

Regular Council Meeting
July 22, 2008

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

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – Duffy, Insel, Ragozine, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg
Absent - Pender, Shea

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. Insel, seconded by Mrs. Valenta to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 8 , 2008 submitted.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Ragozine)
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE # 08-09 – CLINTON KNOLLS WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT - PHASE II

Mr. Cutter gave an overview of the proposed Knolls Phase II water main replacement and paving. Phase I was completed in 2007. This phase will include Busher Place and Messig Road. Bids will be received on July 29, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. A motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to open the public hearing of Ordinance 08-09 as submitted:

ORDINANCE #08-09

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER UTILITY OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$855,000 , INCLUDING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$435,000 FROM VARIOUS RESERVE FUNDS, THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$420,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

There being no public comment, a motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to close the public portion of the meeting.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Ordinance #08-09 on second reading.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 08-10 – CAPITAL ORDINANCE / SEWER UTILITY

Mr. Cutter explained that a section of sewer line is in need of repair on Messig Road. A motion was made by Mr. Duffy seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Ordinance #08-10 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #08-10
CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON SEWER UTILITY, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF CLINTON SEWER UTILITY AND APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$125,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND RESERVE FOR FUTURE REPLACEMENTS WITHIN THE SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A notice will be published in the July 30, 2008 edition of the Hunterdon Review. A public hearing is scheduled for August 26, 2008.

(A copy of the Ordinance is attached)

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #08-11 – BOND ORDINANCE CLINTON KNOLLS MILLING AND OVERLAY PHASE II PROJECT

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Ordinance #08-11 on first reading as submitted:

CAPITAL BOND ORDINANCE #08-11
BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CLINTON KNOLLS REPLACEMENT PROJECT PHASE II IN AND BY THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$580,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$430,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A notice will be published in the July 30, 2008 edition of the Hunterdon Review. A public hearing is scheduled for August 26, 2008.

(A copy of the Ordinance is attached)

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #08-12 – CARBONATE ROCK DISTRICT

The Planning Board recommends the adoption of the Carbonate Rock District Ordinance in connection with the Master Plan. The ordinance provides regulation areas within the Town which are impacted by carbonate bedrock. The ordinance creates two overlay zoning districts, the Carbonate Area District (CAD) which encompasses the Carbonate Drainage Area (CDA) and the Carbonate Rock District (CRD). It also provides methods of testing for the presence of carbonate bedrock features, submission requirements for land development applications within the CDA and CRD, standards for preparation of a geologic investigation report and standards for Town review of the geologic investigation report. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Ordinance #08-12 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #08-12
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON
AMENDING THE LAND USE CODE OF THE TOWN

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A notice will be published in the July 30, 2008 edition of the Hunterdon Review. A public hearing is scheduled for August 26, 2008.

(A copy of the Ordinance is attached)

REFUND OF ESCROW AND APPLICATION FEES – CHRISTOPHER MASSEI

Mr. Massei is requesting a refund of escrow and application fees in the amount of \$1,729.50. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to return the fees as requested.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #97-08 – TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION

A motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Resolution #97-08, endorsing the submission of a Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Recycling by Mr. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

BANNER REQUEST – TOWN PICNIC

Council is in receipt of a request to display the Clinton Town Picnic banner from August 24 to September 7, 2008. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 6 with a rain date of September 7. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to grant the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter received from Al Rylak addressing some young people “hanging” in Town as “hoodlums and hooligans”. The problem is affecting the quality of life in the Town, Mr. Rylak said. Police Chief Matheis attended a recent meeting of the Board of Recreation Commission and is seeking an ordinance to regulate park hours. Chief Matheis is also looking into smoking bans for under age children for the parks and playgrounds in Town. Mr. Cushing will draft an Ordinance for the next meeting, August 12, 2008.
2. Balic Winery, Inc. has moved from East Main Street to 49-51 Main Street in Clinton and have been granted this new Additional Retail Privilege license by the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

1. Mr. Cutter proudly reported that to date, solid waste is down 26 tons this year and recycling is up 26 tons.
2. Renovations have begun in the Police Department. Public works employee, Art Dysart is doing the construction. Art is an excellent technician which will result in great savings to the Town.

Kathy Olsen, CFO

1. Tax Bills have been printed and will be mailed the week of July 28, 2008. A grace period will be granted to tax payers.

Councilman Duffy

1. Emergency Services Foundation is planning a Casino Night on October 10, 2008 at the Holiday Inn. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and play time from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Advanced tickets are \$40.00 and \$45.00 at the door. A raffle will also be held, tickets are now available for \$20.00 each and if all tickets are sold, the grand prize will be \$12,000.

Councilman Ragozine

1. The score board at Gebhardt Field is about to be installed. The framing was done but will be moved to a better location.

APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for June 27, 2008 through July 10, 2008.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Ragozine, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Duffy to approve the voucher list attached to these minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Ragozine, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION # 98-08 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to adopt Resolution # 98-08 and to enter into Executive Session to discuss Litigation at 7:50 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

Council returned to the regular council meeting at 8:56 p.m. in order to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC

Christine Schaumburg, Mayor