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

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – Carberry, Dineen, 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, seconded by Mr. Pendergast to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held March 22, 2016.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Ms. Dineen to approve the Executive Session Meeting minutes of March 22, 2016.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS – MARCH

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

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Harvey Finkel, owner of Clinton Book Shop and organizer of the Farmer’s Market, came to Council this evening to announce the 6th Season of the Farmer’s Market will begin May 1 and run through October 30. There will be a ribbon cutting on opening day and the market is held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Sunday. The market is growing every year and enjoyed by so many! With the success of the Harvest Festival last year, plans have begun to host the 2nd Annual Festival on Sunday, October 9, 2016.

John Leonard, born and raised in Clinton Town and former employee of the Town, came to present a beautiful photo to the Town named, “Hoar Frost”. The description of the photo is an early morning scene of the Red Mill and capturing the steam from the South Branch creating ice on the tree along the banks.

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Everyone loved it and thanked John for his generous donation. A smaller version is being donated to the Municipal Building annex. John was accompanied by his son, John, also a Town resident.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

1. A letter of resignation from Winnie Scuteri, member of the Smart Growth Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Carberry, to accept the resignation with regrets.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

2. A memorandum from the Clerk requesting office assistant, Beth von der Linde, be removed from probationary status and become a permanent employee. Motion made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Carberry to grant the request.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

3. Two emails were received by Mayor Kovach from residents, Vic Cardace of Haver Farm Road and Nick Tonzetich of Hunts Mill Road regarding the 2016 Budget letter sent to residents of the Town. Both gentlemen thanked Mayor Kovach for explaining the 2016 budget and their letters were read into the record by the Mayor.

4. A letter received from a resident of Water Street asking that the Town consider installing a fence along the Water Street parking lot that abuts to their homes to ensure safety and privacy from motorists using the lot.

5. State of New Jersey has sent notification of the Town receiving funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Fiscal Year 2016 Municipal Aid Program for the West Main Street Pedestrian Safety Project in the amount of \$174,000.

6. Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 3rd Annual Community Day on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at the South County Park in Ringoes from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #16-01

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry seconded by Mr. Pendergast to open the public hearing of Ordinance #16-01:

ORDINANCE #16-01
CALENDAR YEAR 2016
ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

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 reading.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Carberry to adopt Ordinance #16-01 on second reading as submitted.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

A motion was made by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Pendergast to open the public hearing of the 2016 Municipal Budget.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Brian Parente, 23 Fieldstone Drive, thanked Mayor Kovach for the well written explanation of the tax increase that went out to all residents. Mr. Parente questioned the hiring of two police officers and suggested having the State Police patrol Clinton during the night. Chief Matheis explained that the State Police will not police municipalities the size of Clinton but does cover larger townships and they are paid accordingly. The hiring of two officers is replacing one that left five years ago and another that left in December of 2015. The force has been understaffed for a long time and the overtime that has been paid out has been significant due to the situation. Chief Matheis explained having Interstate 78, Route 31, Route 22, Route 173 and County Route 513 all intersecting the Town of Clinton is responsible for an active community, a transportation choke hold. Mr. Parente asked about having a presence at the Clinton Public School and once again Chief Matheis assured Mr. Parente there is a very strong presence at the school daily and drills are performed regularly.

Tim Cutarelli, 23 Haver Farm Road, thanked Chief Matheis for his explanation regarding hiring the two new officers and questioned municipal court arrangements. Mr. Cutarelli thinks the Town of Clinton is paying too much for the court service and not benefitting from the fines collected. Mayor Kovach explained the process and Auditor Warren Korecky replied that the court and the towns are not out to make a "profit" and that most fines are paid to the State. Mr. Cutarelli's final comment was to the audience regarding the low voter turn outs and to get more involved.

All questions posed by Mr. Parente and Mr. Cutarelli were answered by the Chief, Mayor Kovach, Council members Rylak, Pendergast, Carberry and Sosidka in support of keeping Clinton the "safe community" we have.

