

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

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – Carberry, Pendergast, Rylak, 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. Pendergast to approve the minutes of July 22, 2014 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Shea)
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS – AUGUST

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry seconded by Mr. Shea to accept the monthly reports for the month August 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, Zoning Officer’s Report.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

There being no comment from the public, Mr. Pendergast took this opportunity to discuss a recent meeting with the Hunterdon County Prosecutor, Anthony Kearns. Mr. Kearns did a presentation focusing on the heroin epidemic in Hunterdon County. Mr. Pendergast stated that his neighborhood just suffered the loss of a young girl from an overdose and the public must become more aware of this problem. This is the third overdose in Clinton. Mr. Kearns stated that his department made a presentation at Hunterdon Central High School to students and parents. If the students did not attend the presentation, they were denied parking privileges at the school. Mr. Pendergast would like Council to pass a resolution this evening encouraging the North Hunterdon – Voorhees School District to reach out to the Hunterdon County Prosecutor and request a presentation in both schools for students, parents and teachers to attend and learn what signs they should be aware of and look for. The high schools currently have presentations for texting and driving but drugs should also be included. Mr. Cushing will prepare a resolution to be sent to the schools and the prosecutor’s office. Mr. Pendergast also suggested holding a presentation at the Clinton Community Center for parents, students and teachers. It is imperative that this message get out to everyone and anyone. The police department does all they can do with the DARE program in the grammar schools, this problem extends much further.

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Carberry, to adopt Resolution #118-14 to be prepared by Mr. Cushing.

RESOLUTION # 118-14

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton had a presentation made to it by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor and his staff regarding the problem of heroin overdoses in Hunterdon County; and

WHEREAS, the Prosecutor painted a distressing picture describing the progression from prescription medication to heroin among young residents in Hunterdon County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton wishes to broadcast the extreme risk facing young people from the use of prescription drugs and controlled dangerous substances, and in particular, heroin; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton has experienced a number of overdoses, including the tragic recent death of a young girl, which is the third overdose in the Town of Clinton in the recent past; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton were impressed by the scope and power of the presentation made by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor about the significant risks facing young people from both licit and illicit drugs; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton would like to respectfully encourage the Superintendent and the North Hunterdon-Voorhees School Board to require attendance at a presentation by the Office of the Hunterdon County Prosecutor to the students and staff of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District so that both the students and the staff can be fully sensitized to the risks of the improper use of prescription drugs, how the use of prescription drugs can lead to heroin addiction, and the extreme dangers from the use of heroin; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton has been made aware that other school districts have conditioned certain privileges for students on the attendance at such a program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, that it strongly encourages the North Hunterdon-Voorhees School Board to initiate aggressive programs to educate students as to the dangers of the improper use of prescription drugs, and the extreme danger from the use of controlled dangerous substances, such as heroin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council respectfully encourage the North Hunterdon-Voorhees School Board to consider either mandating student attendance at a lecture from the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office regarding prescription drug use and heroin or at minimum tie in certain student privileges to attendance at such lectures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council urge the North Hunterdon-Voorhees School Board to take all reasonable steps to educate students and the staff to the significant scourge that heroin is imposing on Hunterdon County and surrounding areas.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

MAYOR'S COMMENTS - NONE

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #14-12 – WATER RESERVATION

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Smith, to open the public hearing of Ordinance #14-12:

ORDINANCE # 14-12

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 142 ENTITLED "WATER" OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY REGARDING WATER CAPACITY RESERVATIONS

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Water Engineer, Andrew S. Holt, P.E. attended this evening's meeting to answer any questions that the public or council members may have. Mr. Holt explained that this process was designed to address projects that were approved and have received "will serve" letters and have yet to proceed with their project. This came about due to limited water resources and discussions with the Highlands Council and DEP. This ordinance will impose fees to "reserve" water for those projects that are shovel ready and not tie up water to those that are not progressing. This ordinance will make it possible to manage amounts from the supplies of water enabling the Town to manage effectively and by keeping a list of current water customers.

