

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

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – Christenson, Kovach, Pendergast, Schaumburg, Holt
Absent - De Cleene, Garber

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. Schaumburg , seconded by Mr. Christenson, to approve the minutes of May 10, 2005 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

1. Mayor Holt thanked Clerk Covino for extending the Hunterdon County Municipal Clerk’s Association luncheon invitation along with Deputy Clerk, Sara Peterson and retired Clerk, Lois Terrieri. Mayor Ron Sworen, Frenchtown Borough, also attended the Mayor/Clerk luncheon on May 19, 2005 and gave an enlightening speech.
2. Mayor Holt asked Council for authorization to sign the North Hunterdon Municipal Alliance Renewal Application for 2006. A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Pendergast, authorizing Mayor Holt to sign the application.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

3. Police Chief Matheis has requested permission to hire a new crossing guard, to fill the position of Donna Booth, out on sick leave and unable to return until the Fall, and to replace Dianne Kelly, who will be moving in June. Chief Matheis recommended the hiring of Ellen Maher. A motion was made by Mrs. Pendergast, seconded by Mrs. Schaumburg, to hire Ellen Maher as a crossing guard at \$16.15 per hour.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

HUNTERDON COUNTY OPEN SPACE PROGRAM

Kevin Richardson, Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Fund Coordinator, was asked by Mayor Holt to attend tonight’s meeting to clarify the use of Open Space Trust Funds. Mr. Richardson stated that currently \$43,953.05 exists in the collected funds for the Town of Clinton. These funds, which have been collected since the initial ballot questions and tax commenced on January 1, 2000 and expired December 31, 2004 can be used for the acquisition of lands for open space and general recreation, conservation and farmland preservation or for the restoration of County owned historic

structures, facilities, etc. Municipalities were notified that funds could be banked but were also advised to identify a project and submit a specific application request for its allocation of funds by the end of 2005. Mr. Richardson is willing to work with municipalities to discuss project possibilities.

The second County Question, voted on by the public in November, 2004 was approved by Hunterdon County voters. Collection of funds commenced January 1, 2005 and will terminate December 31, 2009. The guidelines for these funds have changed from the original County Question in 1999. These funds may be used for the restoration of municipal owned historic structures, etc.

Mrs. Schaumburg asked about using the funds for the Clinton Community Center, but Mr. Richardson explained that the funds accumulated could only be used for recreation and open space, not the building itself.

Mr. Christenson asked if Brownfield's monies were obtained, could they be combined with the Grant Program? Mr. Richardson stated they could be combined with the County's allocations. Mr. Richardson left the Policies and Procedures Manual for the Municipal and Nonprofit Grant Programs, and a publication from the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders, June 2000 edition.

COAH ROUND 3 UPDATE

Carolyn Neighbor, P.P. attended this evening's meeting to give a brief synopsis and a time line of COAH Round 3 requirements. Ms. Neighbor has prepared a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, which must be forwarded to COAH along with certified copies of the Planning Board resolution adopting the plan and a certified copy of the Council's resolution endorsing the plan to obtain certification. Ms. Neighbor also distributed to Mayor and Council a Proposed Development Fee Ordinance and Development Spending Plan. Ms. Neighbor explained a build-out model method of calculating building and the number of housing units that would be required.

The Planning Board will be discussing COAH Round 3 at their meeting on June 7, 2005 and Council members were invited to attend.

CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Holt assigned a committee to discuss the Fire Department's request of September for a new aerial ladder truck. The committee, comprised of Mr. Christenson, Mr. De Cleene and Mrs. Schaumburg, met several times, to discuss the request and a long-range plan funding for the emergency service organizations. The Town Council contributes to capital accounts of the Rescue Squad and Fire Department with a donation of \$15,000.00 to each entity per year, but with rising costs, the annual donation is not enough to assist with major purchases. The committee discussed the idea of organizing a private, non-profit, fund raising organization, complete with by-laws, and consisting of Council members, residents and members of each squad.

Fire Chief Tim Langston, gave a brief overview of the September 14, 2004 aerial ladder truck request presentation. Their current truck is repeatedly in for repairs, fails testing, leaks, is not NFPA compliant and needs to be replaced. The new truck costs \$850,000.00 and the Fire Department is requesting the entire amount. Specifications are available and bids to find a lower amount will be sought. To accommodate a new fire truck and office space, the Fire Department must remodel their building at their own expense, approximately \$350,000.00.

Mrs. Kovach asked how the Town Council can justify accommodating the Fire Department's request, when recently, the Hunterdon Museum of Art and their two neighbor's have requested the assistance of the Town to stabilize the Dike along their property. Mayor Holt stated that both issues are important and distinguished between the requests. The Museum and the two other property owners are private landowners and the reconstruction of the dike is actually their responsibility; whereas, the Fire Department is designated as a department of the Town and is important to the public safety of the residents.

