

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

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – Duffy, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Valenta,
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 Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Shea, to approve the minutes of May 27, 2008 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS – MAY

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Pender, to accept the monthly reports for the month of May as submitted:

Clerk’s Account, Cat & dog Licensing Accounts, Construction Control / Inspection Report, Police Report, Sewer Collector’s Report, Tax Collector’s Report, Water Collector’s Report, Treasurer’s Report, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent’s Report.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

1. Mayor Schaumburg announced she will be attending the New Jersey Association of Counties Conference on Wednesday night. She assured the public that she will be urging legislators that towns expect more aid to small municipalities. Towns are expecting 20% restoration. The Mayor said she will have her voice heard, but first, son, Garrett, is in the World Series and she will be attending that!!

COUNCIL TERMS

Mayor Schaumburg once again explained the mayor’s term increased to four years which was imposed by the New Jersey State Legislature in 2005. Council terms were also

increased and Mayor Schaumburg asked council members to think about it at the last meeting. The Mayor encouraged council to write letters on thoughts they may have. Councilman Duffy prepared a graph showing how council and mayor terms would overlap. Mayor Schaumburg asked Mr. Duffy to prepare another graph considering a three year term for the Mayor and four year term for council. Mr. Ragozine stated that there needs to be a change, four years for the mayor could be too long, however, it needs to be longer than two. Mr. Duffy will prepare a new graph and forward to council and Mr. Cushing showing a staggering of three years for the mayor and four year council terms. Discussion will continue in two to four weeks.

WATER REFUND

Water Collector, Nancy Burgess, is requesting a refund to Ng Chen, Account # 2792, in the amount of \$23.82. A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded Mr. Ragozine, to approve the refund as requested.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #89-08 – 2008 GREEN COMMUNITIES PHASE I GRANT

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Resolution #89-08, authorizing the Town of Clinton to enter into an agreement with The State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for the 2008 Green Communities Phase I Grant.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 08-05

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Shea, to open the public hearing of Ordinance #08-05:

ORDINANCE #08-05

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, HUNTERDON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF CLINTON AND APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$75,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND RESERVES FOR SIDEWALKS

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Mary Jo Kurtiak, 5 Busher Place, expressed her support of the sidewalk on Union Road. Mrs. Kurtiak, an early morning jogger, is concerned with children and adult safety and would “love to see a sidewalk”.

Erika Huston, 12 Union Road, once again stated opposition to the sidewalk and presented council with a petition of 51 signatures of residents she said were not aware of the cost of the proposed sidewalk. Petition was accepted.

Mr. Cutter reported that the Road Committee and Town Engineer, Robert Clerico, met for a second meeting with the three residents affected by the sidewalk, the Huston’s, the Ezawa’s and the Leonard’s at the request of Mrs. Huston.

Brandon Mc Isaac, 8 Busher Place, father of a young child, said he is ultimately in favor of the sidewalk and views it as a proactive approach to safety.

Dave Kurtiak, 5 Busher Place, acknowledged the Town's obligation to ensuring a safe route to school for children for residents in general. Mr. Kurtiak asked about the obligation of courtesy busing to school and the costs that would surpass the \$75,000.00 for the sidewalk.

Mayor Schaumburg stated concerns about people cutting through private properties, Marudy Drive down to West Main Street, as an insurance liability and that crimes were reported on the path way. Crossing guards would complain of older children coming down the path and not stopping at the bottom of the hill, running across the roadway. It is "not safe" and kids should not be walking without a sidewalk. The Community Vision Study that was completed last year, where engineering professionals labeled that stretch without sidewalk as the "missing link", recommended the sidewalk be completed. The circulation study that was completed by Orth Rodgers, was completed at no cost to the town. The Department of Transportation paid for the traffic study for the entire Town with grant money.

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Pender, to close the public hearing of Ordinance #08-05.

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Ordinance #08-05, to proceed with the construction of a sidewalk on Union Road.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PROCLAMATION – OVARIAN CANCER

Mayor Schaumburg read the Proclamation declaring September, 2008 National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. The Kaleidoscope of Hope Foundation, a local non-profit group co-founded by survivors are also requesting permission to place 50-75 teal ribbons on trees on the main streets of Clinton.

