~~WHEREAS, protection of Clinton Township's water supplies and resources is better accomplished by prevention of contamination and environmental degradation, rather than attempting to clean up contamination and restoring degraded environments after the fact;~~

~~NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Township Council of the Township of Clinton, in the County of Hunterdon, the following recitals are incorporated as of XX, 2011~~

~~1- The Council opposes the proposed Stanton Loop expansion of Transco's pipeline within Clinton Township.~~

~~2- The Council calls for a moratorium on any and all planning, proposal, installation, or expansion of the Transco gas pipeline through Clinton Township.~~

~~3- Because this project will traverse and negatively impact numerous significant natural areas and the resources of the municipality and the Highlands region, the Council requests FERC prepare a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the myriad environmental consequences of the project.~~

~~4- The Council requests a meeting with Transco, which impacted residents can attend, to discuss localized impacts on the Township and its resources and to discuss information from the company on the safety of the project, where this type of expansion project has been constructed before, and what type of equipment and engineering techniques will be used within the Township. The Council also requests information from Transco on the compensation of home owners and the Township due to loss property values and tax revenues and loss of quality of life in the Township resulting from this project. The Council requests this information be provided to the Council prior to the meeting, for Council review beforehand. This resolution shall also be distributed to:~~

~~1. Senator Michael Doherty~~
~~2. State Assemblyman John DeMaio~~
~~3. State Assemblyman Eric J. Peterson~~
~~4. Congressman Leonard Lance~~
~~5. Delaware Riverkeeper Network, 300 Pond Street, 2nd Floor, Bristol, PA 19007~~
~~6. Food and Water Watch, 100 Bayard Street, Suite 310, New Brunswick, NJ 08901~~
~~7. All Hunterdon County Municipalities~~

Action Item #4
    Resolution 3098-11 – Opposing hydraulic fracturing for natural gas

The Mayor introduced the matter.

MOTION was offered by Councilman Vos to adopt the above resolution. Seconded by Councilman Lazarus. There being no further discussion the roll was called. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Councilman Vos	Yes
Councilman Lazarus	Yes

Council President Marra   Abstain

Mayor Cimei   Yes

WHEREAS, natural gas development is proposed within the Delaware River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware River is designated as a Wild and Scenic River of federally recognized outstanding resources, natural assets, and exceptional water quality; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware River supplies drinking water to over 15 million people, many of them downstream of the Marcellus Shale fairway in the Upper and Middle Delaware River Watershed, including approximately 3 million people in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware River is the lifeblood of the communities along the River, is essential for commerce, tourism and recreation, and once contaminated will negatively impact those communities and those uses and can be very costly or impossible to remediate and can take a very long time; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) has designated the non-tidal River - the entire 197 mile River from Hancock, New York to Trenton, New Jersey - as Special Protection Waters due to the exceptional water quality and "exceptionally high scenic, recreational, ecological, and/or water supply values" of the River; and

WHEREAS, these special waters and ecosystems must be maintained as per the DRBC Water Code, so that there be "no measurable change in existing water quality except towards natural conditions", requiring protection from avoidable water quality degradation; and

WHEREAS, degradation of these waters would be illegal and would impose significant hardships, public health detriment, and economic harm if degraded; and

WHEREAS, the natural gas development process involves the use of chemicals and hazardous materials during construction, drilling, hydraulic fracturing, gas production and delivery, well maintenance, and workover operations; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing of underground geologic formations is often accomplished by injecting a complex mix of fluids and chemicals, including large volumes of water, on average 4.5 million gallons per well, under very high pressure to create fractures in gas bearing geologic formations; and

