

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

Flag Salute.

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

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. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Garber, to approve the minutes of June 27, 2006 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (De Cleene)
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 June as submitted:

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, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent’s Report, Zoning Officer/Construction Official Report.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

None

RESOLUTION #79-06 – APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE PROSECUTORS

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Resolution 79-06 appointing alternate Regional Municipal Court Prosecutors for substitute for Prosecutor David Bunevich.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #06-13 – AMENDMENT TO C-1 ZONE

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

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

This Ordinance will be forwarded to the Planning Board for their review and comments. A copy of this Ordinance notice will be published in the Hunterdon Review July 19, 2006 edition. A public hearing will be held August 8, 2006.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #06-14 – ASSISTANT TO THE TAX ASSESSOR

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison seconded by Mrs. Garber to adopt Ordinance #06-14 on first reading 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

A copy of this Ordinance notice will be published in the Hunterdon Review July 19, 2006 edition. A public hearing will be held August 8, 2006.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BOND ORDINANCE #06-15 – 47 LEIGH STREET

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Ordinance #06-15 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #06-15

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE OFFICES LOCATED AT 47 LEIGH STREET FOR USE BY THE WATER UTILITY AND THE 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

A copy of this Ordinance notice will be published in the Hunterdon Review July 19, 2006 edition. A public hearing will be held August 8, 2006.

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

BANNER REQUEST – CLINTON TOWN PICNIC

Council is in receipt of a banner request for the Clinton town Picnic, September 9, rain date, September 10. The banner dates are August 21 through September 10. A motion was made by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to grant the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

BANNER REQUEST – HAUNTED MILL

Council is in receipt of a banner request for the Haunted Mill, October 20, 21, 27, 28, 2006 at the Red Mill Museum Village. The banner dates are October 18 through November 1. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mrs. Garber, to grant the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

SPECIAL EVENT – ANNUAL LAKEVIEW BLOCK PARTY

Council is in receipt of a Special Event application to hold the annual Lakeview Block Party on July 29, rain date July 30 from the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. A motion was made by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to grant the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Marjorie Nathanson, Executive Director of the Hunterdon Museum of Art, sent a letter applauding the immediate and gracious response of Bob Cutter, Chief Matheis, and the Public Works Department for responding promptly to the serious situation when the river flooded Lower Center Street. Public Works was at the museum early in the day clearing debris and stabilizing the parking lot.
2. Thank you note from Melanie Kreutel, recipient of the “Clinton Good Kid” award from Clinton Public School.
3. Request from Evelyn Gansfuss of Pittstown, seeking a practice area for a group of eight people who compete their dogs in obedience trials held by the American Kennel Club. The request will be forwarded to the Parks & Playgrounds Commission.
4. North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority Inc. is conducting a transit study to plan transportation improvements in the 13 counties of northern and central New Jersey. Two evenings have been scheduled for public meetings, Tuesday, July 25, 7 pm to 9 pm at Raritan Valley Community College and Thursday, July 27, 7 pm to 9 pm at Warren County Technical School in Washington Township.
HART is also hosting a meeting Thursday, July 27 at 8:00 a.m. at the Clinton Holiday Inn. The Town of Clinton will be awarded with a Municipal Grant for the “Streetscape Development Plan” & “Bicycle and Pedestrian Circulation Plan”.
5. At the last meeting, Council received a letter from Michelle Dynak regarding the need of sound barriers in the Town. Copies of all past correspondence and reports from the DOT have been given to Mrs. Kovach so she may approach DOT to consider a new study. Ms. Dynak has now submitted a petition to circulate among Council, and leave available for the public to obtain signatures to bring to the State of New Jersey in an attempt to consider a new study.

6. Shakespeare Festival was held July 7, 8 and 9th and it was a fabulous success. Congratulations to Carol Beder for her efforts in organizing the event. The parade and Shakespeare Ball was well attended.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Police Chief Matheis

1. Chief Matheis echoed the praises of Mayor Schaumburg regarding the Shakespeare Festival.
2. Halstead Bridge Project – traffic confusion seems to be calming down.
3. Police Department is prepared for the Black Potato Festival this weekend, July 13, 24, 15, 16. Sprintin' Clinton and Rubber Ducky Race, Sunday, July 16.
4. Prepared a memo to Council in support of the speed platforms. The Chief also copied Union Township asking them to consider the placement of the platforms on Rupell's Road. Mr. Harrison read the well written memo aloud.

