

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

Flag Salute.

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

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

Minutes of February 9, 2010 tabled until the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

1. Mayor Schaumburg stated that the amendment to the Hunting Ordinance will be on the next agenda.

2. **RESOLUTION #57-10 – URGING REFORM OF INTEREST ARBITRATION**

Mayor Schaumburg received a resolution late this afternoon and read it in its entirety. A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mr. Shea to adopt Resolution #57-10 Urging the State Legislature to pass legislation containing substantial reforms to the binding Arbitration process and to forward copies of this resolution to the Governor, the League of Municipalities and the legislators of the 23rd District.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

3. Construction Permits amendments were submitted to Council by Construction Official, Kevin Fleming. The recommendations will be reviewed by Attorney Cushing and addressed at the next Council meeting. Mr. Fleming did a great job in his research.

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #10-03 – CAPITAL ORDINANCE

Mr. Cutter explained that the water main break has been repaired.

A motion was made by Mr. Pender seconded by Mrs. Insel, to open the Public Hearing of Ordinance #10-03:

ORDINANCE #10-03

A 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

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt Ordinance #10-03 on second reading as submitted.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

NORTH HUNTERDON MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR 2010

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract for 2010.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

BANNER REQUEST – TREASURES OF THE SOUTH BRANCH

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Shea, to approve the banner request for the South Branch Watershed Association, Treasures of the South Branch event to be held June 12, 2010. The banner will be displayed May 31 through June 13, 2010.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #51 -10 – OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt Resolution #51-10 authorizing the Tax Collector to remove the overpayments of taxes as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes; Insel, Pender, Shea, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #52-10 – SKYLANDS TRUCK STOP – FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

In Franklin Township, Warren County a 1.44 million square foot truck terminal is being proposed to the Franklin Township Planning Board. Several towns have already adopted resolutions expressing their concerns of this proposal saying it will generate extreme traffic problems due to the 700 to 1,000 truck trips per day in and out of the truck terminal at all hours of the day and night. Mayor Schaumburg asked Mr. Cushing if he felt it was right that other towns question the work of Planning Boards and surrounding municipalities. A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Resolution # 52-10. Council discussed the resolution and the proposal at length and offered their comments. Mrs. Insel suggested that we offer help to their Planning Board and make them aware of the issues that need to be addressed. Mayor Schaumburg said she supports the Cross Acceptance group in working together with other municipalities on their zoning issues. This application is strongly worded to defeat the application giving the applicant grounds for a law suit.

Mr. Shea said that this truck stop borders communities in a scenic preservation area that would be affected. He mentioned that they may be avoiding weight restrictions because of the location of the weigh station in Stewartsville on Route 78. Mayor Schaumburg stated that attending a meeting in Franklin Township would be the right thing to do.

Walter Hetzel, Main Street, stated that he did attend a meeting in Franklin Township. He said that the property is located in an Industrial Zone where the use is permitted. He is hoping that the Highlands Council still has "teeth" to stop it keeping uses like this to a minimum. Residential areas do not border this site.

Mayor Schaumburg suggested talking to neighboring municipalities to re-do their Master Plans and act proactively. A letter or resolutions from other municipalities should not be considered by the Franklin Township Planning Board.

Mrs. Valenta was approaching it with a safety consideration and asked that we consider the overflow of traffic onto Route 173 and Ruppels Road, which the Town of Clinton already suffers from due to traffic problems on Route 78.

Mayor Schaumburg asked Council to consider reaching out to the Governing Body of Franklin Township and recommended rewording the resolution to suggest that we offer support and assist in changing zoning in their Master Plan. Mr. Shea agreed to work on the rewording of the resolution.

