

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

Flag Salute.

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

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. Kovach, seconded by Mr. De Cleene to approve the minutes of March 28, 2006 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Garber to approve monthly reports for the month of March as submitted:

Administrator’s Report, Clerk’s Account, Cat & Dog Licensing Account, Construction Control Account, Fire Official’s Report, Police Report, Sewer Collector’s Report, Tax Collector’s Report, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent’s Report, Zoning Officer/Construction Official Report.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MAYORS COMMENTS

1. Mayor Schaumburg announced the 2006 Officers of the Clinton Fire Department. Chief, Scott Wintermute; Assistant Chief, Steve Higgins; Captain, Walt Dorf; Captain, Jeff Hedden; Lieutenant, Roger Plaisted III; Lieutenant, Quintus Joubert. Congratulations to all.
2. Mayor Schaumburg attended the budget meeting at Clinton Public School. An increase of 2.9% is expected.
3. Meeting at North Hunterdon High School to discuss the withdrawal of Clinton Township from the regional sending district. Dr. Shaddow stated that a decision is not final and remains “up in the air”. Clinton Township may move forward with the withdrawal.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to appoint Kathy Olsen as deputy tax collector.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #06-05

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #06-05:

ORDINANCE #06-05
BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE FUNDING OF PRELIMINARY
PLANNING AND PROJECT RELATED EXPENSES FOR THE CLINTON MILLS
DIKE AND DAM PROJECT IN AND BY THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF
HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$914,000 THEREFOR AND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$914,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO
FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Mayor Schaumburg explained the need for Ordinance #06-05 is to assist in funding the Town's expenses and allowing for preliminary planning and project related expenses for the Clinton Mills Dam and Dike Project. The entire project will be funded from a \$914,000 Dam Restoration Grant expected to be received from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mrs. Kovach, to adopt Ordinance #06-05 on second reading as submitted.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #06-06

Mr. Cutter explained Ordinance #06-06 regarding Stormwater Control is another factor of compliance with Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program instituted by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. The ordinance is to establish minimum stormwater management requirements and controls for major development and to reduce the amount of non-point source pollution entering surface and ground waters. Robert Clerico, Town Engineer, will be available at the next Planning Board meeting scheduled for May 2, 2006, to review Ordinance #06-06 with the Board and to answer any questions from the public. The Ordinance will then return before Council at their meeting of May 9 for final adoption.

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

ORDINANCE #06-06
ADOPTION OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON
STORMWATER CONTROL ORDINANCE

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

The Mayor and Council will vote on the final adoption of Ordinance #06-06 on May 9, 2006.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #06-08 – COAH THIRD ROUND

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Ordinance #06-08 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #06-08
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON
AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON
TO FACILITATE THE PROVISION OF THIRD ROUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN
CONNECTION WITH RESIDENTIAL AND NONRESIDENTIAL GROWTH AND
DEVELOPMENT

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

As the previous Ordinance #06-06, Ordinance #06-08 will also be presented to the Planning Board for their review at their meeting May 2, 2006. A copy of this Ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review April 19, 2006 edition. A public hearing will be held May 9, 2006.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #06-09 – USE OF SURPLUS FUNDS

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Ordinance #06-09 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #06-09
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CAPITAL SURPLUS FUNDS, CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT FUNDS AND WATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FOR
IMPROVEMENTS TO DEMOTT POND

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A copy of this Ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review April 19, 2006 edition. A public hearing is scheduled for May 9, 2006.

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

OC LABORATORIES

Mr. Cutter informed Council that the Town has been working with QC Laboratories for many years. QC performs the professional analytical services for the Town's Water Company and Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Cutter was asked to get a run on the services to present to the Committees. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Kovach, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Professional Services Agreement pending legal review.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

WATER AGREEMENT – ANSUYA

Mayor Schaumburg explained that the Ansuya Water Agreement is near completion and may be finalized before the next Council meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement pending final review by Attorney Cushing and Andrew Holt, Water Engineer.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

HALSTEAD BRIDGE WATER MAIN

Mr. Cutter updated Council on the re-bid for the Halstead Bridge Water Main. Upon the first advertisement, no bidders submitted proposals. Upon the second advertisement, two bidders submitted, the low bidder was missing an important document and the second bidder was 40% above the low bid. Mr. Cutter has recommended rejecting both bids and commence negotiations for this contract. If approved, Andrew Holt will advise the bidders and begin the negotiation process with Penn Bower and Marvec. Mr. Cushing will prepare a Resolution memorializing the action taken tonight. A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Garber to reject the two bids and authorize Mr. Holt to begin negotiations.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

SPECIAL EVENT & BANNER – RUBBER DUCKY RACE & SPRINTIN' CLINTON

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Garber to approve the Rubber Duckie Race and Sprintin' Clinton events scheduled for July 16, 2006 as well as a request for a banner to be displayed June 25, 2006 to July 17, 2006.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RAFFLE APPLICATION – HUNTERDON MUSEUM OF ART

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to approve the raffle request for the Hunterdon Museum of Art as submitted. The raffle is scheduled for May 13, 2006.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #56-06 – DEMOTT POND

Robert J. Clerico, P.E., Town Engineer, has reviewed the submitted bids for DeMott Pond and has recommended the bid be awarded to Marvec Construction Corp. of Verona, New Jersey. Marvec submitted the lowest responsive base bid in the amount of \$309,000 (with sidewalks) and an alternate bid in the amount of \$296,000. (without sidewalks). A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mrs. Kovach, to adopt Resolution #56-06 award the bid as recommended.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #57-06 – CANCELLATION OF FUNDS

