

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

Flag Salute.

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

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. Pendergast, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to approve the minutes of November 24, 2009 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS - November

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

Clerk’s Account, Cat & dog Licensing Accounts, Construction Control / Inspection Report, Sewer Collector’s Report, Tax Collector’s Report, Water Collector’s Report, Wastewater Treatment Plants Superintendent’s Report, Zoning Officer Report

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Katz, Principal of Clinton Public School, and Bob Pyle, School Board President of Clinton Public School, were in attendance this evening. Mayor Schaumburg introduced the gentlemen and commented on the strong working relationship between the school and the Town officials.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS – None

FOOD LICENSE FEE WAIVERS

The Board of Health is making their annual request for the waivers of the fees for the non profit agencies in Town. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Pender, to waive the food license fees for the following non profit establishments as requested:

Clinton Presbyterian Church
Clinton Public School Board of Education
Clinton United Methodist Church
Hunterdon Historical Museum (kitchen)
Open Cupboard Food Pantry

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION # 124-09 – BYOB for YULETIDE FESTIVAL

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adopt Resolution #124-09 permitting the consumption of alcoholic beverages at the Yuletide Bonfire Winter Festival to be held January 23, 2010, rain date, January 30, 2010.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #125-09 – CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Resolution #125-09 to approve the Change Order for Mannon Excavating and Paving Company in the amount of \$13,473.10 for the Union Road Reconstruction Project.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #126-09 – POLICE VEHICLE

A motion was made by Mr. Pender seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Resolution #126-09 for the award of a contract for the lease/purchase of a police vehicle to Warnock Fleet.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #127-09 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Duffy to adopt Resolution #127-09 authorizing the transfer of funds as requested.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #128-09 – PERSON TO PERSON LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to adopt Resolution #128-09 approving the transfer of Liquor License 1005-36-004-005 from Clinton Hotel Associates, LLC to HIC Associates, LLC effective December 18, 2009.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

(A copy of this Resolution is attached to these minutes and a copy will be forwarded to Alcoholic Beverage Control, Trenton, New Jersey)

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Town of Clinton is in receipt of a check in the amount of \$500.00 from New Jersey Tree Foundation.
2. A letter has been received from Mr. and Mrs. William Bauer thanking the Town for repairing the roof on the gazebo at the Community Center which was built in honor of their late son. The Bauer's offered to supply additional shingles to complete the roof, Mr. Cutter will send a letter of acceptance of their generous offer.
3. A letter of thanks from a resident to the Clinton Police Department for responding to their call after their daughter fell from the kitchen counter.
4. Certification from Rutgers to Art Dysart for fulfilling all the education requirements for the designation of Certified Public Works Manager.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

1. Leaves have all been picked up and chipping will resume.
2. BPU Audit request will be submitted on Friday, December 11, 2009.
3. Mr. Cutter addressed the school attendees and commented on the strong Shared Services between the Town and the school. Mrs. Insel also thanked the gentlemen for their help with the Safe Routes to School Grant which was awarded. Mr. Shea commented on the recycling efforts of Cathy Ahart. Ms. Ahart requested money received from the Clean Communities Grant for a program she is having at the school. Mr. Cutter requested a Check in the amount of \$240.00 be forwarded.

Mayor Schaumburg expressed her concerns about impatient drivers bringing children to School and passing on the left to get up to the school. These drivers are rude and dangerous and Mayor Schaumburg suggested that this be observed. She also suggested that a Police Officer be present and ticket the offenders.

Councilman Shea

1. Roads committee discussed budget plans.
The Dam and Dike RFP's are going out in February.
Rachel Court milling and overlay project expected to begin Spring or Summer 2010.
SWAC meeting with the Freeholders to discuss recycling.

Councilwoman Insel

1. Planning Board discussed the on-going changes to the Sign Ordinance and asked what procedure council prefers they use. Whether they should wait to submit changes until ALL changes are made or to submit them as discussed. Council thought it best to wait until ALL changes are made.

Councilman Duffy

1. Councilman Duffy attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the new Open Cupboard Pantry on Saturday, December 4, 2009. Congressman Leonard Lance had the honors of cutting the ribbon and speaking to the many people and invited officials that attended. The location is perfect for the shop and they accept donations to the Thrift Shop and

Food Pantry.

2. Agway is closing their doors on West Main Street. The buildings have been inspected and some buildings were found to be a safety hazard. Construction official, Jack Daniels, has notified the owner of the hazards.

Councilman Pender

1. The Holiday Bazaar hosted by the Clinton Sunrise Rotary was well attended. There were 32 tables of fine art and an assortment of items. Rosemary Pendergast did a fine job organizing the event.
2. Board of Health – Rabies Clinic, January 23, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Clinton Town Municipal Barn.

Councilman Pendergast

1. Mr. Pendergast met with a vendor who does a puppeteer program four times a year. Has forwarded the information to the Board of Recreation to ask if there would be any interest for children's programs at the school.

APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Duffy seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for November 13 through November 26, 2009.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #129-09 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Duffy seconded by Mr. Pender, to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters of Collective Bargaining, Potential Litigation and Personnel at 8:07 P.M.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to return to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC

Mayor Christine Schaumburg