There being no further questions from the audience, a motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Rylak, to close the public portion of the Budget hearing.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Rylak, to adopt the 2016 Municipal Budget as presented.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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WATER REFUND

Nancy Burgess, Water Collector, has requested a refund of \$65.85 to the Lebanon Reformed Church. A motion was made Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Carberry, to issue the refund as requested.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

BANNER REQUEST

Council is in receipt of a banner request for Girl's on the Run 5K to be held June 4, 2016. The banner dates requested are May 2 through May 9, 2016. A motion was made by Mr. Rylak, seconded by Mr. Pendergast to approve the request.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION

The Clinton Sunrise Rotary has submitted a special event application to hold the Sprintin' Clinton 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run event on Saturday July 16, 2016 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Chief Matheis has reviewed the application and the logistics and is satisfied with the request submitted. A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to approve the request.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PROCLAMATION - AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

The Town of Clinton supports the County Freeholders proclaiming April 2016 as Autism Awareness Month and has prepared a proclamation as well.

PROCLAMATION – ARBOR DAY

Mayor Kovach read the Arbor Day proclamation and announced the annual celebration will be Friday, April 29, 2016 at 10:00 am with the Clinton Public School 3rd graders.

RESOLUTION #56-16 – OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Carberry to adopt Resolution #56-16 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 56-16

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Town of Clinton has received an overpayment for the following block and lot due to incorrect amount paid by the bank,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to refund the overpayment to Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service c/o Refund Department, 95 Methodist Hill Road, Suite 100, Rochester, NY, 14623, for the following account:

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<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
31.01	7.01 C2915	Rhonda Ranae Pellegrino	\$ 41.79

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector remove the overpayment on the above block and lot for the 1st quarter 2016.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #57-16 – OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast seconded by Mr. Carberry, to adopt Resolution #57-16 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 57-16

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Town of Clinton has received an overpayment for the following block and lot due to Homestead Rebate,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to refund the overpayments to the following accounts:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1	46.01	Robert Russell	\$ 604.63
8.03	2	Dagmar Clancy	\$ 733.31

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector remove the overpayments on the above block and lots for the 2nd quarter 2016.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #58-16 – RECYCLING GRANT

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Carberry, to adopt Resolution #58-16 as submitted:

RESOLUTION #58-16

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE
RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION**

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 Recycling

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 **2015 Recycling Tonnage Grant** will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton 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 hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Richard Phelan 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 #59-16 – RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Carberry, to adopt Resolution #59-16 as submitted:

RESOLUTION #59-16

RESOLUTION APPOINTING RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton (hereinafter “Local Unit”) has joined the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter “Fund”), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Risk Management Consultant, as those positions are defined in the Bylaws, if requested to do so by the “Fund”; and

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WHEREAS, the Local Unit has complied with relevant law with regard to the appointment of a Risk management Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the “Fund” has requested its members to appoint individuals or entities to that position; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of “Local Unit”, in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Town of Clinton hereby appoints Brown and Brown as its local Risk Management Consultant.
2. The Public Works/Business Administrator and Risk Management Consultant are hereby authorized to execute the Risk Management Consultant’s Agreement for the year 2016 in the form attached hereto.

2016 FUND YEAR STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT’S AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT entered into this 12th day of April 2016, among the Statewide Insurance Fund (“FUND”), a joint insurance fund of the State of New Jersey, Town of Clinton (“MEMBER”) and Brown & Brown Metro, Inc. (“CONSULTANT”) through a fair and open process, pursuant to N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4.

WHEREAS, the CONSULTANT has offered to the MEMBER professional risk management consulting services as required by the Bylaws of the FUND; and

WHEREAS, the CONSULTANT has advised the FUND that he/she is familiar with the terms, conditions and operations of the FUND; and

WHEREAS, the MEMBER desires these professional services from the CONSULTANT; and

WHEREAS, the MEMBER has complied with relevant law in regard to the appointment of a Risk Management Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the FUND require that members engage a CONSULTANT and that the CONSULTANT comply with certain requirements set forth therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth herein, agree as follows:

For and in consideration of the amount stated hereinafter, the CONSULTANT shall:

