

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

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – Carberry, Pendergast, Rylak, 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 to accept, however, Mr. Pendergast injected an amendment to the minutes with an addition to read under Mr. Pendergast’s report to council Clinton Fire Department, “a change in the by laws refers to the terms served by officers, not a change to the fire department’s fiscal calendar”. A motion was made by Mr. Carberry to accept the amended minutes of March 10, 2015 seconded by Mr. Pendergast.

Vote all ayes
2 Abstentions (Rylak, Mayor Kovach)
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Smith seconded by Ms. Sosidka, to approve the budget meeting minutes of March 4, 2015 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the budget meeting minutes of March 18, 2015 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mayor Kovach received a letter from the Sierra Club thanking the Mayor for supporting the Club and asking the Town to support Earth Hour March 28th. On that day towns will show support by reducing energy and protecting the planet. Between 8:30 and 9:30 PM, we are invited to turn off all non-essential lighting and appliances in Clinton buildings and residences. Mayor Kovach said she discussed this with Mr. Phelan and we will do what we can. Mr. Carberry did not support the request.

The Town of Clinton Republican Party has submitted three nominees to fill the council seat of Mr. Shea. Council will meet for a special meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to interview the candidates and go through the formal process of appointing a replacement.

SPECIAL EVENT – HUNTERDON ART MUSEUM

An application has been received for HAM IT UP! An event to be held Sunday, May 3, 2015 from 12 – 4 pm. The Museum is requesting a road closure from the Lower Center Street parking lot to the corner of Main and Lower Center. Chief Matheis said he reviewed the request and has no problem closing the

portion of the road. A motion was made by Mr. Rylak, seconded by Ms. Sosidka, to grant the request as presented.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Carberry)
Motion carried

WATER REFUND

A request was made by the Water Collector, Nancy Burgess, to issue a refund in the amount of \$398.63 to an owner that overpaid the last water bill. A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Carberry, to grant the request as submitted.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #59-15 – ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

The county has finalized the Interlocal Public Health Services Agreement with Animal Control and Investigation at an annual cost of \$4,600. A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Rylak to adopt Resolution #59-15 authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement.

RESOLUTION #59-15

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

WHEREAS, it is required by municipalities that a licensed and insured Animal Control Officer service the Town; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hunterdon (the “County”) and the Town of Clinton (the “Town”) entered into an Interlocal Public Health Services Agreement (“Interlocal Agreement”) dated December 27, 2007.

WHEREAS, on December 30, 2014, the County accepted a bid and entered into a contract with Animal Control and Investigation Services, LLC, for animal control services for the year 2015 (the “Contract”), with an option to renew the Contract for an additional two years; and

WHEREAS, the Contract provides for an annual price of \$4,600 to provide animal control services for the Town in conformance with the Scope of Services which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, under the Town’s current contract for animal control services, the Clinton Police Department will be in charge of receiving all calls of stray animals and complaints; and

WHEREAS, under the Interlocal Agreement, Animal Control and Investigation Services, LLC will be responsible for receiving all calls and complaints regarding animal control issues; and

WHEREAS the County and the Town wish to amend the Interlocal Agreement to include animal control services for 2015 to be provided by Animal Control and Investigation Services, LLC in conformance with the Amendment to Interlocal Health Services Agreement attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town have determined, based upon the cost and services provided, that amending the Interlocal Agreement to provide for animal control services is in the best interests of the residents of the Town.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, Hunterdon County that Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute the Amendment to Interlocal Health Services Agreement substantially in the form attached hereto.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #60-15 – CHANGE ORDER

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry seconded by Mr. Pendergast to adopt Resolution #60-15 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION # 60-15
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1**

WHEREAS, the need has arisen for a change order to the Halstead Street Water Main Replacement Project, and

WHEREAS, according to the Water Engineer, there were general modifications due to various unknown conditions including location of mains and services, weather delays and extended duration of typical work tasks, and

WHEREAS, there was an increase of \$74,563.96 and reductions in the amount of \$51,297.12, leaving a net increase of \$23,266.84,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton that Change Order Number 1 for the Halstead Street Water Main Replacement Project be approved.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #61-15 – AMENDING AWARD OF FIRE TRUCK

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adopt Resolution #61-15 as presented. Compliments were given to the Clinton Fire Department and Mr. Phelan for working with Pierce Manufacturing and cutting the cost of the new truck down \$6,000.

