

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

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – Harrison, Insel, Pender, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Absent - De Cleene, Ragozine

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 Mrs. Insel to approve the minutes of May 22, 2007 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

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

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Many residents of Clinton attended this evenings meeting to express their concerns of the traffic pattern at Exit 15 and Route 173 East.

Alana Staszkeski, 37 Lingert Avenue, stated that heading east on Route 173 and attempting to make a left, a driver cannot see oncoming traffic if there is a truck in front.

Liz Hedden, 42 Lingert Avenue, had the same concern and suggested a delayed green arrow.

Ken Galloway, 30 Lingert Avenue, echoed the difficulty turning left.

Mary Ann Galloway, 30 Lingert Avenue, suggested asking DOT to lower the speed limit coming off the highway.

Chief Matheis observed the concerns mentioned and has passed the problem onto DOT. The Town is not able to make changes because it is a State highway and intersection but will make recommendations to them. Mayor Schaumburg encouraged residents to write DOT and stated that she will reach out to DOT Chief of Staff. Having the public attend our meetings and expressing their concerns will help expedite correcting the problem. Mayor Schaumburg thanked the residents for their input.

Whitney Wetherill, West Main Street, asked when posting the agenda on the website, if the wording "Subject to Change" can be added. Many times the agenda posted does not have all meeting items listed.

Michelle Harrison, 13 Rupells Road, referred back to the safety issue at Exit 15. The same concern about making the left, but also trucks making wide turns to the right, heading towards WalMart. Ms. Wetherill said she has witnessed the same thing. Ms. Wetherill also suggested a sidewalk around the back of properties, such as, Car Wash, Commerce Bank and the Shell Gas Station, which would be a safe shortcut up to Marudy Drive. Mayor Schaumburg asked Ms. Wetherill to make the suggestion at the all day Community Vision Study on June 16th.

MARUDY DRIVE EMERGENCY PROPOSAL - RESOLUTION #85-07

Andrew S. Holt, P.E. of Suburban Consulting, Water Engineer, has evaluated the sink hole formation on Marudy Drive and has enlisted the services of Mellick-Tully and Associates, P.E., Geotechnical Engineers and Environmental Consultants. Their observations performed relative to the formation of sinkholes and associated water main breaks in the easterly portion of Marudy Drive found an approximate 1,800 feet long general east-west trending roadway located between Quarry Ridge Road and Union Road. Several recent water main breaks and sinkholes have occurred and water line and roadway repair operation had been initiated to reopen the roadway to traffic and to maintain access to existing residences. Heeding the advice of Mellick-Tully, Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. has prepared a cost evaluation of for construction costs associated with the emergency water main repairs on Marudy Drive and three (3) contractors have been solicited. The roadway must be opened by means of excavation to view the limestone issue and examine the underground situation. A contractor will be selected based upon price, location and availability. The firm of Penn-Bower, Inc. was selected by Suburban Consulting Engineers due to their pricing, locality and availability to begin work immediately pending proper documentation. Suburban Consulting highly recommends that work begin as soon as possible to remedy this unsafe situation. Mr. Holt recommends the contract be awarded to Penn Bower, Inc. of High Bridge, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00. A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to award the contract as recommended.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Harrison, Insel, Pender, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

1. Mayor Schaumburg reported that the photo shoot for the Short Hills catalog went very well on June 8th. The catalog is distributed to 50,000 homes and Clinton will be captioned. The Brogan Tennyson Group, Inc. donated \$500.00 to the Emergency Services Foundation, a very generous gesture. The crew had breakfast and lunch catered by Fine Diner of Clinton.

2. The Sub -Sign Committee will meet on June 13, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. to continue their work on the proposed Sign Ordinance.
3. Mayor Schaumburg announced the appointment of John Bohnel to the Alternate #2 position of the Board of Adjustment. Mr. Bohnel also made a suggestion to the Mayor to have a contest to replace the existing "Welcome to Clinton" sign at the Exit 15 entrance to the Town. Mr. Bohnel offered his expertise in installing the new sign and the wood. Mayor Schaumburg Will pass this terrific idea on to the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

SPECIAL EVENT – LED ZEPPLIN NIGHT

Anne Rossi and mother, Mary Kaylor, Rock the World Café and Addicted Jeans Store, is interested in hosting a music festival "Led Zeppelin Night" on Saturday, September 15, 2007 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. It was suggested at the last meeting to Ms. Rossi, to have a petition signed by the merchants and residents of Main Street, voicing their opinions to the event. Ms. Rossi and Ms. Kaylor submitted letters of support from a couple of merchants and a few customers in support of the event. However, the Clinton Guild members left the decision up to the Mayor and Council and displayed a lack of support. Chief Matheis stated his concerns as he did since the beginning. He is concerned about closing Main Street, alcohol, garbage and refuse and parking. He was also concerned about controlling access to the event. Chief Matheis suggested the Red Mill area where noise is buffered from the rest of the Town. Ultimately, the decision is a Mayor and Council decision.

