

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

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – De Cleene, Garber, Harrison, Insel, Ragozine, Mayor Schaumburg  
Absent - Kovach

Attorney Steve Farsiou of Gebhardt & Keifer, attended tonight's meeting for Attorney Cushing.

**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."

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mrs. Garber seconded by Mr. Ragozine to approve the minutes of April 11, 2006 as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Schaumburg addressed the audience in anticipation of the topic to be discussed. Mayor Schaumburg stated that Town officials are well aware of the traffic problem at the intersection of Exit 15 and West Main Street due to the construction project. Mayor Schaumburg and Police Chief Matheis will be going to Trenton on Wednesday to meet with Deputy DOT Commissioner, Steve Dilts and other DOT personnel to discuss ways of improving the situation and traffic flow out of Town. Chief Matheis is suggesting that the State close Westbound Exit 15 in an attempt to lessen the traffic coming into the intersection at least until this phase of the construction project is complete. Furthermore, no parking on neither side of West Main Street and re-stripping to make two lanes for traffic going out of Town, allowing for a turning lane unto Route 173 West and traffic continuing straight on Route 513 South towards Wal Mart Shopping Plaza. They will also request a DOT representative attend the next meeting to address concerns of residents.

Patty Hatalla, Spruce Run Road, asked if a Police Officer could be placed at the intersection to control traffic? Chief Matheis stated it is not the Town's jurisdiction, it is the jurisdiction of the State Police. However, there has not been any presence of State Police at the site. The Chief will also bring that to the attention of DOT at Wednesday's meeting.

Sue Bolash, Union Road, mentioned the timing of the lights. There is not enough time to allow more than two or three cars through the light coming off Route 173. Mr. Cutter suggested to DOT that the timing be different at different times of the day, DOT replied that cannot be done.

Walter Hetzel, Main Street, advised everyone of security being stationed at the entrance of Union Gap Village, beginning May 1, Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Fire Chief, Scott Wintermute, commended Chief Matheis on his recommendations and said the Fire Department fully supports the changes and said it will help in response times getting across Town.

Mayor Schaumburg thanked the audience for their attendance and for their input and assured them that all steps will be taken to improve the situation.

### MAYORS COMMENTS

1. Mayor Schaumburg attended the Conference of Mayors April 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>. Very informative and great ideas shared by mayors. The big theme this year is Shared Services, which was greatly discussed. There is talk that the State may begin mandating municipalities to take part in such services. Grant money may be made available to municipalities who develop new ways to share services.

Governor Corzine spoke about high school budgets being defeated throughout the State. He referred to the budgets as they relate to the taxpayers' anger and frustration. This is the only way taxpayers can say "no".

The Town of Clinton Smart Growth Committee is working to help the Town grow financially. Mayor Schaumburg met and made good contacts with Susan Bass Levin, Commissioner of DCA; Lisa Jackson, Commissioner of Department of Environmental Protection; and Eileen Swan, Office of Smart Growth. Mayor Schaumburg spoke to Eileen Swan about the Town's vision plan that Councilwoman Insel and Councilman Ragozine have been working on with hopes that Ms. Swan will pass this information along to Susan Bass Levin. Hoping to hear something this week.

### ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Mayor Schaumburg read the proclamation naming Friday, April 28, 2006 Arbor Day in the Town of Clinton.

### OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

Mayor Schaumburg read the "Older American's Month Proclamation" designating the month of May in their honor.

### MUNICIPAL CLERK'S WEEK

Once again, Mayor Schaumburg read a Proclamation acknowledging April 30 through May 6, 2006 as Municipal Clerk's Week. Mayor Schaumburg offered thanks and kind words to Clerk Covino for her service.

### NATIONAL SAFE KIDS WEEK - May 6 - May 13

Mayor Schaumburg expressed her interest in "Safe Kid's Week" which addresses the number of drowning and related death among children 1 to 14 years of age. The Mayor emphasized the importance of parents becoming CPR certified for children and pediatrics.

### RAFFLE APPLICATION - WHITEHOUSE ROTARY

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Insel to grant the raffle request for the Whitehouse Rotary as submitted. The drawing is to be held July 16, 2006 at the Rubber Ducky Race. Proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #06-10 - AMEND SECTION 82**

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Garber, to adopt Ordinance #06-10 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #06-10  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 82 OF THE CODE  
OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON TO CORRECT THE FINES FOR BRINGING IN GARBAGE  
FROM OUT OF TOWN

A copy of this Ordinance notice will be published in the Hunterdon Review May 3, 2006 edition.  
A public hearing will be held May 23, 2006.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #06-07**

A motion was made by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mrs. Insel to open the public hearing on Ordinance #06-07:

