

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

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – De Cleene, Garber, Harrison, Insel, Ragozine, Mayor Schaumburg  
Absent: Quniones-Perez

**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 Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Garber, to approve the minutes of October 10, 2006.

Vote all ayes  
2 Abstentions (De Cleene, Harrison)  
Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Insel to accept the Tax Collector’s monthly reports for the month of September as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Walter Hetzel, 34 Main Street, announced the opening of Morgan Interiors at 44 Main Street and handed out brochures. He asked everyone to stop by and “check it out”.

Mr. Hetzel also announced the Pumpkin Fest to be held by the Clinton Guild on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, drop off pumpkins on Main Street after 4:30 p.m.

Megan Sergison, 22 Rachel Court, asked when the Halstead Bridge would be re-opening. Mayor Schaumburg explained that the projected re-opening date is December 21<sup>st</sup> and that the crews are working hard to get the work done. Mayor Schaumburg jokingly commented to Megan, how nice it is to ride her bike on a quiet Halstead Street.

Matthew Sergison, 22 Rachel Court, attended tonight’s meeting with his teacher, Doreen Bleck. The 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Clinton Public School said he began thinking of a poem of Clinton in the style of ABC’s back in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Matthew presented Council and the audience with beautiful pictures and a poem depicting all the wonders of Clinton. A copy of the poem is attached to these minutes. Great job, Matthew!

**CLINTON MILLS DAM & DIKE**

Robert Haines, Esq. representing the Hunterdon Museum of Art, approached Council to request a portion of the funds from the \$914,000 State DEP grant to repair the gabion walls. Mr. Haines stated that there have been three floods in two years which has eroded the bank below the patio, the

parking area and parts of Lower Center Street. Each time, the street has to be closed off and repaired by the Town.

Ed Gagne, Architect, and Board member of the Museum, provided a sketch and an explanation of the work to repair the walls and an estimate of \$54,500.00. Mr. Haines explained that over time, water has washed out the lowest gabion and has created gaping holes in the three rows of gabions. The water comes through the gabions, washes across the terrace and into the parking area. The proposal is to remove the middle section of gabions and replace it with a concrete wall. Mr. Haines and Mr. Gagne agree it is a Mayor and Council decision should the work be done immediately to the walls or wait for the entire Clinton Dam/Dike project to begin. Civil Dynamics, Inc. the Civil Engineering & Land Surveying Firm hired for the Clinton Mills Dam and Dike Restoration Project, has begun soil borings and are expected to submit their report at the end of January, 2007.

Mayor Schaumburg spoke with Christopher Adams, P.E., President of Civil Dynamics, Inc, and it is his recommendation to wait on the repair of the gabions. Mr. Adams stated that he may be able to incorporate this repair work into the entire project and cover it with funds from the grant. John Ritchey, DEP, said all work for this project must be open to the public bid process. The \$914,000 grant money must first be used for life hazard repairs, not to pay for the gabions work first. Mr. Gagne asked about seeking a 2% loan, but Mr. Cutter explained that public funds would still be used and therefore, the job must be bid.

Mayor Schaumburg said that the Town will be following the advice of Civil Dynamics, Inc. Civil Dynamics, Inc. has been forwarding status reports on a regular basis and are actually ahead of schedule at this time.

#### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

1. Mayor Schaumburg addressed the Exit 15 construction project and explained that the four phase signal is now a three phase signal. Traffic coming off the highway is now aligned with the traffic coming from Route 173, the Knolls. Mayor Schaumburg agrees the traffic reconfiguration is a little confusing and it will take time for motorists to get used to it. The speed limit coming off the highway is going to be changed from 30 mph to 15 mph. The Department of Transportation is jumping ahead of schedule to get the intersection cleaned up before the winter.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #06-17 – DEFINING DUTIES**

A motion was made by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #06-17:

ORDINANCE #06-17  
AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF  
CODE ENFORCEMENT HOUSING OFFICER AND, DEFINING THE DUTIES THEREOF  
AND DEFINING THE DUTIES OF THE ZONING OFFICER

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

There being no public comments, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mr. Ragozine.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel to adopt Ordinance #06-17 as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Garber, Harrison, Insel, Ragozine, Schaumburg

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #06-18 – AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 88 - SIGNS**

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Garber, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #06-18:

ORDINANCE #06-18

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 88 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON ENTITLED “LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON”

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

There being no public comment, a motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to close the public hearing.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Ordinance #06-18 as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Garber, Harrison, Insel, Ragozine, Schaumburg

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #06-19 – AMENDING ELECTRICAL SUBCODE FEES**

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mrs. Garber, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #06-19:

ORDINANCE #06-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ELECTRICAL SUBCODE FEES, SECTION 73-3

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

There being no public comment, a motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Garber, to close the public hearing.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to adopt Ordinance #06-19 as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Garber, Harrison, Insel, Ragozine, Schaumburg

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #111-06 – CHAPTER 159 – RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Resolution #111-06 as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

Mr. Harrison questioned the \$483 .63 we received from the Recycling Tonnage Grant and asked where is that amount derived. Mr. Cutter eloquently explained that the amount is based on the tonnage the Town of Clinton recycles.

