

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

Flag Salute.

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

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 Mr. Pendergast, to approve the minutes of February 9, 2010 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Pender, to approve the minutes of February 23, 2010 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Pendergast)
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS – FEBRUARY

A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mr. Shea, to accept the Monthly Reports for the month of February as submitted.

Assessor’s Report, Administrator’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, Wastewater Treatment Plants Superintendent’s Report.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

1. Mayor Schaumburg congratulated Treatment Plant employee , Barbara Hartsell, who received the New Jersey Water Environment Federation Award for her outstanding performance, professionalism and contributions to the water quality analysis profession. Since the inception of the award, Barbara is one of fifteen recipients of the Laboratory Analyst Excellence Award making for an exclusive group of professionals. Congratulations, Barbara!
2. Mayor Schaumburg read a proclamation designating the Month of March as “Women’s History Month”. The Theme for the Project 2010 is **Writing Women Back into History**.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #10-04 – HUNTING ORDINANCE

At the recommendation of Police Chief Brett Matheis, a new Chapter 76 entitled “Firearms and Other Weapons” will be added to the Code of the Town of Clinton.

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to introduce Ordinance # 10-04 as submitted:

ORDINANCE # 10-04
AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE OF
LOCATED FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A notice of the ordinance will be published in the March 17, 2010 edition of the Hunterdon Review. The second reading and public hearing will be held April 13, 2010.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #10-05 – CONSTRUCTION FEES

Mr. Cutter is reviewing the Ordinance and will discuss the proposed fee increases and the new Records Clearance Certification process with Construction Official, Kevin Fleming. Mayor Schaumburg said she would prefer voluntary compliance before imposing more fees on residents or new buyers. A suggestion was to reach out to realtors at the time of listing, reviewing outstanding permits issued for properties. It is not the intent to hold up closings. Mayor Schaumburg commended Kevin Fleming on a great job of researching the process. The Ordinance was tabled this evening and will be introduced at the March 23, 2010 meeting.

WATER REFUND – CORNEL ELZER

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to approve the water refund for Cornel Elzer in the amount of \$32.91 as requested.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #59-10 – SUPPORT OF PROPERTY TAX RELIEF THROUGH STATE ASSUMPTION OF PER PUPIL STUDENT EDUCATIONAL COSTS

A motion was made Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adopt Resolution #59-10 in support of the Mayors' Task Force for School Funding Reform to develop and promote remedial legislation to accomplish this goal and advocates removing all educational funding from the property tax and seek out other state revenue sources to assure our school children receive a thorough and efficient education.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

BANNER REQUESTS

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to approve the banner request for the Classic Car Show to be held June 27, 2010. The banner will be displayed from June 21 through June 28, 2010.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to approve the banner request for the St. Anna's Greed Orthodox Church Festival to be held July 2, 3, and 4, 2010. The banner will be displayed June 28 through July 5, 2010.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE – None

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

1. Bids have gone out for the Clinton Mills Dam and Dike Project and the Pre-construction meeting was held March 3, 2010. The response was great, 19 companies attended.
2. The Public Works Department did an outstanding job with the most recent snowstorm. A letter of commendation will be sent to the men for their great work.
3. Attended a seminar with Kathy Olsen, CFO, regarding health care contributions. The State will receive the contributions of retirees, the Town will receive the contributions of employees. At this time it is not totally clear how the money can be used. Mr. Cutter said the State needs to schedule seminars in more areas of the state than just central. Mayor Schaumburg said it would be beneficial for the State to begin having WEBINARS. More participation will be obtained, however, this is not in lieu of on site seminars which are an integral part of networking.

Councilwoman Valenta

1. Clinton Guild meeting cancelled.

Councilman Shea

1. Roads Committee met along with Engineers, Clerico and Martucci, and discussed the Main Street revitalization plan of the sidewalks.
2. Rachel Court will be going to bid prior to the summer, 2010.
3. SWAC – met with the Freeholders and discussed three grants received by the county. The funds will be used for payroll to employees at recycling centers and for marketing programs in an effort in making more effective programs.

Councilman Pender

1. Personnel Meeting, Friday, March 12, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Councilman Pendergast

1. Rescue Squad – Discussed the annual donations and explained that they may be receiving less than they received in 2009 which was \$5,000. The Squad understood the financial situation. The Squad is planning on buying a new ambulance in 2012.
2. Exit 15 intersection still needs a bit of tweaking, Mr. Pendergast met with Police Chief Matheis to discuss it and the Chief will reach out to NJDOT.
3. SWAC – County meeting, Tuesday, March 16. Lebanon Borough remains #1 in the County at the present time.

4. Lock Boxes were featured in a newspaper article in Franklin Township, Somerset County. Boxes were placed on the homes of seniors living alone in case of an emergency, they would be able to gain access. Some pros and cons were discussed, copies of the article will be made for Council and the Police Chief for their consideration.

APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Shea, to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for February 19, through March 3, 2010.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #60 -10 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters of Collective Bargaining at 8:10 P.M.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Valenta to return to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:20 P.M.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Valenta seconded by Mr. Shea to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

Mayor Christine Schaumburg