Mr. Cutter applied for grant money from the Federal Government for funds needed for the Fire Department and the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad. An answer will probably not be received until the Fall of 2005 as to whether the grants have been awarded. Mr. Cutter asked Fire Department President, Tom Whiteley what the department's Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating is? Mr. Whiteley explained what they are judged on, the Fire Company itself and the water system. They have improved their standing going from a 6 to a 5 and would hope that they could greater improve their rating to a 4 with a more efficient truck. Homeowners could also benefit on their individual insurance rates with an improved rating for the Fire Company.

Nancy Smith, CFO, explained the bond commitment process for the Town. Bonding capacity is 3% of assessed values over the last three years. Mrs. Smith will contact Bond Counsel for further information.

In the absence of two Council members, De Cleene and Garber, this evening, a decision to hold further discussion will take place at the next Council meeting, June 14, 2005. At that time, Mrs. Smith will have additional information for Council's review.

AWARD OF INSPECTION BIDS

John Leonard, Construction Official, has recommended the bid award for Electrical Inspections be made to BUILDING INSPECTION UNDERWRITERS, INC., 513 South Lenola Road, Suite 216, Moorsetown, New Jersey. Services will be provided at the rate of 80% of the departmental fees. A motion was made by Mr. Christenson, seconded by Mrs. Pendergast to grant the award as requested.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A second recommendation was made to award the bid for Fire Inspections to GARDEN STATE ELECTRICAL INSPECTION SERVICES, INC., Golden Crest Corporate Center, 2277 Route 33, Suite 408, Hamilton Square, New Jersey. Services will be provided at the rate of 90% of the department fees. A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Schaumburg, to grant the award as requested.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #05-08

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Pendergast, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #05-08 as submitted:

ORDINANCE #05-08
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FOR THE MILLING AND OVERLAY
OF VARIOUS ROADS, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF
\$50,000.00 FROM THE RESERVE FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS
FUND WITHIN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Pendergast, to adopt Ordinance #05-08 on second reading as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Christenson, Kovach, Pendergast, Schaumburg, Holt

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #65-05 – LIQUOR LICENSE – CLINTON HOLIDAY INN

A motion was made by Mrs. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Christenson, to adopt Resolution #65-05 approving the renewal of the 2005-2006 liquor license for Clinton Holiday Inn, 111 Route 173, Clinton, for a Plenary Retail Consumption License #1005-36-004-005.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #66-05 – CHAPTER 159 – CLEAN COMMUNITIES

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Schaumburg, to adopt Resolution #66-05 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #67-05 – LIQUOR LICENSE – CLINTON HOUSE

A motion was made by Mr. Christenson, seconded by Mrs. Kovach, to adopt Resolution #67-05 approving the renewal of the 2005-2006 liquor license for Sidirounda, LLC, 2 West Main Street, Clinton for a Plenary Retail Consumption License #1005-33-003-005.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Nancy Smith submitted on behalf of the Parks and Playgrounds Commission a list of names to be hired for the 2005 Summer Recreation Program to be held June 27th through July 22 at Clinton Public School. The program is held from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. A motion was made by Mrs. Pendergast, seconded by Mrs. Kovach, to approve the list as submitted.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Schaumburg)
Motion carried

HISTORIC COMMISSION

Mayor Holt announced the appointment of Holly Leone to the Historic Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Air Quality Planning, will be holding “A Workshop to Develop Air Emission Control Strategies” on Wednesday, June 29, 2005, at the War Memorial, Trenton, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
2. Restore Hunterdon will present a seminar on historic preservation at the newly restored Historic Hunterdon County Courthouse in Flemington, on Saturday, September 24, 2005
3. In response to the Town’s letter of May 2, 2005, requesting assistance from the State of New Jersey to conduct a study in the Town’s portion of I-78 and the highway noise issue, a response was received from Commissioner Jack Lettiere. Mr. Lettiere has assigned W. Dennis Keck, Assistant Commissioner of Planning and Development, to review the correspondence and advise him accordingly.
4. Joe Stuby, of Olsen’s Lane, wrote to express his gratitude to the town for their diligence and Perseverance in completing the reconstruction of Olsen’s Lane. Mr. Stuby thanked Mr. Cutter, Ms. Garber, Mr. De Cleene, Cecilia Covino and Mayor Holt for their assistance.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

1. Mr. Cutter recommended the following individuals be hired as seasonal employees for 2005:

Christopher Pennucci	5 th year of employment	\$11.00 per hour
Nicholas Lifante	1 st year of employment	\$ 9.50 per hour
Eben Kuchman	1 st year of employment	\$ 9.50 per hour

A motion was made Mrs. Schaumburg, seconded by Mrs. Kovach, to approve the summer help.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

2. Road Committee – planning a road trip to downtown areas in a few Jersey Towns on June 14th .
3. Committee meetings – Roads Committee June 7 @ 9:30 a.m.
 Sewer Committee June 7 @ 8:30 a.m.
 Buildings and Grounds June 7 @ 6:00 p.m.
 Water Committee June 8 @ 6:00 p.m.
4. Temporary road closures on Center Street, week of May 31st. Signs will be posted.

