

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

Flag Salute.

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

Attorney Robert Fodera sat in for Richard Cushing, Esq.

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 Mrs. Garber, to approve the minutes of September 13, 2005 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Kovach)
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mayor Holt announced Police Chief Brett Matheis will be attending FBI National Academy Training Program in Quantico, Virginia from October 2 through December 16. The 10-week program will consist of attending classes in each of the academy’s five academic departments during which he will earn college credits with the University of Virginia. The curriculum includes rigorous physical training, and on site training in Washington, D.C. and New York City.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUCIL

At the last meeting, Council briefly addressed the recommendations the Planning Board made 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).

Council was given the opportunity to review the recommendations and be prepared to discuss them this evening.

Mayor Holt first addressed the recommendation to grant the Planning Board the authority to extend the 190 day period on Minor Subdivisions. A motion was made by Mrs. Schaumburg, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to grant the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Second, Mayor Holt addressed the Planning Board Fee schedule amendments. A motion was made by Mrs. Schaumburg, seconded by Mrs. Garber, to grant the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Mrs. Kovach, liaison to the Planning Board, addressed the third recommendation, and the amendments to the Industrial Zone. The Planning Board and the Master Plan Committee have discussed the Industrial Zone principal and conditional uses and have made recommendations based on the traffic generated from Exit 15. The 57 acre Industrial Zone is located on Ramsey Road heading toward the Waste Water Treatment Plant, and neighboring Franklin Township. Mrs. Schaumburg questioned if the Planning Board considered senior housing and asked if anyone from the Planning Board has reached out to Franklin Township? Mrs. Kovach said she will take the suggestions back to the Planning Board and said we should be pro-active toward choosing uses that are conducive with the traffic in the area.

Mayor Holt had concerns regarding the recommendation of package delivery service depots and the traffic impact that would create. Mayor Holt stated that the Master Plan is still being worked on and that he would prepare a memo that would be forwarded to the Planning Board regarding tonight's discussion and the concerns pertaining to the proposed Industrial Zone Amendments.

RESOLUTION #91-05 – RESOLUTION APPOINTING ARCHITECT

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Schaumburg, to adopt Resolution #91-05 appointing Susan M. Rochelle AIA of 252 Rick Road, Milford, New Jersey to perform architectural services for 47 Leigh Street.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #92-05 – DEP GRANT – DAM/DIKE

Mayor Holt gave a brief background on the Project Background and explained that the original estimates cover the dike only. The preliminary work was completed by the private owners. Now that the project has changed to include dam and dike work, costs will be different. Reading from the Project Background, Mayor Holt said "The Town is willing to oversee and manage the project subject to the availability of Grant funds. However, the Town does not wish to commit the taxpayers of the Town of Clinton to unfunded and unknown liability for improving private property, nor does it wish to own the dike and dam."

Whitney Wetherhill, West Main Street, asked who will oversee the project. Mayor Holt explained that the Town will oversee proposals and bids. The Town Engineer, Robert Clerico, will be hired as project manager, to facilitate the RFP's (Request for Proposals). All costs will be covered by the Department of Environmental Protection grant.

Dena Pender asked if all business owners will be notified prior to construction, Mayor Holt stated that all public businesses will be notified. Written permission to go on the site to study the dike and dam must be obtained from property owners. Included in the discussion as part of the Agreement between the State and the Town is an estimated time schedule within which the project will move forward.

A motion was made by Mrs. Schaumburg, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to adopt Resolution #92-05, entering into a Grant Agreement between the Town of Clinton and the State of New Jersey by and for the Department of Environmental Protection.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Garber, Kovach, Schaumburg, Holt

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #93-05 – DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE

A motion was made by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mrs. Schaumburg, to adopt Resolution #93-05 authorizing the Mayor to execute a Discharge of Mortgage given by Amanda M. Folker-Bush Ramsey. The unit has been sold to Christopher Pursell.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #05-11 – AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #05-02

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Schaumburg to adopt Ordinance #05-11 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #05-11
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #05-02, AN
ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 2005 SALARY ORDINANCE
OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A notice of this Ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review on October 12, 2005. The public hearing will be held October 25, 2005.

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

RESOLUTION #94-05 – HUNTERDON MEDICAL CENTER – WELLNESS CENTER

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Schaumburg, to adopt Resolution #94-05 authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute the water agreement between the Town and the developer subject to final approval by Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator, Town Attorney and Town Engineer.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RAFFLE LICENSE – CPS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION FOUNDATION INC.

