

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. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to approve the council minutes of January 12, 2010 as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to approve the council minutes of January 26, 2010 as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Pender, to accept the Monthly Reports for the month of January as submitted:

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, December and January, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent’s Report.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Brothers and Scouts, Matthew and John Singer, were present in the audience to observe tonight’s meeting. They did not have any comments, but Mayor Schaumburg welcomed them and explained procedures.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

1. With the impending snow storm, Chief Matheis did not attend this evening’s meeting, and will be attending the meeting at the Office of Emergency Management at 10:30 pm.
2. Mayor Schaumburg informed Council that she spoke with the Governor’s office and that Governor Christie has imposed a 90 day freeze on all COAH related matters. In the next 90 days, a bipartisan group of people with COAH experience, appointed by the Governor, will look at the input received from municipalities and formulate a recommendation to the Governor.

3. The Town of Clinton has received approval from the Board of Public Utilities to undertake an Energy Audit which will be covered by a BPU grant. Proposals were received and the firm of Camp Dresser and McKee was recommended by Mr. Cutter. The bid amount made by Camp Dresser and McKee was \$69,640.00, which will be 100% funded by the BPU. Energy audits will be completed on all municipal buildings. A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement with Robert Pennington of Camp Dresser and McKee.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

### **BUDGET WORKSHOPS**

Mayor Schaumburg discussed a budget workshop schedule. In years past, the council met several times, this year, the plan is to meet for two workshops for a longer length of time. After a brief discussion, Council chose April 7 and April 14 to meet at 6:00 pm. Mayor Schaumburg expressed to Council that these meetings will be very tough. Committees, commissions should be prepared to make sacrifices all around. Pensions are up, revenues are much less.

### **SPECIAL EVENT and BANNER APPLICATION – RUBBER DUCKY RACE & SPRINTIN’ CLINTON**

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to approve the Special Event application to hold the Annual Rubber Ducky Race and Sprintin’ Clinton on Sunday, July 11, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The banner was also approved to be displayed July 1 through July 12, 2010.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

### **PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #10-01 – AMENDMENT TO LAND USE**

Mrs. Insel explained the proposed ordinance was reviewed by the Planning Board and found to be consistent with the Town of Clinton Master Plan. The Board supported passing the ordinance. A motion was made by Mr. Shea seconded by Mrs. Insel to open the Public Hearing of Ordinance #10-01:

ORDINANCE #10-01  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON  
AMENDING THE LAND USE CODE  
REGARDING SECTION 88-60  
WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

There being no comments from the audience, Mayor Schaumburg took this opportunity to explain to the scouts the procedure of passing ordinances. A motion was then made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mr. Pender, to close the public portion of the meeting.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt Ordinance #10-01 on second reading as submitted.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #10-02 – SMART GROWTH MEMBERS**

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to open the public hearing on Ordinance 10-02 as submitted:

ORDINANCE # 10-02  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON AMENDING MEMBERSHIP  
PROVISIONS OF SMART GROWTH COMMITTEE AND RATIFYING SMART GROWTH  
PROVISIONS AS AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

Once again, Mayor Schaumburg took the liberty of explaining the need for this ordinance. Currently, the members of the committee consist of the Mayor and two council people, a Planning Board member, a Board of Adjustment member, a merchant and three residents. At this time, three council people are interested in being on the committee and this ordinance allows for the Mayor to select a designee. The three council representatives are Laurie Insel as Chairwoman, Dan Shea and Marty Pendergast.

There being no questions, a motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to close the public portion of the meeting.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to adopt Ordinance # 10-02 on second reading as submitted.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION # 47-10 – OPPOSING S-458**

Kathy Olsen, CFO/Tax Collector, explained to council the proposal being made by the Senate Bill 458, which calls for a referendum to consolidate the municipal tax assessor, municipal tax collector, municipal health services and municipal animal control services to the county, taking control away from individual municipalities. Ms. Olsen explained that seniors will not receive the individual attention and assistance they currently receive from municipalities. A pilot program is being conducted in Gloucester Township. A motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to adopt Resolution #47-10 as recommended. Ms. Olsen thanked Council on behalf of the Government Finance Officers Association.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

**RESOLUTION # 48-10 – OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES**

Mr. Shea questioned the reason for frequent overpayments of taxes. Ms. Olsen explained that this happens when houses are sold and taxes are paid twice.

