

TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 26, 2014

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Marra 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:

Councilwoman Switlyk	Present
Councilman Mullay	Present
Councilman Imbriaco	Present
Council President Marra	Present
Mayor Cimei	Absent
Kristina P. Hadinger, Esq.	Present
Marvin Joss, Administrator	Present
Donna Burham, Township Clerk	Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Executive Session	February 26, 2014
Regular Session	February 26, 2014

Council President Marra introduced the matter.

MOTION was made by Councilman Mullay to approve the above referenced minutes. Seconded by Councilman Imbriaco. There being no further discussion the roll was called. Motion carried.

Roll Call:	Councilwoman Switlyk	Yes
	Councilman Mullay	Yes
	Councilman Imbriaco	Yes
	Council President Marra	Yes

CONSENT:

Council President Marra introduced the matter and read the items on the consent agenda.

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

Roll Call:	Councilwoman Switlyk	Yes
	Councilman Mullay	Yes
	Councilman Imbriaco	Yes
	Council President Marra	Yes

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Consent Item #1

Resolution #39-14 – Refund due to tax overpayment

WHEREAS, liens on properties located in the Township of Clinton have been redeemed; and

WHEREAS, Tax Collector, Patricia Centofanti requests Mayor and Council approve the premium refunds required.

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

1. Checks shall be issued for the properties listed below, such checks representing premium refunds on tax liens.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Certificate</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Premium</u>
74	17	2013-007	TAD DABROWSKI	900.00
			32 DURHAM AVE	
			S PLAINFIELD, NJ 07080	
			TOTAL	900.00

Consent # 2

Resolution #40-14 –Refund due to reduced tax assessment

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

WHEREAS, applications have been made to the Tax Collector for refunds of said overpayments, totaling \$1789.13; 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.

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FLAGSTAR BANK—REF LN# 0503898119	79.01	2.0106 C0106	6 INVERRARY PL	2014/1	1789.13
1 CORELOGIC DR					
WESTLAKE, TX 76262					
TOTAL REFUND					\$1789.13

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Joss explained that Mayor Cimei has appointed John Kilduff to Alternate 1 position on the Planning Board.

REPORTS:

Councilwoman Switlyk:

Councilwoman Switlyk reported the Board of Health meeting for March was cancelled. She further indicated the Clinton Township Board of Education met March 17, to vote on the budget. The regular meeting of the School Board was held on March 24, with Maria Grant giving a presentation on full-day kindergarten.

The School Board has also completed an HIB self-assessment, which is relative to harassment, intimidation and bullying, with a ranking of 68, with 75 being the highest rank.

Councilman Mullay:

Councilman Mullay reported the last Planning Board meeting was cancelled, and the Historic Preservation Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, 2014.

Councilman Imbriaco:

Councilman Imbriaco reported that neither the Environmental Commission or the Open Space Advisory Committee has met.

Council President Marra:

Council President Marra reminded everyone that April 26, 2014 is the Annual Community Day.

Administrator:

Mr. Joss reviewed the Budget Committee meeting results. The actual budget is once again coming in below last year's. Mr. Joss indicated in 2010, the budget was \$12,248,200, this year it will be in the \$11,200,000 range or a one million dollar cut in 4 years.

Mr. Joss discussed personnel in the Department of Public Works, stating there are two employees on workers' compensation right now. To address this, he is looking at a change in the way the Township handles animal control. This would free up the Animal Control Officer to do more DPW work. Mr. Joss indicated there will be no budget impact as a result of this change.

Officer in Charge – Lt. Higgins:

Lt. Higgins stated he is looking into setting up a mass notification system called NIXEL and will report on this further when he receives more information.

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ACTION:

RESOLUTIONS:

Action Item #1

Resolution #41-14 – Appointing a Zoning Officer

Council President Marra introduced the matter, and Mr. Joss explained the resolution.

MOTION was made by Councilman Imbriaco to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Councilman Mullay. There being no further discussion the roll was called. Motion carried.

Roll Call:	Councilwoman Switlyk	Yes
	Councilman Mullay	Yes
	Councilman Imbriaco	Yes
	Council President Marra	Yes

VOUCHERS:

Council President Marra introduced the matter.

MOTION was offered by Councilman Imbriaco to approve the check control registers dated March 26, 2014 totaling \$8,868,109.54. Seconded by Councilwoman Switlyk. There being no further discussion the roll was called. Motion carried.

Roll Call:	Councilwoman Switlyk	Yes
	Councilman Mullay	Yes
	Councilman Imbriaco	Yes
	Council President Marra	Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Resolution #42-14

Council President Marra introduced the matter. MOTION was made by Councilman Imbriaco to go into executive session. Seconded by Councilman Mullay. There being no further discussion the roll was called. Motion carried.

Roll Call:	Councilwoman Switlyk	Yes
	Councilman Mullay	Yes

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Councilman Imbriaco	Yes
Council President Marra	Yes

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act (NJSA 10:4-12 (b) (1-9) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council is of the opinion that circumstances exist, and

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

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action on a closed session on March 26, 2014
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is:
 - Matters relative to Affordable Housing
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matters will be made public as soon thereafter as it is deemed to be in the public interest to do so.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
5. Action may be taken in open session.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION was made by Council President Marra to return from executive session. Seconded by Councilwoman Switlyk. There being no further discussion a voice vote was called. All ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

MOTION was offered by Councilwoman Switlyk to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Mully. There being no further discussion a voice vote was called. All ayes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Donna J. Burham, Township Clerk



A. Kevin Cimet, Mayor

Adopted: April 23, 2014