

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M. at the Municipal Building

Flag Salute

Roll Call: Present – DeCleene, , Harrison, Pender, Ragozine, Mayor Schaumburg

Mayor Schaumburg welcomed everyone for coming and a Happy New Year. Mayor Schaumburg opened the meeting by reading the following statement.

**STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:** The following statement of adequate notice was read: “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.”

**SWEARING IN OF COUNCILWOMAN INSEL**

Attorney Richard P. Cushing administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Laurie Insel. Mrs. Insel was assisted by her husband, Jim and her mother. Mrs. Insel was sworn into her 1<sup>st</sup> full term, 3 year appointment.

**SWEARING IN OF COUNCILMAN SHEA**

Attorney Richard P. Cushing administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Daniel Shea. Mr. Shea was assisted by his children, Ryan, Connor and daughter, Kelly. Mr. Shea was sworn into to his 1<sup>st</sup> term as Councilman.

**REMARKS – MAYOR SCHAUMBURG**

Mayor Schaumburg began by congratulating Councilwoman Insel and Councilman Shea and announced that Councilman Todd Pender was sworn into his council seat in November. Mayor Schaumburg recapped an exciting year in the Town of Clinton, in which there were several road construction projects. Exit 15 has had it's problems but is now well on it's way towards completion. The Halstead Bridge has been totally replaced and looks great. Sidewalks on both sides of the bridge and wired for the installation of historic lighting. The long-awaited 47 Leigh Street project has begun and the construction crew has been working steadily and has produced great progress. The last building on Main Street that was destroyed by fire in 2003 is almost completed and work has begun on Leigh Street, the last gap in the historic district. The Town of Clinton was awarded many grants resulting from the hard work of Councilwoman Insel and Mayor Schaumburg. In November, \$230,000 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation to make improvements to Clinton Knolls and School Street. \$45,000.00 Smart Growth grant received to continue the Town's Vision Study and \$10,000. HART grant to continue with the engineering portion of the pedestrian and bike path project. A considerable amount of work has been done to the infrastructure of the Town.

Exciting news for 2007 is the expansion of our recycling program. The Town will now be co-mingling and collecting plastics. Mr. Cutter and Mayor Schaumburg have explored many areas to increase recycling and Mr. Cutter is looking into a greener environment with the use of safe chemicals, producing financial and environmental gains in the State of New Jersey.

**REORGANIZATION:** Mayor Schaumburg indicated that the RESOLUTIONS will not be read in their entirety. The resolutions are posted on the bulletin board and there are copies available for the public and the press. (Resolutions #1-07 through #31-07 are attached to these minutes)

**RESOLUTION #1-07 – APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY:**

Motion made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Shea, that Richard P. Cushing of the Firm of Gebhardt & Keifer be appointed to serve as Municipal Attorney for the Town of Clinton for the calendar year 2007.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #2-07 – APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL ENGINEER:**

Motion made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt this resolution appointing Robert Clerico, PE, of the Firm of Van Cleef Engineering Associates as the Town's Municipal Engineer for the calendar year 2007.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #3-07 – APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTING ENGINEER:**

Motion made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, that Andrew S. Holt of the Firm of Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. be appointed to serve as a Consulting Engineer for the Town of Clinton for the calendar year 2007.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #4-07 – APPOINTMENT OF BOND COUNSEL:**

Motion made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt this resolution appointing Edward J. McManimon of the Firm of McManimon & Scotland as the Town's Bond Counsel for the calendar year of 2007.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #5-07 – APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL PLANNER**

Motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt Resolution #5-07 appointing Carl E. Hintz, PP, AICP, CLA, ASLA, as Municipal Planner for the calendar year 2007.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #6-07 – APPOINTMENT OF TREE EXPERT:**

Motion made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to adopt this resolution appointing Lou Spanner of Spanner Shrub & Tree Care as the Town's Tree Expert for the calendar year 2007.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #7-07 – MUNICIPAL COURT BUDGET:**

Motion made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adopt this resolution approving the budget of the Joint Municipal Court of North Hunterdon for the calendar year 2007.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

(Budget attached to these minutes)

**RESOLUTION #8-07 – APPOINTMENT OF COURT ADMINISTRATOR:**

Motion made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt this resolution appointing Robin Horne as the Court Administrator for the North Hunterdon Court for the year 2007 at a salary established in the Court's 2007 budget.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #9-07 – APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR:**

