

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

Flag Salute

Roll Call: Present – Insel, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg
Absent - De Cleene, Pender

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Schaumburg asked for a moment of silence for Councilman John C. Harrison, friend and colleague, who passed away on February 19, 2008.

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.”

PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Joseph, 49-51 Main Street, asked Council to consider the sign ordinance being presented this evening and to allow time for businesses to absorb the new regulations. Mayor Schaumburg agreed completely and said she had already addressed the issue of how long to give businesses to comply. This will be further discussed with Council and the Planner.

Jodie Buck, parishioner of the Evangel Chapel, 55 Leigh Street, presented to Council their intentions of giving back to the community in ways the Town could use them. Mayor Schaumburg said she would like to be able to help seniors citizens with tasks such as shoveling, grass cutting, raking leaves. Ms. Buck stated that Pastor Tim was also interested in helping the elderly. Ms. Buck left cards with the Evangel Chapel’s contact information so that the Town can be in contact with them in the future.

WATER REFUND

Water Collector, Nancy Burgess, is requesting a water refund for Alexander Skolnick, in the amount of \$ 5.12. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to grant the refund as requested.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Insel, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

MERCURY TESTING PROPOSAL

Mr. Cutter explained the proposal for mercury testing is the result of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection mandating that the Town must sample its effluent for low levels of mercury. (Parts per trillion). Initially Paul Klitsch thought the Town would be able to accomplish the sampling, but research into the required methodology and sampling shows we do not have the equipment necessary. A joint purchase agreement to accomplish the required sampling, at a total cost of \$4,050.00, was received. Three municipalities will share the price, a base cost per

participant of \$1,350 per event = \$4,050.00. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine to accept the proposal and the recommendation as received.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Insel, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #51-08 – COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adopt Resolution #51-08 as presented.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #52-08 – OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Resolution #52-08 authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to refund the amount of \$2,935.78 to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Dragt as requested.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Insel, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #53-08 – OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Resolution #53-08 authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to refund the amount of \$2,914.60 to Mr. and Mrs. Kreutel as requested.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Insel, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #55-08 – AWARD OF SLUDGE REMOVAL

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Resolution #55-08 awarding the 5 year contract of Sludge Removal to Gary W. Gray Trucking, Inc., Delaware, New Jersey. This contract is contingent upon approval of the insurance specification by the Town Insurance Agent.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Insel, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #56-08 – AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR WATER TREATMENT MODIFICATIONS

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Shea to adopt Resolution #56-08 awarding CFM Construction, Inc. of Stirling, New Jersey the contract for the Water Treatment Modifications for Well #6 and Well #7 in the amount of \$336,000.00.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Insel, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #57-08 – FILING OF A SHARE GRANT APPLICATION

Shared Services Coordinator, Michael Capabianco, wishes to submit a Share grant application on behalf of the Town of Clinton and the Township of Tewksbury for their shared services agreement for a Joint Tax Assessor and to assist in implementing the joint service. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Resolution #57-08 authorizing the filing of the grant application and agreeing to have the Town of Clinton act as the lead agency.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #08-02 – 2008 SALARIES

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Shea, to introduce Ordinance #08-02 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #08-02

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE POSITION TITLES AND SALARY RANGES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE TOWN OF CLINTON IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY AND THE SEWER UTILITY IN THE TOWN OF CLINTON

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A copy of this ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review edition of March 5, 2008. A public hearing will be held March 25, 2008.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #08-03 – SIGN ORDINANCE

The Planning Board reviewed the changes previously discussed, the amendments made to the Sign Ordinance and made their recommendation to Council to proceed with the introduction. Mr. Shea found an error in Section 6 (c) referencing the square footage of all window signs for any tenant shall not exceed twenty percent, this should be corrected to 30% as previously agreed upon. Mayor Schaumburg also commented on having a period of time for merchants to come into compliance with the new ordinance and to make application before the Board of Adjustment if necessary. The process to go before the Board of Adjustment for a sign variance has been streamlined, there will be no escrow to meet with the Board and no professionals needed. The Planning Board also recommended that there not be a sub-committee.

A motion was by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Shea, to introduce Ordinance #08-03 on first reading with the changes made.

ORDINANCE #08-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON

AMENDING THE LAND USE CODE OF THE TOWN

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A notice of this Ordinance will be published in summary, in the Hunterdon Review edition of March 12, 2008. The public hearing is scheduled for March 25, 2008.

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

BANNER REQUEST – NEW JERSEY HORSEXPO

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to approve the banner request for the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce, New Jersey, to display a banner from May 5 through May 19, 2008.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

SPECIAL EVENT AND BANNER REQUEST

Council is in receipt of a Special Event and Banner request for the Hunterdon Museum of Art, to hold Art in the Open: Light Up Your Imagination on June 29, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The banner is requested to be displayed June 9 through June 30, 2008. The dates for the banner conflict with a previously requested banner, therefore, the date for the banner to hung may be June 16 through June 30. The Museum will be advised of this change. The Museum is requesting the \$25.00 fee to display the banner be waived. The Clinton Fire Department will address this request. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Shea, to approve the banner request as amended.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to approve the special event as requested.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Hunterdon County Planning Board is hosting a Public Information Meeting to gather municipal input to be integrated into the update of the County's Transportation Plan. The meeting will be held February 27, 2008, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Town of Clinton Municipal Building.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Councilman Ragozine

1. Councilman Ragozine reported on a seminar he attended at the Bergen County Community College on Green Initiative. Energy audits for municipalities were discussed, which could Reimburse municipalities 50 – 75%.

Councilwoman Insel

1. The Planning Board will be hosting a Highland Presentation on Tuesday, March 4, 2008. All are encouraged to attend.

Councilman Shea

1. A newly formed position, liaison to the School Boards, Mr. Shea reported that he met with the Clinton Public School Board and Lisa Ayars. Ms. Ayars will be reaching out to Mr. Cutter to discuss Safe Routes to Schools and other ways of working together with the Town.
2. Clinton Fire Department – Mr. Shea is working with the Fire Department on completing a grant application to be submitted to Congressman Mike Ferguson’s office. The Fire Department is seeking a grant to install a ventilation system for the trucks kept in the bays of the fire house especially when the facility is used for housing in an emergency. Mayor Schaumburg will assist by contacting Senator Frank Lautenberg’s office.

APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME PAY

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for February 8, 2008 to February 21, 2008.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Insel, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #54-08 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adopt Resolution #54-08, a Transfer of Funds.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Insel, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Insel, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

AJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC, Town Clerk

Christine Schaumburg, Mayor