



MEETING MINUTES

Township of Clinton Mayor and Council
July 10, 2024
7:02 p.m.

1370 Route 31 North, Annandale, New Jersey 08801

The Mayor read the following statement into record: "Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act. On July 5, 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	Absent
Councilwoman Switlyk	Absent
Council President Strauss	Present
Mayor Mullay	Present

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 OF MINUTES

1. Regular Session meeting minutes from June 12, 2024.

Council President Strauss motioned to approve the regular session meeting minutes from June 12, 2024; Councilman Glaser seconded.

Result: Motion passed by vote of 3 in favor and none opposed (Councilwoman Switlyk and Councilman Kochanowski absent).

2. Regular Session meeting minutes from June 26, 2024. – **Tabled.**

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.

1. Approval of bills/vouchers.

TOTALS:

Current	\$1,534,818.93
Trusts	\$11,625.00
Grants	\$3,369.44
Recreation	\$7,567.33
Capital	\$32,501.76
Dog License	\$3,137.40
GRAND TOTAL:	\$1,593,019.86

BREAKDOWN OF CURRENT:

Board of Education	\$218,620.00
N. Hunterdon High School	\$1,000,000.00
Total Operations	\$316,198.93

Councilman Glaser motioned to approve the Consent Agenda; Council President Strauss seconded.

Result: Motion passed by vote of 3 in favor and none opposed (Councilwoman Switlyk and Councilman Kochanowski absent).

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Glaser reported that the Planning Board canceled their July 1st meeting, and the next meeting is scheduled for July 17th and will likely only include administrative matters. There is a need to incorporate Highlands Regional Master Plan amendments for warehousing guidelines and the updated land use map into our Highlands Ordinance. There has not been an update on the Highlands Council’s role in the State Development and Redevelopment Plan cross-acceptance process. The Sewerage Authority held their monthly meeting on June 27th and the Authority approved the allocation of an additional 705 gallons to the Township in support of our approved Affordable Housing Plan. The sewer solution at Spruce Run Willows development seems to be coming along, and the North Hunterdon pump refurbishment project is on time and should be completed this year. The Finance Committee is looking to set up a mid-year review meeting with the Township C.F.O. and Administrator to review the first six months and discuss the second half.

Council President Strauss attended a meeting with the Board of Education earlier today and discussed a few topics regarding the schools and the Township. The Police Department recently had the Junior Police graduate from the Junior Police Academy program. Reports were received from Chief DeRosa. The Fire Department has submitted a few work orders, and the pumper tank is still out of service, but they are working on getting it back up and running. Reports were also received from South Branch Emergency Services and the report will be circulated to the Council. The Shared Services Agreement for Fire Safety is still being reviewed.

Mayor Mulla mentioned personnel items are being discussed, including interviews for the Township Administrator position. The Green Team Chairman has requested a meeting regarding a few items. Public Works has a couple purchases on the agenda tonight. The Contract for DPW is on the agenda for tonight's meeting but will be tabled until a later meeting due to a few revisions.

William Close shared that the new DPW Laborer is working out well in the Township and was a good addition to the department. The contract for DPW is still being reviewed and language items are being revised within the contract.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

1. **Ordinance #1203-2024** – An Ordinance of the Township of Clinton, in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, Establishing Salaries, Wages, and Compensation Ranges for Non-Contractual Officials and Employees.

Councilman Glaser asked about an additional line for an Account Clerk with the range of \$25.00 - \$40.00 an hour.

The Council introduced the amended Ordinance with the addition of an Account Clerk.

Councilman Glaser motioned to approve the Consent Agenda; Council President Strauss seconded.

Result: Motion passed by vote of 3 in favor and none opposed (Councilwoman Switlyk and Councilman Kochanowski absent).

Public Hearing for Ordinance #1203-2024 is scheduled for August 14, 2024, at 7 pm.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 2024-160** – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton awarding an extension of an agreement for extraordinary unspecifiable service to The Canning Group, LLC., to serve as Administrator until July 31, 2024 (NTE \$11,000.00).

