

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

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – De Cleene, Garber, Harrison, Kovach, Pendergast, Schaumburg, Holt

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Mayor Holt 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. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Garber, to approve the minutes of October 11, 2005 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

1. New Jersey League of Municipalities sent notification that absentee ballots are now available to all New Jersey voters regardless of circumstances.
2. Hunterdon County Municipal Officers' Association held their Fall Dinner/Meeting on October 20, 2005. Guest Speaker, U.S. Attorney for New Jersey, Christopher Christie, held the interest of attendees with interesting stories of corruption.
1. The Clinton Fire Department delivered bid specs for the new fire truck. Discussion will take place at the Council Meeting November 7, 2005.
4. A Pre-construction utility meeting for the realignment of Route 173 and Route 78 Intersection Project will be held on November 1, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at 5 Leigh Street.
5. Recommendation received from Don Goehe, Chairman of the Environmental Commission, to appoint Bill Kruetel as a member of the Commission.
1. Next Court Meeting will be held Saturday, November 5, 2005 at 8:30 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Council discussed a request for a waiver of registration fees received from the Clinton United Methodist Church. Registration fees of \$85 for the church and \$60 for the parish house were assessed by Jack Daniels for the Town of Clinton, Department of Fire Prevention.

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mrs. Schaumburg, to waive the Fire Prevention registration fee for the United Methodist Church and to waive the Fire Prevention fees for all houses of worship in the Town of Clinton. If fees have already been paid, reimbursement will be made.

All ayes
1 Abstention (Harrison)
Motion carried

A second motion was made by Mr. De Cleene seconded by Mrs. Kovach, to amend Chapter 77 of the Town of Clinton Code Fire Code Enforcement under the listing of non-profit organizations, to waive the fees of any houses of worship.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Garber, Harrison, Kovach, Pendergast, Schaumburg, Holt

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #05-11 – AMENDMENT TO SALARY & WAGES

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Pendergast, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #05-11 as submitted:

ORDINANCE #05-11
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #05-02
ESTABLISHING THE 2005 SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE
TOWN OF CLINTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

There being no public comment, a motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Pendergast, to close the public hearing.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Schaumburg, to adopt Ordinance #05-11 on second reading as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Garber, Harrison, Kovach, Pendergast, Schaumburg, Holt

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #05-12 – OVERCROWDING

The following Overcrowding Ordinance is the result of months of discussion by the Overcrowding Committee and has been developed to provide for the safety of Town residents. A motion was made by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mr. Harrison to adopt Ordinance #05-12 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #05-12
AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 70 TO THE CODE
OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON
REGULATING THE RENTAL OF HOUSING UNITS

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Garber, Harrison, Kovach, Pendergast, Schaumburg, Holt

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A notice of this Ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review on November 2, 2005. The public hearing will be held November 22, 2005.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #05-13 – FEE SCHEDULE

Mrs. Schaumburg questioned the amendments to the fees scheduled. The clerk will provide a comparison of the current fee schedule and note the changes on the proposed schedule. A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Kovach, to adopt Ordinance #05-13 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #05-13
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 73 TO THE CODE OF THE
TOWN OF CLINTON REGARDING FEES

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Garber, Harrison, Kovach, Pendergast, Schaumburg, Holt

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

This Ordinance will not be published at this time. This comparison provided will be reviewed at the next Council meeting, November 7, 2005. Publication will take place upon review.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #05-14 – AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 68

Mayor Holt explained the changes to Chapter 68 are strictly related to obtaining a permit to demolish. The permit currently reads the owner must obtain the permit from the Clerk, it should read, owner must obtain permit from the Construction Official. Mrs. Schaumburg discovered in reviewing this ordinance that the Town doesn't having anything in place regarding demolition in Historic Districts and suggests that requests for demolition in designated Historic Districts should go before the Historic Commission. Mayor Holt explained that at the time the Historic Commission was established, the municipality was not to oversee what was occurring with private property homeowners. If the Commission is concerned with being involved in demolition in designated Historic Districts, the actual recommendation should come from the Historic Commission and be presented to the Council for consideration. At that time, we should bring in the people who established the Historic Commission.

A motion was made by Mrs. Pendergast, seconded by Mrs. Schaumburg, to adopt Ordinance #05-14 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #05-14
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 68 ENTITLED DWELLINGS,
UNFIT TO THE CODE OF THE TOWN REGARDING DEMOLITION PERMITS

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Garber, Harrison, Kovach, Pendergast, Schaumburg, Holt

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A notice of this Ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review on November 2, 2005. The public hearing will be held November 22, 2005.

