

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

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – Carberry, Dineen, Rylak, Smith, Sosidka, Mayor Kovach  
Absent - Pendergast

**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 council meeting minutes of April 14, 2015 as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Gulshan Chhabra, owner of the Holiday Inn, informed Mayor and Council that his non profit foundation, Love and Joy Foundation, is raffling off a Harley Davidson motorcycle on September 5, 2015. Tickets will be sold for \$10. Mr. Chhabra is offering to donate part of the proceeds, about \$5000, to a charity of the Mayor and Council’s choice. Mr. Rylak recommended the donation be to the Clinton Fire Department to off set the cost of the fire truck. Mayor and Council agreed to have the donation be made to Emergency Services Fire and Rescue.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

1. Mayor Kovach asked Council if a discussion can be organized concerning the insurance for the Town’s 150 Celebration to be held on May 30, 2015 for the vendors. Many questions have come up about what insurance and how much is needed. Mr. Carberry stated the Town may be able to waive the limit under \$10,000 and cap it at one million.

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Rylak, to approve a meeting to be held to discuss the insurance for the 150<sup>th</sup> vendors.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

2. Mayor Kovach announced a proclamation was written in support for National Day of Remembrance for Women given on April 24, 2015. This proclamation is to support July 14 as a National Day of Memory for Women and Girls killed in the name of honor.

3. Mayor Kovach announced a proclamation is to be given to Harvey Finkel on May 3, 2015 for his efforts on originating and organizing each year the Farmer’s Market in the Town of Clinton.

The Town of Clinton is proud to have the Farmer's Market return to open in its fifth season on Sunday, May 3, 2015. It has been a great success over these years.

### **HUNTERDON ART MUSEUM**

Ms. Marjorie Nathanson, Executive Director, and Ann Villa, Development Director, for the Hunterdon Art Museum thanked Mr. Carberry for inviting them to speak to the Mayor and Council about projects and events going on at the Hunterdon Art Museum.

Ms. Nathanson first mentioned some board members who have a direct association with Clinton. Jorge Blanco who is President of the Hunterdon Art Museum board and is on the Town's Land Use Board, Kathy Madden who has been a resident of Clinton for several years, Kathy Ahart who has taught at Clinton Public School and is a resident of Clinton and Chris Scalzo who has a business in Town. The first expedition is a Contemporary Tapestry Expedition with 39 artists from 9 countries. The response from this expedition has been fantastic with articles written locally and nationally. Ms. Nathanson said it is on display till May 10 so she recommends Mayor and Council to come by and see it. In the summer there are 4 shows opening starting May 17. There are 300 classes and workshops for adults and children from two and a half and up as well as classes for people with disabilities. The Museum works with a program called Family Promise which deals with homeless families.

Ms. Nathanson mentioned there are 2 sculptures on the terrace by two world famous artist. The first sculpture is called New Direction by Tom Otterness and a second sculpture, Tree by Toshiko Takaezu. Toshiko Takaezu resided in Hunterdon County for 25 years and lived in Clinton for part of that time. She was associated with the Museum for part of the time as well. Ms. Nathanson said they are in the process of putting in a smart code where anyone with a smart phone can scan the bar code and listen to information about the sculptures.

Ms. Nathanson said the Museum is happy to be involved with the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration for the Town. The museum is a platinum sponsor. They are responsible for many of the art activities. They will be doing an old time feel where the children can make cloth spin dolls, pin wheels, paper dolls, and birthday hats, etc. Plus they are doing an accordion style book where the participants can add memories of Clinton, stories of Clinton, favorite things about Clinton. Also there will be several poets on the terrace of the Museum. They are working closely with John Bohnel who is taking pictures around Town for a banner called Faces of Clinton.

Ms. Sosidka thanked Ms. Nathanson for all the work and participation they are doing for the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

Ann Villa introduced herself as the new Development Director for the Museum with a special event background. HAM IT UP has become a community event. It will be held this Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 12pm to 4pm. Entrance fee is \$20 per family and \$10 for single. There will be many interesting and fun activities for the whole family. Ms. Villa has researched and found the first and only painting pig. Pee Wee Picasso will be coming and presenting his work as a representative of the swine community. Nick Villa will be bringing alpacas. Service ponies will be coming from Hope Promise and there will be many art activities. From the sustainability side of the activities, Raritan Headwaters Association will be coming to do water activities with the children. Two farmers, one from the school lunch DFA programs and the other from Anytime Farm will be doing farm activities. Perfect Snack which is an organic snack company coming in to teach how to make natural kale chips. There will be many more activities and many other organizations participating to make the day a fun filled event. Ms. Villa stated it is her first event she is doing for the Museum and it would be nice to see some familiar faces.

