

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

Flag Salute.

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

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 Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Pender, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 25, 2008 as submitted. Mr. Ragozine made a correction to the minutes in the section of Public Hearing of Ordinance #08-03, the minutes read the Sub Sign Committee was eliminated, it should have read the Sign Committee. A correction to remove the word “sub” was made by Mr. Ragozine. A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to accept the minutes as amended.

Vote all ayes
2 Abstentions (Duffy, Shea)
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS – MARCH

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to accept the Monthly Reports for the month of March as submitted:

Assessor’s Report, Clerk’s Account, Cat & dog Licensing Accounts, Construction Control/Inspection Reports, Police Report-February and March, Sewer Collector’s Report, Tax Collector’s Report, Water Collector’s Report, Treasurer’s Report, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent’s Report.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

1. Parks and Playgrounds submitted an approved application for Ted Moore to use the Community Center on April 26, 2008 from 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., this includes set up and clean up. Music will stop at 10:30 p.m.

2. Chief Matheis has requested that Patrolman Peter Tilstra be advanced to Patrolman 3rd Class retroactive to his anniversary date of March 13, 2008 at the annual salary of \$56,956.02. A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to grant the request.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

3. Mayor Schaumburg has asked that she step down from her position on the Planning Board and has appointed Sean Rogan of Harrison Street as her designee. Mr. Rogan has read the Clinton Town Master Plan and the Highlands Report. He is well qualified to fill the position.
4. An opening remains on the Board of Adjustment, residents are encouraged to apply. Interviews will be arranged for the next council meeting, April 22.
5. Mayor Schaumburg advised Council and the public that she will be attending Leadership New Jersey in North Brunswick on April 9 and 10 and attending the New Jersey Conference of Mayors on Friday, April 11th. Mayors will be meeting with Governor Corzine for an in depth budget discussion.
6. The Town Dinner was held March 29, 2008 at Beaver Brook Country Club. A good time was had by approximately 135 Town volunteers and employees. Awards were presented and Councilman De Cleene recognized Becky Setnicky for her dedication to the Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad. Becky has held successful Blood Drives recently and has scheduled another for May 3, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

PROCLAMATION – MARGE HENDRICKSEN

Mayor Schaumburg read a Proclamation to Marge Hendricksen for her 17 years of service to the Board of Adjustment. A round of applause and a standing ovation filled the room.

PROCLAMATION - ARBOR DAY

Mayor Schaumburg read the Proclamation for Arbor Day which will be celebrated April 25, 2008. Following the Arbor Day tree planting, a tree will be planted in memory of Councilman John C. Harrison (Jack), who passed away February 19, 2008. Approximately 80 third graders will be present and a special presentation from Kelly Shea, who brightened Jack up with a special card while he was in the hospital. The celebration will begin at 10:00 a.m.

BANNER REQUEST – INTERFATH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Council is in receipt of a banner request from the United Way Agency, to display a banner from May 19, 2008 through June 2, 2008. The banner will promote the Interfaith Hospitality Network which will be sponsoring the Car Show and Flea Market on June 29, 2008. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to grant the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

REFUND – AS THE WORLD TURNS

“As the World Turns” is requesting a refund of their \$2,000.00 bond that was submitted for the filming on Main Street on March 26, 2008. No damage was reported, all went well. A

motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to return the bond as requested.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Duffy, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea,
Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #63-08 - ESTABLISHING RECREATION FACILITIES' FEES

As provided in Ordinance 08-01, fees must be set yearly for the use of the fields and the Community Center. A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to adopt Resolution #63-08 as submitted, stating the fees to be charged for 2008.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Duffy, Insel, Pender, Shea, Ragozine, Mayor
Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

**RESOLUTION #64-08 – SUPPORT OF HART GRANT APPLICATION
SUBMISSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to adopt Resolution #64-08 authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign documents needed to proceed with application for the Safe Routes School Program.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #65-08 – SUPPORT OF HART'S SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adopt Resolution #65-08 endorsing (Hunterdon Area Rural Transit) HART's application to the New Jersey Department of Transportations for funds under the Safe Routes to School program.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #66-08 – TEMPORARY BUDGET

