

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. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 22, 2008 submitted.

Vote all ayes  
2 Abstentions (Pender, Shea)  
Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to approve the minutes of the special meeting held August 4, 2008 submitted.

Vote all ayes  
2 Abstentions (Ragozine, Shea)  
Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS – JULY**

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

Assessor’s Report, Clerk’s Account, Cat & Dog Licensing Accounts, Code Enforcement/Housing Officer’s Report, Construction Control/ Inspection Report, Fire Official Report, Police Report, Sewer Collector’s Report, Tax Collector’s Report, Water Collector’s Report, Wastewater Treatment Plants Superintendent’s Report

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

1. Douglas Berry successfully passed the S-1 license exam. Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent, Paul Klitsch, has requested that Mr. Berry’s hourly wage

be increased 25 cents per hour effective the date of his license certificate when received. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Shea, to increase Mr. Berry's salary as requested.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

2. Chief Matheis attended an I-78 Preconstruction Meeting on July 25, 2008. The paving project is scheduled to begin in September, 2008 and be a 13 month project. The road will be paved with a rubberized material, promising at least a 5 decibel reduction in noise. Chief Matheis stated that the NJDOT did not intend to begin the project at this time, however, due to Town's insistence, they scheduled the work. The project has been extended east and west of the Town, providing an even greater reduction in noise for the Town of Clinton. All paving will take place at night.

**PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE # 08-07 – DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PROGRAM**

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #08-07:

ORDINANCE #08-07  
AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING POSITIONS ELIGIBLE  
FOR THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PROGRAM

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Ordinance #08-07 as submitted.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE #08-08 – AMENDMENT TO SIGN ORDINANCE**

Mayor Schaumburg explained that this hearing is tabled until the next meeting, August 26, 2008. Special Counsel, Bill Brinton, Esq., is reviewing the current Sign Ordinance and the proposed amendments and changes are likely to be made.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #08-13 – AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 129**

The following ordinance amends Chapter 129, Towing and Storage, thereby making the Town of Clinton fees match the Township of Clinton fees making for continuity with an adjoining municipality. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to adopt Ordinance #08-13 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #08-13  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 129 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF  
CLINTON TO REVISE THE FEE SCHEDULE

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A copy of this Ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review edition of August 20, 2008. A second reading will be held September 9, 2008.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #08-14 – ESTABLISH HOURS FOR PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS**

In conjunction with the Board of Recreation, Police Chief Matheis recommended to Council the following four ordinances. Ordinance #08-14 enforces hours of operation from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adopt Ordinance #08-14 as submitted:

ORDINANCE #08-14  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 105 OF THE CODE OF CLINTON,  
TO ESTABLISH HOURS OF OPERATION FOR TOWN PARKS AND  
PLAYGROUNDS

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A copy of this Ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review edition of August 20, 2008. A second reading will be held September 9, 2008.

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**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #08-15 – PROHIBIT SMOKING BY MINORS**

Mayor Schaumburg explained that although it is illegal to sell tobacco to youths under the age of 19, it is not illegal for them to smoke. A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Ordinance #08-15 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #08-15  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 128 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF  
CLINTON TO PROHIBIT SMOKING BY MINORS IN ANY PUBLIC PLACE

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #08-16 – PROHIBIT SMOKING IN ALL PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND PARK FACILITIES**

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to adopt Ordinance #08-16 as submitted:

ORDINANCE #08-16

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 105 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON TO PROHIBIT SMOKING IN ALL PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND PARK FACILITIES

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #08-17 – GRAFFITI**

This ordinance addresses the prohibition of graffiti and the responsibility of property owners to repaint or remove graffiti within 10 business days. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Ordinance #08-17 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #08-17

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 83, TO BE ENTITLED GRAFFITI, PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION OF GRAFFITI AND ITS REMOVAL BY PROPERTY OWNERS

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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**RESOLUTION #100-08 – BYOB – TOWN PICNIC**

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Resolution #100-08 which permits the consumption of alcoholic beverages at the Town Picnic.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

**RESOLUTION #101-08 – GRACE PERIOD FOR TAX PAYMENT**

Kathy Olsen, CFO, explained that due to the delay in the issuance of 2008/2009 tax bills, an extension of due date be granted until August 25, 2008. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt Resolution #101-08.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #102-08 – DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE**