Ms. Villa told Mayor and Council that in their packet was a card about Ham It Up and also an invitation to their Patrons Event to be held May 9 from 5pm to 7pm which is the closing for the tapestry expedition. All are welcome to attend.

**PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE # 15-08 – CAP ORDINANCE**

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Smith, to open the public hearing of Ordinance 15-08:

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

ORDINANCE #15-08  
CALENDAR YEAR 2015  
ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

No public comment.

There being no further discussion a motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Carberry to close the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Rylak to adopt Ordinance #15-08 on second reading as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #76-15 – CONDUCTING ANNUAL BUDGET EXAMINATION**

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Ms. Sosidka to adopt Resolution #76-15 as submitted:

RESOLUTION #76-15  
RESOLUTION FOR CONDUCTING ANNUAL BUDGET EXAMINATION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-73b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 thru 7.5 the Town of Clinton been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Town meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2014 budget year, so now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & b and based upon the Chief Financial Officers certification, The governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
  - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
  - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
  - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
  - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
  - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
  - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at 40A:4-45.3 et seq. are fully met. (Complies with the "CAP" law.)
3. That the budget is in such form arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
  - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate, and correctly stated
  - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
  - c. In itemization, form, arrangement, and content the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced, publicly advertised, and adopted in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

ROLL CALL: Carberry, Dineen, Rylak, Smith, Sosidka, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC HEARING – 2015 BUDGET**

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Ms. Sosidka, to open the public hearing of 2015 Budget:

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

Ms. Sherry Roberts from 14 Goosetown Drive asked how do you go through the budget and make cuts. She stated she manages a budget at work and if they need to make cuts they do. Homeowner's salaries do not increase the way taxes have been increasing. How can people deal with that? Ms. Roberts asked why in October the public works employees go out to collect leaves when there are no leaves on the ground yet. Do we need to have a leaf cleanup for two weeks in the early spring. Curious how it works.

Mayor Kovach responded with they go through last years budget and see where they can cut and where needs to add funds. They go through each line item. To make a significant savings would be to cut garbage. It would be about 4 to 5 cents savings but would have to pick up that cost elsewhere. There is an automatic contractual 2% increase for employees. The only place to cut as of now is with services. Most of the tax is with the school budget. Out of taxes a resident pays only about 19% comes to the Town.

Mr. Phelan responded on the spring leaf cleanup that it does not take the whole two weeks. It is about two days. The Goosetown Drive area has less leaves than in the Clinton Knolls. The public work employees do not spend all their time on the leaf clean up.

Mr. Keith Holland from 20 Goosetown Drive stated we did have a flat budget for years. For the past two years however the taxes have gone up 16% and another 5%. Average person in big business does not get that kind of increase.

Mr. Carberry stated that previous year's expenses that were increasing the residents were not asked to contribute to the increases. He also said the effectiveness of our Town employees are remarkable.

Mr. Smith explained the previous administration had drained the reserves and surplus to offset these increases to keep the tax rate flat. Unfortunately now the Town needs to build that reserve back up and take care of the expenses. The State mandates us to collect the school tax and send to the schools. If someone puts in a tax appeal and wins, that money already has been sent to the schools and we do not get the money back.

Mr. Carmen Iazzetta from 18 Goosetown Drive asked if the employees of the Town contribute to their health care plan and have a co-pay. When the police department goes out on Route 78 does the Town get reimbursement from the State? Do we have an obligation to go out on the highway?

Mayor Kovack responded that the employees do contribute to their health benefits. The non contractual employees are up to the maximum which is anywhere 24 to 32%. The contractual employees are from 18 to 26%. Our state aid has been significantly reduced by the State. We work with less than \$200,000 we get from the State to assist us with our budget. We need to build up the reserve to take care of the infrastructure and have reserves for emergencies.

Mr. Cushing, Town Attorney, answered the question about why the State does not reimburse us is because the municipality is a creature of the state. The State makes the rules and the municipalities have to go by those rules. There is no recourse for the municipalities. The State requires the police department to respond to incidents on Route 78.

Chief Matheis responded yes the police department is obligated to go on the highway. There is mutual aid to the surrounding areas. If someone calls for help we respond and vice a versa. However the Town of Clinton Police Department is very rarely on Route 78. It is more of our Rescue Squad and Fire Department that are out there.

Mr. Rylak explained the Mayor sent a letter out explaining that only 20% of your tax bill is to the Town majority is from the school. Mr. Rylak welcomes all to come to the budget meetings to help out. Mr. Rylak told them their experience will be helpful. He recommends they come back next year during the budget process. Even though only three people are here there are many others out there that think the same way. As far as the police department Mr. Rylak said the police budget is a big part but we need them for our Town. They do a great job.

Mr. Carman Iazzetta asked during the snow storms and the public work employees are getting overtime for this is anyone overseeing them. Mr. Iazzetta said his development this year was the last one to be plowed and last year the basketball hoop was knocked down. Would like to make sure there is a supervisor out to monitor them.

Mr. Smith said he will defend our employees. They do a terrific job. They come in do their job and leave when the job is done.

Mayor Kovach said there definitely is a supervisor out with the public works department. The employees do also stop for meal breaks.

Mr. Keith Holland said he appreciates the Mayor and Council answering his concerns. He said his children are no longer in the school system. We need to try to keep the taxes down so it will not push the younger families out of the Town. This is a nice Town.

Mr. Keith Holland asked another question about the vacant homes in Town. Can the Town do anything to go after the banks to do something?

Mr. Cushing responded that Legislature recently passed legislation that imposes greater obligations on banks where properties are either vacant or in the process of foreclosure. If the Town would like Mr. Cushing said he can draft some ordinances that imposes on the banks greater obligations. Before this legislation the Town was not able to do anything.

Mayor Kovach thanked the residents for coming and asking their questions. She said the budget meetings are open to the public and are welcome to come next year.

There being no further discussion a motion was made by Mr. Rylak, seconded by Mr. Carberry to close the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Smith to adopt the 2015 Budget on second reading as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #71-15 – RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT**

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Smith to adopt Resolution #71-15 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION # 71-15**

**WHEREAS**, The Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987,c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

**WHEREAS**, It is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Re3cycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

**WHEREAS**, The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory source Separation and Recycling Act; and

**WHEREAS**, The recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, A resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2014 Recycling Tonnage Grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of (name of governing body) to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, Such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton that hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Richard D. Phelan, Public Works/Business Administrator to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #72-15 – CANCELLATION OF LIEN**

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Carberry to adopt Resolution #72-15 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION #72-15**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector of the Town of Clinton has been paid \$1,300.24, the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #2014-1 on block 1, Lot 19, assessed to Moises Sarmiento, and purchased by Pro Capital 5, LLC.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1,300.24 to Pro Capital 5, LLC, US Bank Cust for PC5, 50 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102 upon receipt of the Original Tax Sale Certificate enclosed for cancellation, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tax Collector be authorized to cancel Lien #2014-1 on block 1, Lot 19, assessed Moises Sarmiento, from the Town of Clinton Tax Records.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #73-15 – CHANGE ORDER**

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Sosidka to adopt Resolution #73-15 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION # 73-15  
CHANGE ORDERS NO. 1 AND NO. 2**

**WHEREAS**, the need has arisen for Change orders to the Well 16 Water Production Facility and,

**WHEREAS**, according to the Water Engineer, there were the following changes:

Change Order No. 1 – Change in grading and utility plan to reroute storm water Alignment in Moebus Place as requested by the Town Engineer that will result In no change in contract amount.

Change Order No. 2 – Additions: Changes to electric services - \$20,000.00  
Deletions: Change to eliminate fencing and gates – (16,913.00)  
Change to eliminate landscaping and trees – (10,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, there was an increase of \$20,000.00 and reductions in the amount of \$26,913.00, leaving a net decrease of \$6,913.00,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton that Change Orders Number 1 and Number 2 for the Well 16 Water Production Facility be approved.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried



**RESOLUTION #74-15 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH UNION TOWNSHIP TO SETTLE LITIGATION**

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Smith to adopt Resolution #74-15 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION #74-15**

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH UNION TOWNSHIP TO SETTLE LITIGATION**

