

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

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – De Cleene, Harrison, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, 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. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel to approve the minutes of March 27, 2007 as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Pender, to accept the monthly reports for the month of March as submitted:

Assessor’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 Reports, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent’s Report, Zoning Officer/construction Official Report.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**None**

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

1. Kid’s Day is scheduled for April 21, 2007 at the Community Center. The event will be held rain or shine from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Many exciting activities are planned, including Child ID program, Polaroid pictures, Dental and Spinal checks, DARE officers, Clinton Rescue Squad, Clinton Fire Department. Thank you to Patrolman Leon Cohen for all his work in preparing for this day. \$3,800 has already been raised from supporters.
2. Solid Waste figures have been outstanding due to the new recycling program. Over the past three months, records show \$6,084.00 less than the January, February, March of 2006.

**PRESENTATION – ASSEMBLYWOMAN MARCIA KARROW**

The Town of Clinton welcomed Assemblywoman Karrow to complete her 49 municipality tour in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District located in Hunterdon and Warren County. Ms. Karrow updated Council and the audience of her accomplishments taking place regarding property tax, Open Space, State mandated school requirements and Health care costs. Ms. Karrow proudly stated that there are eight bills currently being considered regarding Green Acres and Preservation. To date, seven bills have been signed into law, three of six were appropriations for Garden State Preservation Trust Funds from which Hunterdon and Warren County received millions of dollars in aid. Ms. Karrow continues efforts to improve the Highlands Act and continues work on a series of energy bills important to lowering electric costs for businesses and New Jersey manufacturers. Ms. Karrow offered to help the Town of Clinton with outstanding issues and asked for any backup information and contacts that may have previously been made. Mayor Schaumburg said letters have been forwarded to New Jersey Department of Transportation regarding fencing along the overpass of Interstate 78 near Clinton Public School. This walkway leading to the school is the only walkway for the children and there is no fencing or protection. Guardrail request along Route 173 at Exit 15 were denied because “there haven’t been any incidents yet”! Ms. Karrow asked for documentation of correspondence and will look into these outstanding matters.

**PROCLAMATION – AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

Mayor Schaumburg read the Proclamation proclaiming April Autism Awareness Month urging employees and residents to become better educated on the subject of autistic spectrum disorders. A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to support the Proclamation.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PROCLAMATION – COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DAY**

Mayor Schaumburg read the Community Transportation Services Day Proclamation whereas the New Jersey Council on Special Transportation promotes activities to enhance coordination of transportation services. A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to support the Proclamation.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PROCLAMATION - SAFE KIDS WEEK – 2007**

Mayor Schaumburg read SAFE KIDS WEEK-2007 promoting childhood injury prevention. Mayor Schaumburg also informed Council and the audience of the support the Town received from Johnson and Johnson, initiators of SAFE KIDS WEEK, for their donation of ten (10) bicycle helmets to be given away at KIDS DAY, April 21, 2007 at the Community Center. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to support Proclamation SAFE KIDS WEEK – 2007.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**HVAC 2007-2008 CONTRACT**

Mr. Cutter recommended awarding the 2007-2008 HVAC Maintenance Contract to Vail Energy Services, LLC, 153 Main Street, Lebanon, New Jersey. A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to award the one year service contract to VAIL ENERGY SERVICE, LLC.

Vote all ayes  
1 Abstention (Ragozine)  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 07-04 – AMENDMENT TO SECTION 73**

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #07-04 as submitted:

ORDINANCE #07-04  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON,  
CHAPTER 73, FEE SCHEDULE  
SUMMER RECREATION FEE

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Ordinance #07-04 on seconded reading.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE # 07-05 – CAP**

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine to open the public hearing on Ordinance #07-05 as submitted:

ORDINANCE #07-05  
CALENDAR YEAR 2007  
ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

There being no public comment, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Harrison.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. De Cleene to adopt Ordinance #07-05 on second reading.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**2007 BUDGET**

Auditor Warren Korecky attended tonight's meeting and was available to answer any questions pertaining to the 2007 Budget. Mr. Korecky advised Council that verbal approval of the Budget was received by the Division of Local Government Services following the introduction on March

27, 2007. Mayor Schaumburg announced a flat budget and no cuts in services. The Town of Clinton is in receipt of \$230,000 that will be used to fund road work in the Knolls and School Street projects. Monies being spent in 2007 will be higher due to pensions and contractual obligations however, the tax rate is doing down. A motion to open the public hearing of the 2007 Budget was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Harrison.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

Whitney Wetherill, 36 West Main Street, asked when will the residents know their final tax bill? Kathy Olsen, CFO, replied that Tax Bills will be sent in July or August but added assessment bill will be sent in November.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Harrison.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to adopt the 2007 Budget as presented.

