

Regular Council Meeting  
August 25, 2009

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. Pender, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to approve the minutes of August 11, 2009 as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS – None**

**PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE #09-11 – BOND ORDINANCE**

Mayor Schaumburg explained that the funds would be used for the acquisition of a water storage tank, the rehabilitation of the existing water tank, the Leigh Street water main replacement. There will then be subsequent improvements to the SCADA systems I and II.

A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to open the public hearing of Ordinance #09-11:

ORDINANCE #09-11  
BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS  
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER UTILITY OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON,  
IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY  
APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$4,775,000 THEREFOR AND  
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,775,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO  
FINANCE PART OF THE THEREOF

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

There being no public comment, a motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mrs. Insel to close the public hearing.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to approve Ordinance #09-11 as submitted.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #09-14 – OVERNIGHT PARKING**

Mayor Schaumburg was happy to announce that the Road Committee considered amending the overnight parking regulations for November 15 to April 1 of each year. Currently, the ordinance prohibits parking every night between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., the amendment will only prohibit parking when streets are covered with snow or frozen precipitation. However, the Police will now have the authority to remove/ tow any vehicle parked contrary to the new ordinance.

A motion was made by Mr. Pender seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Ordinance #09-14 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE # 09-14  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 135 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF  
CLINTON TO PROHIBIT OVERNIGHT PARKING ON SNOW COVERED ROADS

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A notice of this Ordinance will be published in the September 2, 2009 edition of the Hunterdon Review. A public hearing will be held September 22, 2009.

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

**RESOLUTION #95-09 – TOWN PICNIC FIREWORKS**

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to permit the fireworks display to be held at the Town Picnic on September 12, 2009, rain date, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Pendergast asked that an invitation be sent to the employees and families of Clinton Fire Department, First Aid & Rescue Squad and the Police Department.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

**RESOLUTION #96-09 – BYO – TOWN PICNIC**

A motion was by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to adopt Resolution #96-09, permitting the consumption of alcoholic beverages at the Town Picnic.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

**RESOLUTION #97-09 – WE WORK FOR HEALTH**

Mayor Schaumburg explained that this Resolution is tabled to a future meeting. John Duthie, who works for “WeWorkForHealth” is asking for the support of municipalities in their mission of keeping and growing America’s biopharmaceutical industry here in towns across New Jersey. Mr. Duthie was unable to attend this evening and will reschedule in the near future.

**RESOLUTION #98-09 – AWARD OF BID**

Mayor Schaumburg summarized the recommendation of Water Engineer, Andrew S. Holt, P.E., for the Well #3A Reconstruction Project. The lowest responsible bid came in at \$167,800.00 by CFM Construction, Stirling, New Jersey. The Engineer’s estimate for the job came in at \$210,000.00. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Pender, to award the bid to CFM Construction of Stirling, New Jersey, in the amount of \$167,800.00.

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)

**RESOLUTION #99-09 - CENTRAL JERSEY AREA LOCAL, AFL-CIO**

In response to the recent request from Hansell “Hank” Anderson, President of Central Jersey Area Local, AFL-CIO, of the United States Postal Service, Council presented the following resolution in opposition and objects to the proposed plan of the USPS for consolidation of mail sorting operations currently performed at the Kilmer P&DC Facility in Edison, New Jersey. The plan would have a negative impact on mail service for the residents and businesses of Clinton. A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt Resolution #99-09 as presented and will forward copies to the United States Postal Services, Senators Lautenberg and Menendez and Congressman Pallone.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

**RESOLUTION #100-09 – CANCELLATION OF TAXES**

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adopt Resolution #100-09 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)

**SPECIAL EVENT – SPRUCE RUN BLOCK PARTY**

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to approve the Spruce Run Block Party for August 29, 2009 to be held from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Vote all ayes  
1 Abstention ( Pendergast )  
Motion carried

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Council is in receipt of a letter of resignation from Doug Paul, stepping down from his seat on the Planning Board. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Shea, to accept his resignation with regrets. Mrs. Insel is sorry to see Mr. Paul step down, she stated he was a very good member, anxious to learn and attended planning classes.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

## **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS**

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

1. Union Road – there may be some delays at the Union Road intersection - the project is going well. Inlet repairs completed on Marudy Drive.  
Continue to wait to hear from DOT regarding the balance of the grant money. Will place another call.

### **Kathy Olsen, CFO**

1. Went out to bid for a Bond Anticipation Note roll over and received one bid from PNC Bank for 2.60%.

### **Councilwoman Valenta**

1. Rescue Squad – Joe Korekuch, Vice President of the Squad, is temporarily standing in for President, Angela Deane, while she is attending classes.

### **Councilman Shea**

1. Roads – Benches have been decided on for Main Street and the alley. Planning a ribbon cutting for October and hoping to choose a name for the alley. Asking for three names from the Committee to present to Council to choose one. Thanks again to the North Hunterdon Rotary for installing the pavers and to the Public Works department who did a great job laying it out under Mr. Cutter's direction.

The Roads Committee is also planning to install a crosswalk that would bisect Main Street. Mayor Schaumburg asked that this be run by the Town Engineer and Police Chief.

2. Mr. Shea commended Mayor Schaumburg for sending the letter to DOT and good news hearing about the diamond cutting on the highway, smoothing the unevenness of the road and reducing noise and vibration on cars.
3. Clinton Guild – Mr. Shea is meeting with the Guild and would like to present them with information regarding the recent flood. Mayor Schaumburg said her Newsletter article focused on the flood and outlined several contributing factors such as the Beaver Brook overgrowth resulting in the narrowing of the channel. The Town received an "OK" to trim the banks of the Brook. An ordinance is being prepared per FEMA standards for the dumpster and propane tank chaining for commercial businesses. There will be no fees associated with permits or inspections, but there will be mandatory compliance.

Councilman Duffy asked Mayor Schaumburg to mention that people should refrain from walking in flood waters. It could be dangerous due to downed electrical wires or man hole covers that could blow off. Mayor Schaumburg agreed and stated that no one, except for trained personnel should be out in such a situation, to direct traffic.

**Councilwoman Insel**

1. Planning Board coordinating a meeting with Council to make a Highlands Presentation at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for September 22, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. Town Planner, Carl Hintz, will present the COAH information.

**Councilmen Pender**

1. Emergency Services Foundation reminder – Casino Night, Beaver Brook Country Club Friday, October 9, 2009. Tickets are now available for admission and raffle.

**Councilman Pendergast**

1. Attended the Clinton Fire Department’s Annual Clam Bake on Saturday, August 22, 2009. Everyone had a great time and played a good game of “washers”!

**APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME**

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Pender, to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for August 7, 2009 through August 20, 2009.

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. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to approve the voucher list attached to these minutes.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION # 101-09 - EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to enter into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss Contract Negotiations.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mr. Pender, to come out of Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC

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Mayor Christine Schaumburg