Council is in receipt of a raffle license application to hold a raffle on February 24, 2006 between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., 10 School Street. The funds will be used for education foundation grants. Prize amount to be determined. A motion was made by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mrs. Schaumburg to grant the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Kovach)
Motion carried

SPECIAL EVENT – DICKEN’S LANE FAMILY BEER GARDEN

Council is in receipt of a Special Event application for Richard Urmston, Innsbruck Corp. LLC, to hold a German-style beer garden with a local microbrewery catering beer on Saturday, October 22, 2005 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. with a rain date of Saturday, October 29. A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to approve the request pending notification to the Clinton Fire Department and Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

SPECIAL EVENT – CLINTON FULD CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Clinton Guild is requesting permission to hold the 19th Annual Clinton Guild Christmas Parade on Friday December 2, 2005 approximate times 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mrs. Kovach to approve the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

WATER REFUND

Water Collector, Nancy Burgess, is requesting a refund of \$2.19 to Anne Egan. The customer moved out of the property and after the final water reading was done, the account had a small credit balance. A motion to approve the requested as submitted was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Garber.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

Nancy E. Smith , C.F.O.

Attended the GFOA Fall Conference and earned 14 credits in Finance and 4 credits toward Tax Collector.

Councilman De Cleene

1. The next Road Committee is October 4th at 9:30 a.m.

Councilwoman Kovach

1. The next Highlands Council meeting will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2005 in Chester. Municipal Partnership Meetings are scheduled for October 18, 19, 20, 2005 also in the Highland’s Office in Chester. Times available in the Clerk’s Office.
2. The left turn signal should be installed at the Leigh Street and Old Highway 22 intersection within 4 – 6 months.

Councilwoman Schaumburg

1. Shade Tree Commission – will be replacing four trees on West Main Street and individual trees on Halstead Street, Helen Road, at the Clinton Fire Department and the 911 tree.
2. Historic Commission next meeting is October 5 at 7:00 p.m. The Commission will be meeting with Architect, Susan M. Rochelle and will do a brief tour of 47 Leigh Street.

3. The Overcrowding Ordinance Committee continues to work on the details of the Ordinance, hoping to finalize at their next meeting, October 25.

Councilwoman Garber

1. SWAC meeting October 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Route 12 location in Flemington.
2. The next Clinton Guild meeting is October 19 at 6:30 p.m. The Clinton Town TV commercial of Main Street is currently being aired on TNT, Life, Home and Garden, the Learning Channel.
3. The Clinton Guild Pumpkin Fest is scheduled for October 28, 2005.

APPROVAL OF OVERTIME & STANDBY PAY:

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to pay the following overtime and standby pay for the period of September 8 – 21, 2005.

Public Works Department	Standby & Lead Op	B & G Roads	Water	Sewer
Peter Bross	--	--	3 ot	--
David Burdge	8 sb	--	9 ot	--
Howard Deemer	8 sb	2 ot	6 ot	--
Arthur Dysart	--	--	3 ot	--
John Giordano	--	--	--	--
George Moore	--	2 ot	--	--
Robert Niezgoda	16 sb	--	--	12 ot
Roger Plaisted	--	--	--	--
Jeff Reed	--	--	--	--
Wayne Smith	--	--	2 ot	--
Donald Tharp	--	--	--	--
David Zyck	--	--	--	--

<u>Police Department</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Jobs</u>
Sgt. Cory Kubinak	4 Hrs.	--
Ptl. Jay Hunter	--	--
Ptl. Leon Cohen	7 Hrs.	--
Ptl. Jeffrey Glennon	2 Hrs.	--
Ptl. James Crilly	17 Hrs.	--
Ptl. Tim McGuire	13 Hrs.	--
Ptl. Matt Thompson	13 Hrs.	--
Ptl. James Kramer	2 Hrs.	--
Ptl. Ryan Garbolino	--	--

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Garber, 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 8:30 p.m. to discuss Personnel.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Schaumburg, to return to the regular Council meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

POLICE CHIEF

During attendance at the FBI National Academy at Quantico, Virginia from October 2 until December 16, 2005, CFO, Nancy Smith asked Mayor and Council if the Town will continue to pay Chief Matheis his current salary. A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Schaumburg, to continue the Chief's salary while attending FBI training at the University of Virginia in Quantico.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Schaumburg, seconded by Mr. De Cleene to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL

J. Matthew Holt, Mayor