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON AWARDING AN EXTENSION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR EXTRAORDINARY

UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICE TO THE CANNING GROUP, LLC TO SERVE AS ADMINISTRATOR UNTIL JULY 31, 2024 (NTE \$11,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Township of Clinton has a need to retain the services of a highly experienced firm to provide a qualified individual to serve as Administrator on behalf of the Township; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2024, the Mayor and Council awarded a contract for extraordinary and unspecifiable services (“EUS agreement”) to The Canning Group, LLC to provide said services to the Township (see Resolution #2024-69); and

WHEREAS, the EUS agreement provided that The Canning Group was to provide the services to the Township at a rate of \$135.00 per hour for two to three days per week as needed, for a term beginning as of January 1, 2024 and ending when The Canning Group’s services were no longer needed, or May 31, 2024, whichever was sooner; and

WHEREAS, the Township continues to require the services of The Canning Group, and to that end, wishes to extend the EUS Agreement on the same terms and conditions for an additional two months, or until July 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available to pay for said services from account number 01-201-20-100-203; and

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

1. The agreement for extraordinary unspecifiable services entered into between the Township of Clinton and The Canning Group, LLC on February 28, 2024, is hereby amended by extending the term of the agreement to July 31, 2024, and by increasing the not-to-exceed amount to \$11,000.00.
2. All other terms and conditions of the agreement shall remain the same.
3. The Mayor and Acting Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute on the Township’s behalf an amended EUS Agreement with The Canning Group, LLC consistent with this resolution, in such form as shall have been approved by the Township Attorney.
4. A copy of this Resolution and the amended EUS agreement shall be maintained on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.
5. A notice of this action shall be published in the official newspaper as required by law.

Councilman Glaser motioned to introduce Ordinance #1203-2024; Council President Strauss seconded.

Result: Motion passed by vote of 3 in favor and none opposed (Councilwoman Switlyk and Councilman Kochanowski absent).

2. **Resolution 2024-161** – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton authorizing the purchase of a Kubota RTVX2 Utility Vehicle and accessories for the Department of Public Works from PowerCo, Inc., through the Hunterdon County ESC Program, not to exceed \$22,500.00.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A KUBOTA RTVX2 UTILITY VEHICLE AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FROM POWERCO, INC., THROUGH THE HUNTERDON COUNTY ESC PROGRAM, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$22,500.00

WHEREAS, the Township is in receipt of a quote for a Kubota RTVX2 Utility vehicle and accessories from PowerCo, Inc., through the Hunterdon County ESC Program, not to exceed \$22,500.00; and

WHEREAS the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law at N.J.S.A.40A:11-11, allows the Township of Clinton to procure goods and services through the Hunterdon County ESC Program without bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for the above-referenced purchase, 80% Open Space Fund, 10% Clean Communities Fund, and 10% Buildings and Grounds - Park Maintenance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Township is hereby authorized to purchase a Kubota RTVX2 Utility vehicle and accessories from PowerCo, Inc. through Hunterdon County ESC Program, in an amount not to exceed \$22,500.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Mullan motioned to adopt resolution #2024-161; Councilman Glaser seconded.

Result: Motion passed by vote of 3 in favor and none opposed (Councilwoman Switlyk and Councilman Kochanowski absent).

3. **Resolution 2024-162** – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton authorizing the assignment of wastewater treatment capacity to Annandale Village, LLC.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT CAPACITY TO ANNANDALE VILLAGE, LLC

WHEREAS, the Township of Clinton is the recipient of Wastewater Treatment Capacity in the amount of 53,630 gallons per day (“gpd”) for use by the Township in developing affordable housing projects within the Township that have been approved by the Township and are contained in the Township’s Housing Element and Fair Share Plan under that certain Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Capacity for the Provision of Affordable

Housing between Assignor and the Clinton Township Sewerage Authority (“CTSA”), dated as of October 21, 2016 and last amended on or about June 27, 2024 (collectively, the “Wastewater Treatment Capacity Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, as more particularly set forth in Paragraph 2 of the Wastewater Treatment Capacity Agreement, the Township has the right to assign its interest in the Wastewater Treatment Capacity Agreement to any property within the sewer service area as recommended by the Township Planning Board/Township Board of Adjustment for the purposes of developing affordable housing projects in accordance with applicable guidelines; and

