

Regular Council Meeting
July 12, 2005

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

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present –Christenson, De Cleene, Garber, Kovach, Pendergast, Schaumburg, Mayor 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. Garber, seconded, by Mrs. Schaumburg, to approve the minutes of June 28, 2005 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Schaumburg, seconded by Mrs. Kovach, to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2005 Special Emergency Meeting as submitted.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Pendergast)
Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

A motion was made by Mrs. Pendergast, seconded by Mrs. Schaumburg, to accept the monthly reports for the month of June, 2005 as submitted.

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

Vote all ayes,
Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jack Harrison, 28 Spruce Run Road, inquired as to why public comment is on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting and not at the end. Mayor Holt replied that Town meetings have always been this way during the time he has served on Council. Attorney Cushing responded that most municipalities handle it this way and the public appreciates being able to make their comments in the beginning so they don’t have to sit through the whole meeting.

Former Mayor, Robert Smith, noted that he instituted comments being held at the beginning because the meetings were running too late and this way the public didn’t have to wait until the end.

Mayor Holt noted that he will continue to explain what is taking place during the meeting and entertain questions from the public accordingly.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Council has received certification of the 2005 general tax rate. The overall tax rate in the Town has dropped from \$2.69 per hundred in 2004 to \$2.44 in 2005. The percentage of the Town's portion has dropped from 21% to just over 19%.
2. Council has also received a Resolution in Support of a Permanent and Constitutionally Guaranteed 30% Reduction in Property Taxes. Mayor will take the premise of this and break it down to something Council could use in support of the reduction of taxes and present for their consideration.
3. Mayor commended the Police, Fire Department and Rescue Squad for their support during the events held in Town this past weekend (July 8 –10); the Black Potato Music Festival, Rubber Ducky Race and Sprintin' Clinton Race. This was one of the most successful years for both races, with contributions for Rubber Ducky, going to the American Cancer Society and for Sprintin' Clinton, going to the Sunrise Rotary.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE #05-09 – MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Christenson, seconded by Mrs. Schaumburg, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #05-09 as submitted:

ORDINANCE #05-09
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MUTUAL AID
FIREFIGHTING AGREEMENT WITH ANNANDALE HOSE
COMPANY, CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT, LEBANON FIRE COMPANY
AND HIGH BRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Vote all ayes
Motion Carried

Mr. Walter Hetzel, Main Street, emphasized the importance for the need of man power for the emergency services as well.

There being no further public comment, a motion was made by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mrs. Schaumburg, to close the public hearing.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Schaumburg, seconded by Mrs. Kovach, to adopt Ordinance #05-09 on second reading as submitted.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

DWI TECHNOLOGY LETTER:

Council is in receipt of a letter, drafted by the Mayor, to Senator Lance asking for his support in our effort to get some funding from the State for the new technology equipment required for the testing of drunk drivers. Mrs. Schaumburg said she thought this was a great letter and asked if this could be put in the form of a Resolution to be sent to all municipalities. Mr. Cushing will prepare the Resolution for the next meeting. The Mayor asked that the Clerk's office send a copy of the letter to Assemblyman Doriety and Assemblywoman Meyers, as well as those already mentioned in the letter.

PLANNING BOARD MINOR SITE PLAN PROCEDURE AMENDMENTS:

Motion by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mr. Christenson, to adopt the Minor Site Plan Procedure Amendments and fee schedule as recommended by the Planning Board.

Vote all ayes
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #77-05 – GOOSE & GANDER:

A motion was made by Mrs. Schaumburg, seconded by Mr. Christenson, to adopt Resolution #77-05 requesting that legislation be enacted to impose limits on the annual State Budget to include spending limitations comparable to those required of Municipalities, Counties, Authorities and School Districts.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

BANNER REQUEST – RED MILL MUSEUM VILLAGE :

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mrs. Garber, to approve the Banner Request for the Red Mill Museum Village to promote the Haunted Mill to be held on October 21, 22, 28 and 29, 2005. The banner is to be displayed October 19 to November 2, 2005.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #78-05 – LEIGH STREET BRIDGE TRUST FUND CLOSE OUT:

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Christenson, to approve Resolution #78-05 authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to close out the Leigh Street Bridge Trust Fund and forward the funds to the County.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Thank you from Michael Schilder, Supt., CPS, for the annual Good Kid Award to recipient Nicole Hatalla, 35 Spruce Run Road.
2. Thank you and donation to the Police Department for their service to the Town from the Gulbrandsen Company, 2 Main Street.
3. Summer 2005 edition of Hunterdon County Season Years is available in Clerk's Office.
4. Thank you from Marjorie Nathanson, Exec. Dir., Hunterdon Museum of Art, to Councilwoman Janice Kovach for her efforts and role in securing a grant from NJDEP for stabilization of the Clinton Mills Dike and Analysis of the Clinton Mills Dam.
5. Council on Affordable Housing acknowledgement of receipt on June 17, 2005 of petition for substantive certification of the Town's housing element and fair share plan.

