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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 SPECIAL COUNCIL / LAND USE MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Carberry, to approve the special council / Land Use meeting minutes of November 27, 2017 submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Ms. Sosidka, to approve the executive session minutes of November 27, 2017 submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Dineen, to approve the council meeting minutes of December 12, 2017 submitted.

Vote 5 ayes
1 Abstention - Sosidka
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS – NOVEMBER – WWTP – TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Ms. Sosidka, to approve the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Treasurer’s monthly reports for November 2017 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

1. Mayor Kovach reported that she was informed by Chief Brett Mathies about a donation he received from Pamela Aduskevicz in the amount of \$100 to the police department. Mayor Kovach told Council that Chief Mathies told her that Ms. Aduskevicz sends in a donation every year to the department.
2. Mayor Kovach presented a letter that Police Chief Brett Mathies received from a resident, Karen Briggs formerly of 28 West Main Street, who has moved out of state. The letter was thanking the Town of Clinton Officers for all the support throughout the years she had lived in the Town. She especially recognized Detective Jay Hunter, Officer J. Crilly, and Officer Jeff Ollerenshaw and wanted to personally thank them. She felt extremely fortunate to have been provided support from the very best officers of the Town of Clinton Police Department.

**RESOLUTION #147-17 – AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF GOVERNMENT ENERGY
AGGREGATION PROGRAM AGREEMENTS**

A motion was made by Ms. Sosidka, seconded by Mr. Carberry to adopt Resolution #147-17 as submitted:

RESOLUTION NO. 147-17

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF CLINTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION
PROGRAM AGREEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has been engaged in a process to establish a competitive market place through deregulation and restructuring the electric and natural gas utility markets; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a governmental energy aggregation program ("GEA Program") to purchase electric generation service and natural gas pursuant to the Government Energy Act of 2003, *N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 et seq.* ("Act") and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' implementing rules at *N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.1 et seq.* ("Rules") will increase competition for the provision of electric power and natural gas to residential and non-residential electricity and gas ratepayers, thereby increasing the likelihood of lower electric rates and natural gas rates for these users without causing an interruption in service; and

WHEREAS, under a GEA Program the residential ratepayers may have the opportunity to receive a direct reduction in their electric bills through the bulk purchase of energy from a third-party energy supplier; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance #17-06 adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Clinton on October 10, 2017, Clinton publicly declared its intent to commence a GEA Program; and

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WHEREAS, the Borough of Califon is the Lead Agency for the Hunterdon Area Energy Cooperative (HAEC) and shall accept or reject pricing on behalf of the Cooperative and its participant members; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton wishes to be a participating member of the HAEC and hereby agrees to proceed with the program, by signing the Supplier Agreement, should the Borough of Califon accept pricing, which provides a savings on the supply portion of the electric bill for the residential energy aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Califon appointed Commercial Utility Consultants, Inc. (CUC) and Concord Engineering dba Concord Energy Services (CES) for the HAEC to serve as the Energy Agents to assist and administer the GEA program at no cost to the Borough of Califon or HAEC or its participating members; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Clinton in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, duly assembled in public session, as follows:

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

1. The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.
2. The Town of Clinton, as a participating member of the HAEC, hereby agrees to proceed with the program by signing the Supplier Agreement should the Borough of Califon accept pricing which provides a reduction on the supply portion of the electric bill for the residential energy aggregation program.
3. The Mayor, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer or other municipal officer is hereby authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the Town of Clinton any documents necessary to carry out the purpose of this Resolution including the Supplier Services Agreement providing a reduction is achieved at the time of auction.

Vote 5 ayes
1 Oppose - Smith
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #148-17 – CANCEL APPROPRIATIONS

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Ms. Dineen to adopt Resolution #148-17 as submitted:

RESOLUTION #148-17

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40a:4-60 allows the cancelation of unexpended appropriations; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended appropriations may be removed from the Town's books;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, that the following unexpended appropriations be cancelled:

Water Utility

Salary & Wages	\$ 6,000.00
Operating Expenses	\$30,000.00
TOTAL	\$36,000.00

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #149-17 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Ms. Dineen to adopt Resolution #149-17 as submitted:

