

Regular Council Meeting
February 10, 2009

Mayor Schaumburg called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – Duffy, Insel, Pender, Pendergast, Shea, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Mayor Schaumburg read the following statement: “Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided, indicating the time and place of the meeting and the proposed agenda, which notice was posted, made available to newspapers, and filed with the Clerk of the Town of Clinton in accordance with Section 3(d) of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel seconded by Mr. Pender to approve the minutes of January 27, 2009 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Schaumburg)
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS – JANUARY

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to accept the Monthly Reports for the month of January as submitted: Assessor’s Report, Clerk’s Account, Cat & Dog Licensing Accounts, Construction Control/Inspection Report, Fire Official Report, Police Report, Sewer Collector’s Report, Tax Collector’s Report, Water Collector’s Report, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent’s Report.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Whitney Wetherill, 36 West Main Street, Clinton, wished everyone Happy February.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mayor Schaumburg stated she owes everyone a big thank you for being so good to her and her family during this tragic time in her life due to the fire. We live in a good community and she is so touched by the friendliness and goodness in people. She commended the Police Department, Fire Department, First Aid and Rescue Squad, Quakertown, Annandale, High Bridge and the Lebanon Township Fire Departments. Mayor Schaumburg said as a mayor and citizen you never truly understand what they do till you see them in action. The volunteer departments were incredible and very professional. They are the best at what they do. On Monday, January 26, 2009, Mayor Schaumburg’s house suffered extensive damage to the second floor bathroom and entire attic. Thankfully, the family and pets are safe.

SPECIAL EVENT – PETE PENDER MEMORIAL FISHING DERBY

An application was submitted by the Clinton Sunrise Rotary to hold the Pete Pender Memorial Fishing Derby on Saturday, April 25, from 7am to 12pm at DeMott Pond. Chief Matheis reviewed the application and approved the event as submitted. Mr. Pender commented that The Clinton Sunrise Rotary is handling the event and it should be a great day.

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mrs. Insel.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ORDINANCE OF EASEMENT – DR. WALL

Ordinance will be tabled to another time for granting of easement to Dr. Wall.

RESOLUTION #43-09 - OVERPAYMENTS

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to authorize the Chief Financial Officer to refund the overpayment of two tax accounts. Tax refunds are issued to Hendricksen in the amount of \$553.02 and Hrindo in the amount of \$2,000.00.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Pendergast, Shea, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

(A copy of this Resolution is attached to these minutes)

RESOLUTION #44-09 TAX SALE REDEMPTION

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Duffy to authorize a check in the amount of \$473.91 payable to Arthur Frustaci, the Leinholder on Block 1, Lot 19 and authorized the Tax Collector to cancel Lein #2008-1 assessed to Moises Sarmiento.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Pendergast, Shea, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

(A copy of this Resolution is attached to these minutes)

RESOLUTION #45-09 – PARIS GRANT SHARED SERVICES WITH HUNTERDON COUNTY

The State of New Jersey launched a program for Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support (PARIS) to meet the strategic records management, preservation, and storage needs of county and municipal governments. This resolution is to support the County of Hunterdon to be the Town's lead agency for the 2009/2010 PARIS Grant Program.

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Insel to adopt Resolution #45-09 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

(A copy of this Resolution is attached to these minutes)

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE 2009 – Authorization to Sign

Authorize the Town of Clinton Fiscal Agent to sign the Municipal Alliance Subgrant Agreement and be the Lead Municipality for the North Hunterdon Cluster. The Lead Municipality will be responsible for signing of contract and will be accountable to the County and State of New Jersey for the administration of grant funds within its cluster.

A motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Pendergast

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

WATER REFUND

Water Collector, Nancy Burgess, is requesting a refund in the amount of \$8.89 payable to Perryville Properties, Inc. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Pender, to grant the refund as requested.

ROLL CALL: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Pendergast, Shea, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A check was received from Comcast in the amount of \$2,827.07 for the 2008 rights of way throughout the Town.
2. Mayor Schaumburg read an e-mail received from Rosemarie Platt that was originally sent to Mrs. Platt from Margaret Layding where Ms. Layding was giving her resignation from the Historical Preservation Committee. Ms. Layding has done an excellent job on the committee. Mrs. Insel highly agreed with Mayor Schaumburg. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Shea to accept the resignation with regret.
3. Mayor Schaumburg read a letter sent from Chief Mathies to John Gendelman, Vice President of Northeast Great Dane for the creation and installation of five wall murals thanking them for doing an excellent job. Mayor Schaumburg stated the Police Department looks great. There is enough room thanks to the work by our Public Works employee, Art Dysart. These murals will add to the terrific look of our police department.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Councilman Pendergast

1. Recycling- He was contacted from a merchant, Ron Williams, who received notification from his landlord that the haulers were not going to take cardboard for recycling. He was told the haulers did not want to take the recycling because they do not make money off of it but decided to take it anyway.
2. Filming may be done down on Main Street around Charles Bootery. It is all in the initial stage and he will keep the council informed of updates.

Councilman Duffy

1. Received a membership application from Timothy Vanselous, of 209 Race Street, Pittstown, to join the Clinton Fire Department. Mr. Vanselous passed the physical and everything is proper and approved. A motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mrs. Insel to accept the application as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Councilman Shea

1. The Clinton Guild's next meeting is tomorrow, February 11, at 8:30am.
2. The Roads Committee met this morning and discussed budget items and laid out plans for the year. The sidewalk at Leigh Street looks great and a similar design will be done by the walkway next to Fur Majesty. The downspouts are going to be redirected to the street to prevent water puddles. Brick pavers will be installed.

Councilwoman Valenta

1. Emergency Services will meet on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00pm.

Mayor Schaumburg

1. Mayor Schaumburg reported Bob Cutter is recovering well from his accident. He is still in a lot of pain. He cannot drive. He will not be able to work for a couple more weeks. We set him up with a laptop to connect him to the Town. We appreciate all the work he is doing from home.

APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Pender, to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for January 23, 2009 through February 5, 2009.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Pendergast, Shea, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes

Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mrs. Insel to approve the voucher list attached to these minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Pendergast, Shea, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTON #46-09 – EXECUTIVE SESSION – CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mrs. Valenta to enter into executive session to discuss contract negotiations at 7:45pm. Council is not expected to make any decisions.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Council returned to the Regular meeting at 8:24pm.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Shea seconded by Mr. Pender to adjourn the meeting at 8:25p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC

Mayor Christine Schaumburg