**WHEREAS**, Union Township, Hunterdon County ("Union"), The Borough of High Bridge and The Clinton Township Sewerage Authority K sued the Town of Clinton challenging certain sewer billing procedures of the Town of Clinton in a matter entitled the *Borough of High Bridge, the Township of Union and the Clinton Township Sewer Authority vs The Town of Clinton*, docket number HNT-L-542-14 ("Lawsuit"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of High Bridge has dismissed its claim against the Town of Clinton in the Lawsuit; and

**WHEREAS**; Union and the Town of Clinton have agreed to a method to resolve their disputes so that neither municipality spends excessive funds on attorneys and expert fees in connection with the Lawsuit and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the Town of Clinton to enter into an agreement with Union in the form attached hereto in order to resolve the Lawsuit.

**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 agreement entitled *Agreement between the Town of Clinton and the Township of Union regarding Sewer Operations and Maintenance Billing* substantially in the form attached hereto.

**RESOLUTION #75-15 – TRANSPARENT TAX ACT OF 2015**

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms Carberry to adopt Resolution #75-15 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION #75-15**

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill No. A-4235 supplementing Chapter 4 of Title 54, R.S.54:4-65 and designated the "Transparent Tax Act of 2015" is being considered for adoption by the New Jersey State Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendment would permit the local jurisdiction to print separate tax bills to each taxpayer, one showing the amount of property taxes due and payable for municipal tax purposes, the other shall state the amount of property taxes due and payable for county purposes, school purposes, fire district purposes, and for the purposes of any other special district on behalf of which the municipality collects property taxes; and,

**WHEREAS**, both bills shall include a brief tabulation showing the distribution of the total amount to be raised by taxes; and

WHEREAS, A-4235 would require the municipal tax collector to send notice of the pro rata share, if any, of the property tax appeal refunds paid by the municipality during the tax year to the county, school districts, and fire districts for inclusion in their annual budgets;

WHEREAS, in the following tax year in which the refunds were paid, the municipal tax collector is then required to deduct the applicable pro rata share of the property tax refund from the amounts to be paid to the county, and each school and fire district; and

WHEREAS, these amendments, if adopted, will assist the general public to understand the tax bill, the structure of the taxes, and the level of support for each agency, and will further provide a more equitable structure to share the obligation of paying approved tax appeals as the title states, creates transparency in the tax supporting local assessments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, and State of New Jersey, hereby supports Assembly Bill A-4235 amending Title 54:4-65 and urges the Legislature to approve and pass the bill for the reasons expressed herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of the NJ State Assembly, the members of the NJ Senate, and the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey; and all Hunterdon County Municipalities.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #77-15 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES TO PREPARE A REPORT TO ESTABLISH THE TOWN OF CLINTON’S CURRENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS**

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Rylak to adopt Resolution #77-15 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION #77-15**

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES TO PREPARE A REPORT TO ESTABLISH THE TOWN OF CLINTON’S CURRENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2015, the New Jersey Supreme Court issued an opinion entitled *In Re: the Adoption of NJAC 5:96 and 5:97 by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing* (“ Supreme Court Opinion”) which provided that municipalities which seek a judicial determination as to confirm their fair share obligation to provide affordable housing are required to file a declaratory judgment action by July 8, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Clinton (“Town”) wishes to explore its options under the Supreme Court Opinion, but to do so requires it to have its Planner review the plan that it submitted to the Council on Affordable Housing, developments that have occurred since that submission and its potential obligations under the Supreme Court Opinion; and

**WHEREAS;** Van Cleef Engineering Associates, the Planner for the Town, has submitted a proposal to provide advice to the Town in connection with its affordable housing obligations as determined by the Supreme Court Opinion which will include the preparation of a brief report summarizing the Town's accomplishments to date relative to satisfying its affordable housing obligations, a clarification/analysis of the third round obligation included in the 2014 proposed COAH rules (aka the "Burchell" number), and comparison of it to the third round obligation that was the basis for the Town's 2010 Housing Plan (the "growth share" model) for an amount not to exceed \$2500; and

**WHEREAS,** it is in the best interests of the Town to have the analysis proposed by the Planner prepared so that the town can be guided as to its best options under the Supreme Court Opinion.

**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 a proposal from Van Cleef Engineering Associates to perform the work described in this resolution for a sum not to exceed \$2500

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Mayor Kovach congratulated the Red Mill Museum for receiving a 2015 New Jersey Historic Preservation Award for the Rehabilitation of the Screen house at the Red Mill Museum Village. The award will be presented at the Historic Preservation Month Ceremony held on May 14, 2015.

### **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS**

#### **Councilman Smith**

1. Mr. Smith reported Eastern Hill LLC submitted the water reservation application for water service for the project on Halstead Street. The water main is to be installed before the paving is done on Halstead Street from the water main replacement project.

2. Mr. Smith reported that the Water Department is still working with Northgate condo association. A meeting will be set up in the next couple weeks and if cannot agree may lead to litigation. They need to pay their bills. Paul Klitsch, Waste Water Superintendent, set them a letter a while ago to fix the meter that is broken so they can get proper billing. Nothing has been done yet.

3. Mr. Smith reported the Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad's calls are up by 85 calls from last year March at this time. The members are currently doing extensive training for water rescues due to summer arriving.

#### **Councilwoman Dineen**

1. Ms. Dineen reported Arbor Day was held this past Friday, April 24. Many were in attendance including the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class from Clinton Public School. The tree was planted on Water Street. This year's dedication was to our Road Foreman, Wayne Smith. Mr. Smith was very excited and thankful for the recognition.

2. Ms. Dineen reported she attended her first Clinton Guild meeting as a Councilwoman. The meeting went well and she looks forward to attending many more.

### **Councilwoman Sosidka**

1. Mrs. Sosidka reported the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee is in the process of reporting all of the activities to be held that day, May 30 2015, to the press.

2. Mrs. Sosidka reported that the Recreation Commission will be having a dedication for the fitness trail at Hunts Mill Park on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 2pm. She encourages all council members to attend.

3. Mrs. Sosidka said this years Senior Luncheon will be this Sunday, May 3, at 12:30pm at the Clinton Fire House.

### **Councilman Carberry**

1. Mr. Carberry reported the Chili Cook-off which was held this past Saturday, April 25, was another success. It was very well attended and recommend anyone who has not gone it will a fun afternoon.

3. Mr. Carberry said people have been contacting him to have games on the Bocci court which is located at the Community Center. He would like to possible set up tournaments. Mr. Carberry said if anyone is interested please let him know.

### **Councilman Rylak**

1. Mr. Rylak reported the Smart Growth Committee has closed the results for the survey that was sent out for ideas for bettering the Town. There have been 810 responses to the survey. 99% of the responses are positive and there are some negative responses to the questions. The binder with all the surveys is located in the municipal clerk's office for anyone interested in reading through them. There is also a second book containing all the analyze from the surveys. The information has been categorized by each question. Mr. Rylak, Ms. Sosidka, and Ms. Dineen will be having a conclusion session meeting with the people from Rutgers on Monday, April 27 at 1pm, to finish up any loose ends. Mr. Rylak said when everything is completely done there will be a public meeting explaining the results.

2. Mr. Rylak asked the Council if they would approve of pet stations being setup in the Town. Linda Okupski who lives in Clinton Township but works for Weichert in the Town came to him about this. Ms. Okupski said a person walking their dog came into the office asking if she had a plastic bag for her to pick up her dog waste. She only left the house with one bag. Ms. Okupski thought this would be a good idea for the Town. Ms. Olupski went around Town and realized there were only a couple curb your dog signs. One was on Alley's Way by Main Street and one on Lower Center Street parking lot. She felt these would be good locations for pet waste stations. Ms. Olupski is willing to take care of all the cost of the sign and the container for the pet waste bags with the intent of advertising her place of work on the bags. She would provide three locations. The previous two and council can choose the third location. Ms. Olupski told Mr. Rylak if there is any issue at all she would take them down. One issue with this would be the advertising on Town property which was brought up by Mr. Cushing, Town Attorney. Other businesses may want to provide bags with their advertisement on it. Council was advised to discuss this further before a decision is made and to bring it up at the next council meeting.

**APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME**

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Ms. Sosidka, to approve the standby and overtime pay attached to these minutes for April 10, 2015 through April 23, 2015.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

ROLL CALL: – Ayes: Carberry, Dineen, Rylak, Smith, Sosidka, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Ms. Sosidka to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 A.M.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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Nancy A. Burgess, Deputy Clerk

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Mayor Janice Kovach