



MEETING MINUTES

Township of Clinton Mayor and Council
March 13, 2024
7:00 p.m.

1370 Route 31 North, Annandale, New Jersey 08801

Council President Strauss read the following statement into record at 7:01 pm: "Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act. On March 8, 2024, a copy of this agenda was sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and made available to the public on the Township's website."

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Councilman Glaser	Present
Councilman Kochanowski	Present
Councilwoman Switlyk	Present
Council President Strauss	Present
Mayor Mullay	Absent

Also Present:

Trishka Waterbury Cecil, Township Attorney
William Close, Acting Township Administrator
Lindsay Heller, Acting Township Clerk

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA ONLY–
Comments should be limited to three (3) minutes.

There were no comments from the public.

APPROVAL OR CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Switlyk motioned to approve the meeting minutes from January 10, 2024 and February 28, 2024; Councilman Glaser seconded.

Result: Motion passed by unanimous vote (Mayor Mullay absent).

1. Regular Session meeting minutes from January 10, 2024.
2. Regular Session meeting minutes from February 28, 2024.

CONSENT AGENDA

The items listed below are considered to be routine by the Mayor and Council and will be enacted by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by the Mayor, a Council Member, or member of the public, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

Councilman Kochanowski motioned to approve the Consent Agenda; Councilwoman Switlyk seconded.

Result: Motion passed by unanimous vote (Mayor Mullay absent).

- 1. Approval of bills/vouchers.

TOTALS:	
CURRENT	\$1,403,326.71
ESCROW	\$30,601.31
TRUSTS	\$6,707.91
RECREATION	\$1,293.72
CAPITAL	\$14,909.81
DOG LICENSE	\$3,854.40
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,460,693.86

BREAKDOWN OF CURRENT:	
N. HUNTERDON VOORHEES HS	\$1,331,130.67
TOTAL OPERATIONS	\$72,196.04

- 2. Resolution 2024-72 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton correcting and replacing Resolutions 97-2023, 119-2023, and 120-2023 regarding the renewal of plenary retail consumption liquor licenses for the 2023-2024 license term.

RESOLUTION

2024 – 72

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON CORRECTING AND REPLACING RESOLUTIONS 97-2023, 119-2023, AND 120-2023 REGARDING THE RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE 2023-2024 LICENSE TERM

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township Police Department has conducted a thorough investigation of each retail licensee to insure that criminally disqualified and other unfit persons do not acquire or hold direct interests in the retail alcoholic beverage industry; and,

WHEREAS, Township Clerk, Carla Conner, has certified that each license holder has submitted the appropriate and complete renewal application, and each has been granted a New Jersey State Tax Clearance Certificate as required by law; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the aforementioned investigations, a report has been submitted confirming that the applicants are not subject to any of the disabilities set forth in Title 33 New Jersey Statutes.

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

The following Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses are hereby renewed for the year 2023-2024, effective June 14, 2023:

Name	License Number
Beaver Brook Country Club, LLC 25 Country Club Dr. Annandale, NJ 08801	#1006-33-001-011
LeCram II Corp. t/a Round Valley Inn 1090 Route 22 W Clinton Township, NJ 08833	#1006-33-002-004
Lamington Pub, Inc. 1051 Route 22 East PO Box 686 Clinton Township, NJ 08833	#1006-33-003-005

This resolution shall replace and supersede Resolutions 97-2023, 119-2023 and 120-2023.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

3. Resolution 2024-73 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton supporting DWI Enforcement St. Patrick’s Day Weekend Safe Passage Event from March 15, 2024, through March 17, 2024, in the Township of Clinton.

RESOLUTION

2024 – 73

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON SUPPORTING DWI ENFORCEMENT ST. PATRICK’S DAY WEEKEND SAFE PASSAGE EVENT FROM MARCH 15, 2024, THROUGH MARCH 17, 2024, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON

WHEREAS approximately one-third of all fatal traffic crashes in the United States involve impaired drivers; and

WHEREAS impaired driving crashes killed 11,654 people in the United States in 2020; and

WHEREAS impaired driving crashes cost the United States almost \$44 Billion a year; and

WHEREAS, during the past five years New Jersey’s roadways experienced 33,798 crashes and 662 fatalities involving impaired drivers; and

WHEREAS an enforcement crackdown is planned to combat impaired driving; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked law enforcement agencies throughout the state to participate in the Impaired Driving Enforcement; and

WHEREAS the project will involve increased impaired driving enforcement from March 15, 2024, through March 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS an increase in impaired driving enforcement and a reduction in impaired driving will save lives on our roadways;

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

The Township supports the DWI Enforcement St. Patrick's Weekend Safe Passage Event through Somerset County Prosecutors office from March 15, 2024, through March 17, 2024, and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

4. Resolution 2024-74 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton canceling unspent grant balance.

RESOLUTION

2024 – 74

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON CANCELING UNSPENT GRANT BALANCE