An earlier motion made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Resolution #52-10 as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes:
Nay: Insel, Pender, Shea, Valenta,
Abstain: Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all nays
Motion Denied

RESOLUTION #-53-10 – SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR’S EFFORTS

Mayor Schaumburg spoke on behalf of Governor Christie’s efforts to address the high tax rate and his efforts to work together to bring change to New Jersey. Everyone needs to feel the pain to accomplish this. A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adopt Resolution #53-10 supporting Governor Chris Christie.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #54-10 – SUBMISSION OF PETITION FOR PLAN CONFORMANCE

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt Resolution #54-10, stating that the Town of Clinton hereby submits this Petition for Plan Conformance to the Highlands Council as it relates to the development and use of land for the entire municipality in accordance with the Highlands Act, the Regional Master Plan, and the Highlands Plan Conformance Guidelines.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #55-10 – CANCELLATION OF TAX LIEN

A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt Resolution #55-10 as submitted.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #56-10 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Resolution #56-10 as submitted.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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CORRESPONDENCE – None

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Councilman Pender

1. School Board – attended the Clinton Public School meeting and listened to preliminary budget possibilities. They discussed the Governor's orders to utilize surplus funds, however, Mayor Schaumburg said that would affect mostly Abbott Districts.

Partners in Education are having a Spelling Bee on Friday, February 25, 2010 and have asked Councilwoman Valenta to join a team!

Councilwoman Insel

1. Historic Commission – applying for Open Space Funds to assist in having the Gebhardt Field Grandstands replaced.
2. Smart Growth – meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 25, 2010 will be postponed due to the snowy weather forecast. The next meeting will be March 18, 2010.

Clerk Covino

1. Town Clerk asked Council's support in appointing Nancy Burgess Deputy Registrar. Sara Peterson has decided to retire and not to continue with continuing education units. Nancy will begin taking the certification classes March 5 and every Friday in March. A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mr. Shea, to appoint Nancy Burgess Deputy Registrar.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

2. The annual Town Appreciation Dinner that is hosted to thank all employees and volunteers of the Town and is usually held in March. This year, due to budget restraints, discussions have been made among the Mayor, Kathy Olsen, CFO, Robert Cutter, PW/Business Administrator, and the Clerk. Mayor Schaumburg said this is a very important event but it is best to wait until the Governor's speech on March 16, hold budget meetings in April, and then decide.

Councilman Shea

1. Shade Tree – discussed additional trees to be planted. The 2009 Report has been updated and sent in to update the Forestry Management Plan.
2. Board of Recreation – reviewed grandstand plans and are pleased with the concept design and the new dugouts. They will be accessing the cost and applying for Open Space grants.

Summer Recreation may be pushing back their dates due to the weather this winter and the number of days the school had to close.
3. Senior Luncheon scheduled for May.

Councilwoman Valenta

1. Newsletter/Website – Newsletter will be out next week, and the Website is in the process of being updated with new council representative information.
2. Grants Committee: Round 2 of the Federal Grant applications were completed today. Work continues almost daily on Grant applications and seeking new funding opportunities.
3. Environmental Commission – meeting was canceled Monday, February 22, next meeting Monday, March 22, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.
2010 New Jersey Land Conservation Rally takes place on Saturday, March 20 at Montclair State University. It includes 30 workshops on multiple topics, including financing.
4. Clinton Guild – February 11 meeting was cancelled due to the “big snow”. Linda Johnson President of the Guild, will be back for the next meeting on March 11. Contact Carol Beder, Acting President, for any Guild related issues.

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

1. Attended a Stormwater Pollution Seminar in Long Valley today, reviewed changes and modifications to Stormwater regulations.
2. The Clinton Mills Dam and Dike project is being bid. Legal notices in several papers Thursday, February 25, 2010. Specs are ready to be distributed. A mandatory meeting, March 3 at 10:00 a.m.; bid opening March 24 at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Schaumburg

1. A group called the United Republication Coalition is holding a meeting tonight in Clinton Township at 7:30 p.m. The group is urging Clinton Town to merge with Clinton Township.

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 February 5 through February 17, 2010.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION # 57-10 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters of Interest Arbitration at 8:35 P.M.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to return to the Regular Council Meeting at 9:00 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 9:02 P.M.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

Mayor Christine Schaumburg