ORDINANCE #06-07  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32 OF THE CODE  
OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON ENTITLED  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
TO PROVIDE FOR AN AUCTION METHOD IN THE  
AWARD OF CERTAIN LIQUOR LICENSES

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

Attorney Walter Wilson, spoke on behalf of Ansuya Enterprises, L.L.C. Mr. Wilson explained that he can understand the process of auctioning for a liquor license but asked Council to consider the fair and equitable Historical method. Mr. Wilson stated that his client, Hemant Desai, has been involved in the lengthy process of appearing before the Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board in order to obtain permission to build this 100 room hotel for years. He also stated how much money he has invested over the years and is now in the process of funding water and sewer allocations. Mr. Cutter interjected to say that other builders are also contributing to the sewer and water lines. Mr. Wilson agreed. However, Mr. Wilson continued to say that once the hotel is built, the Town will reap the tax dollars and hotel tax dollars and once again asked Council for their consideration.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mrs. Insel.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Garber to table the adoption of Ordinance #06-07 until the next meeting when Mr. Cushing is available to discuss the bidding practice.

**RESOLUTION #58-06 – HALSTEAD STREET WATER MAIN RELOCATION**

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to adopt Resolution #58-06 authorizing Andrew Holt, P.E. Water Engineer, to handle negotiations with Penn-Bower and for Robert Cutter to negotiate a contract or an agreement in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:11-5 (3).

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Mayor Al Schweikert sent a letter to the North Hunterdon/Voorhees Regional School District Mayors asking them to be part of the hiring of a Forensic Accountant to prepare questions to be asked at the meeting with the School Board regarding the defeated school budget. Council decided not to take part and will send a letter notifying Mayor Schweikert of the decision.

**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS****Councilwoman Insel**

1. Shade Tree – Arbor Day celebration will take place Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in front of the Music Hall, 23 West Main Street.
2. Historic Commission – next meeting May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. At their last meeting, the Commission discussed doing a Walking Tour once or twice a year. They considered doing it in conjunction with Guild events. Mrs. Insel asked Mrs. Garber to present the idea at the next Guild meeting.
3. Smart Growth – next meeting May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Representative from Department of Community Affairs will be attending to discuss new ideas.

**Councilman Harrison**

1. Sewer Committee – Next meeting May 2, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.
2. Councilman Harrison and PW/Business Administrator, Bob Cutter, will be attending the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce meeting on Thursday, April 27 at the Route 12 County Complex, to discuss Shared Services and other matters.

**Councilman De Cleene**

1. Roads Committee – next meeting Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

**Councilwoman Garber**

1. Attended the United Way dinner at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse honoring Frank Hooper for his great volunteerism. The Mumpers were the hit of the show!! A wonderful time was had by all.
2. Newsletter – next deadline May 12, send all articles to Nancy Burgess.

3. Fire Department – next meeting May 1, 2006.
4. Clinton Guild meeting May 17 at the Clinton Holiday Inn at 6:30 p.m. Guild events coming up are the Garden Party May 6 with a rain date of May 7.
5. Emergency Services Foundation next meeting, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**Councilman Ragozine**

1. Parks & Playgrounds – Discussed improvements at the Community Center.  
Senior Luncheon, May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Rescue Squad at 1:00 p.m.  
Town Picnic, September 9 with a rain date of September 10

**Kathy Olsen, CFO**

1. The new payroll company, Action Data Services, will be taking over May 25, 2006.

**Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator**

1. April 27<sup>th</sup> is “Bring your daughter to work day”. Alissa Cutter will be spending a busy day in the Town of Clinton offices.
2. Halstead Street Bridge Project, pre-construction meeting is June 1. Work days Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
3. De Mott Pond permits need to be signed and submitted to the State along with a check in the amount of \$200.00 for filing. A motion was made by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mrs. Insel, authorizing the Mayor to sign the documents and a check for \$200.00 to be forwarded to the State.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**Police Chief Matheis**

1. Exit 15 configuration project – restricting parking on both sides of West Main Street and Re-stripping to make the two lanes travelling south out of Town.

**APPROVAL OF OVERTIME & STANDBY PAY:**

A motion was made by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to approve the attached overtime and standby pay for the period of April 6 – April 19, 2006.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mayor Schaumburg, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel at 8:55 p.m.

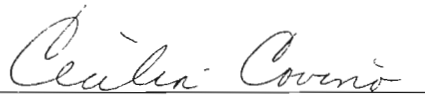
Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mr. Ragozine to come out of Executive Session at 9:04 p.m.

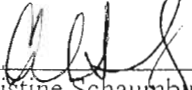
Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mr. De Cleene to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

  
Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC  
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL

  
Christine Schaumburg, Mayor