- (a) assist in evaluating the MEMBER'S exposures and advise on matters relating to the Member's operation and coverage.
 - (b) explain to the MEMBER, or its representatives, the various coverages available from the FUND.
 - (c) explain to the MEMBER, or its representatives, the terms of the member's commitment and obligations to the FUND.
 - (d) explain to the MEMBER, or its representatives the operation of the FUND.
 - (e) prepare applications, statements of values, etc., on behalf of the MEMBER, if required by the FUND.
 - (f) review the MEMBER'S assessment and assist in the preparation of the MEMBER'S insurance budget.
 - (g) review losses and engineering reports and provide assistance to the MEMBER'S safety committee, if required.
 - (h) assist in the claims settlement process, if required, by MEMBER or FUND.
 - (i) attend the majority of meetings of the Fund Commissioners or Executive Committee, if requested, and perform such other services as required by the MEMBER or the FUND.
 - (j) comply with the obligations imposed upon Risk Managers in the FUND's Bylaws.
 - (k) act in good faith and fair dealing to the FUND.
 - (l) perform other duties for the FUND as may be required from time to time by the FUND.
2. In exchange for the above services, the CONSULTANT shall be compensated in the following manner:
- (a) The CONSULTANT shall be paid by the FUND, on behalf of the MEMBER, a fee as compensation for services rendered. Said fee, an apportionment of the MEMBER's assessment: 6% of workers' compensation (excluding any fees, PLIGA, and loss ratio apportionment); 7.5% of non WC assessment (excluding any fees, PLIGA, and loss ratio apportionment);
 - (b) The CONSULTANT shall be entitled to compensation for services provided during any calendar year only if the CONSULTANT has been appointed and holds the position of Risk Management Consultant, as of January 31 of the said calendar year for counties and municipalities holding general

elections and July 30 for municipalities holding regular elections.

- (c) For any insurance coverages authorized by the MEMBER to be placed outside the FUND, the CONSULTANT shall receive as compensation the normal brokerage commissions paid by the insurance company. The premiums for said policies shall not be added to the FUND's assessment in computing the fee set forth in 2(a).
- (d) If the MEMBER shall require of the CONSULTANT extra services other than those outlined above, the CONSULTANT shall be paid by the MEMBER a fee at a rate to be negotiated by the parties.

3. The term of this Agreement shall be from **January 1, 2016** to **January 1, 2017**. However, this Agreement may be terminated by either party at any time by mailing to the other thirty (30) days written notice, certified mail return receipt.

4. The CONSULTANT shall comply with all laws applicable to producers who provide insurance products to public entities and shall comply with all applicable statutes and regulations relating to joint insurance funds.

5. The CONSULTANT agrees to comply with all affirmative action laws applicable in accordance with Exhibit A and to submit all necessary documentation establishing compliance within seven (7) days of this Agreement.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #60-16 – APPOINTMENT OF INSURANCE FUND COMMISSIONER

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Rylak, to adopt Resolution #60-16 as submitted:

RESOLUTION #60-16

STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton (hereinafter “Local Unit”) is a member of the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter “Fund”), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Fund’s Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Fund Commissioner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the that Richard Phelan, Public Works/Business Administrator is hereby appointed as the Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for the year 2016; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Cecilia Covino, Municipal Clerk is hereby appointed as the Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for the year 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Unit's Fund Commissioner is authorized and directed to execute all such documents as required by the Fund.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #61-16 – REDEMPTION OF TAXES

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to adopt Resolution #61-16 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 61-16

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Town of Clinton has been paid \$21,594.53, the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #2014-7 on Block 6, Lot 23, assessed to Leigh Street Realty, LLC, and purchased by Leed Capital.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 12th day of April, 2016 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 \$21,594.53 to Leed Capital, 946 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ, 07601 upon receipt of the Original Tax Sale Certificate endorsed for cancellation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector be authorized to cancel Lien Certificate #2014-7 on Block 6, Lot 23, assessed to Leigh Street Realty LLC, from the Town of Clinton Tax Records.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #62-16 – REDEMPTION OF TAXES

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Dineen to adopt Resolution #62-16 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 62-16

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Town of Clinton has been paid \$116,015.00, the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #2014-11 on Block 25, Lot 19, assessed to Clinton Management Group LLC, and purchased by Alterna Funding I LLC/MTAG as Custodian for.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 12th day of April, 2016 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 \$116,015.00 (certificate) & \$105,000.00 (premium) to Alterna Funding I LLC, MTAG as Custodian for, P.O. Box 54817, New Orleans, LA, 70154, upon receipt of the Original Tax Sale Certificate endorsed for cancellation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector be authorized to cancel Lien #2014-11 on Block 25, Lot 19, assessed to Clinton Management Group LLC, from the Town of Clinton Tax Records.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #63-16 – REDEMPTION OF TAXES