A letter was received late today from two municipalities requesting the ordinance be held off for final reading until their counsel has time to review and discuss the ordinance. Mr. Holt and Council members feel the municipalities may not totally understand the purpose of this ordinance which is intended to provide water to shovel ready projects which protects the developers and the Town of Clinton to provide water. Mr. Smith questioned if Council could approve this evening but postpone the vote until the other municipalities have a chance to review? Attorney Cushing stated yes and suggested a letter be sent to each of the municipalities requesting that they reach out to the Town Administrator, Rich Phelan, for explanation and clarification that may be helpful to them. Stale applications impede active applications and the municipalities need to understand the ordinance. Municipalities will be asked to respond within two weeks so the public hearing and approval may be on the September 23, 2014 agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Pendergast to close the public portion of Ordinance #14-12.

A motion was made by Mr. Rylak, seconded by Mr. Pendergast authorizing Mr. Phelan to prepare a letter to the neighboring municipalities and to table a final vote until the September 23, 2014 meeting.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #14-13 – AMENDING FEE SCHEDULE

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast seconded by Mr. Shea to open the public hearing of Ordinance #14-13 as submitted:

ORDINANCE # 14-13

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 73 ENTITLED “FEES” OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY REGARDING WATER CAPACITY RESERVATIONS

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

As with the previous Ordinance #14-12, fees will be charged to ensure that valuable water capacity is not tied up with stale water applications. This ordinance will amend Chapter 73 – Fees, which will charge \$250.00 for a Small Project Water Reservation Application/Renewal and \$1,500.00 for a Large Project.

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to close the public portion of this ordinance.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Shea, to table a vote on Ordinance #14-13 until the September 23, 2014 Council meeting.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #14-14 – AMENDING CHAPTER 45 ENTITLED “BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS”

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to open the public hearing of Ordinance #14-14:

ORDINANCE # 14-14

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 45 ENTITLED “BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS” OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

There being no public comment, a motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Carberry to close the public portion of the meeting.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast seconded by Mr. Carberry, to adopt Ordinance #14-14 on second reading.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #14-15 – PROVIDING FOR ACQUISITION OF A FIRE TRUCK

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Carberry, to open the public hearing of Ordinance #14-15 :

ORDINANCE #14-15

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION
OF A FIRE TRUCK IN AND BY THE TOWN OF CLINTON,
IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY,
APPROPRIATING \$675,000 THEREFOR AND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$641,250 BONDS OR
NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST
THEREOF.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Councilman Rylak stated he was in favor of approving this ordinance to bond for a fire truck for the Clinton Fire Department, but was compelled to ask the firemen if there was any way possible they could lower the Town's portion of \$650,000.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Carberry to close the public portion of the hearing.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Carberry, to adopt Ordinance #14-15 on final reading.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #14-16 – AMENDING CHAPTER 18 – POLICE DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Rylak, to introduce Ordinance #14-16 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE # 14-16

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18 ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT" OF THE
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON,
AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton has heretofore had in place ordinances establishing a police department; and

WHEREAS, as required by State Statute the Town must designate the organization of the police department; and

WHEREAS, the Town has established the organization of the Police Department along with the particular ranks and number of individuals holding such ranks, which includes "Special Policemen"; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to amend such organization to be consistent with the State Statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, the County of Hunterdon, that Chapter 18 entitled "Police Department" of the Code of the Town of Clinton ("Code") is hereby amended as follows: (1) to amend Section 18-11 of the Code to be consistent with the Special Law Enforcement Officers' Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.8);(2) those portions of the Code set forth below are hereby amended as follows; and (3) portions of the Code not set forth below shall remain unchanged:

SECTION 1. Section 18-11 of the Code of the Town of Clinton entitled "Special Policemen" is hereby renamed "Special Law Enforcement Officers" and deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

- A. *Classification of Officers.* Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.11, there are hereby established two classifications of special law enforcement officers:
- 1) **Class One.** Officers of this class are hereby authorized to perform routine traffic detail, spectator control and similar duties. Class one officers shall have the power to issue summonses for disorderly persons and petty disorderly persons offenses, violations of municipal ordinances and violations of Title 39 of the New Jersey Statutes. The use of a firearm by an officer of this class shall be strictly prohibited, and no class one officer shall be assigned any duties which may require the carrying or use of a firearm.
 - 2) **Class Two.** Officers of this class shall be authorized to exercise full powers and duties similar to those of a permanent, regularly appointed full-time police officer. The use of a firearm by an officer of this class may be authorized only after the officer has been fully certified as successfully completing training as prescribed by the police training commission.
- B. *Uniforms.* Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.12, every special law enforcement officer prior to the commencement of his duties shall be furnished with a uniform which shall identify the officer's function. The uniform shall include, but not be limited to, a hat and appropriate badges which shall bear an identification number or name tag and the name