RESOLUTION #90-08 – HOLIDAY INN LIQUOR LICENSE

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt Resolution #90-08 granting the renewal of the Clinton Holiday Inn Plenary Retail Consumption License #1005-36-004-005 for the calendar year 2008-2009.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #91-08 –QUICK CHEK LIQUOR LICENSE

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adopt Resolution #91-08 granting the renewal of the Plenary Retail Consumption License, # 1005-44-001-002 for the calendar year 2008-2009.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RAFFLE APPLICATION – NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION FOR LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

Council is in receipt of two raffle applications for the New Jersey Association for Legal Professionals to be held October 4, 2008. An application for a Tricky Tray and another for a 50/50 raffle. Application has been completed for each request and checks have been received. A motion was by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to grant the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RAFFLE APPLICATION – CLINTON EMERGENCY SERVICES FOUNDATION

Council is in receipt of a 50/50 raffle by the Clinton Emergency Services Foundation, to be held on October 10, 2008 at the Clinton Holiday Inn. A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to approve the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

2008 SUMMER RECREATION STAFFING

The Board of Recreation Commission has submitted a list of staff to be hired for the 2008 Summer Recreation Program to be held June 30 through July 25th at the Clinton Public School from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Shea to accept as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

(Copy attached)

TEMPORARY SIGN APPLICATIONS

Council is in receipt of two applications seeking temporary sign permits. As the Ordinance currently reads, temporary standing signs are approved by Council. The application is first reviewed by John Leonard, Construction Officer, and then forwarded to Council. The two applications received were not in accordance with requirements, therefore, they must be forwarded to the Board of Adjustment. Mayor Schaumburg said the intent of the Sign Committee was to streamline the process, not add extra steps and time to the applicants. The two applications will be returned Mr. Leonard with an explanation and Mr. Cushing will amend the Ordinance and a checklist will be included with the temporary sign

applications. An additional request from the Hunterdon Museum of Art will be directed to Mr. Leonard for temporary signs to be displayed for Art in the Open.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter of thanks from the Borough of Bloomsbury for recent assistance in helping Bloomsbury locate the source of several troublesome water leaks.
2. The Hunterdon Red Mill Museum will be featured on Ghost Hunters on the Sci-fi channel on Wednesday June 11, 2008 at 9:00 p.m. A gathering will be held at the Clinton Holiday Inn prior to the viewing at 7:00 p.m. for all interested in behind the scene discussions.
3. A letter from Weichert Realtor, Craig T. Ort, commending Fire Inspector, Jack Daniels for an outstanding job in his position.
4. Letter of resignation received from Michelle Harrison, Planning Board position. A motion was made by Mr. Pender seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to accept the resignation with regrets.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

5. A letter of commendation was also received from Charles and Isolde Price for the resurfacing job on Hillside Drive, it never looked better and they have lived in Town since 1977.
6. Joelle Garber, 163 Leigh Street, asked that the Newsletter be amended to read Emergency Services Foundation meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month, not the third Tuesday.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

1. A safety meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11. Water, Sewer and Police employees will attend, as well as Rescue and Fire Department members.
2. In accordance with the new Teamster contract, the new hours are 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.
3. Hand dryers will be installed at the Community Center on Wednesday or Thursday.
4. Voice Mail will be set up in the Municipal Building on Wednesday, June 11th and the employees will have a training session at 2:00 p.m. that day.
5. Numbers are in: 6 tons of less solid waste than last year and 24 tons ahead with recycling.

Councilwoman Valenta

1. Rescue Squad reported 142 calls for the month of May. The Squad hosted an Open House with great success.
2. The public is invited to nominate the Rescue Squad for the 2008 Outstanding Public EMS Agency NJ EMS Award by visiting the <http://www.state.nj.us/health/ems> website

Councilwoman Insel

1. Smart Growth Committee meeting Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The completed Circulation Study will be discussed. Great recommendations were made by Orth-Rodgers.

Councilman Shea

1. Shade Tree - 2008 Green Communities Grant completed.
2. Roads Committee – Bids to be prepared for the Union Road Sidewalk and the Knolls Project.

APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for May 16, 2008 through May 29, 2008.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #-92-08 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to adopt Resolution # 92-08 and to enter into Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations and Potential Litigation at 8:30 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel to return to the regular meeting at 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Shea to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC

Christine Schaumburg, Mayor