6. Letter acknowledged from Albert Rylak, Esq. with his opinion and history of Clinton Fire Department.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS:

Police Chief Matheis

Absent

PW/Business Admin., Robert Cutter:

1. Water Committee – July meeting will be held the end of next week. Members will be advised.
2. Sewer and Roads Committee – no meetings in August. Next meetings scheduled for September 6th.
3. Buildings and Grounds – will be meeting on August 16th and September 6th.

Nancy E. Smith, CFO

1. Notification has been received from the State that Fair Rebate Applications for eligible non-seniors and non-disabled homeowners in Hunterdon County were sent out on July 8th.

Councilman De Cleene

1. Road Committee - resurfacing projects for Fox Hill Road to be done this year and Hunt's Mill, Helen Road and School Street will be completed next year. The Down Town Project road trips continue with the next one scheduled for September 13th. There will be no Road Committee Meeting in August. The next meeting will be held on September 6th at 9:30 AM.

Councilwoman Pendergast

1. Summer Recreation Program continues through July 22nd.
2. Town Picnic will be this Saturday, July 16th.

Councilman Christenson

No Report

Councilwoman Kovach

No Report

Councilwoman Schaumburg

1. Rescue Squad has sent a thank you letter for the Town's annual contribution.
2. Historic Commission will not be meeting in July. The next meeting will be August 17th at 7:00 PM.
3. Sign Committee – Mrs. Schaumburg inquired as to when their letter will be on the Agenda. Mayor Holt advised that it has been scheduled for the July 26th meeting.
4. Support for new Fire Truck – trips to other towns are as follows: July 13 - Alexandria Township, July 14 – Franklin Township, August 3 – Union Township. Mr. Christenson and Mrs. Garber will attend on July 13, along with Mrs. Schaumburg, and Mayor Holt will attend on July 14 and August 3, along with Mrs. Schaumburg.

Councilwoman Garber

1. Clinton Guild – no meeting in July.
2. Solid Waste Authority - no meeting in July.
3. Newsletter – next deadline is August 12th.
4. Fundraiser for the new fire truck will be a Pampered Chef Party at the firehouse on July 28th, 7:00 PM. Catalogs will be available for those who are unable to attend.

APPROVAL OF OVERTIME & STANDBY PAY

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mrs. Garber, to pay the following overtime and standby pay for the period of June 16 – 29, 2005:

<u>Public Works Department</u>	Standby & Lead Op	Roads	Buildings & Grounds	Water	Sewer
Pete Bross	-			3 ot	
David Burdge	8 sb			9 ot	
Howard Deemer	8 sb			6 ot	
Art Dysart	-				
John Giordano	-				
George Moore	-				
Robert Niezgoda	8				6 ot
Roger Plaisted	-				
Jeff Reed	-				
Wayne Smith	-				
Donald Tharp	8				9 ot
David Zyck	-				

<u>Police Department</u>	Overtime Hours	Off Duty Hours
Sgt. Cory Kubinak	1 hrs	
Ptl. Jay Hunter	-	
Ptl. Leon Cohen	3 hrs	
Ptl. Glennon	-	
Ptl. James Crilly	7 ½ hrs	
Ptl. Tim McGuire	-	
Ptl. Matt Thompson	31 hrs	
Ptl. James Kramer	-	
Ptl. Ryan Garbolino	-	

Vote all ayes,
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motion by Mrs. Kovach , seconded by Mrs. Schaumburg , to approve the voucher list, attached to these minutes, for payment.

Vote all ayes,
Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mrs. Pendergast , seconded by Mr. De Cleene , to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters of Personnel at 8:35 PM

Vote all ayes,
Motion carried

A motion was by Mr. Christenson, seconded by Mrs. Kovach, to return to the regular meeting at 8:49 PM.

Vote all ayes,

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mr. De Cleene to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Vote all ayes,
Motion carried.

Sara J. Peterson, RMC
Deputy Town Clerk

APPROVED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL

J. Matthew Holt, Mayor