

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 Mr. Pender, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, January 22, 2008 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adopt the monthly reports for the month of January as submitted:

Assessor’s Report, Clerk’s Account, Cat and Dog Licensing Accounts, Construction Control and Inspection Report, Police Report, Sewer Collector’s Report, Tax Collector’s Report. Water Collector’s Report, Wastewater Treatment Plant’s Superintendent’s Report.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joelle Garber reported on the fund raiser held for the Emergency Services Foundation. Everyone who attended had a great time and the Foundation raised \$988.00. Mrs. Garber thanked the committee and the merchants for their support. Mr. De Cleene thanked Mrs. Garber for an outstanding job.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

1. Mayor Schaumburg announced at a recent meeting that the Department of Transportation has turned down the Town’s application for funding of the Clinton Knolls Phase II project. Mayor Schaumburg then contacted DOT and asked them to re-think the request, noting that when Route 78 is backed up and traffic flows onto the Town’s streets, that is the reason for the wear and tear which is ruining residential streets. Assistant Commissioner, Sharon Shinkle Gardner, apparently agreed with Mayor Schaumburg, reviewed the request once again and on February 8, sent notification that the Town will be receiving a \$150,000 grant from the State to continue with the Phase II of the project, replacing water mains and resurfacing the roads. Mayor Schaumburg praised the DOT’s cooperation with the Town.

RESOLUTION # 43-08 – AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to adopt Resolution #43-08 authorizing the public sale of the 2002 Suburban and a 1994 F-350 vehicle no longer needed by the Town of Clinton. The property will be sold to the highest bidder on Friday, February 29, 2008.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #44-08 – MUNICIPAL COURT OF NORTH HUNTERDON LEASE

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Resolution #44-08, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Lease Agreement with seven other municipalities of the Interlocal Services Agreement, to lease space to hold court. Once again, Mayor Schaumburg thanked Mr. Ragozine for his efforts in negotiating the lease and for reducing the cost considerably.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #45-08 – OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adopt Resolution #45-08, authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to issue an overpayment of taxes refund in the amount of \$431.68 as requested.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #46-08 – DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Resolution #46-08 authorizing the Mayor to execute a Discharge of Mortgage from the estate of Kathryn McCarthy to Daniel Vergara.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #47-08 – RESOLUTION REQUESTING NEW STATE REGULATIONS TO PERMIT LOCAL POLICE TO ENFORCE TRUCKING REGULATIONS

Police Chief Matheis recommended to the Mayor and Council the adoption of this resolution which would give local police the authority to enforce new trucking regulations and the creation of financial incentives to off-set the impact of traffic occurring from new toll hikes. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to adopt Resolution #47-08.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

(A copy of this resolution is attached and will be forwarded to the Governor)

RESOLUTION #48-08 – SHARED SERVICES – NATURAL GAS

Mayor Schaumburg explained the proposal of the Hunterdon County Shared Services, Natural Gas Group Purchasing Program and the Town acting as the lead municipality. To benefit from this program, at least ten municipalities would have to participate. A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Shea to adopt Resolution #48-08, authorizing the Town of Clinton to be the lead municipality for the Program and to solicit to Hunterdon County municipalities, their involvement in the program.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Ragozine)
Motion carried

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

Also attached is a Natural Gas Service Inquiry Form required by the customer. A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Insel, authorizing the Mayor to sign the form for completion.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Ragozine)
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #49-08 – DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Resolution #49-08 authorizing the Mayor to execute a Discharge of Mortgage from Elise Fleck Bellick to Jennifer Dermody.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #08-01 – ESTABLISHMENT OF FEES

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to open the public hearing of Ordinance #08-01:

ORDINANCE #08-01
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES TO BE CHARGED BY THE
BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

The fees have been established by the Board of Recreation Commissioners to charge for the use of certain recreation fields and facilities.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adopt Ordinance #08-01 as submitted.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

NORTH HUNTERDON MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the 2008 North Hunterdon Municipal Alliance contract designating the Town of Clinton as the fiscal agent.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

SPECIAL EVENT – PENDER’S FISHING DERBY

The Clinton Sunrise Rotary is sponsoring the return of the annual Fishing Derby on April 26, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. In honor of Pete Pender, who sponsored the event for many years, the Rotary is seeking additional sponsors to support the event. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to grant the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Pender)
Motion carried

