

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 Mrs. Insel, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 9, 2008 submitted.

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

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to accept the Monthly Reports for the month of August as submitted:
Fire Official Report, Police Report, Tax Collector’s Report

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

None

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT POSITION

Mayor Schaumburg welcomed the two applicants, Marty Pendergast and Ben Sniecinski, and allowed them to introduce themselves and explain their interest to apply. Mr. Pendergast stated is has been involved with the Town for years, while his wife, Rosemary, was a councilwoman. He attends meetings regularly and is also a candidate for Council this Fall. Mr. Sniecinski stated he has been a resident for only two years, but a resident of Clinton Township for 20 years. He met Frank Gallagher, Planning Board Chair, and after talking with him, decided to get involved. Mr. Ragozine acknowledged Mr. Pendergast’s candidacy and pointed out that if Mr. Pendergast was selected for the Board of Adjustment, and was elected a councilman in November, he would need to resign from the BOA and the council would have to go through this process again. Following their introductions, Mayor Schaumburg explained that Council would enter a brief Executive Session and return.

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Shea, to enter into Executive Session, Resolution #116-08, to discuss this personnel matter at 7:36 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Council returned from Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to appoint Ben Sniecinski to fill the vacancy on the Board of Adjustment. Mayor Schaumburg mentioned the Board of Adjustment meeting schedule and that Board Secretary, Allison McGinley would contact him with additional information. Mayor Schaumburg thanked Mr. Pendergast, once again for his continued interest.

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 #110-08 – CHAPTER 159

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adopt Resolution #110-08 for the insertion of revenue in the amount of \$1,225.58, received as the Recycling Tonnage Grant.

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 #111-08 – TOWN PICNIC FIREWORKS

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mrs. Insel to adopt Resolution #111-08 to display fireworks at the Town Picnic on October 4, 2008.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #112-08 – ESTABLISHMENT OF PETTY CASH FUND

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Resolution #112-08 establishing a petty cash fund for the Police Department in the amount of \$250.00.

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 #113-08 – TOWN PICNIC

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adopt Resolution #113-08 to permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages at the Town Picnic on October 4, 2008.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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RESOLUTION #114-08 - SUBMISSION OF HIGHLANDS GRANT APPLICATION

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to adopt Resolution #114-08, to support the submission of a Planning Assistance Grant Application to the Highlands Council.

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 #115-08 – CLINTON KNOLLS PHASE II

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt Resolution #115-08, to award the Clinton Knolls Phase II Project to Z Brothers Concrete of Sayreville, New Jersey, as recommended by the Town Engineer, Robert J. Clerico, P.E. of Van Cleef Engineering.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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RAFFLE – HUNTERDON HILLS LIONS CLUB

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to approve the 50/50 raffle request to be held Monday, January 26, 2009 by the Hunterdon Hills Lions Club.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CITY CONNECTIONS WEB SITE RENEWAL

Mayor Schaumburg stated that the renewal for the Government Domain Name in the amount of \$125.00 and the City Connections contract is due in the amount of \$1,764.00.

The web site is a wealth of information and for the amount we pay, the Town certainly benefits. A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, authorizing the Mayor to sign the 2008-2009 contract with City Connections and pay the appropriate fees.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

HUNTERDON ART MUSEUM – PERMIT FEE WAIVER

The Hunterdon Art Museum is in the process of putting a new roof on the building and have applied for a permit in the amount of \$1,296.00. The Museum is requesting that the Town waive the fee for this non-profit organization. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Shea, to approve the request.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CLINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Clinton Presbyterian Church is planning a pot luck barbeque on October 29, 2008 and will be using two propane grills. The Church is required to obtain a Fire Safety Permit in the amount of \$42.00 from the fire inspector. They are requesting the fee be waived. A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mrs. Valenta to approve the waiver as requested.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – FIRE PERMIT & FOOD LICENSE FEE WAIVER

The Knights of Columbus has applied to the Town for a Fire Permit and a Temporary Food License for the Haunted Mill, October 17, 18, 24 and 25, 2008. The Knights are requesting a waiver in the amount of \$42.00 for the Fire Permit and \$100.00 for each weekend's food license. The county has already approved the \$150.00 waiver. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel to approve the request as submitted.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

FILM PERMIT – AS THE WORLD TURNS

Telenext Media, Inc., producer of "As The World Turns", is seeking a film permit to tape scenes on Main Street in front of J.J. Scoops on September 25, 2008. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Shea, to approve the request.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter of thanks from the North Branch of the Hunterdon County Library addressed to Sgt. Cory Kubinak for making a presentation to the staff about "Policing Your Workplace". The employees learned valuable information.
2. A letter of resignation from Tom and Sue Whiteley stepping down from their positions of Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator and Shade Tree Commission respectively. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Shea to accept their resignations with regrets. The couple is retiring to Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Councilman Shea

1. Board of Recreation – will be holding the Town Picnic October 4, 2008 beginning at 2:00 p.m. until dusk, fireworks display to round out the day.
2. Clinton Guild will be hosting a British Invasion on Sunday, October 5, 2008 beginning at noon. The Guild encourages everyone to do their shopping locally.

Councilwoman Insel

1. Smart Growth Committee awaiting response as to their grant applications.

Clerk Covino

1. November Council Meetings fall on November 11 and 25th. November 11th is Veteran's Day. Council agreed to hold just one council meeting on November 25, 2008.

Councilman Ragozine

1. Board of Recreation met and discussed Gebhardt Field. A decision has been made to rebuild from the ground up duplicating what is presently there. A Request for Proposal (RFP) will be prepared and the project will be budgeted for. A debate remains on construction of dug outs and question as to their original installation.

Councilman Pender

1. Emergency Services Foundation – Hosting Casino Night at the Holiday Inn on October 10, 2008 from 8:00 p.m. to midnight.

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

1. Mr. Cutter interviewed several Public Works applicants and recommends hiring Jerry Vogel, 5 Camila Drive, Pittstown, New Jersey 08867 as the most qualified. Jerry would begin Friday, September 26, 2008 at a salary of \$15.25 per hour. A motion Was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Shea, to hire Jerry Vogel as recommended.

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

Vote all ayes

Motion carried

2. Leaf Collections will begin on or about October 15, 2008.
3. A written update on the Clinton Falls Dam and Dike is expected and will be reported on at the next Council meeting. The project is proceeding on schedule.

APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for September 5, 2008 through September 18, 2008.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #117-08- EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel to enter into Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations at 8:06 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mrs. Valenta to come out of Executive Session and return to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:29 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Insel seconded by Mr. Ragozine to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC

Christine Schaumburg, Mayor