WHERAS, billions of gallons of fresh water will be depleted by hydraulic fracturing (the water is not returned to the source and is classified as a consumptive loss) and at least 200,000 acres of land are already leased for gas development, and that tens of thousands of wells are expected to be drilled in the Upper and Middle Delaware River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, many of the chemical constituents injected during hydraulic fracturing have documented adverse health effects and/or adverse environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, use of these hydraulic fracturing mixes exposes adjacent land and surface waters to the risk of contamination through open pit storage, truck transport on roadways, and activities during well development; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, as part of the federal Energy Policy Act and over objections of health care, scientific, environmental, and conservation communities, regulation of hydraulic fracturing fluids under the Safe Drinking Water Act by the Environmental Protection Agency was exempted, thereby allowing oil and gas companies to use these substances without federal oversight or standards; and

WHEREAS, the oil and gas industry remains one of the only industries that is allowed to inject such known chemical constituents directly into or adjacent to underground drinking water supplies without federal oversight; and

WHEREAS, the oil and gas industry is not required by federal law to publicly disclose chemical formulas of hydraulic fracturing fluids so that this information is publicly available for health and safety purposes; and

WHEREAS, proposed natural gas wells in the Delaware River Watershed are planning to use chemical additives in drilling and to use hydraulic fracturing in developing these wells and exploratory wells that have been drilled have used chemical additives in drilling; and

WHEREAS, natural gas development will fragment forests in the Upper and Middle Delaware River Watershed, which is 89% forested, and convert naturally vegetated land to impervious cover and industrial conditions, increasing stormwater runoff and pollution, flooding, sedimentation, and erosion to the tributaries and the mainstem River and will emit air pollution during constructing, drilling, extraction, and production of natural gas; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware River Basin Commission is seeking funding to complete a cumulative impact analysis of natural gas development on the water resources of the Delaware River Basin; and

WHEREAS, the US Environmental Protection Agency is studying the practice of hydraulic fracturing and the study will be completed in 2012 and, if it is recommended by the study that hydraulic fracturing should be subject to the Safe Drinking Water Act, that the federal oversight of hydraulic fracturing would not be unduly burdensome on industry or the economy; and

WHEREAS, protection of New Jersey's water supplies and resources is better accomplished by prevention of contamination and environmental degradation, rather than attempting to cleaning up contamination and restoring degraded environments after the fact;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Clinton supports strong regulation by the DRBC to prevent pollution and avoid degradation of the water resources and ecosystems of the Delaware River Watershed; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED , that the Township of Clinton supports a New Jersey statewide ban on natural gas development involving hydraulic fracturing; and

calls on our Congressional Representative and Senator Menendez to join Senator Lautenberg, Congressman Pallone and Congressman Holt in co-sponsoring H.R. 1084/ S. 587, the Fracturing Responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals Act ("FRAC Act") a bill that would repeal the fracking exemption to the Safe Drinking Water Act and require disclosure of chemicals used in fracking. This resolution shall also be distributed to:

8. Senator Michael Doherty
9. State Assemblyman John DeMaio
10. State Assemblyman Eric J. Peterson
11. Congressman Leonard Lance
12. Delaware Riverkeeper Network, 300 Pond Street, 2nd Floor, Bristol, PA 19007
13. Food and Water Watch, 100 Bayard Street, Suite 310, New Brunswick, NJ 08901
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Action Item #5
Resolution #099-11 – Approving the purchase of a new police vehicle

The Mayor introduced the matter.

MOTION was offered by Council President Marra to adopt the above resolution. Seconded by Councilman Vos. There being no further discussion the roll was called. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Councilman Vos	Yes
Councilman Lazarus	Yes
Council President Marra	Yes
Mayor Cimei	Yes

WHEREAS, there is a need to purchase a police vehicle for the Township of Clinton, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the funds are available as evidenced by the Chief Finance Officer's Certification;

WHEREAS, public bids are not required when the purchase is made through a purchasing cooperative in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton in the County of Hunterdon that the Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to approve and forward the required Purchase Order for the following vehicle:

Vendor	Department	Quantity	Item	Price	Total
Warnock Fleet	Police	1	Crown Victoria	$29,600	$29,600

VOUCHERS: