

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

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – Christenson, De Cleene, Garber, Kovach @ 8:10 p.m., Pendergast,
Schaumburg, Holt

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

Mrs. Schaumburg requested that a correction be made to the minutes of August 23, 2005, under the topic of the Fire Department. Mrs. Schaumburg wanted the minutes to reflect that the cost of renovating the building is expected to go beyond the initial \$350,000. and may go as high as \$500,000.

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene seconded by Mrs. Pendergast, to approve the minutes of August 23, 2005 as amended.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mrs. Pendergast, to accept the monthly reports for the month of August as submitted.

Administrator, Clerk’s Account, Cat & Dog Licensing Account, Construction Control Account, Police Report, Sewer Collector’s Report, Tax Collector’s Report, Water Collector’s Report, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent’s Report, Zoning Officer/Construction Official Report.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

1. Former employee, Michael Cobb, was asked to attend tonight’s meeting to receive a gift and well wishes from the Town Council. Mr. Cobb retired in July after 27 years with the Public Works Department. Mayor Holt said Mr. Cobb was a credit to the Department and wished him many healthy and happy years of retirement. Mr. Cutter also commented on the good working relationship he enjoyed with Mr. Cobb and thanked him for teaching him so much about the Vietnam War. Mike is a ranking officer of Rolling Thunder and travels to Washington D.C. every Memorial Day.
2. Correspondence received from the Council on Affordable Housing regarding the Town’s filing of a petition for substantive certification. The 45-day objection period has passed, no objections were received.
3. Information received from the League of Municipalities regarding the locations of where to send donations for Hurricane Katrina victims.
4. Correspondence received from Senator Lance regarding Alcotest 7110 MKIII and his response from Attorney General, Peter Harvey regarding the cost of the equipment.

5. Eligibility of local fire departments of Automatic External Defibrillators. The application will be forwarded to the Clinton Fire Department.
6. A Draft from Carolyn Neighbor showing the Study to Determine Need for Redevelopment of Block 23, Lot 13. There will be a public hearing on October 4th at the Planning Board Meeting.
7. Mayor Holt is requesting the Personnel Committee review Long Term Care Insurance information received from the League.
8. Hunterdon County will be performing maintenance of the Main Street Pony Truss Bridge on Tuesday, September 20, there will be a temporary closure of the bridge for vehicular traffic, but Pedestrian traffic will be allowed. Mayor Holt asked Dena Pender and Walter Hetzel to relay the message to any shop owners not part of the Clinton Guild.
9. Mayor Holt and Nancy Smith attended a Finance Committee meeting at the North Hunterdon Municipal Court. They discussed an increase in security measures such as a metal detection system and wands. Next meeting in early October to begin work on the 2006 budget.

WATER REFUND

Water Collector, Nancy Burgess, is requesting a refund of \$1,500 to George Owen of the Lebanon Hotel, LLC. Mr. Owen cancelled his application for a water permit to upgrade his tap from a 5/8" to a 1 1/2" tap. A motion to above the requested as submitted was made by Mrs. Pendergast, seconded by Mrs. Garber.

47 LEIGH STREET

Mr. Christenson updated Council on the three proposals received to renovate 47 Leigh Street. The Buildings and Grounds Committee selected Susan Rochelle, AIA, architect from Milford, New Jersey. Ms. Rochelle has a background in Historic Buildings. Mrs. Schaumburg agreed and highly recommends Ms. Rochelle and will report to the Historic Commission at their next meeting, Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Cutter suggested having Ms. Rochelle attend the Historic Commission meeting. Mr. Christenson made a motion that the Town of Clinton engage Susan Rochelle, 252 Rick Road, Milford, New Jersey, to perform the architectural services related to the renovations of 47 Leigh Street in accordance with her proposal of August 8 and amended proposal of August 18. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Schaumburg. Mrs. Smith requested a dollar amount to which Mr. Christenson replied \$36,000 base fee and fees associated with the inspection work. Mr. Cutter said a Professional Service Agreement will be prepared for the next council meeting, September 27, 2005.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

The approval is pending the outcome of a meeting Mr. Cutter has scheduled with Ms. Rochelle.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUCIL

The Planning Board has made the following recommendations to the Mayor and Council:

1. To adopt the amendments to the Industrial Zone
2. To adopt the Planning Board Fee schedule amendments
3. The Mayor & Council to grant the Planning Board the authority to extend the 190 day period on Minor Subdivisions under the MLUL 88-40 B (3).

Mrs. Schaumburg asked that we table this discussion for two weeks. Mrs. Kovach, liaison to the Planning Board, did not yet arrive to tonight's meeting. Postponing the discussion will give Council adequate time to review the recommendations and allowing Mrs. Kovach the opportunity to address them at the next meeting.

UTILITY REBATE

The Municipal Building has been retro-fitted with new energy savings lighting fixtures installed by Metro Energy Solutions. A rebate check from Jersey Central Power and Light has been received in the amount of

\$1,920.00 off setting the costs of the installation. Robert Ragozine, principal of Metro Energy, oversaw the entire project. Mayor Holt stated that in conferring with the Town Attorney, there is no conflict of interest due to the time the project began years ago. Mr. Ragozine is currently a Council candidate in the November election.

RESIGNATION OF DAVID ZYCK

David Zyck, employee of the Water Department and Meter Reader for 10 years, has submitted his resignation effective September 9, 2005. Mr. Cutter conducted an Exit Interview with Mr. Zyck, Mrs. Schaumburg suggested having the Personnel Committee review the Interview. A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mrs. Schaumburg to accept Mr. Zyck's resignation as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The New Jersey Advocate, a Quarterly Publication of the Division of the Ratepayer Advocate, available in the Clerk's Office.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

1. The second phase of the Stormwater Pollution grant is now prepared. Mr. Cutter asked Council to adopt Resolution #90-05 supporting the submission. A motion was made by Mrs. Schaumburg, seconded by Mrs. Pendergast, to adopt **RESOLUTION #90-05** as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

Nancy E. Smith , C.F.O.

Councilwoman Pendergast

1. Parks and Playgrounds rescheduled their meeting to September 29. Mrs. Pendergast, a member of the Commission, expressed her desire to reschedule the Fireworks Display for Halloween weekend, October 30th; the fireworks were rained out the night of the Town Picnic in July 16th. Mrs. Pendergast asked Attorney Cushing about procedure. Mrs. Pendergast will present her suggestion to the Commission on September 29 and will report back to Council on October 11. Mrs. Pendergast was asked to include the Police Department, Fire and Rescue Squad for their availability for the event. Mrs. Schaumburg made a motion that the Parks and Playgrounds Commission have the authority to decide the date for fireworks and that the Police, Fire and Rescue be included. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Garber.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Councilman De Cleene

1. At the Road Committee of September 6, the Committee discussed speed platforms for Rupell's Road. The next meeting is October 4th at 9:30 a.m.

Mayor Holt

1. The New Jersey Highlands Council Planning Assistance Grant application has been prepared and hand delivered to Highlands Council in Chester by Mrs. Kovach.

Councilman Christenson

1. Water – NJDEP has submitted a wish list regarding a sentinel monitoring well and associated reports, Water Engineer, Andrew Holt, P.E., is reviewing the list.
2. Letter of resignation – Mr. Christenson read a letter he submitted to Mayor Holt earlier today,

a letter of resignation effective September 26, 2005. Mr. Christenson explained that after living in Clinton for 23 years, years of volunteerism and being on Council, he and his wife, Cheryl, sold their house and being unable to find a rental in Clinton, will be moving to Clinton Township at the end of the month. Mr. Christenson was wished the best from all Council members and Mr. Cutter followed by a large round of applause. Mr. Christenson has offered a great deal to Council over the years and will be greatly missed.

Councilwoman Kovach

1. The next Highlands Council meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2005 in Chester.

Councilwoman Schaumburg

1. Mrs. Schaumburg submitted a letter of support to Mrs. Kovach regarding the Highlands Grant application.
2. The next Historic Commission meeting is Wednesday September 21st at 7:00 p.m. Open to the public.
3. Mrs. Schaumburg received a letter of thanks from Detective Jay Hunter, currently serving a term of military duty with the Marines in Iraq. The letter came after Jay received boxes of personal items to share with other troop members and cheerful letters sent from Clinton Public School children. Jay also sent a personal letter to Mia Schaumburg, 4th grader at CPS.