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

**RESOLUTION #112-06 – POLICE AGREEMENT FOR NJDOT JOB 1016506**

A motion was made Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Resolution #112-06 as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

**TEMPORARY FOOD LICENSE FEE WAIVER – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus wish to sell hot dogs and other items at the Haunted Mill on October 21 and 22 and again the weekend of October 28 and 29<sup>th</sup>. The Hunterdon County Health Department said they would inspect the site but would not charge the Knights for the inspection. The fee is \$125.00 to the County and \$25.00 to the Town. The clerk is requesting that the fee also be waived to the Town. A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to waive the fee as requested.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**CLINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Clinton Presbyterian Church is requesting a waiver of the two permits for the inspection completed by Jack Daniels, for the tent erected to celebrate the Church’s 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The amount of the permits totaled \$84.00. A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine to approve the request. Mr. Harrison questioned “why have fees?” however, as previously discussed, all non-profits will be exempt.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**DETECTIVE JAY HUNTER**

Detective Hunter anticipates being discharged from active duty with the United States Marine Corp. and returning to work in the near future. Much of his vacation and personal time has accrued and Police Chief Mathies is requesting that Mayor and Council authorize the Chief Financial Officer to permit Detective Hunter to carry over all his time. A motion was made by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to grant the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS****Councilwoman Insel**

1. Historic Commission – is in the process of reviewing the Town Ordinance and are finding it vague. The Commission would like to devise an educational tool, a process that would not be mandatory but would help residents when doing work on their homes. The Historic Commission is working with the Master Plan Committee with regards to the historic portion of the plan.

**Councilman Harrison**

1. Personnel Committee discussed a proposed “Return to Work Policy”. Denise Reed, Marudy Drive, asked when this policy would be addressed and if the Town was going forward with the light duty policy? Mr. Cutter explained that a copy was distributed to the Personnel Committee and sent to Mr. Cushing for his review. The entire Council has not yet received a copy at this time. Mr. Cutter stated that no municipality will be allowed into the Insurance Fund without this policy in the future.
2. Sewer Committee – next meeting November 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.
2. Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce, Government and Business Council, received the Freeholders approval and support for the Chambers approach to Shared Services with the Hunterdon County municipalities. The Chamber has considered applying for a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for a feasibility study of the services that can be shared. The next meeting of the Chamber is Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m.

**Councilman De Cleene**

1. Councilman De Cleene reported that on Sunday morning at 6:30 a.m., the streets were trashed with garbage and food containers left behind from the lines of visitors to the Haunted Mill over the weekend. Mr. De Cleene suggested that the Mill organize a clean-up committee following each evening’s event. Mr. Cutter will contact the Red Mill and ask them to organize volunteers for this coming weekend.
2. Mr. De Cleene asked Council to pick a date for the Annual Town Dinner. The Rescue Squad would like to hold an event in March and they do not want to pick a conflicting Saturday. Council chose Saturday, March 3, 2007.
3. Rescue Squad is sponsoring a 50/50 Raffle, tickets are \$20.00 each and the drawing is December 20, 2006.
4. Next Roads Committee meeting is Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 a.m.

**Clerk Covino**

1. Atlantic City – League of Municipalities – the clerk asked Mayor and Council to confirm nights of hotel reservations during the week of November 14<sup>th</sup>.
2. Kathy Olsen, CFO, requested a brief Special Meeting the morning or afternoon of November 9<sup>th</sup> to pay bills and a transfer of funds. Council agreed to 8:30 a.m. on November 9<sup>th</sup>

**Councilwoman Garber**

1. Clinton Guild - Pumpkin Fest is Friday night October 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Dicken's Day will be held November 24 and 25<sup>th</sup>.
2. Newsletter deadline November 10, 2006.
3. Clinton Fire Department – next meeting November 6<sup>th</sup>.
4. Emergency Services Foundation – Next meeting – November 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.  
2007 fund raiser discussions.
5. Clinton Fire Department, next meeting November 6 @ 7:30 p.m. Thank you to all who have  
have donated dinners to the Higgins Family on Wednesday evenings. Mrs. Garber has dinners  
being donated to the end of November. Anyone interested may contact her.
6. Mrs. Garber asked Mr. Cutter to include a discussion of sound barriers on the next Road  
Committee meeting. Also, to discuss installing a fencing under the Route 78 overpass on both  
sides to protect pedestrians and children from debris.

**Councilman Ragozine**

1. Buildings and Grounds – Work to begin on 47 Leigh Street with an anticipated completion  
date of May, 2007.
2. Mr. Ragozine also made a request that the office staff investigate ways of reducing paper.

**Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator**

1. Mr. Cutter explained that with the recent wind storm, the Public Works Department will be  
taking out the chipper and chipping branches that have fallen. The crew should be done by the  
end of the week and will then resume leaf collection.

**Police Chief Mathies**

1. The Chief reported on the 18 concrete beams that will be delivered for the Halstead Street  
Bridge.
2. Extra police will be on during the upcoming holiday season. No mischief has been reported.
3. Clinton Public School Halloween Parade will be held the morning of Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**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 October 6 – October 19, 2006.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine to enter into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss matters of Potential Litigation.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel seconded by Mr. Ragozine to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular Council Meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**TOWN DINNER**

The clerk will begin calling restaurants to hold the Town Dinner on March 3, 2007.

**CLINTON MILLS DAM / DIKE**

Mr. Cutter said he spoke with John Ritchey about the project and Mr. Ritchey asked if the Town officials were going to make a commitment to co-sign a loan for the Museum. Mayor Schaumburg replied that we never agreed to co-sign on a loan prior to receiving an engineer's report.

**ADJOURNMENT**: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Insel to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC  
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL

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Christine Schaumburg, Mayor