- of the local unit in which the officer is employed. The uniform shall also include an insignia issued by the commission which clearly indicates the officer's status as a special law enforcement officer and the type of certification issued pursuant to Section 4 of The Special Law Enforcement Officers' Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.11).
- C. *Carrying of Firearms.* Special law enforcement officers who are permitted to carry and return firearms shall do so pursuant to the guidelines established in N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.14(b).
- D. *Rules and Regulations.* Special law enforcement officers shall comply with the rules and regulations applicable to the conduct and decorum of the permanent regularly-appointed police officers of the Township, as well as any rules and regulations applicable to the conduct and decorum of special law enforcement officers.
- E. *Supervision.* Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.14, a special law enforcement officer shall be under the supervision and direction of the chief of police or, in the absence of the chief, other chief law enforcement officer of the local unit wherein the officer is appointed, and shall perform his duties only in the local unit except when in fresh pursuit of any person pursuant to chapter 156 of Title 2A of the New Jersey Statutes or when authorized to perform duties in another unit pursuant to a mutual aid agreement enacted in accordance with section 1 of P.L.1976, c. 45 (C.40A:14-156.1).
- F. *Hours of Employment.* No special law enforcement officer may be employed for more than 20 hours per week by the local unit except, as determined by the governing body, during periods of emergency or for services to a private entity pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.14.
- G. *Terms and Revocation of Appointments.* Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.14(a), special law enforcement officers may be appointed for terms not to exceed one year, and the appointments may be revoked by the local unit for cause after adequate hearing, unless the appointment is for four months or less, in which event the appointment may be revoked without cause or hearing. Nothing herein shall be construed to require reappointment upon the expiration of the term. The special law enforcement officers so appointed shall not be members of the police force of the local unit, and their powers and duties as determined pursuant to this act shall cease at the expiration of the term for which appointed.
- H. *Number of Categories of Officers.* The number of special law enforcement officers designated as class one members shall not exceed 10 persons. The number of special law enforcement officers designated as class two members shall not exceed the higher of two persons or 25% of the total number of regular police officers employed by the Department pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.17.

SECTION 11. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

SECTION 12. 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 thereof.

SECTION 13. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A notice of this Ordinance will be published in the September 17, 2014 edition of the Hunterdon Review. A public hearing will be held October 14, 2014.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #14-17 – CREATING THE OFFICE OF PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Rylak, to introduce Ordinance #14-17 as submitted:

**ORDINANCE #14-17
ORDINANCE CREATING THE OFFICE OF PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton has heretofore had in place ordinances establishing parking regulations within the Town; and

WHEREAS, as pursuant to Section 136-5 of the Town's Ordinances, the Police Department has jurisdiction to enforce state, county, and local parking regulations within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to amend its ordinances to allow for the hiring of a Parking Enforcement Officer that is empowered to enforce state, county, and local parking regulations within the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, the County of Hunterdon, that the Code of the Town of Clinton ("Code") is hereby amended as follows: (1) establish the office of Parking Enforcement Officer; (2) to empower such Parking Enforcement Officer to enforce the parking regulations of the Town; (3) those portions of the Code set forth below are hereby amended as follows; and (4) portions of the Code not set forth below shall remain unchanged:

SECTION 1. A Section of the Code of the Town of Clinton entitled "Parking Enforcement Officer" is hereby added as follows:

1. OFFICE CREATED; APPOINTMENT; QUALIFICATIONS

There is hereby created in the Town of Clinton the office of Parking Enforcement Officer. The Parking Enforcement Officer shall be appointed and removed at will by the Town Council. The Parking Enforcement Officer shall:

- A. Be a resident of New Jersey during the term of his or her appointment.
- B. Be able to read, write and speak the English language well and intelligently.
- C. Be of sound mind and in good health.
- D. Be of good moral character.
- E. Not have been convicted of any offense involving dishonesty or which would make the person unfit to perform the duties of his or her office.
- F. Possess a good familiarity with the parking of vehicles ordinances and codes of the Town of Clinton.

