

RECOGNITION OF 9/11

Mayor Kovach and Council invited members of the Clinton Police, First Aid and Rescue Squad, Clinton Fire Department and Clinton Public School 7TH and 8th grade band, to spend a few moments recognizing the first responders who immediately reported to the tragedy that occurred 17 years ago today at the World Trade Center in New York City. The students performed America the Beautiful, then led attendees in the flag salute, and closed with the Star Spangled Banner. Larry Coyne, Clinton Fire Department Chaplin, gave a beautiful invocation with Chief Dorf and Chief Setnicky.

Following the tribute, Council took leave to hold their Regular Council Meeting in the Council Room.

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

Roll Call: Present – Dineen, Johnson, Karsh, Pendergast, 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 COUNCIL MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Karsh seconded by Ms. Sosidka to approve the minutes of August 28, 2018 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Johnson)
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Smith seconded by Ms. Dineen, to approve the executive session minutes of August 28, 2018 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Johnson)
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS – AUGUST

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast seconded by Ms. Dineen to approve the monthly reports for the month of August as submitted:

Administrator’s Report, Clerk’s Account, Construction Control/ Inspection Report, Clerk’s Report, Cat & Dog Licensing, Police, Report, Sewer Collector’s Report, Tax Collector’s Report, Water Collector’s Report, Zoning Officer Report.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Johnson)
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

1. ShopRite has reached out to Mayor and Council to join in “ShopRite Partners In Caring Day” by bagging on Thursday, September 20, 2018 “Help Bag Hunger Day”. Anyone interested should notify the clerk.

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION

Special event application received for the Run O' the Mill 5K on March 9, 2019, all details will remain the same as in previous years. A motion was made by Ms. Dineen, seconded by Ms. Karsh, to approve the event as requested.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

MAIN STREET HALF MARATHON

Nick Ricco, 30 Red Schoolhouse Lane, and Eric Eisenhart, 8 Darby Court, organizers of the marathon submitted their original request in April, 2018 asking for road closure on Main Street on Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. for packet pickups for the race on Sunday, October 7 and a Kid's Superhero Sprint on Saturday. The event has grown and now the request is to close the road on Saturday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Plans include a beer garden on Dora's property and vendors along the street. Council asked several questions regarding how far the beer garden would extend on the property and insurance concerns. Chief Mathies advised they must keep a lane open for emergency vehicles, Mr. Pendergast said a 15 foot width is required. Chief also said two officers will be required, one at the Clinton House and one on Lower Center Street, Councilwoman Johnson suggested the group consider the Red Mill location for next year.

The matter of insurance continued, Mr. Cushing asked that they send over their insurance for the Town's agent to review it. Particularly if they plan to expand the fencing for the beer garden to the sidewalk and the steps of Dora's. Mr. Pendergast made a motion to approve the road closure contingent on insurance being provided and approved, seconded by Ms. Johnson. The gentlemen will be in contact with Mr. Cushing, Mr. Phelan, Administrator, and Chief Matheis.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Dineen, Johnson, Karsh, Pendergast, Mayor Kovach
NAY: Smith, Sosidka

Vote 5 ayes
2 nays
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #128-18 – DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE

A motion was made by Ms. Sosidka, seconded by Ms. Karsh, to adopt Resolution #128-18 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 128-18

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING DISCHARGE OF
AFFORDABLE HOUSING MORTGAGE**

WHEREAS former Town of Clinton resident Janice Silver purchased a home at 19 Rolling Hill Road, Clinton, New Jersey, on February 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS this home was designated as an Affordable Housing unit in the Town of Clinton;
and

WHEREAS pursuant to the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing regulations, Janice Silver executed a mortgage to the Town of Clinton Affordable Housing Authority which was recorded in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, on February 20, 2013 in Mortgage Book 3726 on page 281 (the "COAH Mortgage"); and

WHEREAS, on August 9, 2018, Janice Silver sold the home to Huiting Reed, who has executed a mortgage to the Affordable Housing Authority;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor has the authority to execute a Discharge of the Mortgage given by Janice Silver to the Town of Clinton Affordable Housing Authority.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Dineen, Johnson, Karsh, Pendergast, Smith, Sosidka, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #129-18 – OVERPAYMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Sosidka, seconded by Ms. Dineen, to adopt Resolution #129-18 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 129-18

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Town of Clinton has received overpayment for following block and lot.

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 Lereta, LLC for the following account:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
29.02	16	Michael/Cynthia Myslenski	\$3,542.30

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector remove the overpayment on the above block and lot for the 3rd quarter 2018.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Dineen, Johnson, Karsh, Pendergast, Smith, Sosidka, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter received from Theodore R. Dentzer addressed to “The brave members of the Clinton Rescue Squad” thanking them for the successful outcome to his unfortunate boating incident the afternoon of August 21, 2018.
2. A memo received from Kevin Fleming, Town of Clinton Construction Official, requesting Dennis Allen be appointed as fire inspector for when Neil Ruggerio is unavailable. If appointed, Mr. Fleming recommended paying him \$35 an hour. A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Pendergast to appoint Mr. Allen as requested.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Dineen, Johnson, Karsh, Pendergast, Smith, Sosidka, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Councilman Smith

1. Sewer Committee – Barbara Hartsell just completed her C1 license and Mr. Smith is asking Mr. Phelan to review previous practice and is recommending a \$1.00 per hour increase in accordance with policy.