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2017, the Township entered into a redevelopment agreement (“Agreement”) with Annandale Village, LLC (“Redeveloper”) for the redevelopment of the Fox Seals (*aka* Old Municipal Building) site in the Village of Annandale, designated on the Clinton Township tax maps as Block 53, Lot 3, and located on Washington Street and West Street (“site” or “property”); and

WHEREAS, the Redeveloper has obtained site plan and subdivision approval to develop a restaurant and affordable housing unit in the Old Municipal Building and a new multi-family residential apartment building located behind the Old Municipal Building (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project is included in the Township’s court-approved third-round housing plan element and fair share plan (“third round plan” or “third round affordable housing plan”); and

WHEREAS, a total of 2,730 gpd of wastewater treatment capacity is needed to serve the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Redeveloper is already in possession of 900 gpd of wastewater treatment capacity previously allocated from other sources; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the development of the Project, the Township wishes to assign all of its right, title and interests in 1830 gallons per day of sewer capacity (the “Sewer Reservation”) in the Wastewater Treatment Capacity Agreement, which in combination with the 900 gpd already allocated to the property, will result in the total allocation of 2,730 gpd needed to serve the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Redeveloper wishes to assume all of Township’s obligations under the Wastewater Treatment Capacity Agreement upon the terms and conditions set forth in a certain agreement entitled “Assignment and Assumption of Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Capacity for the Provision of Affordable Housing,” a copy of which is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk;

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

1. The preamble to this resolution is hereby incorporated as if more fully set forth herein.
2. The agreement entitled "Assignment and Assumption of Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Capacity for the Provision of Affordable Housing" between the Township of Clinton and Annandale Village, LLC on file in the office of the Township Clerk is hereby approved, and the Mayor and Acting Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement, or such other substantially similar agreement, the terms and form of which shall have been reviewed and approved by the Township Attorney.
3. The Mayor, Administrator, Acting Clerk, Township Attorney, and other appropriate officers, employees and professionals, are hereby authorized and directed to prepare and execute any and all other documents and undertake any and all acts necessary to effectuate the terms hereof.
4. The assignment of wastewater treatment capacity approved herein is subject to the Redeveloper also entering into a Capacity Reservation Agreement with the Clinton Township Sewerage Authority, as required pursuant to Paragraph 2 of the October 21, 2016 Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Capacity for the Provision of Affordable Housing.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Mulla motioned to adopt resolution #2024-162; Councilman Glaser seconded.

Result: Motion passed by vote of 3 in favor and none opposed (Councilwoman Switlyk and Councilman Kochanowski absent).

4. **Resolution 2024-163** – DPW Contract Agreement. – **Tabled**

5. **Resolution 2024-164** – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton ratifying the submission of an application to the Raritan Woods & Waterways Grant Program and the execution of an agreement with Raritan Headwaters for the Prescott Brook Riparian Corridor Improvement Project.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON RATIFYING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE RARITAN WOODS & WATERWAYS GRANT PROGRAM AND THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH RARITAN HEADWATERS FOR THE PRESCOTT BROOK RIPARIAN CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, Raritan Headwaters ("RHA") is a regional nonprofit organization that works to protect and restore water quality in the North and South Branch Raritan Watershed Region; and

WHEREAS, through its Raritan Woods & Waterways Grant program ("RWWGP"), RHA provides financial assistance to municipal governments and other public entities, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to restore riparian buffers along the North Branch or South Branch of the Raritan River and any of their tributaries, which grants cover the

costs of native trees and shrubs, proper tree protection from deer browse, and technical assistant from RHA; and

WHEREAS, on or about May 29, 2024, the Environmental Commission submitted an electronic application to said grant program for an area along the edge of Prescott Brook that shows extensive erosion and the strong presence of invasive vegetation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project among other things will require the Township's Department of Public Works ("DPW") to complete all site work required before planting and to engage in future maintenance activities;

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

1. The application submitted on or about May 29, 2024 by the Township's Environmental Commission to the RWWGP for the Prescott Brook restoration project is hereby approved and ratified.
2. Should the grant application prove to be successful, the Administrator and Acting Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township, and their signatures shall constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be retroactive to the date on which the application was submitted.

Councilman Glaser motioned to adopt resolution #2024-164; Council President Strauss seconded.

