

Mayor Schaumburg called the meeting to order at 7:45 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.”

Mayor Schaumburg apologized for being late, there was a utilities emergency.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

1. The Guild’s annual meeting was a great event. Dan Shea was the speaker and gave a brilliant power point presentation. They welcomed new merchants, Greens & Beans. It was sad to hear the Old Riverhouse is leaving Town. The merchants reported that they fared well last year in spite of the economy. Great news!
2. The Bonfire was fantastic! Sean Rogan did a spectacular job with the help of volunteers, the Clinton Fire Department, Rescue Squad, Police Department and Public Works. The band was great too! Ashley Scire joined the band and was a huge success. Hundreds of people attended.

Benjamin Barno, along with Boy Scout Troop 118, ran “Hot Dogs for Haiti” at their concession stand. Great idea.

**STEPHEN MILLER – SENIOR PATROL LEADER OF TROOP 121**

Stephen Miller, Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 121, attended this evening’s meeting to present a State of the Troop Address. Stephen gave an outstanding address of the troop’s endeavors. The Scouts will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of scouting on February 6, 2010. Mr. Duffy will be attending the Centennial Celebration Day and Court of Honor. He will be presenting them with a Proclamation from the Town Council signed by Mayor Schaumburg.

Mayor Schaumburg read the Proclamation this evening.

**RESOLUTION #44-10 – 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 #45-10 – POLICE TEMPORARY BUDGET**

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to adopt Resolution #45-10 approving the Temporary Police Budget of \$5,000.00 for the purchase of a video camera for the new police car.

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)

**SPECIAL EVENT and BANNER APPLICATION – PENDER’S FISHING DERBY**

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Duffy to approve the Special Event Application to hold the Annual Fishing Derby on Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The banner was also approved upon a review of the dates available.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A letter of commendation was received by Chief Matheis from the High Bridge Borough Police Department. Officer James Crilly noticed a vehicle several weeks after a hit and run in High Bridge, notified their Police Department, resulting in the owner of the vehicle being charged. Once again, the Clinton Police Department has been honored for their service.
2. A check has been received from Comcast in the amount of \$2,914.70 for the use of municipal right-of-ways.
3. Kathy Olsen, CFO, sent a memo to Council regarding the sale of a Bond Anticipation Note in the amount of \$2,747,000.00. Ms. Olsen went out to bid the sale which was awarded to TD Securities. The closing was held on January 22, 2010.

**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS**

**Councilman Pender**

1. Board of Health held the Joint Rabies Clinic with Clinton Township on Saturday, January 23, 2010. Total amount of pets receiving shots was 305 cats and dogs.

**Councilman Shea**

1. Board of Recreation will be having a meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2010. Mr. Shea will bring copies of the plans for the dugouts.  
The Bonfire was held Saturday, January 23, 2010. It was a terrific event.
2. The Clinton Guild held their annual re-org meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:15 pm at the Hunterdon Art Museum with a wine social and discussion. Dan Shea was the guest speaker, and introduced Mrs. Valenta as the new council liaison. Mayor Schaumburg also attended. The Guild was happy to report the progress they made last year along with the participation of merchants, the Town and the Public Works Department. Mr. Shea reported that the Guild officers remained the same.

3. Shade Tree – Reviewing the past plan and submitting to the State the 2010 plan within the next few weeks.
4. SWAC – Recycling committee met and discussed the overall plan for the County. Mr. Shea is a member of a small detail recycling committee that met with County Freeholders, Mennen and Mellick for two hours. They are working to relay information to other municipalities.

**Councilwoman Valenta**

1. Environmental Commission - The Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) is holding a training session for commissioners on March 13. Multiple members of the Environmental Commission will attend, including the representative from the Town Council.

This year's Earth Day celebration will take place on April 24 and will include the annual river clean-up.

The Red Mill is having a Green Fair in mid-September, which will include green-associated exhibitions and vendors.

2. Grants Committee - 3.84 million in grant applications went out last week, with more applications being finalized in the coming weeks.

Current grants in the application process include Federal, State and private opportunities, with more being identified on a weekly basis as this current grant cycle ramps up.

Committees are encouraged to create a 'wish list' of projects that have been identified but shelved due to lack of funding, so that the Grants Committee can attempt to find grant opportunities whose objectives match a project.

3. Clinton Guild - Sweetheart Week is scheduled for February 7 through 14. There will be a drawing for prizes. The Guild is also sponsoring a Share The Love food drive: members of the public are encouraged to drop off canned food to any participating store in Clinton and the Guild will deliver the cans to The Open Cupboard food pantry. This program was a resounding success last year, as the Guild delivered 300 pounds of food.

Guild meetings will take place on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The next Guild meeting is February 11 at 8:30am; location to be determined. There is an additional monthly Marketing Planning meeting on the 4th Thursday of each month; Guild members are encouraged to attend.

**Police Chief Matheis**

1. Chief Matheis reported that checking on Hunts Mill Park Sunday morning following the Bonfire, the fields were left perfectly cleaned up.
2. The new flood pole was installed by Public Works. There are three markings on the pole to show the water levels.
3. Chief Matheis spoke to Allison Witt, Zoning Official and Jack Daniels, Code Enforcement Official as to the response of business owners in Town regarding securing their dumpsters. A few businesses said that their garbage hauler did not want the dumpsters secured. This

ordinance passed in December, 2009, making it mandatory. Mrs. Witt and Mr. Daniels are notifying merchants in three phases, different sections of Town. The only merchants that need to respond are the ones that have dumpsters that are not secured or enclosed. Mr. Daniels has 60 days to inspect.

4. A film company has contacted that Town to ask about filming, approximately 300 people plus a film crew. They were planning on moving through Town and considered a weekend shoot. Chief Matheis explained the logistics of the Town and proposed the Red Mill Museum Village as an alternate location, and to consider another time frame, other than a weekend. The film company will be in touch.

**APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME**

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Duffy to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for January 8 through January 21, 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 Mrs. Valenta seconded by Mrs. Insel, 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 #46-10 – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters of Potential Litigation at 8:20 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 8:28 P.M.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mrs. Valenta to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC

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Mayor Christine Schaumburg