RESOLUTION # 61-15

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2014, the Town of Clinton adopted Resolution 122-14 approving the purchase of Unpublished Options for a Fire Truck along with Installation, Freight and Delivery, from Pierce Manufacturing;

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, there has been a need to amend said purchase to add and delete certain items that will result in a cost change; and

WHEREAS, the specifics of said reduction is as follows:

- Delete Electric Reel Pulse # 526992
 - - \$1,692.64
- Delete Junction Box # 563012
 - - \$552.52
- Add Rear Intake/Discharge Large Diameter Elbow With Cap Pulse # 005099
 - \$474.34
- Add Fixed Akron Apollo Monitor Only Pulse # 0543359
 - \$1,609.30
- Add all associated mounting, Electrical Power Supply, Custom 500 Pound Slide-Out Tray With Locking Provision For Pump. Pulse SP # 0618096
 - \$3,140.91
- Add 4 Draw C-Tech Drawer Assembly 24" Wide. Pulse # 558501
 - \$1,872.90
- Add Trough, Hard Suction Hose, Additional Pulse # 0616112 Trough, Hard Suction Hose, Additional, Two (2), w/Straps
 - \$1,375.83
- Add Pulse # 0529684 Light, Traffic Directing, Whelen TAL65, 36.01" Long LED
 - \$1,201.54

Total Additions	\$9,674.82
Total Deletions	\$2,245.16

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Clinton, hereby amend the previous award with Pierce Manufacturing for the purchase of a Fire Truck as stated above.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #62-15 – DELETING CERTAIN ITEMS FROM FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adopt Resolution #62-15 as presented:

RESOLUTION # 62-15

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2014, the Town of Clinton adopted Resolution 121-14 approving the purchase of a Fire Truck from Pierce Manufacturing; and authorized vendor under the New Jersey State Contract Purchasing Program;

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, there has been a need to amend said purchase deleting certain items that will result in a cost change;

WHEREAS, the specifics of said reduction is as follows:

- Delete Harrison 6kw Generator NJSC option # 1309
 - - \$13,445.90

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Clinton, hereby amend the previous award with Pierce Manufacturing for the purchase of a Fire Truck as stated above.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #15-08 – CAP ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Rylak, to introduce Ordinance #15-08 on first reading:

ORDINANCE #15-08

CALENDAR YEAR 2015

ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

(N. J. S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et.seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said final budget appropriations to 1.50 % unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous years final appropriations; and,

WHEREAS, a municipality may, by ordinance, bank the difference between its final budget appropriations and the 3.5% cost of living adjustment when said difference is not appropriated as part of the final budget; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, hereby determines that this difference in the amount of \$60,383.48 that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that any amount authorized herein above that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A notice of this ordinance will be published in the April 1, 2015 edition of the Hunterdon Review. A public hearing will be held April 28, 2015.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #15-09 – VACATING CERTAIN EASEMENTS

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Carberry, to introduce ordinance #15-09 as submitted:

ORDINANCE #15-09

**AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE INTEREST OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON
IN CERTAIN EASEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the following easements were granted in favor of the Town and are more fully described in the documents attached hereto:

- Springhouse Court Right-of-Way dated June 7, 2008 recorded with the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office in Book 2214 at page 783;
- Drainage Easement dated June 7, 2008 recorded with the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office in Book 2214 at page 793;
- Roadway Easement for the Springhouse Court Cul-de-Sac dated June 7, 2008 recorded with the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office in Book 2214 at page 786;
- Future Grading Easements dated June 7, 2008 recorded with the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office in Book 2214 at page 777;
- Drywell and Stormwater Detention Basin Access, Inspection, and Maintenance Easement dated June 7, 2008 recorded with the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office in Book 2214 at page 796;
- Sight Easement dated June 7, 2008 recorded with the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office in Book 2214 at page 790; and

WHEREAS, such easements were granted in connection with a subdivision approval creating four (4) lots granted in or about May 2008 and were shown on a map entitled "Final Plat, Subdivision of Block 31, Lot 24, Town of Clinton, Hunterdon County, New Jersey," which map is filed in the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, the above-referenced sub-division approval was amended to reduce the number of lots created to two and such amendment was granted by resolution of the Town of Clinton Land Use Board dated February 4, 2014; and

WHEREAS, as result of the above-referenced amendment to the subdivision approval, certain previously granted easements need to be vacated; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton Engineer has determined that the easements described herein should be vacated; and

WHEREAS, the Sight Easement described above shall only be vacated as to Block 31, Lot 24.05 and the Sight Easement shall remain valid and enforceable as to Lot 24.01; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:67-19 authorizes the municipality to release and extinguish the public's rights arising from the granting of an easement.

