

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

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – De Cleene, Garber, Harrison, Insel, Kovach, Ragozine, Mayor Schaumburg

Steven Farsiou, Esq. of Gebhardt & Keifer, attended tonight's meeting in Mr. Cushing's absence.

**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. Kovach, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to approve the minutes of February 28, 2006 as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
1 Abstention (Harrison)  
Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to approve monthly reports for the month of February as submitted:

Administrator, Clerk's Account, Cat & Dog Licensing Account, Construction Control Account, Fire Official's Report, Police Report, Sewer Collector's Report, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent's Report, Zoning Officer/Construction Official Report

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**MAYORS COMMENTS**

1. Mayor Schaumburg introduced Kristin Schoenig, a student at Lockhaven. Kristin spent the day with the Mayor and attending the Council meeting to observe Government in action. Kristin is a graduate of Clinton Public School.
2. Clinton Public School Third Annual Golf Classic will be held Wednesday May 3, 2006. For more information, brochures available in the Clerk's Office.

**PUBLIC HEARING – 2006 BUDGET**

Mayor Schaumburg explained that the 2006 Budget hearing will be opened to the public this evening, however, the budget can not be adopted until the State releases the State Aid figures on March 21, 2006. Therefore, discussion will take place, public comments accepted but the vote will not be taken until the next Council meeting of March 28, 2006. Mayor Schaumburg proudly

announced a “flat levy” for the Town this year. The Town received \$95,000 in revenue from the Hotel Tax generated through Holiday Inn, Riverside Bed and Breakfast and anticipates the approved Ansuya project for another hotel and restaurant to be located on Route 31 North. Town Council and employees worked diligently through the budget process this year to maintain services to residents while maintaining road projects and moving ahead with 47 Leigh Street reconstruction which will be funded by water and sewer departments. The DeMott Pond project is fully funded and work is expected to take place this year. Several grants have been applied for including Community Block Grants to address the Community Center’s needs of floor refurbishing or replacement, bathrooms and repainting the interior. Expenses have been carefully examined and slight cuts have been processed, i.e. cleaning services have been decreased from 5 nights per week to 3 nights amounting to a \$3,800 reduction.

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Mr. Ragozine seconded by Mrs. Garber.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

Jack McBurney, Haver Farm Road, questioned the expression of “flat levy”. Auditor Warren Korecky explained that the same tax amount that was raised in 2005 will be raised by residents in 2006.

Larry White, Haver Farm Road, asked how expenses increased and the levy remained flat? Mr. Korecky explained that due to an increase in revenues it off set the increase in expenses.

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine to close the public hearing.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

The vote on the budget will be March 28, 2006.

**PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #06-03 – SALARY & WAGES**

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mrs. Kovach, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #06-03:

ORDINANCE #06-03  
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 2006  
SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

The average salary increase for Town employees is 3.5% for 2006. Mr. Ragozine explained that the Town has developed a Smart Growth Committee to explore options for an increase in ratables. Councilwoman Laurie Insel has been researching and applying for grants. An Emergency Services Foundation has also been established to raise money for emergency services. Mr. Harrison explained the Town’s progress in Shared Services with other municipalities for purchasing and services. An agreement has very recently been established with Morris County Co-operative Purchasing, sharing with 39 municipalities.

Mr. McBurney questioned the need of purchasing a new police car, staffing and equipment expenses. Mr. McBurney also suggested shared services with Franklin Township. Mayor

Schaumburg explained meetings held with the Police Chief and the Police Committee and all requests were reviewed thoroughly. The Interlocal Agreement with the North Hunterdon Municipal Court and nine municipalities has proven to be very beneficial over the years.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mr. De Cleene.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Ordinance #06-03 on second reading as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Garber, Harrison, Insel, Kovach, Ragozine, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #06-04 – AMENDMENT TO SECTION 77-8**

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #06-04:

ORDINANCE #06-04  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 77-8  
OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON  
TO ADD A NEW SECTION G

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Kovach, to adopt Ordinance #06-04 on second reading as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Garber, Harrison, Insel, Kovach, Ragozine, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #48-06 – RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2006 CAPITAL BUDGET**

Mrs. Smith explained Resolution #48-06 to amend the 2006 Capital Budget adding thereto a schedule for methods of financing.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Insel to adopt Resolution #48-06 as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #06-05 – BOND ORDINANCE**

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Garber, to adopt Ordinance #06-05 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #06-05  
BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE FUNDING OF PRELIMINARY  
PLANNING AND PROJECT RELATED EXPENSES FOR THE CLINTON MILLS  
DIKE AND DAM PROJECT IN AND BY THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF  
HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$914,000 THEREFOR AND  
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$914,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO  
FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A copy of this Ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review March 22, 2006 edition. A public hearing will be held April 11, 2006.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #06-06 – STORMWATER ORDINANCE**

A motion was made by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mrs. Kovach, to adopt Ordinance #06-06 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #06-06  
ADOPTION OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON  
STORMWATER CONTROL ORDINANCE

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

Robert Clerico, P.E. of Van Cleef Engineering, will be available at the April 4, 2006 Planning Board meeting for a brief presentation and for any comments.