2. POWERS AND DUTIES

The Parking Enforcement Officer shall enforce state, county, or municipal statutes and resolutions, ordinances or regulations related to the parking of vehicles within the Town of Clinton. He or she shall possess the power and authority to:

- (1) Issue a parking ticket for a parking offense, as those two terms are defined in the "Parking Offenses Adjudication Act," P.L. 1985, c. 14 (N.J.S.A. 39:4-139.2 *et seq.*).

(2) Serve and execute all process for any parking offenses issuing out of the court having jurisdiction over the complaint.

(3) Issue warnings for violations of any state, county, or municipal statutes and resolutions, ordinances or regulations related to the parking of vehicles within the Town of Clinton.

(3) Cause any vehicle parked, stored, or abandoned in the Town in violation of a statute, resolution, ordinance or regulation to be towed away from the scene of the violation and to collect from the vehicle's owner or the owner's agent, on behalf of the Town, the costs of the towing and subsequent storage of the vehicle before surrendering the vehicle to the owner or agent.

B. The Parking Enforcement Officer shall possess the power and authority to enforce all other ordinances and codes of the Town of Clinton concerning the following:

(1) Parking restrictions;

(2) Inoperable motor vehicles

3. UNIFORM AND INSIGNIA

Prior to the commencement of his or her duties, the Parking Enforcement Officer shall be furnished with an insignia, which shall clearly identify the officer's function. The insignia shall include a hat and appropriate badge, together with a nametag and shall identify the officer's status as a Parking Enforcement Officer. The insignia shall be distinct from the insignia of a regular police or special law enforcement officer. The insignia shall be issued by the Town within 90 days following the appointment of the first Parking Enforcement Officer; provided, however, that the Town may issue a temporary insignia for use during the first 90 days of the officer's appointment.

4. EXCLUSION FROM POLICE AND FIREMEN'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM; USE OF FIREARMS

The Parking Enforcement Officer shall not be a member of the Town of Clinton Police Department, nor shall such person be a special law enforcement officer. He or she may not carry or use a firearm while on duty. He or she is not eligible for membership in the Police and Firemen's Retirement System established pursuant to P.L. 19044, c. 255.

5. TERM OF OFFICE; COMPENSATION

The Parking Enforcement Officer shall be appointed for a term of one year, such term expiring on December 31 of the year of his or her appointment. If he or she shall be appointed after January 1 of any year, the appointment shall be deemed, for the purpose of calculating the term, to have commenced the January 1 immediately prior to his or her appointment. He or she shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Council and such hours and for such compensation as it shall determine by separate resolution.

6. TRAINING

The Parking Enforcement Officer shall receive such training in the performance of his or her duties as may, from time to time, be required by law or authorized by the Town Council.

7. FILES AND REPORTS

The Parking Enforcement Officer shall maintain an accurate and complete file with respect to every alleged violation or other matter investigated by him or her. The Parking Enforcement Officer shall file a monthly report of his or her activities, including any complaints or cases processed by him or her and the disposition thereof, with the Town Council and any other relevant officials, boards or bodies.

8. OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

All files, books and records maintained by the Parking Enforcement Officers are the property of the Town of Clinton. Every Parking Enforcement Officer, on the expiration of his or her term, shall forthwith deliver to his or her successor all files, books and records which are in his or her possession or under his or her control or maintained by him or her, and if no successor has been appointed, to the Town Clerk.

SECTION 2. Section 136-5 of the Code of the Town of Clinton entitled “Enforcement” is hereby amended and supplemented as follows (Additions indicated in boldface and italics *thus*; deletions indicated with strike-through ~~thus~~):

This article shall be enforced by the Department of Police *and Parking Enforcement Officer*.

SECTION 3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

SECTION 4. 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 thereof.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

A notice of this Ordinance will be published in the September 17, 2014 edition of the Hunterdon Review. A public hearing will be held October 14, 2014.

