

Councilman Ragozine called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – Duffy, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Valenta,
Absent: Insel, Mayor Schaumburg

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Councilman Ragozine 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. Shea, seconded by Mr. Pender, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 12, 2008 submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Councilman Ragozine explained that Mayor Schaumburg’s flight has been delayed in Florida and will not be able to attend this evening’s meeting.

RED MILL MUSEUM VILLAGE – PERMIT REFUND

The Red Mill is currently replacing the cedar shingle roof of the Museum, and has paid the permit fees of \$1,325.00. Executive Director of the Museum, Charles Speierl, Ed. D., is requesting a refund of the permit fees paid to the Town in the amount of \$1,237 (minus the \$88.00 fee to the State) of the building permit fee. A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Pender, to grant the refund as requested.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Valenta

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RAFFLE APPLICATION – CLINTON GUILD

Council is in receipt of a 50/50 Raffle application from the Clinton Guild to hold a raffle October 5, 2008 at the Music Festival. A motion was made by Mr. Shea seconded by Mr. Pender to grant the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RAFFLE APPLICATION – HUNTERDON ART MUSEUM

Council is in receipt of a Raffle application to be held May 16, 2009. A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Pender, to grant the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE # 08-10

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #08-10:

ORDINANCE #08-10

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON SEWER UTILITY, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF CLINTON SEWER UTILITY AND APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$125,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND RESERVE FOR FUTURE REPLACEMENTS WITHIN THE SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Mr. Cutter informed Council and the public that a contract has been awarded and the project is expected to begin September 2, 2008. Residents in the Knolls have been notified. There being no public comments, a motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to close the public hearing.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adopt Ordinance #08-10 as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Valenta

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE #08-11 – CLINTON KNOLLS MILLING & OVERLAY PROJECT

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Shea, to open the public hearing of Ordinance #08-11:

ORDINANCE # 08-11

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CLINTON KNOLLS REPLACEMENT PROJECT PHASE II AND BY THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$580,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$430,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Martin Pendergast, Spruce Run Road, asked if Top Line Contractors, (Penn Bower was the actual contractor) who performed the work for Clinton Knolls Phase I Project, have satisfied repairs to residents whose properties were damaged during the job. Mr. Cutter explained all has been satisfied.

There being no further comments, a motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Pender, to close the public hearing.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to approve Ordinance #08-11 on second reading as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Pender, Shea, Ragozine, Valenta

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #08-12 – CARBONATE ROCK

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #08-12 as submitted:

ORDINANCE #08-12
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON
AMENDING THE LAND USE CODE OF THE TOWN
CARBONATE ROCK

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

There being no public comments, a motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to close the public hearing.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to adopt Ordinance #08-12 as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Pender, Shea, Ragozine, Valenta

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #105-08 – TAX REFUNDS

A motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt Resolution #105-08 authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to refund the overpayments attached.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Valenta

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Notification received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation that the Route 78 repaving project is scheduled to begin September 2, 2008.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Police Chief Matheis

1. Chief Matheis informed Council and audience that a non-profit organization, New Jersey Environmental Federation, NJ Chapter of Clean Water Action, will be going door to door to conduct a canvass. The hours are between 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
2. Police have been very active seeking out kids committing vandalism and the police will continue to do so.

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

1. Mr. Cutter reported amazing solid waste savings with the new recycling program in full swing. The Town has now averaged between 26 and 27 tons more of recyclable materials while having 40 tons less of solid waste than last year.
2. High visibility cross walks have been painted.
3. Modifications to the Police Department are moving along, once again, Art Dysart is doing a great job saving the Town thousands of dollars.

Councilwoman Valenta

1. Rescue Squad - 40th Anniversary Celebration was held August 23, 2008. Ms. Valenta presented the Squad with a Proclamation from the Mayor and Council. Congratulations!

Councilman Shea

1. Parks and Playgrounds hosting the Town Picnic, Saturday, September 6, rain date September 7th from 2 p.m. to dusk. Great fun for everyone, D.J., bands, fireworks.

Gebhardt Field has received a face lift by our Public Works Department. A picture of the men and a story will be in the upcoming Newsletter.

Councilman Duffy

1. Clinton Fire Department – submitted the membership application for Ryan C. Shea, 17 Messig Road, Clinton, New Jersey 08809. A motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to accept the application for membership as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Shea, to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for August 8, 2008 through August 21, 2008.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Valenta

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Duffy to approve the voucher list attached to these minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Valenta

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Valenta seconded by Mr. Pender to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC

Robert Ragozine, Councilman