

Town of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting
January 27, 2009

Councilwoman Insel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Flag Salute.

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

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Councilwoman Insel 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. Duffy seconded by Mr. Pender to approve the minutes of January 13, 2009 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Insel)
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

In light of Mayor Schaumburg’s house fire on Monday evening, Gene De Cleene, Central Avenue, asked how the Mayor was? Councilwoman Insel said she is doing fine.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

On behalf of Mayor Schaumburg, Councilwoman Insel wished to extend gratitude to the Fire, Rescue, and Police Departments, as well as to neighbors and friends, for their excellent services and care shown to her and her family in the midst of such a serious situation. On Monday, January 26, 2009, Mayor Schaumburg’s house suffered extensive damage to the second floor bathroom and entire attic. Thankfully, the family and pets are safe.

HIGHLANDS PRESENTATION

Lisa Specca, P.P. of Clarke, Caton & Hintz, gave a descriptive overview of what the Highlands Council is expecting from municipalities for Plan Conformance and the Initial Assessment. Ms. Specca provided maps which depicted Highlands sub zones, such as Steep Slopes and the Riparian Area (water ways); areas of the Town which are built out and areas of potential building. The Plan Conformance Grant will provide funding to Towns for professional costs, to proceed with a Build-Out Analysis Module and Plan Conformance to be submitted by December 8, 2009. For the Initial Assessment, Towns are to review the maps and identify errors, bringing information to light to the Highlands Council.

Ms. Specca asked for Council's authorization to move ahead with submitting the Highlands Initial Assessment and factual verifications of the Town which is to be submitted by February 27, 2009.

After a discussion among Council and audience participants, Walter Hetzel, Main Street, and Patrick E. McGuire of Center Street, all agreed it would benefit the Town to proceed under the guidance of Clarke, Caton and Hintz. A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to move ahead.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PROCLAMATION – 2009 WEAR RED DAY FOR WOMEN

Councilwoman Insel read the 2009 National Wear Red Day for Woman Proclamation, declaring Friday February 6, 2009 "go red" day. This Proclamation is to bring awareness of the risk factors of devastating cardiovascular disease.

STONY BROOK SLUDGE CAKE AGREEMENT – EXTENSION

Mr. Cutter explained the need to extend the contract with Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority. They have granted a 5 year extension at no increase in price. Mr. Cushing asked to review the contract before returning the signed document. A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Shea, to approve the agreement subject to Mr. Cushing's review.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

WATER REFUND

Water Collector, Nancy Burgess, is requesting a refund in the amount of \$37.27 payable to Elizabeth Jackson. A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Shea, to grant the refund as requested.

ROLL CALL: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Pendergast, Shea, Valenta

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #41-09 – AMENDMENT TO PERFORMANCE BOND

Mr. Cushing explained that the Performance Bond for Hunterdon Capital, L.L.C. be amended as requested by the Hunterdon County Engineering Department so that they will also be protected by the bond. Mr. Cushing further explained that it would be good for the Town as well as the County. A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to approve the amendment as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Pendergast, Shea, Valenta

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

SPECIAL EVENTS – SPRINTIN’ CLINTON and RUBBER DUCKY RACE

Council is in receipt of the annual Sprintin’ Clinton and Rubber Ducky Race application to be held July 12, 2009. Chief Matheis reviewed the application and approved the event as submitted. A motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to approve the applications and the banner as requested.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Al Rylak sent a complimenting letter to the Town for promptly repairing two bad pot holes on Center Street.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

1. Mr. Cutter reported that recycling figures from Kasper Disposal are much higher than the Town’s calculations, we are going to recalculate the numbers.
2. Douglas Berry has received his C-1 License. Mr. Cutter is recommending that Mr. Berry receive a \$0.25 pay increase to \$17.43 /hr retroactive to November 24, 2008. A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to approve the pay increase for Mr. Berry as recommended by Mr. Cutter.

ROLL CALL: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Pendergast, Shea, Valenta

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Kathy Olsen, C.F.O.

1. On January 30, 2009 the Town rolled over a Bond Anticipation Note. PNC won the bid at 1.97% interest rate.

Councilman Shea

1. Board of Recreation Committee is in the process of discussing a rate structure for facility usage fees and will have something prepared for the 2009 Budget meetings.
2. Gebhardt Field is on the agenda for the February 4, 2009 Buildings and Grounds meeting. Also on the agenda is the architect, capital budget and the Clinton Mills Dam and Dike.
3. Clinton Guild – Walter Heztel reported that they held their Re-organization meeting, Linda Johnson remains the president of the Guild.

Councilwoman Insel

1. Hunterdon County Planning Board sent correspondence regarding Open Space Funds available to the Town. Mrs. Insel will look into the possibility of using funds for funding architects for Gebhardt Field under Historic Preservation. Mrs. Insel will report back.

Councilman Duffy

1. Fire Department – the 2008 Fire Department Report has been distributed to Council.

Mr. Duffy reported that with the assistance of a mutual aid agreement, Fire Departments from Annandale, High Bridge, Lebanon Township and Quakertown responded to the house fire of Mayor Schaumburg in 4 minutes. Response was amazing, less than 100 gallons of water was used and the manpower took extra measures to lay tarps to protect furnishings on the second floor.

A membership application has been submitted for Robert Perkins, of 101 West Main Street. A motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to accept the application as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Councilman Pender

1. Board of Health – Rabies Clinic was held January 17, 2009, all went well. 200 pets were inoculated.

Councilman Pendergast

1. SWAC – Mr. Pendergast attended the January meeting and further discussed the recycling bank program. This is being proposed by a private company that would handle recycling. The company is scheduled to attend the February meeting to address their program.
2. The Yuletide Festival was a huge success thanks to Sean Rogan, and the help of his young daughter. At the high point of the night, about 300 people were in attendance. Sean was very prepared and did a fantastic job!! Many thanks.

RESOLUTION #42-09 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adopt Resolution #42-09 approving the transfer of funds as requested.

ROLL CALL: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Pendergast, Shea, Valenta

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Duffy,, to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for January 9, 2009 through January 22, 2009.

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

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,

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Duffy seconded by Mrs. Valenta to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC

Councilwoman Laurie Insel