WHEREAS, attached hereto are forms of releases for the above-referenced easements that have been reviewed by the Town Engineer and Town Attorney; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Mayor and Council that the public interest would be served by vacating the public interest in easements described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Any and all public rights arising from and located in the easements as described herein and as shown in the attached documents are hereby released and extinguished.

2. The Town Clerk, Mayor, her designee, and such Town Professionals as are necessary, are hereby authorized and directed to take such actions as are necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Ordinance including but not limited to executing Releases of the above-referenced easements in a form substantially similar to those attached hereto and made a part hereof.

3. The Town Clerk shall, within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Ordinance, file a copy of this Ordinance certified by her under the seal of the municipality, to be a true copy thereof, together with proof of publication thereof, in the office of the Clerk of the County of Hunterdon in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:67-21.

4. At least one (1) week prior to the time fixed for further consideration of this Ordinance for final passage, a copy thereof together with the notice of the introduction thereof and the time and place when and where the Ordinance will be further considered for final passage shall be mailed to every person whose lands may be affected by this Ordinance so far as may be ascertained. Said notices shall be mailed by the Town Clerk in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:49-6.

5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

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

7. 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.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A notice of this ordinance will be published in the April 1, 2015 edition of the Hunterdon Review. A public hearing will be held April 14, 2015.

INTRODUCTION OF 2015 BUDGET

Copies of the 2015 have been distributed to Council following three budget meetings. A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Rylak, to introduce the 2015 Town of Clinton budget. The summary of the budget will be advertised in the April 1, 2015 edition of the Hunterdon Review. A public hearing will be held April 28, 2015.

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #15-01 - WATER CAPACITY RESERVATIONS

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Rylak, to open the public hearing of Ordinance #15-01:

ORDINANCE #15-01

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 142 ENTITLED "WATER" OF THE GENERAL
ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON REGARDING WATER CAPACITY RESERVATIONS**

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

There being no public comment, a motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Rylak, 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 #15-01 as presented.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #15-02 – WATER CAPACITY RESERVATION FEES

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Carberry, to open the public hearing of Ordinance #15-02:

ORDINANCE #15-02

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 73 ENTITLED “FEES” OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON REGARDING WATER CAPACITY RESERVATIONS

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. Rylak, to adopt Ordinance #15-02 as presented.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING OF BOND ORDINANCE #15-03 – WELL #7 IMPROVEMENTS

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Rylak, to open the public hearing of Ordinance #15-03:

ORDINANCE #15-03

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR WELL #7 IMPROVEMENTS AND WELL #14 DECOMMISSIONING FOR THE WATER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWN OF CLINTON, APPROPRIATING \$1,025,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$973,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

There being no public comment, a motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Rylak, 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 #15-03 as presented.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #15-04 – IMPROVEMENTS TO WELL #4

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Rylak to open the public hearing of Ordinance #15-04 as submitted:

ORDINANCE #15-04

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO WELL #4 FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, APPROPRIATING \$1,250,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,250,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF

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 #15-04 as presented.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #15-05 – WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Carberry, to open the public hearing of Ordinance #15-05 as presented:

ORDINANCE #15-05

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON WATER UTILITY, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF CLINTON WATER UTILITY AND APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$140,000 FROM THE CAPITAL WATER RESERVES FOR WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

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 #15-05 as presented.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #15-06 – SEEKING REIMBURSEMENT FOR CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to open the public hearing of Ordinance #15-04:

ORDINANCE # 15-06

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TOWN OF CLINTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO SEEK REIMBURSEMENT FOR COSTS INCURRED IN PROVIDING CERTAIN EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR HAZARDOUS ABATEMENT INCIDENTS

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

There being no public comment, a motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, 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 #15-06 as presented.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #15-07 –SEEKING REIMBURSEMENTS FOR COSTS INCURRED FOR VEHICLE FIRES

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to open the public hearing of Ordinance #15-07:

ORDINANCE #15-07

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TOWN OF CLINTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO SEEK REIMBURSEMENT FOR COSTS INCURRED IN PROVIDING CERTAIN EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR VEHICLE FIRES

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

There being no public comment, a motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, 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 #15-07 as presented.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. State of New Jersey has sent notification that the Town of Clinton will not be receiving Local Aid for resurfacing of Union Road, Section 2.

2. City of Lambertville has copied all Hunterdon municipalities for support and to consider adopting a similar resolution in opposition to reduction of funding for historic preservation.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Police Chief Matheis

Chief reported that all went well with the Run O'the Mill 5K, in spite of the rainy morning. The St. Patrick's Day parade was also a success, in spite of cold winds!