Mr. DeGross, 5 Leigh Street, commented on the Chief's report on Halstead Bridge's traffic, and suggested better signage approaching the intersection of Center, Lower Center and Leigh. There is also a sign that blows down in the middle of the street which has become bothersome. Mr. Cutter will check with the County once again.

Whitney Wetherill, 36 W. Main Street, suggested a STOP sign at the top of Leigh Street. Chief Matheis said he will look into this.

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

1. Kasper Disposal trucks were recently inspected before entering Town. Mr. Cutter checked the trucks, found them to be empty, assuring residents that we are only paying for Town garbage to be hauled from Town limits.
2. The Town joined the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council in April, 2006. The Town will benefit beginning September 1 with the purchase of diesel fuel and gasoline for an ultimate savings of 6-8c less per gallon. Other State contracts will be explored for additional savings.
3. July 27th 8:00 a.m. to 10:00a.m., HART will be presenting the Town with the grant check for Streetscape Development and Bicycle and Pedestrian Circulation Plan Project. Tara Braddish, Executive Director of HART and Carl Hintz, Town Planner, will be invited to attend the August 8th Council Meeting to discuss the project.

Councilman Ragozine

1. Finance Committee met and with the help of Kathy Olsen, CFO, were able to improve banking relationships and save the Town \$60,000 - \$70,000 a year.
2. Buildings and Grounds – 47 Leigh Street project, bids will be published in the July 12 and 19 edition of the Review and Courier.

Councilwoman Garber

1. Clinton Guild – next meeting July 19th at 6:30 p.m.
Crusin’ Clinton, first event is July 23, 2006, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. Following the event, Council will revisit to make sure things run smoothly.
2. Emergency Services Foundation – next meeting July 18, at 7:30 p.m. The Fire Department and Rescue Squad will hold a “Bucket Collection and Car Wash” on August 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A kick off will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Rescue Squad. Volunteers are needed.
3. Parks & Playgrounds will be hosting the Town Picnic on Saturday, September 9th, rain date, September 10. The Emergency Services Foundation is planning on a second fund raiser for that day, being discussed, “A Baby Parade”.

Councilman De Cleene

1. Attended the Rescue Squad meeting, they reported 127 calls this month. On July 18th they will be holding an extrication drill.
2. Sewer Committee discussed the Grease Trap Ordinance and monthly flows.
3. Roads Committee – discussed Rupell’s Road, speed platforms and the Halstead Street Bridge. The bridge suffered a collapse in 1928, pieces of steel were found during the current reconstruction work.
Next Roads meeting, September 5th at 9:30 a.m. “Be There”!!

Councilman Harrison

1. Personnel – next meeting July 21st at 9:30 a.m.
2. Chamber of Commerce, Business and Government Committee next meeting Friday, July 21, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. Topic for discussion is shared services.

Councilwoman Insel

1. Smart Growth Committee will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, next meeting, July 13.
2. Shade Tree Commission Lou Spanner will do a walk-thru Town July 17th.
3. Historic Commission - next meeting July 19.

APPROVAL OF OVERTIME & STANDBY PAY:

A motion was made by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to approve the attached overtime and standby pay for the period of June 15 to June 29, 2006.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

Vote all ayes

Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mayor Schaumburg, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to enter into Executive Session to discuss Potential Litigation at 8:10 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 8:25 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT AUDIT

Mrs. Garber requested that the Clinton Fire Department submit their annual audit prior to receiving their annual donation from the Town. Mr. Cushing wrote a letter requesting same dated July 7 but was only received by Chief Scott Wintermute as of this date.

TAX ASSESSOR

A motion was made by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to increase the salary of the Tax Assessor to 3.75% retro to January 1, 2006.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Garber to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL

Christine Schaumburg , Mayor