

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

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – De Cleene, Harrison, Insel, Kovach, Ragozine, Schaumburg
Absent - Garber

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. De Cleene to approve the minutes of July 25, 2006 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Kovach)
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peter Joseph, 49 Main Street, submitted a letter, signed by business owners, to the Mayor and Council regarding “Cruisin Clinton”. Mr. Joseph said the event made an impact on parking for people who pay rent and pay taxes. Joan Bloomer, 34 Main Street, stated she had no objection to the car show but is opposed to having it every two weeks, once a year she would support. Mayor Schaumburg addressed the audience and explained that Council agreed to look at the event after the first was held.

Jeanne Quintile, owner of Things We Like, stated that parking is a problem and taking a block of parking added to the problem. She feels that this is not an event for Clinton, the Town is too small and it’s not a help to the shops.

John Palladino, JJ Scoops Ice Cream Store, was ecstatic, “I made a million dollars”.

Bruce Pearson, helped bring the idea to Town to help generate traffic and bring people to Town.

Richard Urmston, President of the Clinton Guild, owner of Dicken’s Lane, 6 East Main Street, said he was glad to get the feedback. He agreed that once a month seems favorable. Councilman De Cleene asked if it was profitable. Mr. Urmston replied, “for some”. Mr. Urmston also stated that there was no garbage left around town, behavior was great, no incidents reported.

Bob Rittleman, Dickens Lane Jewelers, and co-organizer of the event, stated that 88 cars were registered and 66 were turned down. Mr. Rittleman met with all the drivers during the registration. Covering the event was The New York Times, The Star Ledger, The Express Times, and The Hunterdon County Democrat. This is an opportunity for shop owners to promote their business but if they choose to “sit on their stoop” that’s up to them. They might try putting out a table with sale items on it to draw customers.

Jeanne Quintile said she doesn’t have to run a sale, regular customers return and pay full price. Ms. Quintile said her worker that day had to follow people around.

Carol Beder, Heartstrings, she would not want the event every week but it did bring a new customer base to Town.

Marion Alterwein, Hair Horizons, was not happy with the event. She said garbage was left inside her fence and there was no parking for friends that came to visit her.

Councilman Harrison wanted to bring his 1976 Fleetwood to the show. He came into Town a little late to register his car but found lots of people milling around. He stated that ice cream and food vendors will do the best at an event like this. He agreed that pre-registration and a limit on cars is a good idea. This is the first time the event was held, some things can be worked out. Shop owners need to think ahead.

Councilwoman Insel suggested asking the Red Mill if they would be interested in having show cars parked on their property. Having East Main Street and the Red Mill would draw people through Main Street.

Councilman Ragozine walked around that day too. He explained that the goal is encouraging people to come into town and this event brought a lot of people. He continued to say that these cars are expensive pieces of equipment that owners take pride in. "Nothing will go perfectly for everyone." It may need to be fine-tuned but keep the dialogue going.

Mr. Joseph suggested making the event from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. as a solution. He contacted the Town Administrator from Somerville and discussed ways of making the event run smoothly.

Councilman De Cleene repeated, this was the first time, suggested holding it once again in August and once in September, "don't give up, it's bringing people to Town."

Mr. Urmston will personally talk to the merchants who were not happy with the event and discuss a compromise.

Mayor Schaumburg asked Chief Matheis how things went and was told things were ok.

Mr. Palladino thanked Council and directly to Mr. Harrison and Mr. Ragozine for the good things they had to say.

Walter Hetzel, 34 Main Street, delivered a suggestion from Arthur Schwartz, Portraits by Anna, the possibility of hiring a part time person to monitor the parking so parking privileges are not abused.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

None

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mrs. Kovach, to sign the Professional Services Agreement for Richard P. Cushing, Esq., to serve as the Municipal Attorney for the calendar year 2006.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #80-06 – TAX SALE REDEMPTION

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mrs. Kovach, to adopt Resolution #80-06 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #81-06 – TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Resolution #81-06 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #82-06 – SALARY RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Kovach , to adopt Resolution #82-06 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #83-06 – DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to adopt Resolution #83-06 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #84-06 – CANCELLATION OF CHECKS

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Kovach, to adopt Resolution #84-06 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #85-06 – REFUND

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Resolution #85-06 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #86-06 – 10-DAY GRACE PERIOD FOR TAXES

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Resolution #86-06 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE #06-11 – AMENDMENT TO GROWTH SHARE

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mr. De Cleene to open the public hearing on Ordinance #06-11:

ORDINANCE #06-11
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS C(1) AND D(1) OF THE
GROWTH SHARE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

There being no comments, a motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to close the public hearing.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to adopt Ordinance #06-11 on second reading as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE #06-12 –ACCESSORY APARTMENTS

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #06-12:

ORDINANCE #06-12
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON AMENDING
THE REGULATION OF ACCESSORY APARTMENTS

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

There being no comments, a motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to close the public hearing.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Kovach, to adopt Ordinance #06-12 on second reading as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

SPEED PLATFORMS ON RUPELL’S ROAD

Fire Chief, Scott Wintermute, had been given directions by Mr. Cutter to a location to see speed platforms and asked to give his impression. Chief Wintermute did not attend this evenings meeting, therefore, Council awaits his reply. Police Chief Matheis plans to attend the August 2,

2006 meeting of Union Township's Committee and explain the need for traffic safety and make a recommendation for the installation of speed platforms on Rupell's Road. Union Township owns half the road, however, the Town of Clinton paves, plows and salts the entire road.

