

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

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – Duffy, Insel, Pender, Pendergast, Shea, Valenta, 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. Duffy seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to approve the minutes of December 22, 2009 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to approve the minutes of the Re-organization meeting held January 4, 2010 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to accept the monthly reports for the month of December as submitted:

Administrator’s Report, Assessor’s Report, Buildings and Grounds Foreman’s Report, Clerk’s Account, Cat & Dog Licensing Accounts, Construction Control / Inspection Report, Road Foreman’s Report, Sewer Collector’s Report, Tax Collector’s Report, Water Collector’s Report, Treasurer’s Report for November, Wastewater Treatment Plants Superintendent’s Report

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mayor Schaumburg discussed Budget meeting dates with Kathy Olsen, CFO. Mrs. Olsen will be attending a March seminar with Mr. Cutter and will have a better idea of when the State will be addressing budgets. Mrs. Olsen will report back with information. Budget meetings will be scheduled in February.

RESOLUTION #40-10 – OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt Resolution #40-10 authorizing the Chief Financial Office to refund the overpayment to the accounts as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Pendergast, Shea, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #41-10 – BID AWARD

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to accept the recommendation of Mr. Cutter to award the bid for Laboratory Services received November 13, 2009 to QC Laboratories, Inc., 1205 Industrial Boulevard, Southampton, Pennsylvania 18966, as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$25,999.50.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Pendergast, Shea, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

ORDINANCE # 01-10 – AMENDING THE LAND USE OF THE TOWN

Mrs. Insel, liaison to the Planning Board, explained the following Telecommunication Tower Ordinance, drafted by the Town Planner, Carl Hintz, and recommended by the Planning Board at their meeting held January 5, 2010. Planning Board member and Master Plan Committee Chairman, Patrick E. McGuire, also made a recommendation confirming the Planning Board's unanimous recommendation, that the proposed ordinance, regulating the installation of wireless telecommunications towers, within a reasonable degree of professional competence, is in accordance with the Town of Clinton's Master Plan and in compliance with NJSA 40:55D-1 et seq., Chapter 291, the Municipal Land Use Law.

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt Ordinance #01-10 on first Reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #1-10
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON
AMENDING THE LAND USE CODE OF THE TOWN
SECTION 88-60
WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A notice of this ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review in their edition of January 20, 2010. A public hearing is scheduled for February 9, 2010.

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

ORDINANCE # 2-10 – MEMBERSHIP OF SMART GROWTH COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to adopt Ordinance #2-10 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE # 2-10
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP
PROVISION OF SMART GROWTH COMMITTEE AND RATIFYING SMART GROWTH
PROVISIONS AS AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

This ordinance allows for the appointment of a Mayor's designee to be a member of the Smart Growth Committee.

A copy of this ordinance will be published in the January 20, 2010. A public hearing is scheduled to be held February 9, 2010.

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

CORRESPONDENCE – None

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

1. The ice rink has been assembled at Hunts Mill Park for the bonfire.
2. Recycling analysis will be available for the first meeting in February, results of 2009 and where we aim to be in 2010.

Councilwoman Valenta

1. Grants Committee - In the process of beginning a small starter library with written resources giving an overview of the grant process for anyone interested in reviewing.

Councilman Shea

1. The Clinton Guild will have their annual re-org meeting on January 21st at 6:15 pm at the Hunterdon Art Museum with a wine social and discussion. Dan Shea will be the guest speaker, and introduce Mrs. Valenta as the new council liaison. The Guild would like to talk about the progress they made last year along with the participation of merchants, the Town and the Public Works Department. Mayor Schaumburg will also be attending.
2. Roads committee met and discussed the many projects on the agenda for 2010:
The Clinton Mills Dam and Dike Project
Main Street
The Pavers and the alleyway.
Mr. Cutter said there will be a seminar given through Rutgers on installing pavers and would like to send two public works employees. Mr. Cutter will inform Council of the particulars and feels the money to attend will be worth all the money that will be saved having our men attend the sessions.
3. SWAC – Mr. Shea is a member of a small detail recycling committee meeting with County Freeholders working to relay information to other municipalities. He will be attending with Lambertville, Frenchtown, Lebanon and East Amwell.
4. Board of Recreation – Bonfire to be held Saturday, January 23, 2010 beginning at 6:00 P.M.

Clerk Covino

A raffle license was received this afternoon for the Clinton Public School listing four dates, seeking approval for January 29, 2010 at this time. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Shea, to approve the 50/50 for Clinton Public School

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Clerk Covino asked permission to prepare an ordinance for a future council meeting, giving the clerk authority to approve raffle licenses. This would benefit licensees and council by not adding to agendas. Council and Police will continue to be notified. Mayor Schaumburg said she would support the ordinance.

Councilwoman Insel

1. Roads Committee had a great meeting as stated by Mr. Shea. An exciting year is being planned.
2. Smart Growth will be resuming meetings on the third Thursdays of the month at 7:30 pm now that the Town has opted into the Highlands.
3. Mrs. Insel and Mrs. Valenta will be applying for Open Space funds for the Gebhardt Field Grandstand. The estimate for rebuilding has come in at \$125,000.
4. Planning Board submitted revisions for the Sign Ordinance and other revisions to the Land Use Code when other changes are being made. The Planning Board has requested better communication between Town Council and the Planning Board when changes are made.

Councilman Duffy

1. Clinton Fire Department held a live demonstration on I M responding, all members have been given access and it is working well.
2. Emergency Services is planning a Basketball Game with members of the Fire Department and the Rescue Squad for April 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Clinton Township Middle School due to the need of space. The School is not charging a fee.

Emergency Services Foundation has begun reviewing their by-laws and making amendments for their next meeting.

Councilman Pender

1. Board of Health will be sponsoring their annual Rabies Clinic on Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Councilman Pendergast

1. Sewer Committee – Mr. Cutter is meeting with Maser Consulting engineer, Susan Brasefield to brief her on matters of the Sewer Department. Ms. Brasefield, P.E. will meet with the Sewer Committee at their meeting Tuesday, January 19 at the Treatment Plant. Meetings will be scheduled quarterly unless important matters arise.
2. Rescue Squad held their annual Holiday Party at the Holiday Inn. New members were sworn in by Clinton Township's Mayor Cimei. It was a great time had by many.

RESOLUTION #42-10 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to approve the transfer of funds as presented.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Pendergast, Shea, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mrs. Insel to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for December 25, 2009 through January 7, 2010.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Pendergast, Shea, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Pendergast, Shea, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #43-10 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast seconded by Mrs. Insel, to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters of Collective Bargaining, Potential Litigation at 7:52 P.M.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to return to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:46 P.M.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC

Mayor Christine Schaumburg