

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

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – Carberry, Pendergast, Rylak (7:35 pm), 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. Smith seconded by Mr. Carberry to approve the minutes of March 25, 2014 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry seconded by Mr. Shea, to approve the Executive Session minutes of March 25, 2014 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS – MARCH

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry seconded by Mr. Pendergast to accept the monthly reports for the month March as submitted:

Administrator’s Report, Clerk’s Account, Cat & Dog Licensing Accounts, Construction Control/Inspection Report, Police Report, Road Foreman’s Report, Sewer Collector’s Report, Tax Collector’s Report, Water Collector’s Report, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent’s amended January Report, Zoning Officer’s Report.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Harvey Finkel, proprietor of the Clinton Book Shop, came before Council to announce the Farmer’s Market will be returning to Clinton for the 4th Year! Council is thrilled that they are continuing to have the market and Mr. Finkel said they are growing in their vendors! The market will start Sunday, May 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.

Councilwoman Sosidka introduced members of the Historic Commission, Christie Wood, acting President, Marcia Hansen and Sharon Dysart. Unable to attend, members Carol Crawford-Jones, + Richard Miller, Dorothea Baka, and Rosemarie Platt who is currently taking a temporary leave of absence. President Wood addressed the Council with some of the activities planned by the Commission:

- Adding Leigh Street and Olsen Lane to the Historic District which will continue upon Rosemarie's return
- May 10, 2014 the Commission is hosting a Hunterdon County 300th special event with a tour of the Riverside Cemetery by Peter Osborne followed by a tour of the Red Mill by Christie until noon
- Planning events for Clinton's 150th celebration in 2015 along with the Red Mill Museum Village
- Karen Romagna to continue refurbishing the "Welcome to Clinton" signs and repairing bebe guns holes on one of them
- Carol is currently working with Marilyn Cummins to get the history of Clinton electronically on a map of Google Earth

The Commission has been very busy and they thanked Councilwoman Sosidka for her help. They applauded her organizational skills and knowledge.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

1. Mayor Kovach presented a copy of the Highlands report of 2013 and asked council if was interested, it is available in the clerk's office.
2. Mr. Smith reported that Eleanor Brightenbach passed away, a former councilwoman in the 1970's, she was 90 years old. Eleanor was the first person to get the Town of Clinton Tree City U.S.A. designation.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Diane Crisman-Race and Alice DiGiambattista attended this evening's meeting to discuss a special event request sponsored by the Clinton Guild. The event is "Ladies & Lamborghini's Night" and scheduled to be held May 15, 2014 with a rain date of May 16. The Guild is requesting to block 18 parking spaces along the right hand side of Main Street and the first four spaces on the right side of East Main Street between 5:30 pm to 9 pm. to park several exotic sports cars. The Guild is not requesting a road closure. Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carberry to approve the request contingent upon the application being completed by notifying the Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad and the Clinton Fire Department, and written approval by Chief Matheis.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

BANNER REQUESTS

A request to display a banner for the Immaculate Conception Parish Festival was received. Banner dates June 9 through the 23rd. However, if another request is made for that time, they are willing to forfeit June 9 through 16. A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Ms. Sosidka to approve the request. The festival dates are June 18 through 22, 2014.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

SPECIAL EVENT – SPRINTIN’ CLINTON

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to approve the Clinton Sunrise Rotary request for Sprintin’ Clinton to be held July 12, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #67-14 – BYOB

A motion was made by Ms. Sosidka, seconded by Mr. Carberry, to adopt Resolution #67-14 as presented.

RESOLUTION # 67-14

WHEREAS, the Code of the Town of Clinton, Chapter 32, Section 7, prohibits consumption of alcoholic beverages in, on, or upon any public street, or land owned or occupied by any federal, state, county or municipal government, or as further explained in the Section 32-7 A through D; and

WHEREAS, alcoholic beverages may be consumed at occasions or events held by bona fide nonprofit organizations or other groups if specifically permitted by resolution of the Mayor and Council; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, that BYO (Bring Your Own) consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted at the Town Picnic to be held at the Hunts Mill Park on Saturday, June 7, 2014 between the hours of 3:00 and dusk. Rain date is June 14, 2014.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #68-14 – OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

A motion was made by Ms. Sosidka seconded by Mr. Carberry, to adopt Resolution #68-14 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 68-14

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Town of Clinton has received an overpayment for the following block and lot due to a Tax Court Judgment,

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 the following account:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
16	22.02	Eastern Hill LLC	\$5,160.84

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector remove the overpayment on the above block and lot for the 4th Quarter 2013 and 1st Quarter 2014.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carberry, Pendergast, Rylak, Shea, Smith, Sosidka, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #69-14 - NJDOT

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Carberry, to adopt Resolution #69-14 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 69-14

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) recently completed a traffic investigation on Route 173 in the town of Clinton; and

WHEREAS NJDOT investigation revealed the current centerline pavement markings on Route 173 meet and conform to current design standards; and

WHEREAS, NJDOT will update existing records to reflect current "No Passing Zone" conditions along (US) (NJ) Route 173;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Town of Clinton, Hunterdon County, State of New Jersey, that it supports the use of a "No Passing Zone" on Route 173 in the Town of Clinton as recommended by NJDOT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to NJDOT as requested.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE - None

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Richard Phelan, PW/Business Administrator

The annual Spring cleanup has begun throughout the Town, residents are encouraged to rake their leave to the curb for pick up.