Councilwoman Garber

1. The next SWAC meeting is September 20 at the Route 12, Flemington office.
2. The next Clinton Guild meeting is September 21 at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Garber also reported that she received a donation earlier this evening for the Clinton Fire Department's fire truck from the Guild and from the Romagna family.

APPROVAL OF OVERTIME & STANDBY PAY:

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Schaumburg, to pay the following overtime and standby pay for the period of August 11-24, 2005.

<u>Public Works Department</u>	<u>Standby & Lead Op</u>	<u>B & G Roads</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
Peter Bross	--	--	5 ot	--
David Burdge	8 sb	--	12ot	--
Howard Deemer	8 sb	--	6 ot	--
Arthur Dysart	--	--	--	--
John Giordano	--	--	--	--
George Moore	--	--	--	--
Robert Niezgoda	8 sb	--	--	6 ½ ot
Roger Plaisted	--	--	7 ot	--
Jeff Reed	--	--	--	--
Wayne Smith	--	--	5 ot	--
Donald Tharp	8 sb	--	--	12 ot
David Zyck	--	--	--	--

<u>Police Department</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Jobs</u>
Sgt. Cory Kubinak	--	--
Ptl. Jay Hunter	--	--
Ptl. Leon Cohen	--	--
Ptl. Jeffrey Glennon	½ Hr.	10 ½ Hr.
Ptl. James Crilly	6 Hrs.	--
Ptl. Tim McGuire	28 Hrs.	--
Ptl. Matt Thompson	5 Hrs.	--

Ptl. James Kramer	--	--
Ptl. Ryan Garbolino	3 Hrs.	--

APPROVAL OF OVERTIME & STANDBY PAY:

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Schaumburg, to pay the following overtime and standby pay for the period of August 25-September 7, 2005.

<u>Public Works Department</u>	<u>Standby & Lead Op</u>	<u>B & G Roads</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
Peter Bross	8 sb	--	6 ot	--
David Burdge	--	--	--	--
Howard Deemer	4 sb	--	3 dt	--
Arthur Dysart	8 sb	--	6 ot	--
John Giordano	--	--	--	--
George Moore	--	--	--	--
Robert Niezgodka	12 sb	--	--	9ot/3dt
Roger Plaisted	--	--	--	--
Jeff Reed	--	--	--	--
Wayne Smith	--	3 ot	--	--
Donald Tharp	8 sb	--	--	9 ot
David Zyck	--	--	--	--

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Sgt. Cory Kubinak	13 Hrs.	--
Ptl. Jay Hunter	--	--
Ptl. Leon Cohen	5 Hrs.	--
Ptl. Jeffrey Glennon	6 Hrs.	--
Ptl. James Crilly	12 Hrs.	--
Ptl. Tim McGuire	30 ½ Hrs.	--
Ptl. Matt Thompson	13 Hrs.	--
Ptl. James Kramer	10 Hrs.	--
Ptl. Ryan Garbolino	2 Hrs.	--

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Mrs. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Christenson, 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. Kovach, to enter into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss Contract Negotiations and Potential Litigation.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Schaumburg, to return to the regular Council meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

Mayor Holt is drafting a letter to be forwarded to Tax Assessor, Marcia Sudano-Kerwin and County Taxation Board Administrator, Athan Efstathiou in an attempt to schedule an evening to help residents understand the assessment process. Once a date is decided, post cards with an r.s.v.p. will be sent to residents.

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

Mrs. Kovach discussed with other Council members for ideas on what professionals they would like to send out RFP's for and suggested discussions begin early in the Fall.

LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION

Mrs. Kovach also suggested all Council member and employees be made aware of all invitations received for the League, so that everyone will have the same opportunity to attend.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Schaumburg, seconded by Mr. Christenson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL

J. Matthew Holt, Mayor