

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

Flag Salute.

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

Thomas Tharp attended this evening's meeting in the absence of Robert A. Cutter, PW/Bus. Adm.

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. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to approve the minutes of July 25, 2006 as submitted. Mr. Harrison commended the clerk on the thorough job depicting the events of the July 25, 2006 meeting.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Garber)
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

A motion was made by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to accept the monthly reports for the month of July as submitted:

Assessor's Report, Administrator's Report, Clerk's Account, Cat & Dog Licensing Accounts, Construction Control Account, Fire Official Report, Police Report, Sewer Collector's Report, Tax Collector's Report, Water Collector's Report, Treasurer's Report, Wastewater Treatment Plant Report, Zoning Officer/Construction Official Report.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

None

RESOLUTION #92-06 – RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Mayor Schaumburg read aloud the Resolution of Appreciation for Janice Kovach, former Councilwoman who recently took a job in Trenton with the Division on Women. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Garber to adopt Resolution #92-06 as submitted. The audience applauded and wished Mrs. Kovach well.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

HART PRESENTATION

Tara Braddish, Executive Director of HART, TMA, applauded the Town of Clinton for their recent award of the 2005-2006 HART Municipal TDM Grant. TDM, which stands for Travel Demand Management, along with TMA, Transportation Management Association, has been working towards ways of reducing congestion around Hunterdon County and the major highways such as Route 78, Route 22 and Route 31. Ms. Braddish spoke of ways the Association promotes car pooling, biking and the variety of ways to accomplish their goal. The Town of Clinton has been pro-active and submitted their Grant application with a Pedestrian Streetscape Study and a Bicycle & Pedestrian Circulation Plan prepared by Carl Hintz, Town Planner. The Town received \$9,314.00 and \$10,000.00 respectively. Once again, Ms. Braddish commended the Town for this accomplishment and said the Town should serve as a role model to others.

PRESENTATION OF PEDESTRIAN STREETScape AND BICYCLE PLANS

Carl Hintz, PP of the Firm Clarke, Caton and Hintz, gave a visual analysis, both existing and proposed, of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Circulation Plan which was devised to address connectivity issues and identify opportunities for improving bicycle and pedestrian mobility. The funds granted for the Pedestrian Streetscape Study were to evaluate opportunities for traffic calming, improved walkability and pedestrian safety in the downtown area – Leigh Street, Lower Center Street and Main Street.

After the presentation by Mr. Hintz, Councilman De Cleene questioned a few of the proposed suggestions regarding a right hand turn onto Center Street off Leigh Street, which is already a tight right turn. Mr. Hintz said that turn would not be affected by the new cross walks, the work was suggested for Lower Center. Having STOP signs at the corners of Leigh Street and approaching Main and East Main Street, and the corner of Center and Lower Center, would put traffic into the main intersection on Old 22.

Dave Kurtiak, Busher Place, asked if any thought was given to sidewalks on Union Road from Marudy Drive to Hillside Drive. Explaining that school children have no sidewalks through that stretch on Union and children sometimes use a short cut through a home on Marudy Drive that brings them down to West Main Street behind private residences. Mr. Hintz assured Mr. Kurtiak he would look into the site.

Whitney Wetherill, West Main Street, questioned the island proposed for the front of the Clinton House and stated that idea was also in the original plans from State DOT but it was taken out because it did not allow for trucks making a turn at that point.

James DeGroff, 7 Leigh Street, suggested tying into the property owned by the New Jersey Water Supply Authority behind the Hunterdon County Library.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE #06-13 – AMENDMENT TO SECTION 88-53B

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mrs. Garber to open the public hearing on Ordinance #06-13:

ORDINANCE #06-13

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 88-53B OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON TO PERMIT CERTAIN FINANCIAL SERVICES, INSTITUTIONS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE C-1 ZONE

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

The Planning Board considered the changes and expressed the view that Ordinance #06-13 was consistent with the Master Plan.

Mayor Schaumburg stated that Council received a letter from Joan Bloomer, Main Street, opposing the change to the C-1 zone.

There being no further comments, a motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to close the public hearing.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Ordinance #06-13 on second reading as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: DeCleene, Garber, Harrison, Insel, Ragozine, Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #06-14 – ASSISTANT TO THE TAX ASSESSOR

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #06-14 as submitted:

ORDINANCE #06-14

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION 4-7D OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON TO CREATE THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT TO THE TAX ASSESSOR

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

There being no comments, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Garber, to adopt Ordinance #06-14 on second reading as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: DeCleene, Garber, Harrison, Insel, Ragozine, Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #06-15– BOND ORDINANCE - 47 LEIGH STREET

A motion was made by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #06-15 as submitted:

ORDINANCE #06-15

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE OFFICES LOCATED AT 47 LEIGH STREET FOR USE BY THE WATER AND SEWER UTILITY OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$675,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$675,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

There being no comments, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mrs. Garber.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Ordinance #06-15 on second reading as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: DeCleene, Garber, Harrison, Insel, Ragozine, Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #87-06 – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – SHARED SERVICES

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Garber, to adopt Resolution #87-06 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #88-06 – CANCELLATION OF TAX LEIN

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine., to adopt Resolution #88-06 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #89-06 – MORRIS COUNTY CO-OP COUNCIL RENEWAL

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Resolution #89-06 as submitted. Mayor Schaumburg commented that Mr. Cutter has already noticed savings through the co-operative purchasing Council and looks forward to additional savings.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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RESOLUTION #90-06 – NEW JERSEY SHADE TREE FEDERATION

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Garber, to adopt Resolution #90-06 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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PBA CONTRACT

Mayor Schaumburg informed Council that after long hard hours of negotiating between Patrolman Tim McGuire, Mr. Cutter and the Police Committee, a contract was agreed upon. A few changes were discussed:

- Change 2 week cycle to 4 week cycle
- Deleted reference to Appendix A
- Deleted 7 hours time frame between shifts
- Added 9% Differential clause between 1st Class Police Officer and Sergeant
- Changed outside employment rate to reflect a fixed rate
- Added under Holiday and Personal Days – to be paid equally in the regular pay cycle of each officer.
- Deleted “opt down” option.

