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Mayor Kovach called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Flag Salute.

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

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. Rylak to approve minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held July 12, 2016.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

MAYOR’S COMMENTS – NONE

WATER REFUND

Water Collector, Nancy Burgess, is requesting a refund in the amount of \$ 250.00 be refunded to Mark and Laura Coughlin. The couple have decided to withdraw their application to connect to the Town’s water system. A motion was made by Mr. Carberry seconded by Mr. Smith, to issue the refund as requested.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #93-16 – GRACE PERIOD FOR 3RD QUARTER TAXES

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Rylak, to adopt Resolution #93-16 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 93-16

WHEREAS, the 2016 tax rate for the Town of Clinton was certified by the Hunterdon County Tax Board on July 4, 2016, thereby creating a delay in the issuance of the Final 2016/Preliminary 2017 tax bills, and

WHEREAS, the third quarter tax amount is due on August 1, 2016, with a ten day grace period, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, that the grace period for the payment of third quarter 2016 taxes be extended until August 19, 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any third quarter 2016 tax payments received after August 19, 2016 shall be charged interest from the original due date of August 1, 2016.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #94-16 – OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Mr. Rylak, to adopt Resolution #94-16 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 94-16

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Town of Clinton has received an overpayment for following block and lot due to an overpayment on account.

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

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4	1	Earl M Jr & Mary Lynn Houghton	\$ 20.23

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector remove the overpayment on the above block and lot for the 3rd quarter of 2016.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Councilman Smith

1. Water Committee – Going out to bid a firm to inventory hydrants, make necessary repairs, and flush the system in accordance with DEP requirements.
2. Building and Grounds – the electrical panel has been relocated to the first floor.

Councilman Carberry

1. Mr. Carberry suggested a proclamation be prepared for our Police Department and Police Departments everywhere. In light of recent tragedies, we must recognize the Police for the fine job that they do every day and the risks they take.

STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry seconded by Mr. Pendergast to approve the standby and overtime submitted for the period of July 1, 2016 through July 14, 2016 attached to these minutes.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Ann Salvatore returned to update Council on her findings regarding a dog park for the Town of Clinton. As suggested, Ms. Salvatore reached out to the County and Readington Township to ask how they went about building the dog park and how it is maintained. General maintenance workers take care of the park, including lawn cutting and occasional “pick-up”, for the most part owners are generally good about picking up after their dogs. Development: the County used in-house resources to build the fenced area and to make the signage. Readington Township facility was built by volunteers. They contracted out the signage after developing the appropriate content. No ordinance in Readington as it was township land. Regular liability insurance already in place covers the park.

Discussion continued as to possible locations in Town. Hunts Mill Park is on a flood plain and water would go through the fence but debris could get trapped along the fence line. Mr. Rylak suggested Ms. Salvatore contact DEP about restrictions of putting up a fence and posts in a flood plain. Property at the Community Center was considered. Mr. Carberry said there was an area already fenced in behind Gebhardt Field but that was found to be private property belonging to the Rachel Court Development. Ms. Salvatore said she would talk with the Public Works to find out if anyone is capable of building this or if we need to contract with a fencing company, Mr. Smith said it is Mr. Phelan’s job to talk with the DPW and will do so. Donations could be accepted, Ms. Olsen said that is possible by opening an account, Dedication by Rider.

Ms. Salvatore will continue to explore possibilities and report back to Council.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Carberry to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 a.m.

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

Janice Kovach, Mayor