WHEREAS, Grants appear on the Grant Balance Sheet of the Township of Clinton with balance remaining, either funded or unfunded, for projects that are deemed to have been completed, and;

WHEREAS, these grants are able and eligible to be cancelled as outlined in the schedule below.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton that the grants receivable and appropriated grant listed below are hereby cancelled as follows:

Grant Year	Description	Grants Receivable	Appropriated Grants
2023	Drive Sober Get Pulled Over	\$74.10	\$74.10

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Glaser shared that the Planning Board met on March 4th for administrative items and are catching up with meeting minutes. The March 18th meeting may be canceled due to lack of pressing agenda items. NJ Senate Budget Committee met on March 11th and reported with committee amendments on S-50, the affordable housing bill. The Sewage Authority met on March 8th with normal matters and moved their meetings to 8:30 am. There will be an appointment at the next meeting in April to fill a vacancy. The Finance Committee has been meeting with the C.F.O. and Administrator regarding the 2024 budget. A meeting will be held tomorrow with the goal of introducing the budget at the next Council meeting on March 27th and the public hearing at the end of April.

Councilman Kochanowski commented on the Budget Committee meeting being held tomorrow.

Councilwoman Switlyk shared that the Green Team and Environmental Commission have a list of events coming up and the events will be shared with the public as dates approach. A contract with DEP is coming through with the bees. There are a few questions regarding the hunting program that will be discussed in the next few days. Councilwoman Switlyk asked about Clean Communities funds for items within the Township and if they can be used for a few upcoming events.

Council President Strauss reported that the Historical Commission will be meeting on April 3rd. Public Safety updates from the Police Department and Fire Department were shared this week. Fire Department report to be sent to the Council. The FY 2023 SRP grant was not received for Annandale Hose Company No. 1. Updated information is still needed from the Township's Fire Prevention Bureau regarding Lebanon Borough. South Branch EMS is requesting a meeting. The CERT Team assisted at the parade in Clinton this past weekend as well.

Councilman Kochanowski reminded all about the Easter Egg Hunt this weekend at Bundt Park at 10 am.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING/ INTRODUCTION

The Township Attorney asked if the Ordinance could be tabled due to questions from Councilman Glaser that will need to be looked into. Council President Strauss moved the Ordinance to the March 27th meeting for introduction.

1. ORDINANCE 1195-2024 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON REGULATING THE STORAGE OF SALT AND OTHER SOLID DE-ICING MATERIALS ON PRIVATE PROPERTIES AND AMENDING CHAPTER 220 OF THE “CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON” ENTITLED “SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL”.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution 2024-75 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton approving additional appropriations for the 2024 Temporary Budget.

Councilman Glaser motioned to adopt Resolution 2024-75; Councilwoman Switlyk seconded.

Result: Motion passed by unanimous vote (Mayor Mullay absent).

RESOLUTION

2024 – 75

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 allows for a municipality to adopt a temporary budget within

the first 30 days of its budget year when contracts, commitments or payments need to be made prior to the adoption of the regular budget, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Clinton requires additional appropriations to maintain operations until such time the Township Budget is adopted,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clinton in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following additional appropriations for the 2024 Temporary Budget be authorized:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Administration	S&W	\$17,000.00
Administration	O/E	\$20,000.00
Council	O/E	\$1,000.00
Info Technology	O/E	\$5,000.00
Collection of Taxes	O/E	\$2,000.00
Assessment of Taxes	O/E	\$3,000.00
Legal Services	O/E	\$15,000.00
Planning Board	O/E	\$2,000.00
Zoning	O/E	\$1,000.00
UCC	S&W	\$11,000.00
General Insurance	O/E	\$2,500.00
Group Health Insurance	O/E	\$150,000.00
Police	S&W	\$200,000.00
Police	O/E	\$5,000.00
Division of Fire	O/E	\$7,500.00
Prosecutor	O/E	\$7,000.00
Road Dept	S&W	\$50,000.00
Buildings & Grounds	O/E	\$20,000.00
Fleet Maint.	O/E	\$5,000.00
Health Dept	O/E	\$5,000.00
Animal Control Services	O/E	\$5,000.00
Recreation	O/E	\$2,000.00
Utilities- Electricity	O/E	\$5,000.00
Utilities-Street Lighting	O/E	\$2,000.00
Utilities-Telephone	O/E	\$5,000.00
Utilities-Sewer	O/E	\$2,000.00
Utilities-Gasoline/Diesel	O/E	\$10,000.00
State PERS	O/E	\$49,610.75
State PFRS	O/E	\$904,852.00
Public Defender	O/E	\$2,000.00
Total		\$1,513,962.75

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

1. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton appointing an additional Municipal Prosecutor for the Township of Clinton during calendar year 2024. – *Tabled*

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA – Comments should be limited to three (3) minutes.

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the meeting at 7:14 pm

Respectfully Submitted,


Lindsay Heller
Acting Township Clerk

Adopted by Mayor and Council: April 10, 2024