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adopt Resolution #66-08, adopting the Temporary Budget. The final Budget meeting is scheduled with the auditor for April 15, 2008.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Duffy, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea,
Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #67-08 – Z & F LLC

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Resolution #67-08 authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute agreements with Z & F, LLC with respect to construction of a new well site.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

WATER REFUND

Water collector, Nancy Burgess, has requested a water refund in the amount of \$16.96 payable to Rabi Kohli. A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. De Cleene seconded by Mr. Ragozine.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Duffy, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

WATER REFUND

Water collector, Nancy Burgess, has requested a water refund in the amount of \$20.62 payable to Wachovia Bank Trustee. A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Ragozine seconded by Mrs. Insel

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Duffy, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Clinton Public School PTA is hosting the Fifth Annual Golf Classic at Beaver Brook County Club on May 7, 2008.
2. A letter has been written by Danielle Koubek, a 6th grader at Round Valley School requesting Bonnell Tavern be saved as town history. Mayor Schaumburg will respond to Danielle's letter and give her a little background on the piece of property.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

1. Recycling figures over last year at this time are 20 tons. The Hunterdon County Utilities Authority authorized an increase the tipping fee at the Transfer Station by \$1.00 per ton to \$74.50 per ton. The Authority set the total gate rate at \$77.50 to include the \$3.00 per ton tax on solid waste as required by the recently enacted Recycling Enhancement Act.
2. Spring Clean Up is now entering a third week with leaf pick up and chipping. Beautiful mulch is available for free at the Treatment Plant.

Kathy Olsen, CFO

1. A reminder to everyone about the Budget Meeting for April 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Pender

1. Fishing Derby will be held Saturday, April 26, 2008, registration 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and fishing until Noon. Clinton Sunrise Rotary is heading up the Derby and the Clinton Guild has been very supportive.

Councilman Ragozine

1. The Board of Recreation Commission will sponsor the annual Senior Luncheon which will be held Sunday, May, 4, 2008 at the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad Building. Lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m.

Councilman De Cleene

1. Rescue Squad – Blood Drive, May 3, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The squad reported 145 calls for the month of March. Saturday, August 23, 2008, the Squad is planning a celebration of their 40th Anniversary. More details to follow.

Councilwoman Insel

1. Smart Growth Committee is in search of new members.

Councilman Shea

1. Environmental Commission will be involved with the South Branch Watershed River Clean Up on Saturday, April 19, 2008 from 9 a.m. to Noon. Anyone interested can meet near the Clinton House and the Pony Truss Bridge at 8:30 a.m.
2. Water Committee meeting – Wednesday April 16th at 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Duffy

1. Clinton Fire Department held the 2008 Election of officers.
Scott Wintermute, Chief
Steve Higgins, Deputy chief
Walt Dorf, Captain
Jeff Hedden, Captain
Quinton Joubert, Lt.
Tim Vasseles, Lt.
Mike Inglesis, Engineer
Darrel Dulak, Training Officer

The names of four individuals who submitted the Membership applications were:

Cein R. Strange
705 Deerfield Lane
Asbury, New Jersey 08802

T. Craig Allen
9 Harvest Court
Clinton, New Jersey 08809

Bryan W. Bittenmaster
29 Lingert Avenue
Clinton, New Jersey 08809

Jeffrey D. Plaisted
173 Leigh Street
Clinton, New Jersey 08809

A motion to accept the names of the four men as submitted was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. De Cleene to accept the applications as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

An activity report was announced, calls were up from 2007. Members have been attending mandatory training sessions.

The Fire Department has applied to FEMA for two grants in the amount of \$2,500.00 for a ventilation system.

APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Pender seconded by Mr. Ragozine to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for March 21, 2008 through April 3, 2008.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Duffy, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea,
Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Duffy, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea,
Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION # 68-08 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to enter into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss matters of personnel and possible litigation.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to return to the regular meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Shea to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Christine Schaumburg, Mayor