

Town of Clinton  
Special / Regular Council Meeting  
January 13, 2009

Mayor Schaumburg called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Flag Salute.

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

**RESOLUTION # 37-09 – EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL**

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Shea, to enter into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter at 6:35 p.m.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular scheduled meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**

At 8:00 p.m., Mayor Schaumburg invited the public into the Council Room to begin the regular scheduled meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Shea, to approve the minutes of December 23, 2008 as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
1 Abstention (Pendergast)  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to approve the minutes of the Re-organization meeting held January 1, 2009.

Vote all ayes  
1 Abstention (Mayor Schaumburg)  
Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Pender, to accept the monthly reports for the month of December as submitted:

Assessor's Report, Clerk's Account, Cat & Dog Licensing Accounts, Construction Control / Inspection Report, Fire Official Report, Sewer Collector's Report, Tax Collector's Report, Water Collector's Report, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent's Report.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**None**

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Not being in attendance on January 1, 2009, Mayor Schaumburg took this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year and thanked Councilwoman Insel for running the re-organization meeting. The Mayor expressed her congratulations to Councilwoman Maria Valenta, Councilman Marty Pendergast, and Councilman Rich Duffy.

**RESOLUTION # 38-09 – OPVERPAYMENT OF TAXES**

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to refund the overpayments as listed on the attached list.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #39-09 – CANCELLATION OF TAX LIEN**

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel Lien #2008-4 on Block 22 Lot 5.02.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**WATER REFUND**

Water Collector, Nancy Burgess, is requesting a refund in the amount of \$102.88 payable to John McDonnell, Chapter 7 Trustee. A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Pender, to grant the refund as requested.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**FIRE SAFETY PERMIT FEE WAIVER**

The Clinton/Glen Gardner Girl Scouts hold an annual Valentine Dance. As in the past, they are asking the fire safety permit fee of \$42.00 to be waived. A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to waive the fee as requested.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**FOOD LICENSE WAIVER**

The Community Diversity Council of Hunterdon county is a non-profit organization hold a meeting on Monday, January 19, 2009. The Hunterdon County Health Department is waiving their fee of \$75.00 and the clerk is requesting the Town Council waive the local fee of \$25.00. A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mr. Shea, to waive the \$25.00 as requested.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Frank Hooper sent a letter complimenting the Police Department for their quick and professional response to his home on New Year's morning.

**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS**

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

1. Mr. Cutter reported that recycling is going Single Stream and that new brochures will be mailed to residents soon.

**Kathy Olsen, C.F.O.**

1. Budget meetings – Ms. Olsen asked Council about dates to hold budget meetings - Mondays – February 2, 23 and March 2, 2009 beginning at 6:30 p.m. All agreed the dates and time would work. Auditor Korecky will attend the meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
2. Ms. Olsen asked Fire and Rescue liaisons to speak with respective departments regarding LOSAP information.

**Councilwoman Valenta**

1. Rescue Squad – held their annual Dinner Dance and announced their new officers.
2. Emergency Services Foundation – Will be holding meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The Foundation has several fund raising ideas in place and is in need of volunteers to help.

**Councilman Shea**

1. SWAC –discussion at the most recent meeting with Councilman Pendergast with the start of a recycle bank, and the offering of a company that will pick up recycling for the entire county. Mr. Shea asked that Mr. Cutter review the meaning of recycle banks. Mr. Cutter said he has put a call in and is waiting to arrange a meeting to discuss it further.

**Clerk Covino**

In an attempt to schedule the Town Dinner, Clerk Covino asked Council for their availability. The Clerk penciled in Saturday, March 28, 2009 at Hawk Pointe Country Club on Route 31. Everyone agreed that would be perfect. The Clerk will proceed.

**Mayor Schaumburg**

Mayor Schaumburg addressed Council as to their 2009 assignments and asked if there were any concerns or conflicts, Council members are to contact her.

**Councilman Duffy**

1. Fire Department – has broken records in 2008 with over 5,000 hours of calls, training, and maintaining the vehicles and building.

**Councilman Pender**

1. Board of Health – Rabies Clinic will be held January 17, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
2. Sunrise Rotary will be helping to sponsor the Youth Clean Up Day. Dates are being considered, as well as a date for the Fishing Derby.

**APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME**

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for November 28, 2008 through December 11, 2008.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to approve the voucher list attached to these minutes.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #40-09 - EXECUTIVE SESSION – BARGAINING NEGOTIATIONS**

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to enter into Executive Session to discuss Contract Bargaining Negotiations at 8:30 p.m.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to come out of Executive Session and return to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Pender seconded by Mrs. Valenta to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC

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Christine Schaumburg, Mayor