

TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 27, 2013

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CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Cimei called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT: Council President Marra gave the statement of adequate notice. The annual meeting notice is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk for public inspection.

ROLL CALL:

Councilman Vos	Present
Councilman Lazarus	Present (arr.7:39)
Councilman Imbriaco	Present
Council President Marra	Present
Mayor Cimei	Present
Kristina P. Hadinger, Esq.	Present
Marvin Joss, Administrator	Present
Robert Manney, Police Director	Present
Carla Conner for Township Clerk	Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 8, 2013 Special Meeting

Mayor Cimei introduced the matter.

MOTION was made by Councilman Imbriaco to approve the January 8, 2013 special meeting minutes. Seconded by Council President Marra. There being no further discussion the roll was called.

Roll Call:	Councilman Vos	Yes
	Councilman Imbriaco	Yes
	Councilman Lazarus	Yes
	Council President Marra	Yes
	Mayor Cimei	Yes

CONSENT:

Mayor Cimei introduced the matter and read the items on the consent agenda.

MOTION was offered by Councilman Imbriaco to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Council President Marra . There being no further discussion the roll was called. Motion carried.

Roll Call:	Councilman Vos	Yes
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Councilman Imbriaco	Yes
Councilman Lazarus	Yes
Council President Marra	Yes
Mayor Cimei	Yes

Consent Item #1

Resolution #39-13 – Tax redemption refund

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

WHEREAS, applications have been made to the Tax Collector for refunds of said overpayments, totaling \$1248.84; 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
Foundation Title	79.02	8.1002	116 Westchester Terr	2013/1	1248.84
30 West Mt Pleasant Ave					
Livingston, NJ 07039					
TOTAL REFUND					\$1248.84

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Hunterdon County Freeholder representatives were scheduled to speak about the 300 year celebration of Hunterdon County, but they were not present.

There were no other public comments.

REPORTS:

Councilman Vos:

Councilman Vos stated the Community Garden Advisory Group met and residents are interested in half size plots. Councilman Vos asked for an amendment to the ordinance to make the price range be \$30 for a half plot and \$60 for a whole plot.

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Councilman Imbriaco asked if an ordinance amendment is required and suggested doing it in a way so that it will not have to be addressed again. Councilman Imbriaco asked why those using a whole plot can't just share their plots. Councilman Vos indicated they would have to sign a waiver.

Mayor Cimei expressed concern spending for advertising an ordinance; and reiterated Councilman Imbriaco's wish to address the issue once.

Ms. Hadinger indicated she would check the ordinance to see what is possible.

Councilman Imbriaco:

No report.

Councilman Lazarus:

Councilman Lazarus gave a brief update on the budget, and indicated spending cuts have been made for the third year in a row. He further discussed the need to use the Township's surplus to offset expenses.

Councilman Lazarus stated Saturday, March 16, will be an electronics recycling day at Bundt Park.

Council President Marra:

Council President Marra reminded all that April 27, 2013, is Clinton Township's Annual Community Day. He asked that volunteers contact the Recreation Director, Tom Silvia.

Administrator:

Mr. Joss indicated the RFP for solar project is due March 1, 2013. Mr. Joss also stated The North Hunterdon Municipal Court will also transition to the Clinton Township Court March 1, 2013.

Mayor Cimei asked Director Manney, and Lts., Melsky and Higgins to discuss the accreditation process.

Director Manney discussed the process and indicated the length required to get through it, and credited Lt. Melsky for this massive undertaking. Director Manney also discussed best practices, rules and regulations and how they are reviewed and revised.

An extensive discussion of the process was held.

Mr. Manney discussed that since the agenda is now accredited, he asked if the Mayor or Administrator would write a letter to the Prosecutor's to indicate their oversight of the Police Department is no longer necessary. A short discussion of the Prosecutor's oversight was held and Ms. Hadinger stated it is not unheard of. Consensus of Council was to send a letter to the Prosecutor's Office.

Mr. Manney stated he had received funds from the DEA in the amount of \$95,000, and asked to purchase police cars. A short discussion of different types of cars was held.

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MOTION to purchase a police car was offered by Council President Marra. Seconded by Councilman Imbriaco. There being no further discussion the roll was called. Motion carried.