A banner request is also being sought. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to grant the request to display the banner from April 7 through April 27.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Pender)
Motion carried

SPECIAL EVENT – RUBBER DUCKY RACE / SPRINTIN’ CLINTON

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Shea, to grant the request to hold the Rubber Ducky Race and the Sprintin’ Clinton Race on Sunday, July 13, 2008. This is an annual event that benefits the American Cancer Society. The Ducky Race is from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Sprintin’ Clinton is from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The banner request was also approved to display from June 30 to July 14, 2008.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

UNION TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Mayor and Council are in receipt of a request from the Union Township Environmental Commission, asking for support to help reduce road noise in New Jersey. The Commission has drafted a letter proposing specific action to reduce engine braking by trucks. Mr. De Cleene suggested that the letter be sent to Assemblywoman Marcia Karrow, requesting her assistance with the public concern. Council agreed and Union Township Environmental Commission member, William Harclerode, will be notified with the Town’s decision.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mayor Schaumburg announced the Governor’s Town Hall meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2008 at Hunterdon Central High School. Hunterdon Democratic, Reporter, Veronica Slaght, said she heard the meeting was cancelled for that date. The Clerk will check with the Governor’s office to verify cancellation.
2. Police Chief Matheis has received notification from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police that his application for re-certification for the Certified Law Enforcement Executive Program has been approved. Congratulations, Chief Matheis.

3. Comcast (d/b/a/ Patriot) has forward a check in the amount of \$2,893.52 for the use of municipal right-of-ways during the calendar year of 2007.
4. Letter received from Al Rylak, thanking the Town for having a sign removed and asking if the Town has a sunset provision with reference to signs of a temporary nature.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Councilman Shea

1. Environmental Commission – South Branch Watershed Clean Up will be held April 19, 2008.

Councilwoman Insel

1. Historic Commission will meet on February 20. Awards for restoration will be given to Jayne’s Hallmark on Main Street and Fox Lumber.
2. Smart Growth meeting, February 21, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.
3. Planning Board meeting, March 4, 2008, Highlands Presentation.

Councilman De Cleene

1. Emergency Services foundation held their Fundraiser on February 10, 2008, at East Toyoko Hibachi House, Flemington. It was a great day, everyone had a good time. Joelle Garber did a fabulous job, a round of applause.
2. Rescue Squad reported 119 calls for the month of January, 2008. 17 year old, Becky Setnicky, held another Blood Drive at the Squad building on February 2, 2008. Once again she did a fantastic job!!

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

1. Tipping fees have been increased \$3.00 per ton. Budget adjustments have been made.
2. Mr. Cutter recommended that Kevin Olsen be removed from probationary status effective immediately to permanent employee status. A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to grant the request as recommended.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Mayor Schaumburg

1. Mayor Schaumburg announced the Statewide Insurance Award made to the Town of Clinton for employee safety. Congratulations to Mr. Cutter, Clinton Fire Department and Clinton First Aid and Rescue.
2. The Town Dinner will be held March 29, 2008 at Beaver Brook Country Club.

APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for January 11 through January 24, 2008 and January 25 through February 7, 2008.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #50-08 - TRANSFER OF FUNDS

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine,, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Resolution #50-08, 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

CLINTON MILLS DAM AND DIKE DESIGN ALTERNATIVE PRESENTATION

Chris Adams, P.E. President of Civil Dynamics, gave a brief presentation describing the process from hydraulic analysis of the dam /dike to the design alternative recommendation.

Mr. Adams then explained that the design recommendation would be to armor the existing dike to protect it from overtopping. The existing top elevation of the dike will not be raised, at all, during the armor process.

Darren Schaeffer, of the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Dam Safety, was also available to answer questions.

Residents and interested parties attended: John Baka, Water Street, Whitney Wetherill, 36 West Main Street, Peter and Nancy Izzo, operators of Roses In Your Hair, Walter Hetzel, Veronica Slaght, Reporter.

Mr. Adams will be submitting a written recommendation to the Division of Dam Safety.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL

Christine Schaumburg, Mayor