Vote all ayes
1 Nay (Sosidka)
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #117-14 – BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adopt Resolution #117-14 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 117-14

WHEREAS Section 45 BRUSH, GRASS, AND WEEDS, of the Town of Clinton Code Book requires that certain aspects of a homeowners property be maintained as to not create a concern to the public, welfare and safety or constitute a fire hazard; and,

WHEREAS the code states that all grass and weeds must be maintained so as not be greater than 3 inches in height; and,

WHEREAS the Code Enforcement Official is authorized to enforce Section 45 by notifying residents of a violation and allowing ten (10) days to abate a violation; and,

WHEREAS of the owner of said property does not abate the problem within ten (10) days after receipt of the notice, a provision in the Section allows for the Public Works/ Business Administrator to reinspect the lands in question and report to Council at its next regular meeting the condition complained of, and

WHEREAS the Public Works/ Business Administrator shall cause the condition complained of to be abated and certify to the Mayor and Council, the cost charged which shall become a lien upon the lands and be added to become a part of taxes next to be assessed and levied upon the lands and shall bear interest at the same rate as taxes and be collected and enforced by the same officer and in the same manner as taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that steps to abate conditions as stated in Section 45 to the following properties have been remedied by the Town of Clinton Public Works Department and the liens on the respective fees be assessed to the said properties are as follows:

TOTAL AMOUNT

19 West Main Street	Block 25, Lot 20	\$119.00
7 Hillside Drive	Block 8.04, Lot 6	\$134.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council have reviewed documentation and approve the liens to be assessed as presented. Certified copies of this resolution shall be presented to the Town of Clinton Tax Assessor and Tax Collector.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

GEORGES PLACE EXTENSION – DISCUSSION

Councilman Shea, Chairman of the Roads Committee, stated that the Committee discussed the Georges Place Extension which is a private road in the Town of Clinton, regarding maintaining the road by the Town. The Town currently provides garbage and recycling pick up, snow plowing as well as road sweeping and occasional tree trimming. This is a single loop road with 11 single family homes. The Pine Ridge Homeowners Association, a “qualified private community” residents of this private road are requesting that the Town fill some holes on the road with black top or crushed stone. The question the committee poses is does the Town still want to maintain this road? Should the Town re-write or pull the agreement made with the Pine Ridge Homeowners Association back in 2011? All other repairs and maintenance are made by the private owners. There are other private roads in Town such as Hillcrest, Central Avenue and Clinton Street. The Roads Committee wishes to look at all paper roads to make a policy decision. Mr. Smith explained that paper roads do not pay taxes on private roads to offset the maintenance of the roads. The Roads Committee wishes to make a recommendation to re-write or delete maintenance for all paper roads. Mr. Cushing would like to review a resolution from 1971 and review other documents before changes be made.

2014 NJDOT GRANT FOR HALSTEAD STREET – FINANCING MECHANISM DISCUSSION

Mr. Phelan explained that the Halstead Street project total cost for curb to curb paving is \$290,000. The Town received \$170,000 through DOT local aid leaving a balance of \$120,000 which the Town will have to bond for. The subject needed to be discussed prior to introducing a Bond ordinance. The Bond ordinance will be introduced at the meeting of September 23, 2014.

WATER REFUND – THOMPSON HOLDING LLC

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Smith, to issue a water refund in the amount of \$77.16 to Thompson Holding LLC as requested.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Martin Funeral Home announced that the Home was bought in early August, 2014, by the Knoll Family. An open house to meet the new owners and celebrate Martin's 50 years of service to the community will be hosted by the Knoll Family, Saturday, September 24, 2014 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.
2. Hunterdon Helpline celebrating their 45th Anniversary with an event "The Trio". Three chef spotlight dinners Wednesday, September 17 at 6:00 pm, Tuesday, October 21 at 6:00 pm and Thursday, November 13 at 6:00 pm. Anyone interested should notify the Town Clerk.
3. The New Jersey Conference of Mayors 22nd annual Fall Summit will be held Saturday, October 11, 2014 at the Cape May County Park & Zoo from 10:00 am to 4:45 pm
4. 23rd Annual Mayor's Box Luncheon to be held Wednesday, November 19, 2014 during the League of Municipalities. The League Delegates Luncheon is Thursday, November 20, 2014 and the Women in Government Breakfast is Thursday, 8:00 am . If anyone is interested in attending any of these events, please notify the Town Clerk
5. Hunterdon County Planning Board and Cultural and Heritage Commission's Awards Event is Monday, September 29, 2014 at Razberry's Banquet & Conference Center in Frenchtown. Mayor Kovach will be attending and once again, if anyone else is interested, notify the Town Clerk.
6. Freedom House in Glen Gardner is opening an outpatient facility in Clinton and is having a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 10:00 am. Mayor Kovach is unable to attend and asked if there are any council members that could attend on behalf of the Town.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