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Resolution #57-06 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. In response to residents who have been calling Patriot Media regarding the Mets games, Patriot is offering an added channel to their lineup called SportsNet New York service which was added to the cable system on Thursday, April 6, 2006. An increase of \$1.70 a month will be incurred.
2. Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce has reduced the membership rate per municipality per year to \$150.00 in an attempt to have 100% participation. A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to have the Town of Clinton join the Chamber for the remainder of 2006.
3. Correspondence received from Joan Bloomer regarding several issues. Mayor Schaumburg has discussed the items with Chief Matheis and will respond to Ms. Bloomer.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

1. Mr. Cutter informed Council of Mr. Clerico's review of submissions for the Clinton Mills Dam Dike. Mr. Clerico is requesting authorization from Council to proceed with the title and topographic survey of the properties on Lower Center Street, along the dike. Required for this procedure the following is necessary:
 - Obtain any existing Title & Survey information from the four property owners
 - Have Attorney Cushing order any additional title documentation
 - Complete a traverse survey to locate all street, utility, title, building and topographical features in the area along the North side of Lower Center Street, extending from the intersection of Leigh Street to the intersection of Main Street.

- Prepare a base map showing these features and establish the limits of individual properties.

Mr. Clerico has arranged a meeting to review proposals for Monday, April 17, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. with John Ritchey, DEP; Ed Buss and Henry Patterson from the New Jersey Water Supply Authority; Mayor Schaumburg and Councilwoman Kovach. A recommendation is expected for the Council meeting of Tuesday, April 25, 2006. A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, authorizing Mr. Clerico to proceed as requested.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

2. South Branch Watershed Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2006. Mrs. Pender, 9 Lower Center Street, informed Council that on a recent canoe ride up the river, several bags of garbage and debris were located on the island behind the Methodist Church. Mr. Cutter will look into the matter.
3. Mr. Cutter received a phone call from Dan Campanelli who is offering the Town several 4-5 foot evergreen trees. Mr. Cutter has made arrangements for pick up.

Kathy Olsen, CFO

1. Meeting scheduled with new payroll company to work through the transition and a meeting will be set up soon to meet with the Finance Committee.

Councilman Ragozine

1. Buildings and Grounds meeting was held April 4.
47 Leigh Street revised plans were reviewed and everything is moving along on schedule. Revised quotes have been requested for Municipal Building electronic locks.
Community Center bathrooms – awaiting quote from a general contractor.

Councilwoman Garber

1. Fire Department is requesting the membership application of:
Anthony J. Olsen
19 Summit Drive
Annandale, New Jersey 08801

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to approve the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Mrs. Garber congratulated the new slate of Fire Department Officers for 2006.

2. Clinton Guild next meeting is Wednesday, April 19, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.
3. Parks & Playgrounds next meeting is April 20, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.
4. Emergency Services Foundation meeting Tuesday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Attorney Cushing

1. In reviewing the Stormwater Ordinance #06-06, Mr. Cushing discovered a reference to penalties that needs to be amended in Section 1.15 of the Code Book, titled Standard Ordinance Violations. Mr. Cushing will prepare an amendment to the Code Book for introduction at the next meeting. Once the Clerk receives a copy, the Planning Board must be notified of the change.
2. An amendment also to be made referring to Section 82, fines for bringing in garbage from out-of-town. Mr. Cushing will prepare for the next meeting.

Councilman De Cleene

1. Roads Committee met and discussed letters received from the Emergency Services regarding their concerns of installing speed platforms on Rupells Road.

Councilwoman Kovach

1. Jef Buehler, President of Main Street New Jersey, will be meeting with the Mayor and Council and the Clinton Guild at the May 17th meeting of the Guild. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. Mrs. Kovach asked that the clerk be authorized to advise Guild President, Richard Urmston and that the meeting be advertised in the local newspaper. A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Garber to authorize the Clerk to advertise the meeting.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

The next 2006 Downtown Revitalization Institutes series will be held April 26 and 27, 2006 at Thomas Edison State College, Trenton, NJ. The series is entitled "Guiding Design on Main Street – Places, Parking & Paying for It".

2. At the meeting of the Highlands Council held April 6, 2006, the Master Plan has been delayed and will not be ready in June. Documents will be released in October and is expected to be adopted in December, 2006.

Councilman Harrison

1. Sewer Committee discussed grease traps and received various ordinances pertaining to this matter. Mr. Cushing will assist in drafting an ordinance specifically with out of town penalties and enforcement issues.
2. Attended a seminar on April 5th addressing sharing services to save municipalities tax dollars. Senator Leonard Lance and Speaker of the House, Joe Roberts were in attendance and strongly support shared services. A meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2006 at the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce to continue discussions of services.

Councilwoman Insel

1. Shade Tree Commission meeting April 17, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Arbor Day celebration will be held Friday, April 28, 2006.
2. Historic Commission to meet April 19th at 7:00 p.m.
3. Smart Growth Committee met on Monday, April 10, 2006. Town Planner Carl Hintz joined the meeting along with the members and discussed the use of the HART Grants for the

Streetscape Plan, Bicycle and Pedestrian Path and a vision plan. Discussion with Kevin Richardson of the Hunterdon County Open Space Fund revealed that Open Space funds can be used for planning purposes. Mrs. Insel is requesting permission from Mayor and Council to apply to the County for \$25,000 to pay for a vision study. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to grant the request and to apply for the funds.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Mayor Schaumburg

1. Mayor Schaumburg announced the North Hunterdon Newcomer's Club Annual Chili Cook-Off to be held Thursday, April 13, 2006. The cook-off starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad Meeting Room.

APPROVAL OF OVERTIME & STANDBY PAY:

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mrs. Garber, to approve the attached overtime and standby pay for the period of March 23 – April 5, 2006.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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 Personnel and Contract Negotiations at 8:32 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mr. Ragozine to come out of Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.

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 8:56 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL

Christine Schaumburg , Mayor