

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

Flag Salute.

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

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. Pender, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 26, 2008 submitted.

Vote all ayes
2 Abstentions (Insel, Mayor Schaumburg)
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to accept the Monthly Reports for the month of August as submitted:
Administrator’s Report, Clerk’s Account, Cat & Dog Licensing Accounts, Construction Control/Inspection Report, Sewer Collector’s Report, Water Collector’s Report, Treasurer’s Report, Wastewater Treatment Plants Superintendent’s Report, Water Superintendent’s Report

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

1. Mayor Schaumburg read a memo from Kathy Olsen, Finance Officer, reporting that the Recycling Tonnage Grant check was received from the State of New Jersey in the amount of \$1,225.58. This was an increase over the past two years; 2007 - \$470.87 and 2006 - \$483.63. This increase is due to Bob Cutter for improving the Town’s Recycling Program.
2. Board of Adjustment interviews will take place September 23, 2008.

SILVER STAR FAMILIES OF AMERICA PROCLAMATION

Mayor Schaumburg read the Proclamation which will be celebrated in May of 2009. Proclamations are now being read in Towns so that by May, 2009, their goal of 5,000 proclamations across the nation will be presented. The proclamation is dedicated to the service men and women in America.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – FOOD LICENSE FEE WAIVER

The Knights of Columbus has applied to the Town for a Temporary Food License to host the Third Annual Chili Cook off at the Clinton Rescue Squad. This is a not-for-profit organization with a portion of the proceeds going to the Rescue Squad. The Knights are requesting a waiver in the amount of \$100.00. The county has already approved the \$75.00 waiver and the Town's \$25.00 is for Council to approve. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel to approve the request as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 08-13 - TOWING AND STORAGE

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #08-13:

ORDINANCE #08-13

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 129 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON TO REVISE THE FEE SCHEDULE

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

There being no public comment, a motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel to close the public hearing.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mrs. Insel to adopt Ordinance #08-13 as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE #08-14 - HOURS OF OPERATION AT PARKS

Mayor Schaumburg explained the ordinance but questioned Section (c) as to who sanctions activities inside the Community Center? Mr. Cushing explained that activities are sanctioned by the Board of Recreation Commission, the entity that approves the events.

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to open the public hearing of Ordinance #08-14 as submitted:

ORDINANCE # 08-14
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 105 OF THE CODE
OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON TO ESTABLISH HOURS OF OPERATION FOR TOWN
PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

There being no further comments, a motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel to close the public hearing.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to approve Ordinance #08-14 on second reading as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #08-15 – PROHIBIT SMOKING BY MINORS

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #08-15 as submitted:

ORDINANCE #08-15
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 128 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF
CLINTON TO PROHIBIT SMOKING BY MINORS IN ANY PUBLIC PLACE

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

There being no public comments, a motion was made by Mr. Ragozine seconded by Mrs. Valenta to close the public hearing.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Ordinance #08-15 as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE #08-16 – SMOKING PROHIBITING IN PARK FACILITIES

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to open the public hearing of Ordinance #08-16 as submitted:

ORDINANCE #08-16

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 105 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON TO PROHIBIT SMOKING IN ALL PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND PARK FACILITIES

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Martin Pendergast asked how adults being at a ball game for hours or even at the Town Picnic would be expected to comply without getting the "jitters". Mayor Schaumburg explained that they would have to step outside the area, just as they are expected to at restaurants and amusement parks. Mayor Schaumburg stated that the amount of cigarette butts that are under the grandstand at Gebhardt Field is not just a littering issue but a safety issue.

There being no further comment, a motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel to close the public hearing.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Ordinance #08-16 on second reading.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE #08-17 – GRAFFITI

Mayor Schaumburg briefly explained the need for the following ordinance is due to an increase in graffiti in the Town. Sergeant Kubinak reported double digits of minors found to be accused of creating graffiti. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Pender to open the public hearing of Ordinance #08-17:

ORDINANCE #08-17

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON BY ADDING NEW CHAPTER 83, TO BE ENTITLED GRAFFITI, PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION OF GRAFFITI AND ITS REMOVAL BY PROPERTY OWNERS

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

There being no public comment, a motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel to close the public hearing.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Pender to adopt Ordinance #08-17 on second reading.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #106-08 – SUB-CODE INSPECTORS COMPENSATION

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Resolution #106-08 Setting forth the salary for Fill-In Sub Code Inspectors.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #107-08 – CANCELLATIONS OF CHECKS

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to adopt Resolution #107-08, authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to cancel outstanding checks as listed on the attached list.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #108-08- TOWING AND STORAGE FEES

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Resolution #108-08 which sets the fee schedule for towing rates and storage as recommended by the Chief of Police, Brett Matheis.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter received from Al Rylak about children using the wall outside his office for skateboarding. Mr. Rylak said it costs him hundreds of dollars to fix the repairs caused by the activity. He asked Town Council and the Police to enforce the skateboarding ordinance.
2. Hunterdon County Democrat featured an article about Art Dysart working on the Police Department Renovations.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

1. Solid Waste numbers continue to amaze. The Town of Clinton has saved over \$3,800 over last year's figures.
2. In preparation of the anticipated Hurricane Ivan this coming weekend, merchants along the river have been asked to secure their dumpsters. Public works has cleared the brook of debris and sand bags are available in the barn. Mayor Schaumburg asked if merchants can be asked to secure dumpsters at all times. Mr. Cutter will check with the engineer to seek information within river and flood plain.

Councilman Pender

1. Emergency Services Foundation – Hosting Casino Night at the Holiday Inn on October 10, 2008 from 8:00 p.m. to midnight.

Councilman Ragozine

1. Board of Recreation Commission – cancelled the Town Picnic for this weekend due to the impending storm. The Picnic is rescheduled for Saturday, October 4, 2008.

Councilwoman Insel

1. Meeting will be held tomorrow evening, Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 7:30 to discuss and receive new “Welcome to Clinton” signs.
2. Planning Board – will be submitting projects for the Hunterdon County Planning Awards; the new Master Plan and the Department of Transportation Study.
3. Highlands Grant will also be applied for. There will be a resolution at the next meeting in support of an application.

APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for August 22, 2008 through September 4, 2008.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #109-08- EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel to enter into Executive Session to discuss four matters of Litigation at 8:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mrs. Valenta to come out of Executive Session and return to the Regular Council Meeting at 9:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Insel seconded by Mr. Ragozine to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Christine Schaumburg, Mayor