Motion made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to adopt this resolution ratifying the appointment of David S. Bunevich, Esq. as Regional Municipal Prosecutor for a term ending December 31, 2007.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #10-07 – APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT AUDITOR:**

Motion made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt this resolution ratifying the appointment of William Colantano of the Firm of William M. Colantano, R.M.A. as the Auditor for the North Hunterdon Municipal Court for the calendar year 2007.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #11-07 – APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER:**

Motion made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt this resolution ratifying the appointment of Thomas B. Mading, Esq., as Regional Municipal Public Defender for a term ending December 31, 2007.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #12-07 – CHECK SIGNING AUTHORIZATION:**

Motion made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to adopt this resolution authorizing Councilman Robert J. Ragozine to sign checks in the absence of the Mayor.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #13-07 – COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:**

Council members read the Committees assigned to them. Motion made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Shea, that the Council Appointments for the Year 2007 be approved as presented.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #14-07 – APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:**

Motion made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt this resolution appointing the various municipal officials for the terms indicated.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #15-07 – APPOINTMENT OF BOARD, COMMITTEE & COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to adopt this resolution appointing the various boards, committee and commission members for the terms indicated.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #16-07 – APPOINTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

Motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Resolution #16-07 appointing Chief Matheis as Emergency Management Coordinator for a 3 year term.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #17-07 – AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY TO FILE CORRECTIVE APPEALS:**

Motion made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt this resolution authorizing the Municipal Attorney to file corrective appeals and counterclaims with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation on behalf of the Town.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #18-07 – APPROVAL OF BANK DEPOSITORIES:**

Motion made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve the Banks as submitted in this resolution as the Official Bank Depositories for the Town for the year 2007.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #19-07 – RESOLUTION FOR INVESTMENTS:**

Motion made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adopt this resolution authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to invest and reinvest various funds as recommended by the Council Finance Committee.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #20-07 – RESOLUTION FOR OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS:**

Motion made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Insel, designating the Hunterdon Review, Hunterdon County Democrat and the Courier-News as newspapers to receive notices required under the Open Public Meetings Act.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #21-07 – RESOLUTION FOR OFFICIAL ONLINE NEWSPAPER:**

Motion made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Insel, designating the Hunterdon County News, [www.thehcnews.com](http://www.thehcnews.com), as the official online newspaper, and will receive agendas, legal notices and public notices at no charge.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #22-07 – RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING INTEREST RATES**

Motion made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt this resolution fixing the rate of interest to be charged for the non-payment of taxes, assessments, sewer use charges and water charges for the year 2007.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #23-07 – RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR DELINQUENT TAXES:**

Motion made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt this resolution implementing P.L. 1991, C. 175, and fixing the amount of penalty on delinquent taxes and other liens.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #24-07 – RESOLUTION SETTING YEAR 2007 COUNCIL MEETING DATES:**

Motion made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to adopt this resolution setting 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, unless otherwise noted, as Council Meeting dates for the year 2007.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #25-07 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL/REFUND**

Motion made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adopt this resolution, authorizing the Tax Collector to process the cancellation of any property tax refund or delinquency of less than \$5.00.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #26-07 – RESOLUTION FOR TEMPORARY BUDGET:**

Motion made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt this resolution setting forth the Temporary Budget as presented.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #27-07 – AUTHORIZATION UTILIZING SENSUS WATER METERS:**

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, authorizing the Water Department to purchase supplies from National Waterworks Supply.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #28-07 – AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CHECKS FOR MAILING OF UTILITY BILLS:**

Motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, authorizing the Mayor to sign check providing the voucher for said payment be included on the bill list for approval at the next Council meeting.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #29-07 – ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY:**

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Pender, to enter into an agreement with the Hunterdon Humane Animal Shelter of Milford, New Jersey

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION # 30-07 – RESOLUTION APPOINTING FIRE OFFICIAL:**

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Harrison, appointing Jack Daniels as Fire Official on an interim basis until January 9, 2007.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #31-07 – APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AUDITOR:**

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Shea, to appoint Warren Korecky, R.M.A. as auditor for the calendar year 2007.

Vote all ayes,  
Motion carried

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Mayor Schaumburg wished to congratulate Mr. Harrison on his recent appointment. Mr. Harrison was also sworn in November 9, 2006. Once again Mayor Schaumburg thanked everyone for coming and invited them for refreshments.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine. The meeting adjourned 10:55 a.m.

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Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC  
Town Clerk

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Christine Schaumburg  
Mayor