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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #05-15 – AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 88

The following amendments have been recommended to and accepted by Council by the Planning Board. A motion was made by Mrs. Schaumburg, seconded by Mrs. Pendergast, to adopt Ordinance #05-15 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #05-15
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 88 – LAND USE
AND THE ADDITION OF SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS TO THE C-4 ZONE

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Garber, Harrison, Kovach, Pendergast, Schaumburg, Holt

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A notice of this Ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review on November 2, 2005. The public hearing will be held November 22, 2005.

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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #05-16 – PETITION TO CONTINUE USE OF R-O-W

Attorney Cushing explained this ordinance updates Sprint’s use of the rights-of-way in the Town of Clinton. A motion was made by Mrs. Schaumburg, seconded by Mrs. Garber, to adopt Ordinance #05-16 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #05-16
AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY OF UNITED
TELEPHONE COMPANY OF NEW JERSEY, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS TO USE THE
VARIOUS PUBLIC ROADS, STREETS, OR HIGHWAYS IN THE TOWN OF CLINTON, HUNTERDON
COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, FOR ITS LOCAL AND THROUGH LINES AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AND PRESCRIBING THE CONDITIONS THEREOF

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Garber, Harrison, Kovach, Pendergast, Schaumburg, Holt

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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RESOLUTION # 98-05 – FIREWORKS

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Pendergast, to adopt Resolution #98-05 approving a fireworks display at Hunts Mills Park October 30, 2005.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #99-05 – SENIOR PROPERTY TAX FREEZE

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mrs. Pendergast, to adopt Resolution #99-05 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter received from Al Rylak, Lower Center Street, regarding juveniles on loitering on his Property and skateboarding on the stone wall. Mrs. Schaumburg questioned Sergeant Kubinak about the rules for skateboarding such as where it is and is not permitted. Sgt. Kubinak stated that skateboarding

is not allowed on any streets, however, some sidewalks are permitted. Sgt. Kubinak will prepare an article for the next Newsletter and forward information to Council. Discussion regarding possible skateboard locations took place. Buildings and Grounds will do an inventory of properties. It was suggested that the names and addresses of violators be obtained and forwarded to parents.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Councilwoman Garber

1. Clinton Guild Pumpkin Fest. Drop off carved and illuminated pumpkins between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m., judging will take place between 7 – 8:00 p.m., pick up by 9:00 p.m. 50/50 Christmas Raffle, look for tickets at participating merchants, drawing will take place Candlelight Night, December 15. Dicken's Days, November 25 and 26th. Fairy Tale Theater 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
2. Newsletter deadline November 11, 2005.
3. SWAC meeting held October 18. The Committee achieved a quorum to vote for a proposed recycling center on Rt. 31 which could be used for County residents. However, the tree cycle was voted down. Alan Johnson will take the denied application to the Freeholders to decide whether Tree Cycle LLC will get application.

Councilwoman Schaumburg

1. Buildings and Grounds – Mrs. Schaumburg questioned the status of the Lease Agreement between the Town of Clinton and the Water and Sewer Departments for 47 Leigh Street? Mr. Cushing explained that following a meeting he had with Mayor Holt and Nancy Smith, the agreement is 99% complete. Working out the rent payments will finalize the agreement.
2. Mrs. Schaumburg suggested a topic for Buildings and Grounds might be identification for Town Employees. Nancy Smith explained that all Public Works Employees, Fire Official and Inspectors for the Town have been given photo I.D.'s however they may not always wear them. Mayor Holt asked that supervisors advise their employees to wear I.D. tags as part of their daily uniform. Whitney Wetherill suggested putting employees pictures in the Town Newsletter so residents may become accustomed to them.

Councilwoman Kovach

1. Highlands Council met October 18, 29 and 20th. Representatives from COAH and DEP spoke.

Councilwoman Pendergast

1. Parks & Playgrounds will hold the Fall Fireworks, Sunday, October 30, 6 p.m. Prior to the Fireworks display, a Halloween Tailgate Style Trunk-or-Treat will take place at 4:30 p.m.
2. Parks & Playgrounds met at the Community Center and made a list of items that require attention, i.e. backboards, bathrooms, and refrigerator.

Councilman De Cleene

1. Road Committee – Next meeting November 1 at 9:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF OVERTIME & STANDBY PAY:

A motion was made by Mrs. Schaumburg, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to pay the attached list of overtime and standby pay for the period of October 6 – October 19, 2005.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Mrs. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to approve the voucher list attached to these minutes.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mayor Holt, seconded by Mrs. Pendergast, to enter into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations at 8:33 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to return to the regular meeting at 9:03 p.m. in order to adjourn.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL

J. Matthew Holt, Mayor