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Resolution #48-10 authorizing the Tax Collector to remove the overpayments of taxes 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)

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #10-03 – CAPITAL ORDINANCE**

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Pender, to introduce Ordinance #10-03 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #10-03  
CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF  
HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF  
IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF CLINTON AND APPROPRIATING  
THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$120,000 FROM THE WATER UTILITY CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT FUND

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

This ordinance has become necessary due to a recent water main break. A copy of this notice will be published in the Courier News on Friday, February 12, 2010. A public hearing will be held February 23, 2010.

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

**RESOLUTION # 49-10 – AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY AWARD OF CONTRACT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mr. Shea to adopt Resolution # 49-10 awarding the emergency service contract in the amount of \$41,500.00 to Ameridrill, Inc. of Levittown, Pennsylvania.

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)

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Chief Matheis addressed a memo of commendation to Mr. Cutter, that during his vacation absence and particularly during the water utility emergency of Tuesday, January 26, 2010, Roger Plaisted, Water Superintendent, addressed the problem in a calm professional manner.
2. A letter of thanks received from the Clinton Guild thanking Council and the Public Works Department for their assistance in decorating the trees, creating a festive atmosphere very welcoming to the Town.

## **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS**

### **Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator**

1. With the impending snow storm tonight, Mr. Cutter said the men are prepared with all necessary equipment.
2. Mr. Cutter met with Kasper Disposal to discuss a change in garbage and recycling schedules.

### **Councilwoman Valenta**

1. Guild President, Linda Johnson, is on vacation, Carol Beder of Heartstrings, will be taking her place during her absence.
2. Channel 5 – Fox News, was in Town last night to address the impending snow storm. The Town looked great and so did Sgt. Cory Kubinak, who represented the Town beautifully.
3. The Grants Committee is diligently working on submitting grants on a Federal level.
4. Newsletter/Website Committee – working on editing and placement of articles in the Town Newsletter.

### **Councilman Shea**

1. Roads Committee reviewed plans for Main Street and moving ahead with the televising the infrastructure and drain pipes.
2. Rachel Court - dates were discussed to go out to bid the project, possibly early in the Spring.
3. Board of Recreation - Plans discussed for the dugouts and stadiums at Gebhardt Field. Mr. Cutter meeting with Mr. Kim to determine cost estimates.

### **Councilwoman Insel**

1. Smart Growth – meeting scheduled for February 25, 2010.

### **Councilman Duffy**

1. At the last Council meeting, Mayor Schaumburg read the Proclamation for the Boy Scouts 100 year anniversary. Mr. Duffy attended the dinner on Saturday, February 6, 2010 and presented it to the Scouts on behalf of Council. Mr. Duffy and Mr. Pender were Eagle Scouts and feel it is nice to represent council as former Eagle Scouts and are happy to support the scouting community.
2. Fire Department – received a \$5,535 grant! Captain Walter Dorf initiated the grant and Chief Wintermute and Deputy Chief Higgins assisted in preparing the grant. Good work!

The Fire Department is looking for volunteers to man the station and be on hand in preparation of impending storm. They feel it is a good practice to have people at the station to avoid traveling to get to the station in an emergency. Mr. Cutter said the Public Works Department has been directed to keep doorways cleared of snow for emergency vehicles at the Fire Department, Rescue Squad, and the Municipal Building. Mayor Schaumburg made known that she would be available tonight or all day, Thursday, during the storm, if needed.

Mayor Schaumburg asked Mr. Duffy who the next chief would be, he replied that current

Deputy Chief Higgins would most likely be elected at the formal process meeting in March.

**Councilman Pendergast**

1. Rescue Squad also arranging to have people on call for the storm. The Squad is also looking to change employee levels in an attempt to double LOSAP for members.  
The Basketball game between the Squad and the Clinton Fire Department is scheduled for April 9, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at the Clinton Township Middle School. Tickets are available.

**APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME**

A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta seconded by Mr. Pender to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for January 22 through February 4, 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. Duffy seconded by Mr. Pender, 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 #50-10 – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters of Potential Litigation at 8:13 P.M.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to return to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:25 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 8:27 P.M.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC  
Town Clerk

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Mayor Christine Schaumburg