

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

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – De Cleene, Harrison, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg  
Absent - Insel

**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. Ragozine, to approve the minutes of February 13, 2007 as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
1 Abstention (De Cleene)  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Patty Hatalla, Spruce Run Road, questioned the recent number of water main breaks in the Clinton Knolls and the road conditions. Mayor Schaumburg explained that the Town plans to repave the entire Clinton Knolls Development. The Town has received a \$150,000 grant to help accomplish this \$1,000,000.00 project. Prior to re-surfacing, the Town will be replacing water mains that were improperly constructed during the original construction of homes in the Knolls. Mr. Cutter continued to explain that this will be the toughest project ever undertaken in the Town and a massive inconvenience to residents living there. The project may possibly be done in two phases, roads being dug up and water mains being dug up.

Walter Hetzel, Main Street, read a letter written by the Clinton Guild relating to the Sign Ordinance and proposed changes. The letter has been forwarded to Lou Tranquilli, Sign Committee Chairman and Carl Hintz, Town Planner. (A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes) Mayor Schaumburg thanked Mr. Hetzel and said that it is great that the Guild members are interested in working with the Sign Committee to create a workable document.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

1. Historic Commission has submitted the name of Christine Wood to fill a vacancy. Mayor Schaumburg accepted the recommendation and appointed Ms. Wood to the Commission.
2. The Town of Clinton is the recipient the 2006 Claims Award from Statewide Insurance. Mayor Schaumburg thanked Mr. Cutter and the Public Works employees.

3. Mayor Schaumburg announced that since instituting the new recycling program, there has been a 18.83 decrease in tons from January, 2006 resulting in a savings of \$1,384.00 for the month of January.
4. Mr. Harrison attended a special meeting at Raritan Valley Community College held by United States Congressman, Mike Ferguson. The 2008 fiscal year budget and important funding issues were discussed. Grant applications were distributed with a March 1, 2007 deadline. Mr. Cutter obtained information for project requests and quickly and efficiently prepared the application.
  1. Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad - \$42,000 - First Responder Vehicle
  2. Clinton Fire Department – \$24,000 – Ultra High Frequency Radios
  3. Clinton Police Department - \$40,000 – Communications system Upgrade Project

Mr. Harrison explained that the House Appropriations Committee favors funding for radios. The Fire Department radios that they currently use do not work inside Clinton Public School, the Holiday Inn or the A&P. Mr. Harrison will stay in touch with the Congressman's office and hopefully the Town will be granted the requests.

5. Mayor Schaumburg stated that appeals from the Town of Clinton to the Highlands Council to understand that Well 16 is beneficial to the Town and surrounding municipalities and not harmful to the planning area have proven to be effective. The Highlands Council has granted the Town of Clinton a \$35,000 grant to study the proposed Well. Mayor Schaumburg thanked the Highlands Council and directed her gratitude towards Janice Kovach, seated in the audience, a member of the Highlands Council and a former Clinton Councilwoman. Ms. Kovach expressed her happiness and stated that she removed herself from the hearing and abstained voting on the matter.

#### **PROCLAMATION – WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

Ms. Kovach, Director of the Division on Women, is requesting all municipalities to proclaim the month of March as Women's History Month. The 2007 National Women's History Project theme is "Generations of Women Moving History Forward". Mayor Schaumburg read the Proclamation and expressed the support of Mayor and Council.

#### **PROCLAMATION – READ ACROSS AMERICA**

Mayor Schaumburg read the READ ACROSS AMERICA proclamation naming March 2, 2007 a day assuring that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult.

#### **PROCLAMATION – YOUTH ART MONTH 2007**

Once again Mayor Schaumburg read the YOUTH ART MONTH 2007 PROCLAMATION which she read to the students at Clinton Public School on Monday, February 26, 2007. Mayor Schaumburg read the names of the students honored to have been selected at state finalists and having their artwork exhibited at the Hunterdon Medical Center. The students are: Catie Hallstrom, Brody Longo, Rose Burach, Mariana Guzman-Marquez and Steven Pennett. The artwork of Catie Hallstrom, Mariana Guzman-Marquez and Steven Pennett has been selected to represent Hunterdon County at the exhibit in Trenton. Congratulations to all the talented students.

**KIDS DAY AMERICA**

Mayor Schaumburg met with Patrolman Leon Cohen and are continuing their efforts on holding a Kids Day America. The event will be sponsored by local businesses and will benefit area youth. There will be a health and safety portion of the event which will focus on DNA kits for each child, recording the children's height and weight. Polaroid pictures will be taken, a dentist is expected to be available as well as a chiropractor. The County Prosecutors office will be on hand with health literature and the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad and Emergency Services Foundation. The Police Department will be there with a Police car and a Police bicycle. DARE proceeds obtained will cover much of the costs. The event will be held at the Community Center and tentative dates are Saturdays, April 21, May 5, 12 or 19<sup>th</sup> and hours will be 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. More detailed to follow.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS**

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Professional Agreement for Robert J. Clerico, P.E. of the Firm of Van Cleef Engineering.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #07-02 – BOND ORDINANCE FOR THE CLINTON MILLS DIKE AND DAM PROJECT**

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to open the public hearing of Bond Ordinance #07-02 as submitted:

BOND ORDINANCE #07-02  
BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON,  
IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY  
TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUNDING OF THE TOWN'S OBLIGATION AS CO-BORROWER/  
GUARANTOR IN CONNECTION WITH A STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LOAN FOR THE CLINTON MILLS DIKE AND DAM  
PROJECT  
APPROPRIATING \$450,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$450,000  
BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE SUCH PURPOSE

Vote all ayes  
1 Abstention (Pender)  
Motion carried

There being no public comment, a motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. De Cleene to close the public comment portion of the meeting.