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Resolution #102-08 authorizing the Mayor to execute a Discharge of Mortgage for David and Katie Stettler.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #103-08 – SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH NJDEP**

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Shea, authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Settlement Agreement with NJDEP following the correction of the name Township to Town of Clinton and to pay the \$800 fine.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**WATER REFUND – MARK DAVIS**

Water Collector, Nancy Burgess, is requesting a water refund be issued in the amount of \$7.59 to Mark Davis, Account #6810. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to grant the refund as requested.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**SPECIAL EVENT AND BANNER APPLICATION – CLINTON GUILD**

Council is in receipt of a special event and banner application from the Clinton Guild to host a second Retro Music Street Fest on Sunday, October 5, 2008 from 12:00 Noon until 6:00 p.m., rain date will be October 12, 2008. The banner dates September 29 to October 15, 2008. Mayor Schaumburg read a letter of support from Guild President, Linda Johnson, who was unable to attend. Chief Matheis found no problems with hosting another event, all went smoothly during their first attempt in June. The Mayor commented on the number of calls she received praising BeatleFest, merchants were happy, the Town was left very clean after the event, all positive feedback. Mr. Pender said it was an “awesome” event and only asked that spectators stay within the curb, protecting store fronts from people leaning against them. A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to approve the event and banner request as submitted.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

Mayor Schaumburg asked Guild organizers to meet with the Chief once again before the event.

**SPECIAL EVENT – FAIRVIEW BLOCK PARTY**

The annual Fairview Block Party is scheduled for September 28, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. to dusk. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Pender, to grant the special event request as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RAFFLE APPLICATION – EMERGENCY SERVICES FOUNDATION**

Council is in receipt of a Raffle application for a Casino Night, to be held October 10, 2008 hosted by the Emergency Services Foundation. A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to grant the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RAFFLE APPLICATION – RED MILL MUSEUM VILLAGE**

Council is in receipt of a Raffle application from the Red Mill Museum Village to hold a raffle October 23, 2008. The prize will be a reading by Spiritual Medium, Arlene, a \$100. value and two tickets-Express to the Haunted Mill an \$80.00 value. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to grant the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Anne Rossi and Mary Kayler of Mary's and Addicted Jeans Store, forwarded a letter to the Buildings and Grounds Committee requesting that the trash cans in front of their store be moved. Mayor Schaumburg's concern was people buying food in their establishment and not having a trash can close by, the Mayor felt it makes sense to have the can in that location. Mayor Schaumburg will discuss the trash can with Mr. Cutter and respond to Ms. Rossi.
2. A letter received from Elizabeth and Ronald Kane commending Patrolman Jeff Ollerenshaw for assisting the couple with a flat tire. Not only did Ptl. Ollerenshaw direct the traffic around the loaded trailer, he actually changed the tire for Mr. Kane.
3. A letter received from an out-of-towner commending Art Dysart who assisted Mr. Blackton of Bath, Pennsylvania, in contacting his son who was involved in a automobile accident. "Mr. Dysart demonstrated a positive attitude and a sincere willingness to help a person in distress."

**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS**

**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, if all

tickets are sold, will be \$12,000.

2. Fire Department responded to 21 calls in July, three were "heavy duty". All area calls were well handled, and one is considered suspicious.

**Councilman Shea**

1. Roads Committee – Pre-construction meeting August 18, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the Clinton Knolls Phase II project.
2. Clinton Guild planning Music Fest October 5, 2008.

**Councilwoman Insel**

1. "Welcome to Clinton" sign design promotion still looking for more. Next meeting Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

**Councilwoman Valenta**

1. Rescue Squad elected a new Vice President, Joe Korckuch. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration scheduled for August 23, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Councilman Ragozine**

1. Town Picnic, September 6, Rain date, September 7 starting at 2:00 p.m. Fireworks will close out the evening.

**APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME**

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for July 11, 2008 through August 7, 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 Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel 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 # 104-08 - EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to adopt Resolution # 104-08 and to enter into Executive Session to discuss Property Acquisitions and Negotiations at 8:20 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 8:40 p.m. in order to adjourn.

**WATER TOWER / EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the agreement with the State of New Jersey and authorizing the CFO to proceed with a check for \$15,800 to the State, for a deed of easement between the State of New Jersey, Department of Corrections and the Town of Clinton, granting an easement to build and maintain a water storage tank on the premises.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC

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Christine Schaumburg, Mayor