

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

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – Garber, Harrison, Insel, Kovach, Ragozine, Schaumburg
Absent - De Cleene

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 Mrs. Garber, to approve the minutes of June 13, 2006 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Kovach)
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to accept the Treasurer’s Reports for the months of March, April and May as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Whitney Wetherill, 36 West Main Street, questioned the lack of Police presence at a propane leak in front of the Music Hall on West Main Street on Sunday. The event occurred between 2:00 and 2:30 p.m. creating a terrible traffic condition. Fire Chief, Scott Wintermute, said he attempted to contact the Police to control the traffic, however, the Police were responding to another emergency in Town. The Fire Department did their best to control the situation.

Ms. Wetherill questioned the status of the Sign Ordinance, rumors that some merchants have been told about too much signage, others have not. Police should not have to be concerned with the signage issue. Mayor Schaumburg explained that they are not involved with this, the Zoning Officer is in charge of issuing permits and the new Code Enforcement Officer is in charge of the enforcement. This Ordinance has been on the books for years but it has not been enforced. We are hopeful that this will now change. The Town is going at it slowly to give everyone time to come into compliance.

Dena Pender, 9 Lower Center Street, stated that someone came on her property to drill holes and asked her to move her boats to accommodate his track vehicle. The man stated he was doing work for the Clinton Dam and Dike project. Mr. Cutter will look into the incident. Mrs. Pender asked if boat traffic can continue under the Halstead Bridge during construction. Mr. Cutter will call John Glynn of the County Roads and Bridge Department to seek an answer for her.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

1. Mayor Schaumburg attended the Shannon Daley Memorial Fund Dinner on Monday, June 26th. The Fund was established to help local families who are suffering financial hardship due to a child battling serious illness. This year's event will benefit two area families, the Dziekan family from Flemington and the Hartigan-Love family from the Town of Clinton. Mayor Schaumburg attended the dinner in support of the Hartigan-Love family who has twin 8 year old boys, Andrew and Sean, both born prematurely. Sean has spastic quadriplegia and Andrew has heart and orthopedic problems. Mayor Schaumburg thanked Mr. Cutter, Police Chief Matheis and Mr. Tranquilli for also attending. Mr. Ragozine was also thanked for attending and for the corporate donations made as well as donations received from area banks and businesses.
2. Mayor Schaumburg informed Council that she attended the Mayor's Institute Regional Planning Committee for a three day seminar in Princeton. Six mayors were chosen for an all expense paid stay at the event and case studies of their towns were examined. The event was also organized by the Office of Smart Growth and NJDOT. It was a fascinating experience with a tremendous amount of information obtained. Town Planner, Carl Hintz and PW/Business Administrator, Bob Cutter attended the session held on Friday which focused on the Town of Clinton. Mrs. Kovach also attended a Regional Plan Association meeting and received a report dated September 2005. They discussed the changing ways people get around.

COAH DISCUSSION

Elizabeth McManus, PP and COAH Specialist, of the firm Clarke, Caton and Hintz, addressed Council and the audience and gave an excellent explanation of the ins and outs of the Round Three low income housing obligation and the Town's plan of satisfying the obligation. The Town has now devised a new plan to present to COAH which is pleasing to the Town officials, residents and the Council on Affordable Housing. All documents are available for review in the Clerk's office. In summary, Ms. McManus explained the credits the Town has already received in the housing obligation and what is expected based on anticipated building of projected residential and business projects. The following Resolutions and Ordinances are being introduced in accordance with COAH guidelines.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #06-11 – AMENDMENT TO GROWTH SHARE

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Ordinance #06-11 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #06-11
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS C(1) AND D(1) OF
THE GROWTH SHARE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A copy of this Ordinance notice will be published in the Hunterdon Review July 5, 2006 edition.
A public hearing will be held July 25, 2006.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #06-12 – AMENDING THE REGULATION OF ACCESSORY APARTMENTS

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Ordinance #06-12 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #06-12
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON
AMENDING THE REGULATION OF ACCESSORY APARTMENTS

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A copy of this Ordinance notice will be published in the Hunterdon Review July 5, 2006 edition. A public hearing will be held July 25, 2006.

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

RESOLUTION #73-06 – PETITIONING FOR SUBSTANTIVE CERTIFICATION

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mrs. Garber, to adopt Resolution #73-06 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #74-06 – INTENT TO BOND FOR SHORTFALL

A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Resolution #74-06 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #75-06 – APPOINTMENT OF HOUSING LIAISON

A motion was made by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Resolution #75-06, appointing Robert A. Cutter as Municipal Housing Liaison for the Town of Clinton.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

AMENDMENT TO C-1 ZONE

Discussion took place regarding an amendment to the C-1 Zone which recently took out Banking and Financial Institutions as a permitted use. Planner, Carl Hintz, recommended that such a use be reinstated, seeing no reason for the removal from this zone and finding that it is not in conflict with the Master Plan.

