AUTHORIZING A PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER - SBG LLC TO HANSON HOLDINGS LLC

WHEREAS, Hanson Holdings LLC has filed an application for a Person to Person transfer of Alcoholic Beverage License #1006-33-010-011 heretofore issued to SBG LLC with a mailing address of 1316 Rt. 31 North, Annandale, NJ 08801.

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, proof of publication of notice of transfer has been received for the April 14, 2022 and April 21, 2022 editions of the Hunterdon County Democrat; and

WHEREAS, no objectors have filed their protest this transfer; and

WHEREAS, a thorough investigation has been conducted pursuant to NJAC 13:2-7.7a including a criminal background check and financial disclosure documentation; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton as follows:

1) Approves the person to person transfer of the License #1006-33-010-011; for Hanson Holdings LLC.

ATTEST:		
Carla Conner, Township Clerk	Brian Mullay, Mayor	
Adopted: April 27, 2022		

TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1115-2021 TO CANCEL \$70,026.10 TO PURCHASE FIRE DEPARTMENT SCBA EQUIPMENT AND A F250 PICK-UP TRUCK

WHEREAS, it has been determined that balances exist in Ordinance 1155-2021 for the purchase of Fire Dept SCBA Equipment for \$26.10 and to purchase DPW F250 Pick Up Truck in the amount of \$70,026.10 which are no longer needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of Clinton Township authorizes the CFO to cancel the following balance in the amount of \$70,026.10 in the General Capital Fund to Capital Improvement Fund.

	FROM:	Ordinance #1155 –2021 DPW 250 Pickup Truck \$704-215-55-912-002		\$ 70	,000.00
	FROM:	Ordinance #1155-2021 Fire 104-215-55-912-001	Dept. SCBA Equip	\$	26.10
	TO:	Capital Improvement Fund –	- General Capital	\$70	,026.10
ATTE	ST:				
Carla (Conner, Towns	hip Clerk	Brian Mullay, Mayor		

AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF TUCKER BROWN AS A POLICE OFFICER

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy in the position of probationary Police Officer in the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and Township Administrator have conducted a detailed examination process and interviewing of top candidates; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and Administrator recommend that Mr. Tucker Brown be hired as a Police Officer with the Clinton Township Police Department, with a start date on or about May 31, 2022, contingent upon the successful completion of the following:

- 1. Successful completion of the Police Academy
- 2. Background Investigation
- 3. Psychological Evaluation
- 4. Medical Examination
- 5. Mayor and Council Approval

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown shall start at the Probationary step, with a starting salary of \$45,910.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that Mr. Tucker Brown is hereby hired pursuant to the terms of this resolution and the appropriate labor contract, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for seniority purposes, his date of hire (anniversary date) shall be his actual start date, which as stated above is estimated to be on or about May 31, 2022.

ATTEST:	
Carla Conner, Township Clerk	Brian Mullay, Mayor

AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JORDAN B. RICKARDS AND THE LAW OFFICES OF JORDAN B. RICKARDS, ESQ., LLC FOR MUNICIPAL ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR SERVICES

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted April 13, 2022, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton appointed Jordan B. Rickards, Esq. and The Law Offices of Jordan B. Rickards, Esq., LLC ("ATTORNEY") to serve as Assistant Municipal Prosecutor for calendar year 2022 (see Resolution #82-2022); and

WHEREAS, ATTORNEY has offered to provide these services to the Township for an annual rate of \$40,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township has a need to acquire these services without a "fair and open process" as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19 (the "Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law") and

WHEREAS, Jordan B. Rickards has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that ATTORNEY has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Clinton in the previous one (1) year, and that the contract will prohibit ATTORNEY from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the agreement shall be for a one-year term retroactive to January 1, 2022 and ending on December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available to pay for said services; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), authorizes the Township to award this agreement as a professional services agreement, without public bidding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Jordan B. Rickards, Esq. and The Law Offices of Jordan B. Rickards, Esq., LLC (ATTORNEY) for professional legal services as Assistant Municipal Prosecutor for calendar year 2022, at an annual rate of \$40,000.00.

- 2. The agreement is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional services agreement as authorized under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i).
- 3. ATTORNEY shall be paid an annual rate of \$40,000.00 for the term of the agreement, which shall be from January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2022.
- 4. A copy of this Resolution, the Pay-to-Play Forms and the agreement shall be placed on file in the office of the Township Clerk.
- 5. A notice of this action shall be published in the Township's official newspaper as required by law.

ATTEST:	
Carla Conner, Township Clerk	Brian Mullay, Mayor
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APPOINTING CHRISTINE LICATA AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

WHEREAS, Gregory C. Fehrenbach, Government Management Advisors, LLC has submitted a letter of resignation dated April 28, 2022 (on file in the Township Administrator's Office) as Chief Financial Officer and Qualified Purchasing Agent effective May 13, 2022, creating a vacancy; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:9-140.10, every municipality is required to have a Chief Financial Officer, and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.13 anyone appointed to the position of Chief Financial Officer must be duly licensed by the State of New Jersey and hold a Municipal Finance Officer Certificate, and;

WHEREAS, Christine Licata has served in the position of Assistant Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Clinton since January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Licata holds a Certified Municipal Finance Officer license and is qualified for the Chief Financial Officer position; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator has recommended that the Mayor and Council appoint Ms. Licata to the position of Chief Financial Officer based on her performance to date as the Assistant Chief Financial Officer, at an annual salary of \$105,000 per year and benefits as provided to other full-time employees and outlined in Resolution #177-2021 (copy attached); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.10 the appointment of a Chief Financial Officer shall be for a term of 4 years, which shall commence on January 1 of the year in which the appointment is made;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. Christine Licata is hereby appointed to the position of Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Clinton effective May 14, 2022, at an annual salary of \$105,000 per year and with benefits as provided to other full-time employees and outlined in Resolution #177-2021.
- 2. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.10, Ms. Licata shall serve as the Township's Chief Financial Officer for a term of four years, which term shall run from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025.

