variety of settings prior to permanent deployment; and

WHEREAS, these dual-powered locomotives would offer the Raritan Valley Line and other currently diesel lines a one seat ride option through the Hudson River passenger rail tunnels in Penn Station in midtown Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, NJ TRANSIT has not indicated what process it will follow in determining the permanent deployment of these dual powered locomotives;

WHEREAS, New York City is connected to the global economy in unique ways, it continues to experience substantial job growth and its jobs pay higher median wages than those in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Hudson River Crossings have increased traffic congestion significantly in recent decades and fast and efficient commuters service to New York City is a critical factor in making an attractive place for Manhattan workers to locate; and

WHEREAS, studies across the United States have demonstrated that proximity to high quality transit is associated with increased property values; and

WHEREAS, a recent study by the Regional Plan Association estimated that one seat ride service would lead to a 15%(35.1 minutes) reduction in commuting times on the Raritan Valley Line by eliminating the need for a transfer at Newark Penn Station ; and

WHEREAS, the same study by the Regional Plan Association estimated that every minute saved on the morning commute to Manhattan increases nearby home values by \$3,000; and

WHEREAS, reduced train travel times to midtown Manhattan will increase the reliability of Raritan Valley Line, increase the attractiveness of train travel on the line, and boost home values in proximity to the line.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Clinton Mayor and Council, hereby joins the Hunterdon County Planning Board in calling upon NJ TRANSIT to undertake a transparent process for permanent deployment of the dual powered locomotives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Clinton urges NJ TRANSIT with all deliberate speed, permanently deploy dual-powered locomotives to the Raritan Valley Line to allow for one seat service for all trains operating during weekday off-peak hours, all trains operating on weekends and an equitable allocation of peak period trains(morning and evening); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of the Resolution shall be distributed to the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition, NJ TRANSIT and all Hunterdon County municipalities encouraging them to express their support for one seat service for all Raritan Valley trains.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an additional train service be added to the schedule to increase frequency and ridership of Hunterdon county residents.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

BANNER REQUEST – BEAD BASH

A request has been submitted by the Hunterdon Art Museum, to display a banner announcing a beading workshop and demonstration in memory of Extraordinary Beads owner, Linda Johnson. Linda, a fine member of our community, passed away in the fall of 2012. The event is scheduled for Sunday, June 30, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Carberry, to approve the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

WATER REFUNDS

Water refunds have been requested from the Water Collector, Nancy Burgess. A refund for Mark Jackson, #2759 in the amount of \$10.72. Motion made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Carberry, to refund the amount requested.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carberry, Jones-Holt, Pendergast, Shea, Smith, Sosidka, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A water refund requested for Grace Dermody, #2053 in the amount of \$25.25. Motion made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Smith to refund the amount requested.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carberry, Jones-Holt, Pendergast, Shea, Smith, Sosidka, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Water refund for Kyle Heitman, #2386 in the amount of \$24.89. Motion made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to refund the amount requested.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carberry, Jones-Holt, Pendergast, Shea, Smith, Sosidka, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION

A proclamation has been declared by Governor Chris Christie, declaring April 2013 as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. The Town of Clinton supports this proclamation and has prepared the same by the Mayor and Council of the Town. Proclamation posted in the Municipal Building.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Clinton Town Planning Board met April 2, 2013 and made the following recommendation to Council. The Planning Board finds the proposed Well #16 Water Production Facility to be located on Block 18, Lot 5 is consistent with the Town of Clinton Master Plan and

recommends that the Governing Body move forward with the new construction of the new water facility. Ms. Jones-Holt and Mayor Kovach, stepped down from said meeting. Mr. Smith and engineer, Andrew Holt, P.E. presented their case on behalf of a new well. Council accepted the Planning Board's recommendation.