R. Phelan, Public Works/Business Administrator

1. Nelson Tree Service was scheduled to trim trees along Halstead Street and was hung up on another job. Also, road repairs for Route 173 and Hancock Street as well as Union Road, contractor was detained on another job. When jobs are rescheduled, Mr. Phelan will notify council and send out email blasts.

Kathy Olsen, CFO

1. Lebanon Township adopted a new policy for disabled veterans. If a Tax Assessor qualifies a veteran, they would pay no taxes to the municipality. A claim has come about from a veteran that he wished to get paid retro from the time of the disability. This new policy would ensure that a veteran be tax exempt from the date applied not the date the vet becomes disabled. Mr. Cushing said he will distribute sample ordinances for the Town to review and prepare one for the Town.
2. Ms. Olsen will be attending the Government Finance Officers Association conference September 17, 18, and 19, 2014.

Councilman Smith

1. Water Committee – the contractor hit a slight snag installing the water line under the river and across Route 31 causing a delay in the project coming down Halstead Street.
2. Tomorrow, Wednesday, September 10, 2014, a delegation from the Town of Clinton water department will be going to Cedar Knolls to meet with DEP to discuss testing procedures and fines. A report will be made at the next meeting as to the outcome.
3. Mr. Smith announced there will be a 9/11 ceremony held on Thursday, September 11 at Patriot's Point from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Councilman Shea

1. Roads Committee – discussed the Georges Place Extension as reported earlier.

Application will be made to the State for funding the Helen and Hunts Mill milling and repaving project.

Reported earlier, bonding for the Halstead Street repaving project will take place at the next meeting.

2. Shade Tree Commission will be doing an inventory of trees, volunteers are welcome! The project should take two to four hours on Sunday, October 5. The trees circumference must be measured and the types of trees determined. Mayor Kovach said a Boy Scout Troop was interested in helping. Mr. Shea said the YMCA Adventure Guides are also interested in assisting with this project.

Councilwoman Sosidka

1. The Historic Commission met and raised the issue of looking for an official historian. Three applications have been received to date. Mayor Kovach is anticipating discussing the applications for this volunteer position at the second council meeting in October.
2. Website Committee discussed the renewal of the contract with City Connections for October. Morris Enyeart is increasing his fees based on the number of emails, the base fee is increasing by 2% and fees for additional emails increasing \$450 a year. The committee is looking at alternative companies but would not be able to complete a change before October so will be continuing with City Connections. However, with the increase in the fee, the budget will be coming up short and may not be able to send out a printed edition for December as expected. A transfer of funds may be necessary to send out the Smart Growth survey. Mr. Rylak will have to make that decision.

Councilman Pendergast

1. Clinton Fire Department will be hosting Grill Night Friday, September 19.

The Town may be introducing an ordinance on behalf of the Clinton Fire Department which would enable the Fire Department to recoup expenses from incidents on the highway. Residents would not be affected by this ordinance. This “pay for service” ordinance pertains to truck accidents with fire and/or hazardous discharge or negligent drivers. Pattenburg Fire Department currently has this in place and has received a significant amount of money from Route 78 incidents. Insurance companies are billed

through a company called Fire Recovery who do all the work for the fire companies. Mr. Cushing said he will discuss this with Union Township's Attorney as to exactly what law this applies to.

Three applications have been received for membership with the Fire Department:

Caitlyn J. Horvath	Michael Moore	William Smith Jr.
Rachel Court	Rachel Court	North Slope

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Sosidka, to accept the applications as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Councilman Rylak

- Smart Growth Committee has prepared a draft survey that will be sent out to residents for input. The survey is expected to be ready within the next two weeks.

STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Carberry to approve the standby and overtime submitted for August 15 through August 28, 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. Smith 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. Pendergast to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

Mayor Janice Kovach