Roll Call:	Councilman Vos	Yes
	Councilman Imbriaco	Yes
	Councilman Lazarus	Yes
	Council President Marra	Yes
	Mayor Cimei	Yes

ACTION:

ORDINANCE ADOPTION:

Ordinance #1046-13 –AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 29-3 AND 29-7 OF THE
CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
REGARDING THE SALARIES OF POLICE LIEUTENANTS

Mayor Cimei introduced the matter and opened the public hearing. There being no public comments the Mayor closed the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Councilman Imbriaco to adopt the above ordinance on first reading. Seconded by Councilman Lazarus. There being no further discussion the roll was called. Motion carried.

Roll Call:	Councilman Vos	Yes
	Councilman Imbriaco	Yes
	Councilman Lazarus	Yes
	Council President Marra	Yes
	Mayor Cimei	Yes

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

Section 1. Section 29-3 “Salaries, wages and other compensation” of Code Amended.

Subparagraph A of § 29-3 of the Code of the Township of Clinton, County of Hunterdon regarding salaries, wages and other compensation is amended by the removal of the entry therein for “Police Lieutenant” and the corresponding salary range of \$90,000 minimum and \$110,400 maximum.

Section 2. Section 29-7 of Code Amended. § 29-7 of the Code of the Township of Clinton, County of Hunterdon is amended to read as follows:

§ 29-7. Police lieutenant salaries. The base salary for police lieutenants shall be set at a rate that is \$2,000 above the base salary for police sergeants, as established by the currently effective police sergeants’ collective negotiations agreement. The “base salary for police sergeants” shall not be deemed to include overtime, longevity, or any other emoluments or stipends sergeants may receive.

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Section 3. Repealer. All ordinances and resolutions are parts thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall only apply to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and the remained of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and enforceable.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall effect upon final passage and publication and as provided by law.

Action Item #1

Proclamation – Youth Art Month

Mayor Cimei read the following proclamation and explained the program.

MOTION was made by Council President Marra to support the proclamation. Seconded by Councilman Lazarus. There being no further discussion the roll was called.

Roll Call:	Councilman Vos	Yes
	Councilman Imbriaco	Yes
	Councilman Lazarus	Yes
	Council President Marra	Yes
	Mayor Cimei	Yes

WHEREAS, art education contributes powerful education benefits to all elementary, middle and secondary students; and

WHEREAS, art education develops students' creative problem solving and critical thinking abilities; and

WHEREAS, art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order and other expressive qualities and gives students a deeper understanding of multi-cultural values and beliefs; and

WHEREAS, art education reinforces and brings to life what students learn in other subjects and interrelates student learning in art production, art history, art criticism and aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, our national leaders have acknowledged the necessity of including arts experiences in all students' education.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that March, 2013, is officially recognized as Youth Art month, and the Mayor and Council endorse the observance of Youth Art Month and encourage the support of quality school art programs for children and youth.

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VOUCHERS:

Council President Marra introduced the matter.

MOTION was offered by Councilman Lazarus to approve the check control registers dated February 27, 2013 totaling \$2,458,246.79. Seconded by Councilman Lazarus. There being no further discussion a voice vote was called. Motion carried.

Roll Call:	Councilman Vos	Yes
	Councilman Imbriaco	Yes
	Councilman Lazarus	Yes
	Council President Marra	Yes
	Mayor Cimei	Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Williams, Lilac Drive, discussed the staging of the Williams Pipeline Project. He indicated there is a generator running all night and asked Council to intercede. Mr. Joss indicated he just met with Transco and Henkels and McCoy today and they stated there is no generator. Mr. Williams stated this is not true. Mr. Joss agreed to follow up.

A discussion of police coverage was held. Councilman Imbriaco expressed concern that the Township's Police Department would provide private security for this project.

Mr. Williams discussed the staging areas and indicated the project could have been staged on Payne Road, away from homes. Mayor Cimei stated he wanted to make clear this is a federally sanctioned project and the Township has extremely limited authority. He also stated the staging areas are on private property.

Mr. Joss indicated the construction will go into the end of June with the landscape phase going into July.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

MOTION was offered by Councilman Imbriaco to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Seconded by Council President Marra. There being no further discussion a voice vote was called. All ayes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Donna J. Burham, Township Clerk

A. Kevin Cimei, Mayor

Adopted: April 10, 2013