Vote all ayes  
1 Abstention (Pender)  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to adopt Bond Ordinance #07-02 on second reading.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Harrison, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg  
Abstain: Pender

Vote all ayes  
1 Abstention (Pender)  
Motion carried

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 07-03 – AMEND CHAPTER 70, UNIT RENTAL OF DWELLINGS**

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Ordinance #07-03 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #07-03  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON,  
CHAPTER 70, UNIT RENTAL OF DWELLINGS, SECTION 70-5,  
APPLICATION FOR RENTAL CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A copy of this Ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review on March 7, 2007 and a public hearing will be held on March 27, 2007.

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

**RESOLUTION #51-07 – OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES**

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Resolution #51-07 as requested, authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to refund \$1,738.00 to Jay Hardingham and Sandra Weiss.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

**RESOLUTION #52-07 – PARIS GRANT**

Clerk Covino explained Resolution #52-07 which will enable the Town of Clinton to participate in the Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support (PARIS) program. The grant will assist Towns to meet the strategic records management, preservation and storage needs of county and municipal governments records. Resolution #52-07 shows the support of the Mayor and Council to enter into a two phase program, the first phase is to perform a “needs assessment” from a vendor hired by the County. This will not deter from our current information digitalizing company, Info Store. A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine to adopt Resolution #52-07 as requested.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

**RECOMMENDATION OF ALTERNATE WATER ENGINEER**

Mr. Cutter made a recommendation to Council to obtain the services of an Alternate Water Engineer. Robert A. Pennington, of the firm of Camp Dresser and McKee, Inc. (CDM) is a qualified Water Engineer and in an occurrence of conflict for the current engineering firm, it is advisable to have another firm available. Mr. Cushing will prepare a Professional Services Agreement between the firm and the Town.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. North Hunterdon Voorhees High School District, Department of Music, has provided the Town of Clinton complimentary tickets to senior citizens within the community to attend the annual PRISM Concert on March 28<sup>th</sup> in the Main Gym at North Hunterdon High School.
2. New Jersey State League of Municipalities, in conjunction with the National Guard Family Readiness Council, The American Legion Post 414, Lawrence Lions Club and VFW Post 7921, will host a "Support the Troops Pancake Breakfast" at the National Guard Armory in Lawrenceville. The date is Sunday April 15, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mayor Schaumburg is scheduled to offer her skills at the breakfast and encouraged other Council members to attend.
3. Correspondence received from Clinton Public School students, Kyle Lamers, an 8<sup>th</sup> Grader. Kyle's letter asks that a skateboard park be considered in Clinton for the many children who enjoy the sport. Kyle's letter will be forwarded to the Police Chief and Parks and Playground Council representatives.
4. A letter of resignation from Boards of Adjustment member and Smart Growth Committee Member, Michael Penyak. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. De Cleene to accept Mr. Penyak's letter with regrets.
5. Letter from the Clinton Guild regarding the Sign Ordinance which was read into record by Walter Hetzel during Public Comment.

**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS****Councilman Pender**

1. Next Emergency Services Foundation meeting will be held March 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
2. Newsletter meeting held February 26, 2007. All members working together nicely. Mayor Schaumburg thanked Patty Hatalla for all her work on the Newsletter and thanked Nancy Burgess for taking it over and doing a fabulous job.
3. Personnel Meeting held February 16, 2007. Committee discussed evaluations and goals.

**Councilman De Cleene**

1. Rescue Squad – reported 143 calls for January.

**Councilman Shea**

1. Clinton Guild – Suggestions to improve business climate.
2. Shade Tree – Arbor Day Celebration April 27, 2007. A new cherry tree will replace the one destroyed May 31, 2003 by fire on Main Street.
3. Environmental Commission – South Branch River Clean Up scheduled for Saturday, April 21 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**Councilman Harrison**

1. Fire Department – the new Fire truck is nominally ready and expected to be arriving soon. Punch list items are being reviewed.

2. Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the Business And Government Council on March 30 in Readington Township.
3. Personnel meeting held February 16<sup>th</sup>, committee discussed personnel reviews.

**APPROVAL OF OVERTIME & STANDBY PAY:**

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene seconded by Mr. Shea, to approve the attached overtime and standby pay for the period of February 9 – February 22, 2007.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Harrison, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Harrison, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – RESOLUTION #53-07**

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to enter into executive session to discuss Potential Litigation at 8:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to return to the regular meeting to adjourn.

**RESOLUTION #54-07 – RESOLUTION OF AWARD**

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to adopt Resolution #54-07 awarding the bid for the DeMott Pond Dam Rehabilitation Project to CARO Corporation.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Harrison, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PARKS AND PLAYGROUND SALARY INCREASES**

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, authorizing the Chief Financial Office to adjust the budget numbers based on recommendations to increase the salaries of Summer Recreation personnel 3% to 4%. The employees are taking on more responsibility than in previous years.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Harrison, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC  
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL

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Christine Schaumburg, Mayor