Result: Motion passed by vote of 3 in favor and none opposed (Councilwoman Switlyk and Councilman Kochanowski absent).

6. **Resolution 2024-165** – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, awarding a required Disclosure Contract to New Jersey Fire Equipment, N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5. – **Tabled**
7. **Resolution 2024-166** – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton ratifying the award of an emergency contract to Cooper Electric to repair the fire alarm panel located at the Township Municipal Building, in an amount not to exceed \$9,700.00.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON RATIFYING THE AWARD OF AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT TO COOPER ELECTRIC TO REPAIR THE FIRE ALARM PANEL LOCATED AT THE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,700.00

WHEREAS, the fire alarm panel in the Township Municipal Building required an emergency repair; and

WHEREAS, the expenses related to the repair of the fire alarm panel could not reasonably have been foreseen; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 provides that public bidding and/or the solicitation of quotes is not necessary in an emergency situation; and

WHEREAS, Cooper Electric was contracted to provide the repair service in an amount not to exceed \$9,700.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the award of an emergency contract to Cooper Electric to perform repairs to the fire alarm panel in the Township Municipal Building in the amount not to exceed \$9,700.00 is hereby approve and ratified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Councilman Glaser motioned to adopt resolution #2024-166; Mayor Mullay seconded.

Result: Motion passed by vote of 3 in favor and none opposed (Councilwoman Switlyk and Councilman Kochanowski absent).

8. **Resolution 2024-167** – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton confirming the satisfactory property remediation and abatement of all zoning violations at 58 Old Mountain Road and authorizing the return of all remaining escrow funds to Ira J. DeShields.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON CONFIRMING THE SATISFACTORY PROPERTY REMEDIATION AND ABATEMENT OF ALL ZONING VIOLATIONS AT 58 OLD MOUNTAIN ROAD, AND AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF ALL REMAINING ESCROW FUNDS TO IRA J. DESHIELDS

WHEREAS, the Township of Clinton’s then Zoning Officer had issued zoning violations to Ira J. Deshields, III, the owner of real property located at 58 Old Mountain Road (“subject property” or “site”), which summonses among other things required a full clean-up and remediation of the site; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the proper clean-up of the site and abatement of the violations, the Township required Mr. Deshields to deposit monies into an escrow fund to be held in trust by his attorney, Herbert K. Ryder, Esq. of the Law Offices of Herbert K. Ryder LLC; and

WHEREAS, by email dated June 26, 2024 to the Township Administrator, the Township’s Zoning Officer has confirmed that all vehicles, dumpsters, trash and miscellaneous equipment have been removed from the subject property and that both the property and

the surrounding landscaping have been returned to an acceptable condition (see email dated June 26, 2024 from Taylor Gribbin to William Close); and

WHEREAS, Zoning Officer Gribbin's email to Administrator Close further indicates that that she and Deputy Zoning Officer Tom Silvia consider all violations to have been abated; that no further cleanup is needed; and that the remaining escrow funds being held in trust by Mr. Ryder can be released and returned to Mr. Deshields;

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

1. Based on the report and recommendation of Township Zoning Officer Taylor Gribbin as set forth in her June 26, 2024 email to Township Administrator William Close, the Township hereby confirms that the property has been satisfactorily remediated and the zoning violations abated.
2. The remaining escrow funds in the amount of \$60,000 are hereby released, and Mr. Ryder is hereby authorized to return said funds to Mr. Deshields.
3. The Township Zoning Officer is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Township any necessary correspondence or documentation consistent with the terms of this resolution, subject to the review and approval of the Township Attorney.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Mullay motioned to adopt resolution #2024-167; Council President Strauss seconded.

Result: Motion passed by vote of 3 in favor and none opposed (Councilwoman Switlyk and Councilman Kochanowski absent).