SPECIAL EVENT – FAIRVIEW AVENUE BLOCK PARTY

Council is in receipt of a Special Event Application for Fairview Avenue Block Party for September 17th rain date September 24 from 2:30 p.m. to dusk. A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. De Cleene to grant the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, has notified Chief Matheis of their approval on his submission of the Emergency Operations Plan.
2. Thank you received from Clinton Public School Superintendent, Michael Schilder, Ed.D., for awarding the Clinton Town Council "Good Kid Award" to Melanie Kreutel this year.
3. Emergency Management Funding Check in the amount of \$5,000 received from the State of New Jersey.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Councilwoman Insel

1. Shade Tree Commission and arborist, Lou Spanner, drove through Town streets following the last storm. The next meeting will be in September.
2. Emergency Services will be helping with the car wash fund raiser on Saturday, August 5 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The fund raiser will benefit the Rescue Squad and the Fire Department. The next meeting will be August 9th at 7:30 p.m.
3. Smart Growth Committee will conduct a presentation at the Town Council meeting, August 8th along with Tara Braddish, of HART.

Councilman Harrison

1. Personnel – meeting held July 21st Committee discussed mid-year evaluations.
2. Sewer Committee: DRAFT of a Grease Ordinance has been prepared by Attorney Cushing, the Committee will review at their next meeting, September 5.
3. Tax Bills – have been received by Town residents and percentages have been changed in each Section of the taxes. Mr. Harrison requested that a breakdown of % differences be explained, Kathy Olsen, CFO will provide.

Councilwoman Kovach

1. Main Street New Jersey will be holding an Economic Opportunity on July 26 and 27, 2006 at Thomas Edison State College, Trenton, NJ from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Scholarship for this seminar will be paid for by the Highlands Council. Walter Hetzel, 34 Main Street, will attend.

2. Mrs. Kovach submitted a letter to Council and sadly offered her resignation to Town Council. Mrs. Kovach has been offered a position in Trenton, Acting Director for the Division on Women through the Department on Community Affairs. She will begin August 7 in Trenton and will resign from her current position on August 4, 2006. She thanked Council and the residents for the pleasure of working with them and for them for the past three years.

Mr. Harrison suggested Council pass a Resolution thanking Mrs. Kovach for her time and efforts she has committed to the Town. Attorney Cushing will prepare for the next meeting.

Councilman De Cleene

1. Mr. De Cleene delivered heart felt good wishes to Mrs. Kovach, and congratulated her on her well deserved appointment.
2. Roads – a large piece of the original Halstead Bridge has been recovered during the current project. Measures will be taken to get the steel delivered to the Red Mill to be placed on display.

Attorney Cushing

Congratulations and much success to Mrs. Kovach in her new position in Trenton.

Councilman Ragozine

1. Buildings and Grounds - Pre-bid meeting for 47 Leigh Street was held Monday, July 24, 2006. Bids are scheduled for Monday, August 7, 2006 at 10:00 p.m. Community Center renovations expected to begin in August, painting, flooring and new bathrooms.

Kathy Olsen, C.F.O.

Good luck to Mrs. Kovach.

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

1. Mr. Cutter wished Mrs. Kovach the best of luck and stated she has been a big asset to the Town.
2. Chamber of Commerce survey regarding Shared Services has been distributed to municipalities and has drawn a good response. The Town of Clinton Police Dept. will be using the radar unit with Flemington Borough, as part of shared services. Mr. Cutter stated he met with the new Clinton Township Administrator, Marvin Joss, and Tewksbury Administrator, Jesse Landon, and exchanged ideas regarding areas of shared services. The Chamber through the Business and Government Council is exploring a grant award. A portion of the grant will be divided among 26 Hunterdon County municipalities.

Mayor Schaumburg

Mayor Schaumburg commended the Public Works Department and their reaction to the recent storm. Comments have been received from residents also thanking the Department.

Police Chief Matheis

1. In addition to the Car Show, the Rubber Ducky Race and Sprintin' Clinton were also very successful in Town. These events took repeated attempts to make them the events they are today, and with a little compromise and work, the Car Show can also be a success.

APPROVAL OF OVERTIME & STANDBY PAY:

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to approve the attached overtime and standby pay for the period of July 7 to July 20, 2006.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Harrison, Insel, Kovach, Ragozine, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Kovach, to approve the voucher list attached to these minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Harrison, Insel, Kovach, Ragozine, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mayor Schaumburg, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to enter into Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations at 8:40 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Ragozine to come out of Executive Session at 9:28p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Kovach to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL

Christine Schaumburg , Mayor