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Rylak, to adopt Resolution #63-16 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 63-16

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Town of Clinton has been paid \$139,290.73, the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #2014-12 on Block 21, Lot 25, assessed to Clinton Management Group LLC, and purchased by FWDSL & Associates LP.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 12th day of April 2016 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 \$139,290.73 (certificate), \$180,000.00 (Premium) to FWDSL & Associates LP, 5 Cold Hill Road South #11, Mendham, NJ, 07945, upon receipt of the Original Tax Sale Certificate endorsed for cancellation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector be authorized to cancel Lien #2014-12 Block 21, Lot 25, assessed to Clinton Management Group LLC, from the Town of Clinton Tax Records.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #64-16 – REDEMPTION OF TAXES

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to adopt Resolution #64-16 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 64-16

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Town of Clinton has been paid \$805.43 amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #2015-3 on Block 15, Lot 21 assessed to Susan Cove and purchased by Public Tax Investments, LLC.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 12th day of April 2016 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 \$805.43 (Certificate) and a check in the amount of \$400.00 for tax premium, payable to Public Tax Investments, LLC, P.O. Box 1030, Brick, NJ, 08723, upon receipt of the Original Tax Sale Certificate endorsed for cancellation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector be authorized to cancel Lien #2015-3 on Block 15, Lot 21, assessed to Susan Cove, from the Town of Clinton Tax Records.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Councilman Smith

1. Water Committee – discussed current water testing and it is State acceptable at a reading of .0064 ppm in lead in the water, the State level is 1.5 ppm

Well 16 is anticipated to be online by the end of April, 2016

Lebanon Borough Water Main Replacement Phase II-IV is anticipated to start on or about June 15, 2016

2. Road Committee – Received Grant approval from NJDOT in the amount of \$174,000 for West Main Street pedestrian safety project to relocate island and crosswalks in front of the Clinton House. The Committee to review design to possibly decrease the total project estimates.
3. Reviewed Shade Tree Commission request to utilize DPW employees to prune and remove some trees, also being reviewed by the Building and Grounds Committee.
4. Buildings & Grounds Committee – awaiting final inspection of the Municipal Building renovations.

Reviewing electrical bids to move main panel from basement to the first floor. The basement floods and the panel gets wet.

Re-install speed bumps on Haver Farm Road.

Reviewing Shade Tree requests.

5. Rescue Squad – The Squad would like to thank the DPW for digging a trench for them to improve their skills in trench rescue which is their specialty. Flemington / Raritan Squad specializes in structural collapse; Whitehouse Squad specialized in confined space rescue. The drill included all three squad and Hunterdon County OEM.

Law Enforcement across the country has critiqued the schools and theater shootings and concluded that victims bled to death while waiting for buildings to be secured. The Hunterdon County Prosecutors Office is implementing a Rescue Task Force; a volunteer Squad where members will be trained to follow the SWAT Team into buildings to remove victims immediately to safety to be treated.

Squad call for March was 238 – down 14 calls from March, 2015. Year to date calls are up 45 calls from this time last year.

The Squad is also being proactive in soliciting new members and has developed a brochure to educate new potential members and their families as to what this commitment is and how it will affect their families.

Councilman Pendergast

1. Clinton Fire Department has elected Bob Hoffman as President. Jerry Malecki has stepped down. Mr. Pendergast has requested the Fire Department's by-laws and regulations. By-laws may be with Finance Officer, Kathy Olsen and the department is talking to their attorney about alcohol regulations.

Councilman Rylak

1. Smart Growth Committee and Conservancy Groups are discussing how to proceed with their plans.
2. Mr. Rylak did ask if there are programs to help Rescue Squad members cope with exposure to difficult situations and was assured there are.

Richard Phelan, PW/Business Administrator

1. The Pond Ridge Association is having their private road seal coated and has requested parking alternatives for the residents. Mr. Phelan said the Association will be permitted to access the area near Well 15 by entering Hunts Mill Park and driving around.

STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Carberry to approve the standby and overtime submitted for the period of March 11 through March 24, 2016 attached to these minutes.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Pendergast to approve the standby and overtime submitted for the period March 25 through April 7, 2016.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Dineen seconded by Ms. Sosidka to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

Mayor Janice Kovach