ATTEST:	
Carla Conner, Township Clerk	Brian Mullay, Mayor
Adopted: May 10, 2022	

APPOINTING VITA MEKOVETZ AS QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT

WHEREAS, Gregory C. Fehrenbach, Government Management Advisors, LLC has submitted a letter of resignation dated April 28, 2002 (on file in the Administrator's Office) as Qualified Purchasing Agent ("QPA"); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Clinton desires to have a QPA to continue to be eligible to utilize the bid threshold of \$44,000; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C 5: 34-5 et seq. establishes the criteria for a "Qualified Purchasing Agent" (QPA); and

WHEREAS, Vita Mekovetz, Township Administrator, possesses the QPA certification issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Clinton that Vita Mekovetz, QPA be appointed as the Clinton Township QPA, effective May 14, 2022, authorized to exercise the duties of purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(30).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution and a copy of Vita Mekovetz's certification be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

ATTEST:	
Carla Conner, Township Clerk	Brian Mullay, Mayor

TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON RESOLUTION ____-2022

AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF MATTHEW SIDLER, AS A SUMMER OFFICE CLERK FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON

WHEREAS, there is a need for assistance to organize Township files and to create a permanent file system within the municipal offices, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sidler has experience in this area in surrounding municipalities and is seeking summer work prior to entering law school in the Fall; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sidler has expressed interest to fill this position; and

WHEREAS, the Administrator has spoken to Mr. Sidler and has prior experience with his qualifications, work ethic and ability to provide this service and highly recommends him to assist in this task; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council support the Administrator's recommendation and therefore wish to approve his employment with the Township on a temporary basis.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton in Hunterdon County, New Jersey as follows:

Effective May 23, 2022, Mr. Sidler is hereby hired on a part time basis not to exceed up to 35-hours per week and appointed to fill the Office Clerk position for the Township of Clinton under the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Mr. Sidler's start date shall be May 23, 2022.
- 2. Mr. Sidler's starting salary will be \$17.00 per hour with no benefits afforded part time Township employees as outlined in the Township's Personnel Policies and Procedures.
- 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:	
Carla Conner, Township Clerk	Brian Mullay, Mayor
Adopted:	

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JORDYN STRIA AS A FULL-TIME VIOLATIONS CLERK IN THE CLINTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COURT

WHEREAS, due the resignation of Amanda Muller created a vacancy in the Municipal Court Office for the position of Violations Clerk; and

WHEREAS, this position was advertised and candidates were interviewed; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator and Municipal Court Administrator have interviewed Jordan Stria and reviewed her qualifications and recommend that she is the best candidate for the position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton as follows:

1. Upon successful completion of a background check, Ms. Jordyn Stria shall be hired as a full-time Violations Clerk, beginning May 31, 2022, at an annual salary of \$32,000, with a one -year probationary period, and shall be granted benefits as outlined in the Township Policies and Procedures and Ordinances.

ATTEST:		
Carla Conner, Township Clerk	Brian Mullay, Mayor	
Adopted: May 10, 2022		

WHEREAS, on properties located within the Township of Clinton, an overpayment of real estate taxes has been made; and

WHEREAS, applications have been made to the Tax Collector for refunds of said overpayments, totaling \$900.00; and

WHEREAS, the attached listing is a detail of the requested refunds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund such taxes to the parties in the amounts specified on the listing below.

VENDOR	BLOCK	LOT	LOCATION	Quarter	AMOUNT
Joseph Purri & Anne Marie Sima	82.13	61.21	30 Wedgewood Dr	22/2	900.00
13 Dune Terrace					
Ortley Beach, NJ 08751					
TOTAL REFUNDS					900.00

ATTEST:	
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Carla Conner, Township Clerk	Brian Mullay, Mayor

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-3.30, the dwelling of a disabled veteran shall be exempt from real property taxes; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Friend, a veteran determined to have suffered a 100% service related disability; and

WHEREAS, the determination of the said disability, is retroactive to April 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, real estate taxes on this property known as Block 48 Lot 3 at 24 Main Street in Annandale, NJ have been billed for 2022 2nd quarter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-32, the governing body of a municipality may by resolution cancel taxes due on a property which would have been exempt had the claim been made at the time they were levied; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel 2022 taxes from April 18, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

ATTEST:	
Carla Conner, Township Clerk	Brian Mullay, Mayor
Adopted: May 10, 2022	

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-3.30, the dwelling of a disabled veteran shall be exempt from real property taxes; and

WHEREAS, John Emilut, a veteran determined to have suffered a 100% service related disability; and

WHEREAS, the determination of the said disability, is retroactive to April 27, 2022; and

WHEREAS, real estate taxes on this property known as Block 13.01 Lot 5 at 1464 Route 22 in Lebanon, NJ have been billed for 2022 2nd quarter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-32, the governing body of a municipality may by resolution cancel taxes due on a property which would have been exempt had the claim been made at the time they were levied; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel 2022 taxes from April 27, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

ATTEST:	
Carla Conner, Township Clerk	Brian Mullay, Mayor
Adopted: May 10, 2022	