Recently, an applicant, James DeGroff, came before the Board of Adjustment to seek relief to the zoning ordinance, permitting Reigel Credit Union to rent space in his building on Center Street. The site was originally the site of a bank, allowing for a perfect location to house the Credit Union. Council members discussed the amendment and agreed that this type of use would greatly improve the downtown area, benefiting with an ATM in this location. (a drive-thru would not be permitted)

Attorney Cushing stated that he would prepare an ordinance for Council's introduction, pass ordinance along to the Planning Board for their review and recommendations back to the Council. If recommendations are favorable, Council would pass the ordinance upon a public hearing and second reading. Mr. Cushing will have a document prepared for the next Council meeting, July 11, 2006.

RESOLUTION #76-06 – CHANGE IN CUSTODIAN OF PETTY CASH FUND

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Kovach, to adopt Resolution #76-06 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #77-06 – CHAPTER 159

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Kovach, to adopt Resolution #77-06 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #78-06 – GARBAGE CONTRACT EXTENSION

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Resolution #78-06 granting a 90 day contract extension to Kasper Disposal.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

ADDITIONAL SUMMER RECREATION STAFFING

A motion was made by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to accept the additional 2006 Summer Recreation Staffing as submitted by the Parks & Playgrounds Commission. Enrollment is up by 75 more children, requiring additional staffing.

Adult Counselor: Alex Jorda (Previously Approved as a Substitute)	\$1,300.00
Adult Substitute: Heidi Singer	\$ 72.00 / Day
Teen Counselor: Vicki McKay	\$ 6.50 / Hr.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Council is in receipt of a letter from Michelle Dynak regarding the need of sound barriers in the Town. Mrs. Kovach requested copies of all past correspondence and reports from the DOT so that she may approach DOT to further consider a new study. The Environmental Commission will also help research this project. Resident, Dick Kurtiak, asked about the paving being done on Route 78 and if it can be done with an asphalt mix to absorb sound.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

1. The Halstead Street Bridge project is well underway, the water main replacement went well.
2. Speed tables continue to be discussed, receiving positive feedback from neighboring municipality, Union Township.

Kathy Olsen, CFO

1. Summer Recreation vendor will no longer accept purchase orders, Mrs. Olsen requested that the Mayor be authorized to sign checks in advance so they may be issued on the days the trips for children are scheduled. A motion was made by Mrs. Kovach, seconded by Mr. Harrison that the Mayor be authorized to sign the necessary checks.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Councilman Ragozine

1. Buildings and Grounds – 47 Leigh Street project, hoping to go out for bid by July 1, 2006. The architect is currently working on modifications.
2. Community Center – new floors and new bathrooms scheduled to be installed late summer.
3. North Hunterdon Municipal Court Committee working on resolving issues.

Councilwoman Garber

1. Clinton Guild – Shakespeare Festival – July 7, 8, 9th
2. Chamber of Commerce hosting “Taste of Clinton” August 13, 2006 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Main Street. Tickets \$15.00 adults/ \$10.00 children under 12.
3. Crusin’ Clinton, first event is July 23, 2006. Mr. Cutter will address questions regarding signage to parking lot on Water Street.
4. Thank you to the Clinton Fire Department and Mayor Schaumburg for arranging for the North Hunterdon Girl’s Softball Celebration Parade on Main Street. The parade organized at the Fire Department and joined by the Fire Departments of the sending districts. The girls rode on the trucks from their Towns.

Clerk Covino

1. Reported on the Municipal Clerk’s Conference held June 20, 21, 22. Excellent topics and credits available in all categories toward reaccreditation.

Councilwoman Kovach

1. Highlands Council released a DRAFT copy of the “Preliminary Informational Release for the Regional Master Plan” dated June, 2006. A copy is available in the Clerk’s office for review.

Councilman Harrison

1. Chamber of Commerce, Business and Government Committee hosting a meeting Thursday, 29, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. Topic for discussion is shared services, Mr. Cutter prepared a questionnaire to share with other municipalities regarding same.
2. Personnel Committee met June 23rd, discussed mid-year evaluations.
3. Sewer Committee next meeting July 11, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.

Councilwoman Insel

1. Shade Tree Commission met June 19th and toured the Town with Pat Goehle and Lou Spanner. A walk-thru Town tour is scheduled for July 17th.
2. Historic Commission met June 21st, next meeting July 19.
3. Smart Growth – two HART grants have been completed at submittals were made. Grants Applied for are the Bike Path and Streetscape. Meetings have been rescheduled to the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Next meeting, July 13, 2006.

Councilwoman Garber for Councilman De Cleene

1. Roads Committee – next meeting, July 11, 2006 at 9:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF OVERTIME & STANDBY PAY:

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Garber, to approve the attached overtime and standby pay for the period of May 18 – May 31, 2006.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mayor Schaumburg, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to enter into Executive Session to discuss Potential Litigation at 9:12 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Ragozine to come out of Executive Session at 9:25 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT AUDIT

Mrs. Garber requested that the Clinton Fire Department submit their annual audit prior to receiving their annual donation from the Town. Mr. Cushing will write a letter requesting same.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Garber to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL

Christine Schaumburg , Mayor