

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

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – De Cleene, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg  
Absent - Harrison

**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. De Cleene, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, January 8, 2008 as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

1. Mayor Schaumburg addressed our recent rejection letter from the New Jersey Department of Transportation, whereby they advised the Town that it will not be receiving a \$150,000 grant for Phase II of the Clinton Knolls Project. Mayor Schaumburg spoke to Sharon Shinkle Gardner, Assistant Commissioner of NJDOT, who understood the Mayor’s request and asked that the rejection letter be forwarded to her attention and she will seek other avenues that may assist the Town with funding, such as, discretionary aid.
2. Congratulations to David Dalrymple, of the Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad, for receiving the 2007 Harvey Grant Excellence in Rescue Award.  
Mayor Schaumburg commented on the Rescue Squad dinner, where a great group of people attended.
3. Congratulations to Richard P. Cushing, who received the Gordon D. Griffin Award by the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys for excellence in the performance of municipal law, community service and exemplary service to municipalities.

**RESOLUTION #39-08 – APPOINTMENT OF CODE ENFORCEMENT / HOUSING OFFICER**

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adopt Resolution #39-08, appointing Jack K. Daniels as Code Enforcement / Housing Officer for the year 2008. Mayor Schaumburg asked Mr. Cutter and Chief Matheis to schedule a meeting along with her and Mr. Daniels to begin moving on enforcement issues.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

**GIRL SCOUT WAIVER REQUEST**

Carol Gallo, Girl Scout Troop Leader of Troop 1207, is requesting a waiver of the Fire Permit Fee as they are a non-profit organization. The amount of the waiver was not certain. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Shea, to grant the request to a maximum amount of \$60.00.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**TEAMSTERS – MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

Mayor Schaumburg summarized the Memorandum of Agreement outlining the changes to the Teamsters Local 469 Contract. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement pending review by Attorney Cushing.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Notifications received from Statewide Insurance Fund congratulating the Town of Clinton for a “Special Recognition Award for positive claim performance and use of safety practices in control of all lines claims throughout 2007”. Mr. Cutter applauded the Clinton Rescue Squad for their participation in safety efforts and stated that when an accident does occur, Dan McTiernan reviews the incident and ways to avoid another.
2. Parks & Playgrounds received and approved a usage application for Regina Pellegrini, for January 26, 2008. Music will stop at 10:30 p.m. Ginny Rylak has contacted chaperones.
3. Hunterdon County, Human Resources Departments, has developed a Veteran’s Recognition Program which recognizes County employees, residents, their family members and friends who have served or are presently serving their Country in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraq Freedom or any other recent conflicts. Copies are available for distribution.

**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS**

**Kathy Olsen, CFO**

1. Budget meeting dates: February 13, 19, 28 and March 5. All meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m.

**Councilman Pender**

1. Rabies Clinic was held January 12, 2008, 322 pets were inoculated.

**Clerk Covino**

Raffle application received from the Clinton Fire Department to benefit the Emergency Services Foundation. 50/50 raffle to be held February 10, 2008 and a request to waive the \$20.00

application fee to the Town. A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mrs. Insel to waive the fee as requested.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to approve the raffle license as requested.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**Mayor Schaumburg**

1. The Second Annual Kids Day is being planned for Saturday, May 31 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Plans are to expand this year and add to the fantastic day we had last year. Officer Cohen is planning to assist once again, Chief Matheis said the FBI Academy may become involved and Mr. Cutter commented on a Karate exhibition to be performed by a friend of his. Mayor Schaumburg is meeting with Al LiCata, organizer, to get a “jump” on the event!

**Councilman De Cleene**

1. Emergency Services foundation will be holding their Fundraiser on February 10, 2008, 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. at East Toyoko Hibachi House, Flemington. Tickets are \$35.00 each, adults only, and tickets are being sold on a first come first served basis. Four tables remain.

**Councilwoman Insel**

1. Planning Board – Highlands Presentation – March 4, 2008

**Councilman Shea**

1. Shade Tree – meeting postponed until January 28, 2008.
2. Clinton Guild – Re-organization meeting was held January 16, 2008. Linda Johnson, Extraordinary Beads, is the new President and Gary Hayes, Dove Tails, is the Vice President. A new marketing committee is being formed.

**APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME**

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for December 28, 2007 through January 10, 2008.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #40-08 - TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Resolution #40-08, a Transfer of Funds.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #41-08 – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt Resolution #41-08 allowing Council to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel at 7:56 p.m.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular Council meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #42-08 – PROMOTION OF JAY R. HUNTER**

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to promote Jay R. Hunter to Sergeant. The motion was amended to promote Jay R. Hunter to the position of probationary sergeant status for the period of one year in accordance with the ordinance. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel to grant the promotion as amended.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. De Cleene seconded by Mr. Ragozine to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 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