RESOLUTION – #149 -17

WHEREAS, it has been determined that there will be excesses in certain appropriations over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriations for the year 2017, and it has also been determined that certain appropriations are deemed to be insufficient to fulfill the purposes of such appropriations; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides for the transfer of the amount of such appropriations as may be deemed in excess to such appropriations as may be deemed to be insufficient; and

WHEREAS, the transfers about to be authorized do not affect any appropriations, to which or from which transfer are prohibited under the statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following transfers between 2017 appropriations be authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
<u>Sewer Utility</u>		
Operating Expenses	\$ 955.00	
Social Security	<hr/>	\$ 955.00
TOTALS	\$ 955.00	\$ 955.00

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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PRESENTATION OF WEST MAIN STREET PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Councilman Smith presented and explained a diagram showing the proposed layout plan for the Route 173 and Main Street Project which was designed by the Road Committee with the input of the Town's Engineer, Robert Clerico. The project is to alleviate the dangerous pedestrian crossing by and in front of the Clinton House Restaurant. Councilman Smith stated before the Town can move ahead with the project it must be presented and approved by the NJ Department of Transportation. Also before the project can begin the water main running in front and along Main Street needs to be replaced.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Kovach informed Council the Annual Bonfire is now going to take place this year. It was originally cancelled by the State because of open fire rules by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. On Friday, December 22, 2017, Mayor Kovach received from the Commissioner at the NJ DEP, an administrative order waiving all rules till he leaves office on January 15, 2018. This order is for everyone in the State. Mayor Kovach forwarded the order to the transitioning office so they will continue the order. Mayor Kovach has a letter from Department of Transitional Assistance saying there is a ceremonial burning of the greens and an administrative order from DEP saying all rules are waived. All council members were very, very pleased to hear this. The Town of Clinton's 10th Annual Bonfire date is January 27, 2018 at Hunts Mill Park, rain or shine at 6:00pm.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Councilman Smith

1. Councilman Smith informed Mayor and Council that Henry "Hank" Freyer passed away at the age of 93 on December 22. He was a long-time resident at the corner of Hancock Street and West Main Street before moving to Northampton PA. He served on Town Council and as past-president of the Clinton Fire Department. He was the grandfather of our Assistant Water Superintendent, Arthur Dysart. The internment, with military honors, will take place at the Riverside Cemetery in Clinton tomorrow.
2. Councilman Smith reported the sludge press at the Clinton Waste Water Treatment plant failed. The parts are taking long to come in. Robert Niezgoda, Sewer Foreman, has been doing a terrific job with coming up with a solution in the interim. If the press needs to be shut down the alternative is very expensive. Several of the equipment at the WWTP is over its life span and eventually should be replaced.
2. The Water Committee has been working on a problem at the Foxfire pump station in Annandale. It is a control issue which is causing water customers to either have no water or very high pressure. The pump is about 25 or more years old.

Councilwoman Sosidka

1. Councilwoman Sosidka mentioned the speed bumps are still up on Haver Farm Road. They should come down for the winter. Mayor Kovach said she received several calls on that as well and the speed bumps should be taken down this week.

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Councilman Carberry

1. Councilman Carberry informed Mayor and Council that Paul Muri, Executive Director of the Red Mill Museum, and Dan Tarone, owner of Doctor D Entertainment, replaced the breaks in Frank Hooper's old time fire truck. They took on the cost for the repair. Mayor Kovach said that was nice of them because the Hooper fire truck is an iconic part of the annual Town of Clinton Christmas Parade.

2. Councilman Carberry said this is to be his last meeting as councilman. He thanked Mayor and Council for all their support and assistance especially Mr. Smith and Mayor Kovach for mentoring him. Mayor Kovach thanked Mr. Carberry for all he did on Council.

Mayor Kovach said Mr. Carberry will still be involved with the Town. Mr. Carberry will be taking the place of Jeff Schaumburg on the Land Use Board. Mr. Schaumburg will be moving out of Town in the next few weeks.

A motion was made by Ms. Dineen seconded by Ms. Sosidka to accept Jeff Schaumburg's resignation with regret.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Ms. Dineen, to approve the standby and overtime pay attached to these minutes for December 1, 2017 through December 14, 2017.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry, seconded by Ms. Dineen to approve the voucher list as 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. Dineen to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 P.M.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Nancy A. Burgess, Deputy Clerk

Mayor Janice Kovach