Richard Phelan, Business Administrator

Chief Matheis and Mr. Phelan attended a County Public Safety meeting in Flemington to discuss the Hazard Mitigation Plan that is updated every five years. They left with "homework" and it will take one year to complete it.

Kathy Olsen, CFO

The State has sent files for Homestead Rebates and amended bills have been sent to eligible residents.

Councilman Smith

Mr. Smith read a letter received from the State Historic Preservation Office that after a review of the Town's plans to resurface Halstead Street and placement of handicap ramps in this historic district, all was found to be in compliance. Mr. Smith questioned how much this "review" has cost the Town? Mr. Rylak and Ms. Sosidka also wondered and asked Mr. Smith if he could find out. The reason is because people think being in a historic district is nice but the red tape to go through for simple road projects or sidewalks and ramps is considerable. Mr. Smith will check with Town Engineer, Mr. Clerico, for a dollar figure.

Water Committee – all projects on target, nothing new to report at this time.

Attorney Tara St. Angelo

Ms. St. Angelo, Esq. researched the interest on late fees for a resident and found that we cannot waive the fee.

Councilwoman Sosidka

150th Committee is preparing a Vendor form for all vendors that will attend the Block Party May 30. Insurance details being incorporated in the application.

The committee will meet again April 14 and will attend the council meeting that follows.

Councilman Pendergast

Sewer Committee did not meet last month.

Clinton Fire Department has an application for a full fledged volunteer:

Timothy J. Linzer II
36A Center Street
Annandale, New Jersey 08801

A motion to accept the membership application of Timothy Linzer was made by Mr. Pendergast seconded by Mr. Carberry.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Councilman Carberry

Mr. Carberry complimented the Town DPW workers and the Clinton Police Department for their help in preparing for the 5K and the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Councilman Rylak

Smart Growth Committee has prepared a first draft summary of the results.

STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry seconded by Mr. Pendergast to approve the standby and overtime submitted for February 27 through March 12, 2015 attached to these minutes.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #63-15 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Carberry to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters of Personnel and Litigation at 8:41 p.m.

RESOLUTION # 63-15

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act; *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.*, declares it to be the public policy of the State to insure the right of citizens to have adequate advance notice of and the right to attend meetings of public bodies at which business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act also recognizes exceptions to the right of the public to attend portions of such meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find it necessary to conduct an executive session closed to the public as permitted by the *N.J.S.A. 40:4-12*; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council will reconvene in public session at the conclusion of the executive session;

NOW, **THEREFORE**, BE IT **RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that they will conduct an executive session to discuss the following topic(s) as permitted by *N.J.S.A. 40:4-12*:

A matter which Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court requires be kept confidential or excluded from discussion in public (Provision relied upon: _____);

_____A matter where the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;

_____A matter whose disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;

_____A collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions thereof (Specify contract:

_____A matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;

_____Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection;

_____Investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;

Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party; (the general nature of the litigation or contract negotiations is:

_____ OR _____ the public disclosure of such information at this time would have a potentially negative impact on the municipality's position in the litigation or negotiation; therefore this information will be withheld until such time as the matter is concluded or the potential for negative impact no longer exists.)

_____Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his or her ethical duties as a lawyer; (The general nature of the matter is: Land Acquisition OR _____ the public disclosure of such information at this time would have a potentially negative impact on the municipality's position with respect to the matter being discussed; therefore this information will be withheld until such time as the matter is concluded or the potential for negative impact no longer exists);

Matters involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective or current public officer or employee of the public body, where all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected have not requested in writing that the matter(s) be discussed at a public meeting; (The employee(s) and/or general nature of discussion is _____

OR _____ the public disclosure of such information at this time would violate the employee(s) privacy rights; therefore this information will be withheld until such time as the matter is concluded or the threat to privacy rights no longer exists.;

_____ Deliberation occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty or loss of a license or permit;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby declare that their discussion of the subject(s) identified above may be made public at a time when the Town Attorney advises them that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the Town or any other entity with respect to said discussion. That time is currently estimated to be: _____ (estimated length of time) OR upon the occurrence of _____

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council, for the reasons set forth above, hereby declare that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

GRANT UNPAID SICK TIME TO DPW EMPLOYEE

Council returned to the regular council meeting at 9:15 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Rylak, seconded by Mr. Carberry, to offer unpaid medical leave to Public Works employee, Howard Deemer, for the purpose of shoulder surgery. Resolution to be presented at the next council meeting, April 14, 2015.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Carberry seconded by Mr. Pendergast to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

Mayor Janice Kovach