Kathy Olsen, CFO

The Trust Account for the 150th Celebration is now open and we can accept donations.

Councilman Smith

1. Fire Chief Walt Dorf suggested hydrant markers and the possibility of an Eagle Scout project to complete this.
2. Buildings and Grounds committee discussed the quotes for refinishing the gym floor at the community center, it could cost approximately \$6,000.00 and the center would be out of service for two weeks following.

Art Dysart also got prices for railings and steps at the Municipal Building, replacing the metal with aluminum.

3. Rescue Squad had 167 calls for the month of March, 10 less than February.

Councilman Shea

1. Roads Committee – Town Engineer, Bob Clerico, has submitted the application for a DOT grant to repave Union Road.
The Committee continues to discuss new parking directional signs and locations to erect them.

- Reviewed the Leigh Street ADA project, work will begin and should not take more than 10 working days. Work will be done on alternate sides allowing for traffic to flow. Consideration will be given during drop off / pick up hours near the school and the work near the school walking path will be performed during the period of spring break.
2. SWAC – April 12, 2014 electronic recycling at the County complex, July 13, 2014, hazardous waste collection also at the County complex, Route 12, Flemington.
 3. Shade Tree – toured the Town with Arborist Spanner and 15 trees will be taken down. They will be cut up for firewood if anyone is interested and available at the treatment plant.
 4. Annual Fishing Derby is Saturday, April 26, 2014 beginning 8:00 a.m. for registration.

Clerk Covino

Reported on her recent attendance at the Municipal Clerk's Conference, March 24 – 27, 2014.

Councilwoman Sosidka

1. Web site designed a new home page but is not happy with the draft, work will continue on this design. Help is being requested from anyone with skill and/or ideas. Ms. Sosidka did take down the ability to make comments on the site until rules are established.
2. Happy to report that several people have stepped up to work on the Picnic Committee. The Town picnic is scheduled for June 7 with a rain date of June 14, 2014 at Hunts Mill Park.
3. The 150th Committee met and a question was posed as to monetary support from Council. It was explained that a line item was not established and that is the reason for the committee to be created and to raise funds.

Councilman Pendergast

1. Clinton Fire Department held their annual re-organization meeting, Walt Dorf remains Chief and Jeff Hedden, Deputy Chief.
2. Grill Night will return May 16 and continue June 20, August 15 and September 19. The first mailers for the fund drive were sent out.

Fire Department sponsoring an attorney event on June 14 at 8:00 a.m. for first responders and their spouses to have wills, living wills, basic legal documents prepared pro bono.

Councilman Carberry

1. Environmental Commission was approved for a \$500 donation towards the river clean up April 26 and was asking how to get it?! Kathy Olsen, CFO, asked Mr. Carberry to let her know who should receive it and she will forward a purchase order for payment.
2. A second garbage pail was requested to be placed near the bench at the Art Museum.

Councilman Rylak

1. Mr. Rylak has learned that Franklin Township does not contribute to the Clinton Fire Department. Mr. Pendergast explained that Clinton Fire considers Franklin as mutual aid. Clinton Fire does receive compensation from Union Township although the fire department responds all over the area.
2. Smart Growth working nicely together and preparing a detailed list of numerous items. They would also like to attend the first council meeting in May to present a power point presentation. The committee recently discussed in great lengths the crosswalk at the corner of Leigh and Old 22. Their concerns are the embankment that blocks the view of a person of 5 ft. tall standing to cross the street, the left turn signal for cars which do not give way to a pedestrian and why the crosswalk is on the westerly side and not the easterly side of the intersection. Mr. Smith informed Mr. Rylak that Mr. Shea has been working on the Safe Routes to School project for about four years and he should discuss his concerns with him. Mr. Rylak invited Mr. Shea to attend the next Smart Growth meeting the first Monday of the month at his home on Center Street, but will talk to him prior to the next meeting. Mr. Rylak stated that it is a county bridge and the county should be made aware of this in writing.

STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Pendergast to approve the standby and overtime submitted for March 14 through March 27, 2014 attached to these minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carberry, Pendergast, Rylak, Shea, Smith, Sosidka, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carberry, Pendergast, Rylak, Shea, Smith, Sosidka, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: Upon returning from Executive Session and there being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Carberry seconded by Mr. Rylak to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC, Town Clerk

Mayor Janice Kovach