

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

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – De Cleene, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Mayor Schaumburg
Absent - Shea

Attorney Steven Farisou attended this meeting in the absence of Richard Cushing.

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 Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, February 12, 2008 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting February 26, 2008 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (De Cleene)
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt the monthly reports for the month of February as submitted:

Assessor’s Report, Administrator’s Report, Clerk’s Account, Cat and Dog Licensing Accounts, Construction Control and Inspection Report, Sewer Collector’s Report, Tax Collector’s Report, Treasurer’s Report, Water Collector’s Report, Wastewater Treatment Plant’s Superintendent’s Report.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

1. Mayor Schaumburg received notification from Louis Tranquilli, Board of Adjustment member and liaison to the Planning Board, resigning from his Planning Board position. A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to accept his resignation with regrets.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Mayor Schaumburg has appointed Eric Trepkau, Board of Adjustment member to fill the position of liaison to the Planning Board.

2. Art Dysart, Public Works employee, has been painting the inside of the municipal building. He's doing a beautiful job and the building looks great.

PRESENTATION OF FREEHOLDER MATT HOLT

Freeholder Matt Holt came before the Town Council this evening to discuss a resurfacing project to take place on Interstate 78. Freeholder Holt represents Hunterdon County to the New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) and the regional Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). NJDOT is proposing the use of an asphalt-Rubber Open Graded Friction Course pavement which has shown success in reducing highway noise. The project will span mile marker 10 through 18. Freeholder Holt is seeking the support of the municipalities along this corridor by passing a resolution which will then be presented to the Freeholders at their April 12, 2008 meeting.

RESOLUTION #58-08 – NJTPA 2008-2011 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Resolution #58-08 supporting the proposed project. Copies will be forwarded to the Hunterdon County Freeholders; The New Jersey Department of Transportation and the New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

FREEHOLDER HOLT – UPDATE OF FRONTAGE ROAD PROJECT

Freeholder Holt then updated council on the part of the Exit 15 project which expands to Frontage Road. The project would address the traffic situation exiting the Edna Mahon Women's Facility and the State School. This project may begin 2011 depending on funding.

RESOLUTION #59-08 – OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Insel, to adopt Resolution #59-08, authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to issue an overpayment of taxes refund in the amount of \$3,048.57 for Block 18, Lot 2.04 and \$50.96 for Block 18, Lot 6 as requested.

ROLL CALL: De Cleene, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

CIVIL DYNAMICS PROPOSAL – CLINTON DAM / DIKE PROJECT

Mr. Cutter was unable to attend this evening's meeting due to sickness, but asked the Mayor to get approval on accepting the Civil Dynamics proposal. Mayor Schaumburg stated that she did not have the report available tonight and asked that this be postponed to the next meeting when Mr. Cutter would be able to discuss it in public.

RAFFLE LICENSE – RUBBER DUCKY RACE

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to approve the raffle license for the Whitehouse Rotary Club, to conduct the off premise Rubber Ducky Race, July 13, 2008, 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

FILM SHOOT – AS THE WORLD TURNS

An application has been submitted by Televest Daytime Programs, producers of the soap opera, “As The World Turns”. Chief Matheis discussed the filming permit application and the details of filming the segment scheduled to begin Thursday, March 27, 2008. Chief Matheis explained that a Clinton off duty police officer would have to be retained for traffic and pedestrian considerations. Chief Matheis recommended that Council approve this application following submission of all necessary insurance certificates and fees. Councilman De Cleene accompanied Emily Fischer, the location representative for the shoot, to Main Street. There, they met with the Clinton Book Shop owners and the Towne Restaurant owner. They discussed the shoot taking place at the Book Shop and made arrangements with the Towne Restaurant to use the rear of the restaurant for a staging area for the actors. A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded Mr. Ragozine, to approve the filming application as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

COUNCIL VACANCY

The Town of Clinton Republican County Committee submitted three names for consideration to the Mayor and Council to fill the vacancy on the Town Council created by the death of John Harrison on February 19, 2008, until the general election in November 2008. The names submitted were:

Richard Duffy, 6 Rachel Court
George Noll, 15 Hillside Drive
Martin Pendergast, 20 Spruce Run Road

The gentlemen were given an opportunity to address Council of their willingness to serve and answer any questions Council may have. Mr. Duffy, a resident for 4 years, father of an 8th grader at Clinton Public School, would like to “keep the small town feel with advancement of growth”. Mr. Noll, stated he has “two children in CPS and has the time and knowledge to get involved.” Mr. Pendergast, in Town for 16 years, his wife, a resident for 38 years, have 2 boys, one in CPS the other at North Hunterdon High School. Mr. Pendergast is married to Rosemary, a former councilwoman. He said he has experience through Rosemary and, as Mr. Harrison, lives in the same neighborhood and runs a business.

RESOLUTION #60-08 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Schaumburg thanked the gentlemen and asked Council for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the vacancy. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to adopt RESOLUTION #60-08 to enter into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. Councilman Dan Shea joined council for the Executive Session on speaker phone to participate in the vote. Returning to the Public Session of the meeting, Mr. Shea was brought in again on speaker phone for the public discussion and vote. Once again, Mayor Schaumburg thanked the gentlemen for offering to serve. The decision was very difficult, all candidates were so qualified. A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to appoint Richard L. Duffy, to fill the council seat until the General Election, November 4, 2008. Mr. Duffy was then sworn in by Attorney Farisou and took a seat at the dais.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Police Chief Matheis

1. Chief Matheis, Mayor Schaumburg and Mr. Cutter met with representatives from NJDOT regarding Exit 15. Camille Fernicola, Community Relations representative reported that NJDOT will conduct a new study of the intersection, hopefully to resolve all problems once and for all.

Councilman Ragozine

1. The Clinton Township Country Run will be held once again April 26, 2008. The run begins and ends in the Township traveling through the Town. Police Chief Matheis participated in the run last year and is satisfied with the logistics. Mr. Ragozine asked to have the notice displayed on the Clinton web site.

Councilwoman Insel

1. Smart Growth meeting, April 1, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The DOT Circulation Plan will be available for review. This work has been completed to work into the Vision Study, Community Design Project.

Councilman De Cleene

1. Rescue Squad reported 147 calls for the month of February, 2008.

APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Insel, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for February 22 through March 6, 2008.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. De Cleene to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL

Christine Schaumburg, Mayor