2. Mr. Smith suggested writing a letter to the Red Mill Museum Village regarding this past weekend's Civil War Days event. Mr. Smith and Ms. Jones-Holt said the re-enactment of the cannons was extreme, and not necessary to use so much gun powder. Chief Matheis said he gets a few complaints every year. A letter will be drafted to the Red Mill.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Richard Phelan, PW/Business Administrator

1. Public Works will begin spring clean up at the parks and the Community Center. Free mulch and compost is available at the treatment plant during regular hours.

Councilman Shea

1. Roads Committee – meeting Friday, April 12, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.
2. Shade Tree – Arbor Day will be held on Friday, April 26, 2013. A tree will be planted on East Main Street.

Richard P. Cushing, Esq.

Following a month long hiatus, Mr. Cushing said it was good to be back in Clinton! This evening's meeting was "very entertaining"!

Councilwoman Sosidka

1. Newsletter / web site Committee met and discussed many options in updating the web site and possibly putting the newsletter on the site electronically for residents. The newsletter and web site budget has been cut in half. Discussions included soliciting ads to help defer the costs. We will be polling residents to see their preference in receiving the newsletter. Hard copies can be made available at the Municipal Building and the library. Many new methods of informing the public are being made available, the committee will be looking into them. Free upgrades to the site are available and will be made within the next 2 -3 months.

Board of Recreation Commission discussed the Community Center usage and possibly arranging the schedule electronically also.

Bill payment is another option that was discussed, paying bills with a credit card. State must give approval if using pay pal or other similar methods.

Councilman Pendergast

1. Clinton Fire Department held their re-organization meeting and the slate is as follows:

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| Walter Dorf | Chief |
| Jeff Hedden | Deputy Chief |
| James Querry | Captain 451 |
| Tim Vanselous | Captain 452 |
| Lieutenant | Rob Busch 451 |
| Lieutenant | Jim Fania 452 |
| Lieutenant | Dylan Desaulniers |

Engineers

Craig Allen
Tony Somma
Jackson Pyle

2. Sewer Committee – Clinton Township Sewerage Authority paid their outstanding vouchered sewer bill of \$43, 036.49, however they refused to pay the accrued interest of \$1,749.14. The committee will discuss whether to waive the interest or not at their next meeting.

Councilman Carberry

1. Community Center – two missing keys showed up by the janitorial service. It has become an issue recently with keys not being returned.

Environmental Commission – Mr. Carberry asked for \$150.00 to donate for the river clean up. Ms. Olsen said it is available through Clean Communities or the Recycling Grant, it was decided to use the Clean Communities Grant funds.

Councilwoman Jones-Holt

1. Planning Board meeting held April 2, 2013. As stated earlier, Ms Jones-Holt and Mayor Kovach stepped down from the hearing because of a conflict of interest in connection with the Town of Clinton water department. Patrick McGuire and Walter Hetzel, Planning Board members were in the audience this evening and concurred that Messrs Holt and Smith made a very good presentation. New business that came before the Planning Board that evening was approval for a new yogurt shop on Main Street where Options, the antique store, currently occupies. Another new venue in the vacated Dicken’s Lane Jewelers will be Stripped Bare, a Brazilian waxing salon.

Brief discussion that the A&P has been purchased and is being leased back to the A&P. A new grocery store may be coming in there soon. Ms. Sosidka suggested contacting the new owners to see if they would be interested in talks about the vacant land next to the Krauzers on Old 22 which is owned by the A&P. Mayor Kovach asked the clerk to attempt making contact and to arrange a meeting.

APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to approve the standby and overtime pay for the period March 15 through March 28, 2013 attached to these minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carberry, Jones-Holt, Pendergast, Shea, Smith, Sosidka, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carberry, Jones-Holt, Pendergast, Shea, Smith, Sosidka, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Prior to adjourning, Mr. Pendergast asked Chief Matheis and Mr. Phelan how the new court is working out. Chief Matheis said there have been no issues but revenues have not yet begun to be seen.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

Mayor Janice Kovach