Councilwoman Garber

Mrs. Kovach presented Council with Mrs. Garber’s reports.

1. The Clinton Guild meeting was held and Phyllis Oppenheimer from Travel Tourism attended. Ms. Oppenheimer discussed brochures and events with the Guild and suggested for more information, people should log onto www.visitnj.org The next Guild meeting is June 22 @ 6:00 p.m.
2. The Clinton Town website, www.clintonnj.gov should be reviewed by everyone to view the Photo Gallery.

- 3 The next SWAC meeting is June 21st.
Hunterdon County Propane Tank Collection Day, Saturday, June 11th and Hazardous Waste Day, July 9, 2005. Both collection days are held at the Route 12 County Complex from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
For more information, contact the Clerk's office.
4. Guild Event, Harry Potter's Weekend, has been renamed to "Wizard's Weekend". Event to be held July 15 – 17, 2005.
5. Newsletter expected to be mailed first week of June.

Councilwoman Schaumburg

No Report

Councilwoman Kovach

1. Highlands Council – South Municipal Partnership Meeting May 23rd at Warren County College. Hunterdon, Warren and Sussex Counties attended. Christine Danis, was appointed Regional Planner (South). Don Goehle, Environmental Commission, Town of Clinton was also in attendance. Copies of material will be distributed to the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment. The Partnership Community Workshops will be held July to October, 2005; the second Community Workshop will be January, 2006; the third meeting to introduce the Plan is scheduled for February, 2006; the draft plan to be distributed, April, 2006.

A copy of Department of Environmental Protection rules outlined on 241 pages is available, the Highlands Council has 45 days to review the rules.

Thank you to the Hunterdon County Democrat for inviting members of the Highlands Council to the Legislative Correspondents Dinner week of May 16, 2005. Many dignitaries were in attendance.

Councilman Christenson

No Report

Councilwoman Pendergast

No Report

Councilman De Cleene

Absent

Nancy E. Smith , C.F.O.

No Report

Police Chief Matheis

No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Holt was asked by Hemant Desai to speak publicly at this time. Mr. Desai distributed a letter to the Mayor and Council and members of the audience. Mr. Desai stated that he has been working with the Town of Clinton over the last seven years on a project on Route 31 and would like to see this project move forward. Mr. Cushing gave a schedule of events of the last six months, beginning with December, 2004 to the present time. Mr. Cushing explained that since Mr.

Desai purchased the property, it is necessary that he renegotiate agreements with the Clinton Township Sewerage Authority with respect to that property. Negotiations are on going at this time between the Town of Clinton and CTSA. "The ball is now in the hands of CTSA", Mr. Cushing stated. Furthermore, Mr. Cushing stated that the Town has done everything they could to keep the project moving, a project that is very complex. To Mr. Cushing's understanding, not all permits have been obtained by Mr. Desai, namely, Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Desai said 75% of the permits have been obtained and once this issue is settled, he will be 95% compliant.

Mr. Cushing said he rejects any suggestion that the Town is not working towards resolving this issue but that there are issues that need to be worked out with Clinton Township Sewerage Authority and Mr. Desai.

APPROVAL OF OVERTIME & STANDBY PAY:

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Pendergast to pay the following overtime and standby pay for the period of May 5 – May 18, 2005.

<u>Public Works Department</u>	<u>Standby & Lead Op</u>	<u>B & G Roads</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
Peter Bross	--	--	--	--
David Burdge	--	--	--	--
Michael Cobb	--	--	--	--
Howard Deemer	8 sb	--	6 ot	--
Arthur Dysart	--	--	--	--
John Giordano	--	--	--	--
George Moore	--	--	--	--
Robert Niezgoda	4 sb	--	--	6 ot
Roger Plaisted	--	--	--	--
Jeff Reed	4 sb	--	--	6 ot
Wayne Smith	8 sb	--	6 ot	--
Donald Tharp	--	--	--	--
David Zyck	--	--	--	--

<u>Police Department</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Jobs</u>
Sgt. Cory Kubinak	2 ot	--
Ptl. Jay Hunter	--	--
Ptl. Leon Cohen	4 ot	17 hrs.
Ptl. Jeffrey Glennon	13 ot	25 ½ hrs.
Ptl. James Crilly	--	16 ½ hrs.
Ptl. Tim McGuire	13 ot	11 hrs.
Ptl. Matt Thompson	15 ot	8 ½ hrs.
Ptl. James Kramer	11 ½ ot	8 hrs.
Ptl. Ryan Garbolino	--	--

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Mrs. Pendergast, seconded by Mrs. Schaumburg, to approve the voucher list attached to these minutes.

Vote all ayes

Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mayor Holt, seconded by Mrs. Schaumburg, to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters of Personnel and Contract Negotiations at 10:45 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Schaumburg, seconded by Mrs. Pendergast to return to the regular meeting to adjourn.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mr. Christenson, to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL

J. Matthew Holt, Mayor