

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. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Shea, to approve the minutes of September 28, 2010 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Schaumburg)
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS – SEPTEMBER

A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mr. Pender to accept the Monthly Reports for the month of September 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, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent’s Report, Zoning Officer’s Report.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mayor Schaumburg expressed her sadness at the passing of Jon Slusher, the 45 year old editor and reporter of the Hunterdon Review. Jon was a fantastic person, always professional, patient, polite, and reported only the facts. He will be missed.

CAMP DRESSER & MCKEE – ENERGY AUDIT FIRM

Tabled until the next meeting October 26, 2010.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Board is recommending to Council to approve the following changes to the Planning Board Checklist for all site plan applications and subdivision applications.

Proposed Revisions: delete the column “NO” and replace with “Waiver” and add statement regarding waiver requests.

Councilwoman Insel, liaison to the Planning Board, said the checklist will be more thorough and easier for the applicant to complete. Mrs. Insel recommended Council’s support to the changes.

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to approve the request as recommended.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #146-10 – TAX SALE REDEMPTION

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Resolution #146-10 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)

FEE WAIVER REQUEST

The Knights of Columbus is requesting a waiver for Fire Safety Permit in the amount of \$42.00 and a Temporary Food License in the amount of \$150.00 to operate a food concession stand at the Haunted Mill on October 15, 16, 22, 23, and 29, 2010. The Knights are a non profit organization. A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to grant the request.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CLERK – NANCY BURGESS

Following the retirement of Deputy Municipal Clerk, Sara Peterson, Town Clerk, Cecilia Covino, has recommended the appointment of Nancy Burgess to the position of Deputy. Nancy completed her clerk classes and received her Registered Municipal Clerk certification in October, 2008. A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Shea, to appoint Nancy Burgess as Deputy Municipal Clerk.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

WATER REFUND

Water Collector, Nancy Burgess, is requesting a water refund in the amount of \$298.08 for account # 000379. A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Shea, to grant the request.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

1. BPU has accepted and approved Phase 1 of the energy audit. The 2nd Phase is the scope of work which CDM will conduct and present an overview at the next council meeting. Phase 3

is the “pay for performance”.

2. Rachel Court update – the sidewalks have been repaired, milling will take place on Thursday/Friday, October 14 and 15, and the paving is scheduled for Monday. There have been no complaints. Mannon and Van Cleef have provided notices to residents and the project is moving along.
3. Mayor Schaumburg asked Mr. Cutter about Premier Disposal and some recycling issues that have been occurring. Mr. Cutter assured the Mayor that he has met with Premier and hopefully all issues have been resolved. The Mayor said she did see their truck on the wrong side of the road again, Mr. Cutter said that is a severe problem and will be addressed.
4. Mr. Cutter met with Art Dysart and a representative from the Fish, Game & Wildlife to discuss the Beaver Brook vegetation. A letter will be forthcoming to the Town describing what can and cannot be trimmed. It was suggested by the State to plant hardwoods that would shade the Beaver Brook for the fish.

Kathy Olsen, CFO

1. Ms. Olsen looked into a company called Millennium International Textiles, who set up drop boxes on Municipal property and pay 8 cents per pound of clothes to the town. Clothing and shoes are sent to 3rd world countries. Council discussed this proposition and questioned if they are non-profit, do they sell the clothing once it is sent overseas, how often would they pick up? Ms. Olsen will continue researching and report back at the next meeting.
2. Web site designer, City Connections, the bill is still outstanding and Ms. Olsen is asking for council's input. Council would like to know what we get, what we need, and what do we spend? The cost is \$1,835 for 12 months, however, we need to know how much space is available because mandates from the State may require large postings of information in the near future. Mrs. Valenta was asked to discuss with the Newsletter and Web Page committee.

Councilwoman Valenta

1. Clinton Guild Board meeting was cancelled this month. The Guild has many fun events scheduled for the Fall. Pumpkin Fest is October 29, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., overlapping with the Haunted Mill, should be lots of fun!
2. Highlands grants are being processed, \$15,000 for the Initial Assessment and \$50,000 for the Conformance Grant.

Councilman Shea

1. Main Street paver project is continuing. Tree grates have been ordered, lamps have yet to be chosen.
2. Roads Committee will be interviewing engineers at the next Roads Committee meeting, November 12, 2010.

Clerk Covino

Continuation of discussion at the last meeting regarding the employee Christmas Party, it was decided to have the party at the Clinton House, as last year, on Thursday, December 23, 2010 at noon.

Councilman Duffy

1. Building and Grounds Committee chose the new parking signs and they have been erected. Mr. Pendergast was not 100% in favor of the outcome of the new signs and suggested changing them.
Pet Waste Stations have been discreetly placed and are being used by many!
2. Clinton Fire Department working with the Haunted Mill at the Red Mill Museum Village. Dates are October 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 2010. Advance ticket purchase available for \$20.00 and express tickets for \$40.00. No standing in line! Begins at 6:30 p.m.

Councilman Pender

1. Water Committee – Drought restrictions still in effect.
2. Personnel Committee will meet on Monday, October 25, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.
3. Clinton Sunrise Rotary will sponsor the Hunterdon Wizards at North Hunterdon October 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Pendergast

1. Clinton Rescue Squad response times at being lengthened because they are expanding their response call area.
2. SWAC – meeting Tuesday, October 19, 2010.
3. Emergency Services Foundation – appears to have disappeared!

Mayor Schaumburg

Mayor Schaumburg asked all Council members and Mr. Bob Smith, in the audience and potential future councilman, to forward to her all their council appointments and recommendations for 2011.

APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mrs. Insel to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for September 17, 2010 through September 30, 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 Mrs. Insel, to approve the voucher list attached to these minutes.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION # 147-10 - EXECUTIVE SESSION – PENDING LITIGATION

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to enter into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss Pending Litigation, matter of Fair Share Housing.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Council returned to the Regular Council meeting at 8:45 p.m. to take action.

RESOLUTION #148-10 - PLANNER AUTHORIZATION TO FILE CHANGES

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to approve the municipal response for the Highlands Consistency Review and Report and to authorize Carl Hintz, PP of Clarke, Caton and Hintz, to file the recommendations report to the Highlands Council of New Jersey.

**RESOLUTION #148-10
TOWN PLANNER AUTHORIZATION**

WHEREAS the New Jersey Highlands Council has prepared a Water Protection and Planning Council in Support of the Highlands Regional Master Plan Report for the Town of Clinton; and

WHEREAS the report has been reviewed by Carl Hintz, PP, and Lisa Specca, PP of the Firm Clarke, Caton and Hintz; and

WHEREAS the Town Professionals have prepared a Highlands Consistency Review and Report on behalf of the Town of Clinton;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the review of the Mayor and Council and to the satisfaction of same, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Carl Hintz, PP, to submit the recommendations to the New Jersey Highlands Council.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #149-10 – EXECUTIVE SESSION – POTENTIAL LITIGATION

A motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to enter Executive Session to discuss Town of Clinton vs Andover Properties, matter of Potential Litigation at 8:50 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to come out of Executive Session in order to adjourn at 8:57 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Pendergast seconded by Mr. Shea to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

Mayor Christine Schaumburg