

Regular Council Meeting  
April 14, 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. Shea, seconded by Mr. Pender, to approve the minutes of March 24, 2009 as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF BUDGET MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to approve the Budget Meeting minutes of March 23, 2009.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS – MARCH**

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to accept the monthly reports for the month of March as submitted.

Assessor’s Report, Clerk’s Account, Cat & dog Licensing Accounts, Construction Control/Inspection Report, Fire Official Report, Police Report, Sewer Collector’s Report, Tax Collector’s Report, Water Collector’s Report, Wastewater Treatment Plants Superintendent’s Report.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**None**

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

1. Mayor Schaumburg updated Council regarding the School Budget. Mayor Schaumburg spoke with Amanda DiRienz, President of the Town of Clinton Board of Education who reminded everyone to vote for the School Board and School Budget on April 21 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Schaumburg attended a Mayor’s meeting North Hunterdon-Voorhees District. The meeting was to explain and discuss the budget. The Mayor was informed that \$100,000 has been cut from last year’s budget, all non-instructional and administrative cuts. The school is also switching to State Health benefits, saving approximately \$300,000. Councilman Pender attended a meeting at Voorhees and said it was very informative. The school is not adding any new programs and will keep improvements to the school only as necessary.

**PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #09-02**

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #09-02:

ORDINANCE #09-02

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF CLINTON AND APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$250,000 FROM THE WATER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

There being no public comment, a motion was made Mr. Pender, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to close the public hearing on Ordinance #09-02.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to adopt Ordinance #09-02 on second reading.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #09-03**

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #09-03:

ORDINANCE #09-03

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF CLINTON AND APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$50,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND/RESERVE FOR RESCUE SQUAD EQUIPMENT

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

There being no public comment, a motion was made Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to close the public hearing on Ordinance #09-03.

Vote all ayes

Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Ordinance #09-03 on second reading.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #09-04 – CAP BANK**

Kathy Olsen, CFO explained the ordinance being introduced. The State allows for a 2.5% increase and this ordinance allows municipalities to go up to 3% if needed.

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to introduce Ordinance #09-04 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #09-04  
CALENDAR YEAR 2009--ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A notice of this ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review in the April 29, 2009 edition. Second reading is scheduled for May 12, 2009.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF 2009 BUDGET**

Mayor Schaumburg introduced the 2009 Town of Clinton Budget. The Mayor announced that there would only be a 1 cent increase to the tax rate averaging \$37.31 increase per household.

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Shea to introduce the 2009 Budget on first reading as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A summary of the Budget will be published in the Hunterdon Review and the second reading will be held May 12, 2009.

**RESOLUTION 63-09 – TONNAGE RECYCLING GRANT**

Mr. Cutter informed Council that the Town generated 1,398 tons of garbage, 1,355 tons were residential and commercial recycling.

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Pendergast to adopt Resolution #63-09 as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

(Resolution attached to these minutes)

**RESOLUTION #64-09 – AUTHORIZATION FILING OF MUNICIPAL LIEN**

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to adopt Resolution #64-09 as submitted.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

(Resolution attached to these minutes)

**ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Schaumburg read the proclamation designating April 24, 2009 as Arbor Day in the Town of Clinton. The third grade students from Clinton Public School will partake in a tree planting ceremony at Hunt's Mill Park.

**PROCLAMATION – OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**

Mayor Schaumburg read the proclamation declaring the month of May Older Americans Month and calls upon individuals and entities to honor and celebrate the outstanding contributions to the Town of Clinton's older residents.

**RAFFLE APPLICATION – CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Council is in receipt of a raffle application for a 50/50 raffle to be held on April 24, 2009 and May 19, 2009. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to approve the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RAFFLE APPLICATION – EMERGENCY SERVICES FOUNDATION**

Council is in receipt of a raffle application for a 50/50 raffle to be held on May 14, 2009 at the Clinton Towne Restaurant. A motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mrs. Insel to approve the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**BANNER REQUEST - GOING GREEN & HOLISTIC EXPO**

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to approve the banner request for the Hunterdon Holistic Society, hosting the Going Green & Holistic Expo on May 3, 2009.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A letter from Clinton Public School thanking Patrolman Leon Cohen for spending time with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and participating in the Career Awareness Afternoon. Great job!

2. The Red Mill Museum Village is requesting a waiver of \$50. for a sign permit. Attorney Cushing recommended that the Mayor and Council not grant the waiver to avoid any issues with sign companies claiming discrimination, or giving special benefits to some organizations and not others. Mr. Cushing said for a matter of \$50.00, it was not worth wedging into a problem. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Shea to grant the waiver to the Museum.

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

Vote all nays  
Motion failed

3. A letter from Whitney Wetherill, 36 West Main Street, asking for clarification to be put on record for a Planning Board topic. Mayor Schaumburg read the letter into the record and explained that Mr. Baretti only went to the Planning Board first to get a feel from the Board as to his ideas and to possibly suggest a change to the zoning ordinance. The Planning Board can give feedback to Council as to Zone changes. A copy of the letter is attached.

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

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

1. The Community Center flower beds and property has been spruced up.
2. Eastern Hill Development, on Halstead Street, was told to lower their soil hills and secure the site. Fencing was erected and the dirt was moved back and mulched.
3. Attending a Shared Service meeting with the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce on Friday. The new coordinator, Alicia Liss will be hosting the breakfast meeting.

#### **Councilwoman Valenta**

1. Rescue Squad has three new members and all members are keeping up with continuing education. A basketball game is being planned as a fund raiser.

#### **Councilman Shea**

1. Clinton Guild – sponsoring a “Tax Relief Day” on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, when shoppers will receive a 7% discount!
2. Board of Recreation will host the Senior Luncheon on Sunday, May 3, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. at the Rescue Squad Building.
3. On behalf of the Board of Recreation, Mr. Shea asked Mr. Cutter about hiring an architect for the Grandstand at the Community Center. Mr. Cutter said he provided all the information about the proposals received to the Committee and was waiting for their recommendation. N. S. Kim was the lowest responsible bidder. The matter will be on the next Buildings and Ground agenda.

**Clerk Covino**

The Clerk is sending out Liquor License Renewals and wanted Council's approval on waiving the Club License Fee for the Clinton Fire Department. As agreed in the Parking Lease agreement, the fee would be waived. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to waive the fee as discussed.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**Councilwoman Insel**

1. Smart Growth – next meeting April 20, 2009.
2. Buildings and Grounds committee has been meeting and planning the new construction of the alleyway between Fur Majesty and the Running Store, leading to the Lower Center Street Parking Lot. Mrs. Insel formally thanked Kimberly Rogan for all her time and expertise in designing the project.

**Councilman Duffy**

1. Fire Department named the new slate of officers, Jerry Malecki remains President and Scott Wintermute as Chief. The Fire Department received a \$7,500 Forest Fire Grant.
2. Emergency Services Foundation held a successful 50/50 at the Grand Opening for Dr. Jodi Dinnerman, Light Source Chiropractor. The next fund raiser is June 13<sup>th</sup>, a car wash and boot drive. In February/March of 2010, the Fire Department and Rescue Squad jointly is planning a Basketball game in conjunction with March Madness.

**Councilman Pender**

1. Emergency Services – also attended the event at Light Source. Fishing Derby will be held April 24, 2009, beginning at 8:00 a.m. to Noon

**APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME**

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for March 20, 2009 through April 29, 2009.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #65 -09 - EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to enter into Executive Session to discuss a matter of Personnel at 8:24 p.m.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:49 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Duffy seconded by Mrs. Valenta to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC, Town Clerk

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Christine Schaumburg, Mayor