A copy of this Ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review March 22, 2006 edition. A public hearing will be held April 11, 2006.

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

**RESOLUTION #46-06 – REFUND**

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Kovach, to adopt Resolution #46-06 as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

**RESOLUTION #47-06 – DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE**

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Resolution #47-06 as submitted.

Vote all ayes

Motion carried

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

**PAYROLL COMPANY**

Finance Officers, Nancy Smith and Kathy Olsen, will be meeting with prospective companies at the end of March. A recommendation will be made at the next meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Al Rylak forwarded a note to Council complaining about the litter on the property to the east of the A&P building and suggested contacting representatives and voicing our concerns. Mrs. Kovach mentioned a truck that has been parked in front of the A&P advertising Prudential Real Estate “a billboard on wheels”.
2. Hunterdon County Department of Human Services hosts Elder Quest 2006 at the Senior Center Located in Flemington. Annual Spring lectures series will be held on consecutive Wednesday’s in May from May 10<sup>th</sup> to May 25<sup>th</sup> with two sessions, 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS**

**Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator**

1. Spring Leaf Clean-Up will begin Monday, March 27 through Friday, April 7, 2006, weather permitting.
2. The Pony Truss Bridge, leading onto Main Street, work will begin March 20<sup>th</sup> during day time hours.

**Nancy E. Smith, CFO**

1. The Municipal Alliance checking account has been opened, we are awaiting the first check for the County.

**Councilman Ragozine**

1. Buildings and Grounds Committee discussed replacing or renovations to the gym floor at the Community Center and the bathrooms. The Committee also discussed outdoor improvements.
2. Requests for Proposals advertised for the DeMott Pond project.
3. Architect Susan Rochelle to begin work on 47 Leigh Street.

**Councilwoman Garber**

1. Fire Department is requesting the approval of a membership application for:  
Jamie Stephens  
24 Marudy Drive  
Clinton, New Jersey 08809

A motion to accept the membership was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Insel.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

2. The Fire Department has begun renovations to the Fire House to accommodate the new aerial truck. Work is expected to take a few months to complete.
3. Emergency Services Foundation is changing the date of their meeting from March 21 to March 22 at 7:00 p.m.
4. Clinton Guild meeting will be held Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
5. Parks and Playgrounds meeting Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**Councilman De Cleene**

1. In response to the request of the Road Committee, the Clinton Rescue Squad forwarded a letter regarding their position on the possible installation of speed platforms on Rupells Road. The Squad stated that they could not fully endorse the construction that might slow the Squad in responding to a person in need. The Road Committee is awaiting a response from the Clinton Fire Department.
2. Mr. De Cleene and Mrs. Kovach will visit Clinton Rescue Squad on Saturday, March 18, 2006 to accept a contribution of over 100 teddy bears and stuffed animals being donated by New York Life. The teddy bears are used to comfort children involved in accidents or illness and need to be taken to the emergency room or given to children whose family members need assistance.

**Councilwoman Kovach**

1. Mrs. Kovach will be meeting with Jef Buehler of Downtown Revitalization Institute on March 23, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Kovach will be visiting Washington Borough with Mr. Buehler to promote the borough but will be stopping in Clinton on the way. The Highlands Council is sponsoring a grants program and will pay for merchants as well to attend these seminars. The next seminar is April 26 and 27 at Thomas Edison State College.
2. The Highlands Council meetings are now available on the web site.
3. Attending the Budget Meetings in Trenton on March 21, 2006.
4. Mrs. Kovach asked Council to consider passing the Wellhead Protection Resolution. Mayor Schaumburg said the Resolution will be discussed at the next Water Committee meeting for consideration at the March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Councilman Harrison**

1. Personnel Committee discussed the employee evaluation program and suggested department heads attend a seminar on evaluations.
2. Sewer Committee – grease traps remain a matter of concern.
3. Mr. Harrison and Mrs. Insel pursuing grant money through Homeland Security.

**Councilwoman Insel**

1. Historic Commission will be meeting Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and will be

discussing 47 Leigh Street.

2. Smart Growth Committee will hold their first meeting Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Meetings will be held the second Monday of every month.

**APPROVAL OF OVERTIME & STANDBY PAY:**

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mrs. Garber, to approve the attached overtime and standby pay for the period of February 23 – March 8, 2006.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mayor Schaumburg, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Contract Negotiations at 8:45 p.m.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mr. Ragozine to come out of Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mr. Ragozine to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC  
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL

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Christine Schaumburg , Mayor