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution 2024-168** – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton ratifying the award of an emergency contract to McCloskey Mechanical Contractors, Inc., to repair the air conditioning unit located at the Township Public Safety Building, in an amount not to exceed \$17,200.00.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON RATIFYING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO McCLOSKEY MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, INC., TO REPAIR THE AIR CONDITIONING UNIT LOCATED AT THE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,200.00

WHEREAS, the air conditioning unit in the Township Public Safety Building requires an immediate repair; and

WHEREAS, the expenses related to the repair of the air conditioning unit could not reasonably have been foreseen; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 provides that public bidding and/or the solicitation of quotes is not necessary in an emergency situation, but the contractor is on the HSESC Purchasing Cooperative contract, #SER21-A; and

WHEREAS, McCloskey Mechanical Contractors, Inc., has provided a quote to provide the aforementioned repair service in an amount not to exceed \$17,200.00, and it is recommended for award by the Director of Public Works; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the award of a contract to McCloskey Mechanical Contractors, Inc., to perform the replacement of the air conditioning unit in the Township Public Safety Building in the amount not to exceed \$17,200.00 is hereby approve and ratified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Council President Strauss motioned to adopt resolution #2024-168; Councilman Glaser seconded.

Result: Motion passed by vote of 3 in favor and none opposed (Councilwoman Switlyk and Councilman Kochanowski absent).

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Resolution 2024-158** – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton approving and ratifying the submission of a grant application to the County of Hunterdon for the Hunterdon County Municipal Infrastructure Grant Program and authorizing the execution of a grant agreement for the storm inlet retrofit project for the Township of Clinton

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON FOR THE HUNTERDON COUNTY MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE STORM INLET RETROFIT PROJECT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON

WHEREAS, there is a need for retrofit the existing storm sewer inlets with debris retention curb pieces for compliance with the NJDEP Tier A Municipal Stormwater Permit requirements and to protect and preserve the water quality of the downstream water courses throughout the Township of Clinton; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hunterdon provides funding for these types of projects through the Hunterdon County Municipal Infrastructure Grant (“HCMIG”) Program; and

WHEREAS, the deadline to apply for grants through the HCMIG Program was on or about July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2024, the Township Engineer submitted an application to the HCMIG Program for \$100,000.00 to help fund the Township’s Storm Sewer Inlet Retrofit Project, subject to the adoption by the Mayor and Council of a resolution authorizing and ratifying the grant application;

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

1. The Township Engineer, as the Project Lead, is hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application to Hunterdon County on behalf of the Township of Clinton for the Hunterdon County Municipal Infrastructure Program in the amount of \$100,000.00 to help finance the Township’s Storm Inlet Retrofit Project.
2. Should the grant application prove to be successful, the Administrator and Acting Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township, and their signatures shall constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be retroactive to June 28, 2024.

Councilman Glaser motioned to adopt resolution #2024-158; Council President Strauss seconded.

Result: Motion passed by vote of 3 in favor and none opposed (Councilwoman Switlyk and Councilman Kochanowski absent).

2. **Resolution 2024-159** – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton authorizing the submission of a grant application and the execution of an agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Bennington Road Improvement Project.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE BENNINGTON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (“DOT”) provides financial assistance to municipalities with various roadway improvement projects through its Municipal Aid, Bikeways, Safe Streets to Transit and Transit Village grant program (“Municipal Aid Program”); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Clinton seeks to obtain funding from the DOT through said grant program for improvements to Bennington Road; and

WHEREAS, the deadline to apply to the Municipal Aid Program for fiscal year 2025 was July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 1, 2024, the Township Engineer as Project Lead submitted the requisite application (see application “MA-2025-Bennington Roads Improvements-00427”);

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

5. The Township Engineer, as the Project Lead, is hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation’s 2025 Municipal Aid Program for the Bennington Road Improvements Project (see application designated as “MA-2025-Bennington Roads Improvements-00427”).
6. Should the grant application prove to be successful, the Administrator and Acting Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township, and their signatures shall constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant.
7. This resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be retroactive to June 28, 2024.



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Councilman Glaser motioned to adopt resolution #2024-159; Council President Strauss seconded.

Result: Motion passed by vote of 3 in favor and none opposed (Councilwoman Switlyk and Councilman Kochanowski absent).

CORRESPONDENCE

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

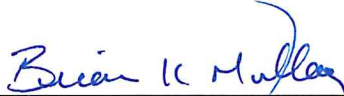
There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted


Lindsay Heller
Acting Township Clerk


Hon. Brian K. Mullan
Mayor

Adopted by Mayor and Council: August 14, 2024