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with the PBA. (Police Benevolent Association)

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Garber, Harrison, Insel, Ragozine, Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Mr. Harrison commented on the great deal of work that has been done by the Committee and the Negotiating Committee. This, being a four (4) year contract is a wonderful thing. Officials and government employees in the State need to recognize the existing situation with reference to pension benefits, days off, and holiday pay, need to become less expensive to the tax payer and that new hires need to be on a different level than existing employees. Things need to change and there needs to be progress made in the whole state.

Mayor Schaumburg thanked Patrolman McGuire and Mr. Cutter for all the time and effort exerted in reaching a contract. Mayor Schaumburg also thanked Kathy Olsen, CFO, for all the hours, going above and beyond, to work the numbers and other details.

Patrolman McGuire and Mayor Schaumburg then signed the contract, and all applauded.

RESOLUTION #91-06 – SALARY

In accordance with the PBA contract, a motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel to adopt Resolution #91-06.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Garber, Harrison, Insel, Ragozine, Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #93-06 – FIREWORKS

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. De Cleene to adopt Resolution #93-06 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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HIRING OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Mr. Cutter advised the Mayor and Council of the hiring of three (3) new employees.

Donald T. Doriety	Water/Meter Reader	\$15./hr.	August 3, 2006
Robert J. Hoffman	Water/Meter Reader	\$15./hr.	August 10, 2006
Nicholas S. Arace	Roads/Laborer	\$15./hr.	August 11, 2006

A motion was made by Mrs. Garber seconded by Mrs. Insel to accept the hiring of the three men. Their 90 day probation will begin on their respective hiring dates.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Garber, Harrison, Insel, Ragozine, Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Chief Matheis received a letter of commendation from the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office, Special Weapons and Tactics Team, naming Patrolman Matt Thompson and Patrolman Jim Kramer for their assistance in the apprehension of a subject who fled from the Clinton Township Police Department on foot and was believed to be armed.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS**Tom Tharp, Water Superintendent**

1. Mayor Schaumburg asked Mr. Tharp to review the water restrictions on the web page.

Councilman Ragozine

1. Buildings and Grounds - Bids for 47 Leigh Street were received on Monday, August 7, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. One bid was received, above the amount of the bond ordinance to perform the work. The Buildings and Grounds Committee suggests the bid be rejected and re-bid. A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mrs. Garber to re-bid the 47 Leigh Street project.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Councilwoman Garber

1. Newsletter – Deadline for articles, August 11th. Newsletter is also seeking a representative from the Town for the position of Senior Citizen representative to the County. Meetings are the 4th Friday of every month.
2. Parks & Playgrounds – next meeting August 17th. Town Picnic scheduled for September 9, rain date, September 10.
3. Emergency Services Foundation held the Car Wash and Boot Collection on Saturday, August 5th. The foundation raised over \$4,000.00 for the Fire Department and Rescue Squad. Thanks to all that helped out, it was a great day! Next meeting Wednesday, August 9th.

Councilman Harrison

1. Next meeting of the Hunterdon Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for August 25th. Topic to be discussed is Shared Services, Mr. Harrison plans to attend.
2. Mr. Harrison had requested at the last meeting that a breakdown of % differences be explained by Kathy Olsen, CFO. Ms. Olsen distributed a % comparison between 2005 and 2006. It appears the single highest increase in money was in the school.

Councilwoman Insel

1. Shade Tree Commission - the next meeting will be in September.
2. Historic Commission – next meeting will be in September.
3. Smart Growth – next meeting September 14th.

APPROVAL OF OVERTIME & STANDBY PAY:

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to approve the attached overtime and standby pay for the period of July 13 to July 26, 2006.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Garber seconded by Mrs. Insel, to enter into Executive Session to discuss Potential Litigation at 8:45 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 8:50 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

COUNCIL VACANCY

The Democratic Committee Chairperson, Mr. De Cleene, has submitted the following three names for consideration for the open Town Council position which was vacated by Councilwoman Kovach.

A. Nancy Pryor
53 Center Street

Arlene Quinones-Perez
164 Leigh Street

Michelle Harrison
13 Rupells Road

Ms. Pryor was unable to attend tonight’s meeting but submitted a resume for Council’s review. Ms. Quinones-Perez and Ms. Harrison were given an opportunity to address Council.

Ms. Quinones-Perez stated that she is the President of the Emergency Services Foundation and an Alternate member of the Board of Adjustment. She has worked in Trenton for 5 years and has recently resigned so that she may attend Rutgers Law School full time.

Ms. Harrison, a member of the Smart Growth Committee, Ms. Harrison is a full time mother and would like the opportunity to serve the Town.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Insel, seconded by Mr. De Cleene to enter into Executive Session at 8:56 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel seconded by Mr. De Cleene to come out of Executive Session at 9:07 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

Upon returning from Executive Session, Mayor Schaumburg thanked the council candidates for offering to serve on the Council. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to appoint Arlene Quinones-Perez to the vacant council seat.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Garber, Harrison, Insel, Ragozine, Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Mrs. Quinones-Perez was sworn in by Attorney Cushing while her parents held the Bible. Mrs. Quinones-Perez then took a seat at the Council dais while the audience applauded.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Quinones-Perez, seconded by Mr. Ragozine to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL

Christine Schaumburg , Mayor