2. Roads – The West Main Street Improvement project is being postponed until Spring, 2019. The Department of Transportation requested a re-design of the plan.

In the process of applying for grants from NJDOT Local Aid Grants for Georges Place and Union Road

3. Buildings and Grounds – 27 carbon monoxide detectors have been installed throughout the buildings at a cost of \$1,290.00.

Referring to a recent request from the group interested in holding the Farmer’s Market at the Community Center, the committee responded to the interim contact and they have been invited to the next Building and Grounds meeting in October to resolve some issues.

Councilwoman Dineen

1. Land Use Board

- 5 Main Street is being sold and the new owner is opening a gourmet thin crust pizzeria.
- June and Greg, owners of the Chef and the Builder, plan to expand into the other side of their building and add more seating. Expanding hours Tuesday through Saturday for dinner only.
- Renovations are being planned for 49 – 52 Main Street which include adding a residence and additional square footage to the restaurant.

Attorney Richard P. Cushing

Mr. Cushing requested Council approve the CFO to prepare a check for Jerome St. John, the mediator handling the law suit between Clinton Township Sewerage Authority, High Bridge, and the Town of Clinton. A \$500 deposit is required prior to the mediation hearing September 25, 2018. A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Ms. Karsh, authorizing the CFO to issue the \$500 check.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Dineen, Johnson, Karsh, Pendergast, Smith, Sosidka, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Councilwoman Sosidka

1. Board of Recreation is having Movie Night Friday, September 14 at Gebhardt Field, the movie “Wonder” will be shown.
2. Historic Commission – the commission is attempting to come with guidelines for what it means for buildings to be historic, with examples of the look and feel for how the Town of Clinton would like builders or folks interested in renovations to consider. The Commission has been looking at other towns and is coming up with ideas. Roger Mellick, Historic Chairman, brought this idea to the Master Plan subcommittee and it was well received by them. The commission is also producing a checklist to use when reviewing new proposals. There was no Historic Commission meeting in August.
3. Ms. Sosidka received a letter from “Recovery Village” an organization for Veterans and Military struggling for substance abuse, alcohol abuse, and other challenges such as PTSD. The organization asked that the Town of Clinton have a link on our website to raise awareness but the Town policy is if they are not a government agency we do not post. There are many valid organizations that are not government agencies and tonight, being the anniversary of 9/11, Ms. Sosidka felt it is important to consider adjusting our current policy.

Councilman Pendergast

1. Clinton Fire Department is hosting a Craft Beer Festival, this year including Wine and Spirits, Saturday, September 22, 2018 4 – 8 PM, VIP tasting 3pm to 4pm. 1 New Street, Clinton, NJ
Live music by Mike Viscel, pig roast and food, vendor tables too! Tickets available.

Harvest Festival will be held Sunday, September 30, 2018 from noon to 5:00 p.m. Vendors, beer tent, food trucks, music, kids crafts!

Fireman’s Convention this weekend in Wildwood. North Hunterdon Fire Alliance will provide staffing for our neighbors. Thursday coverage will be provided by Clinton Town, Friday will be Quakertown and Saturday will be Lebanon Borough. Due to the forethought and planning, we will be covered.

Councilwoman Karsh

1. Economic Development – meeting Thursday, September 13, 2018. Marc Saluk, Hunterdon County Economic Development Director, has been doing a good job promoting tourism and the committee is anxious to see the results of the study. The Town of Clinton is part of the 78/22 coalition, their next meeting is Friday, September 28 in the council room. Ms. Karsh will report back.
2. Clinton Guild – meeting will be Wednesday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the Art Museum. It is an open meeting. Mayor Kovach said she will attend briefly but has committed to attend the Clinton Township Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. since the topic is the Alton Place development which was addressed at the Town of Clinton council meeting held at the fire house on August 28.
3. There is a meeting at Hunterdon Central in the little theater, on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 to address the opioid epidemic. Hunterdon County Prosecutor, Tony Kearns, will lead the discussion.

STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to approve the standby and overtime submitted for the period of August 24 through September 6, 2018 attached to these minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Dineen, Johnson, Karsh, Pendergast, Smith, Sosidka, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Ms. Sosidka, to approve the bill list attached to these minutes as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Dineen, Johnson, Karsh, Pendergast, Smith, Sosidka, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: Upon returning to the regular council meeting and no action to be taken, a motion was made by Ms. Sosidka seconded by Ms. Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC, Municipal Clerk

Mayor Janice Kovach