Councilman Shea applauded Anne and Mary for their energy, but was concerned with the residential impact, traffic and geographic restrictions. Lengthy discussions continued. Mayor Schaumburg also applauded their efforts for hosting this marketing event to promote Main Street and their merchants. Downtown merchants need the help and support and Mayor Schaumburg also stated that she has applied for grants and received help from the State tourism. Mayor Schaumburg addressed the Car Show that was held last year. Merchants were very vocal and stated their concerns to the Council, Council took comments into consideration and changes were made. The Mayor and Council try to make decisions that will work for the entire community.

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to deny the application for the event as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Harrison, Insel, Pender, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

SPECIAL EVENT – FLAG DAY

Council is in receipt of a special event application from the Clinton Guild to have the Flag Day Parade and Celebration on Main Street on Friday, June 15, 2007 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. No street closure is being requested, Police will escort the participants. A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Pender to grant to the request.

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION

Council is in receipt of a Special Event Application from the residents of Olsen Lane. The residents have requested a road closure to Olsen Lane to host "Goosetown Open" on Friday, June 22, 2007. Anticipated attendance is 100 people. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Shea to grant the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

2007 SUMMER RECREATION STAFFING

Kathy Olsen, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the staffing request submitted by the Parks and Playgrounds Commission. The program is held July 2 through July 27 at Clinton Public School from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Pender, to accept the list of staff workers as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #84-07 – MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Insel, authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement with Municipal Alliance for 2008.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RAFFLE APPLICATION – CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Council is in receipt of a raffle application for Clinton Fire Department to hold a 50/50 raffle on October 31, 2007. A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to approve the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

BANNER REQUEST

Council is in receipt of a banner request from the Spina Bifida Association of the Tri-State Region, to display the banner promoting “Strollin’ Roll for Spina Bifida” from September 10 to September 24, 2007. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel seconded by Mr. Harrison to grant the banner as requested.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #07-10 – EASEMENT FROM STATE OF NJ

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adopt Ordinance #07-10 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #07-10
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE
OF AN EASEMENT FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL WATER STORAGE TANK

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A notice of this Ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review edition of June 20, 2007 and a public hearing will be held on July 10, 2007.

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

RESOLUTION #79-07 – TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION GRANT

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt Resolution #79-07 supporting the submission of a Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant Application to the NJDEP.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #80-07 – CLINTON HOUSE LIQUOR LICENSE

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adopt Resolution # 80-07, the renewal of the Clinton House Liquor License # 1005-33-003-005 for a Plenary Retail Consumption License for the 2007-2008 year.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #81-07 – CLINTON HOLIDAY INN LIQUOR LICENSE

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to adopt Resolution # 81-07, the renewal of the Clinton Holiday Inn Liquor License # 1005-36-005-005 for a Plenary Retail Consumption License for the 2007-2008 year.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #82-07 – QUICK CHECK FOOD STORES LIQUOR LICENSE

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Harrison to adopt Resolution # 82-07, the renewal of the Quick Chek Food Stores/Shoprite Liquors Liquor License # 1005-44-001-002 for a Plenary Retail Distribution License for the 2007-2008 year.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Counsel for the Borough of Califon has sent notification to participating municipalities that the Borough is withdrawing from the joint municipal court committee at the end of 2007.
2. Thank you to Mr. Cutter from Robert Kaplan, Life Scout (soon to be Eagle Scout) for help with his Scout project and the delivery of wood chips.
3. Hunterdon County Division of Senior Services sent a thank you for the \$200.00 donation to Senior Health Services.
4. Letter of thanks for the Clinton “Good Kid” Award from North Hunterdon High School senior, David Scannell.

5. Letter received from Heather Birmingham asking the Parks & Playgrounds Committee to reconsider accepting her summer recreation application. Her application was one day late. The Commission is considering extending the deadline and accepting additional applications, a vote needs to be taken. Notification will be sent out.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Councilwoman Insel

1. 47 Leigh Street Grand Opening, Wednesday, June 20th at 6:30 p.m.
2. Smart Growth, Community Vision Study, all day event Saturday, June 16th 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Clinton Public School. The day will begin with a tour of the Town on Mr. Hooper's antique fire truck driven by Councilman Harrison. The Study has been paid for with the HART Grant.

Councilman Shea

1. Shade Tree – Spanner Tree has been in town grinding stumps.
2. Road Committee – next meeting June 15th @ 8:30 a.m.
3. Parking – Al Rylak questioned the status of permitting parking to merchants and employees by permit at the Clinton Fire Department.

APPROVAL OF STAND BY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Pender, to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for May 4 – May 17, 2007 and May 18 through May 31, 2007.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Harrison, Insel, Pender, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Harrison, Insel, Pender, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION # 83-07 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to enter into Executive Session to discuss Potential Litigation at 9:05 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Pender, to return to the Regular Council Meeting at 9:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Shea seconded by Mr. Harrison to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL

Christine Schaumburg, Mayor