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

**RESOLUTION #66-07 - SALARY RESOLUTION**

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Resolution #66-07 as presented.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

**RESOLUTION #67-07 – SMART GROWTH GRANT APPLICATION**

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to adopt Resolution # 67-07 as presented.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

**RESOLUTION #68-07 – ALTERNATE WATER ENGINEER**

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to adopt Resolution #68-07 engaging Robert A. Pennington, P.E. as Alternate Water Engineer for the year 2007.

Vote all ayes  
1 Abstention (Ragozine)  
Motion carried

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

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – ROBERT A. PENNINGTON, P.E.**

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Shea, authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Robert A. Pennington, P.E. of the firm Camp Dresser and McKee, Inc. to serve as Alternate Water Engineer for the Town of Clinton for the calendar year 2007.

Vote all ayes  
1 Abstention (Ragozine)  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #69-07 – NJ POLICE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REIMBURSEMENT GRANT**

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Resolution #69-07 stating the support of Mayor and Council for the submission of an application to the New Jersey Police Domestic Violence Reimbursement Grant available through Department of Community Affairs.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE # 07-06 – GREASE TRAPS**

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Ordinance #07-06 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #07-06  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 112 OF THE CODE  
OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON  
TO CONTROL THE INTRODUCTION OF FATS, OILS, AND GREASES  
INTO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON

Vote all ayes  
1 Abstention (Pender)  
Motion carried

A notice will be published in the Hunterdon Review edition of April 18, 2007. A second reading will be held May 8, 2007.

(A copy of this Ordinance will be attached to these minutes)

**WATER REFUND**

Water Collector, Nancy Burgess, is requesting a refund to Joseph Picone in the amount of \$60.82. A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Insel to grant the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT – DOUGLAS BERRY**

Treatment Plant Superintendent, Paul Klitsch, is requesting that Douglas Berry be given permanent full-time status at the end of his 90-day probationary period, April 2, 2007. A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to grant the request.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Congratulations received from the Arbor Day Foundation naming the Town of Clinton a Tree City USA for 2006.

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

### **Councilman Harrison**

1. Hunterdon Chamber of Commerce, Business of Government is progressing in their search for an Executive Director to begin inventorying in the Hunterdon municipalities.
2. Water Committee – Mr. Cutter and Andrew Holt, P.E. scheduling to meet with Highlands Council regarding Well 16 and will report back to the Committee.
3. Personnel – next meeting Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.
4. Emergency Services Foundation meetings changed to the third Wednesdays of the month.
5. SWAC – third Tuesdays of the month.
6. Fire Department – hoping to have the new truck at the Community Center on Kids Day.

### **Councilman Shea**

1. Clinton Guild – working on promotions. Planning a BINGO night every third Friday, beginning April 20. Guild also interested in attending Kids Day event.
2. Roads – Committee discussing the Knolls construction project.

### **Councilwoman Insel**

1. The Smart Growth Committee has scheduled dates for the charrette to take place at Clinton Public School. A charrette is a public meeting with professionals from DOT, Community owners, residents, Police, Fire, Rescue, Planning Board and Board of Adjustment members. Topics to be addressed are streetscapes, traffic, parking, downtown revitalization. Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> all day. Their intentions are to draw up plans which would be presented to the Planning Board in the Fall. The Regional Plan Association will be preparing a press release.

The Committee will meet on their next regularly scheduled meeting, the second Thursday of the month, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

2. Next Historic Commission meeting April 18, 2007. 47 Leigh Street progress is fantastic! Hoping for a May Grand Opening!

### **Councilman Ragozine**

1. Parks and Playgrounds - COUNTRY RUN on April 28, 2007 beginning 9:00 a.m. at Bundt Park, Clinton Township.
2. Senior Luncheon – May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad.
3. Gebhardt Field – Dugouts have been leveled.
4. Community Center – Backboards are in, Public Works making new brackets to hang them.

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

1. Mr. Cutter and Town Engineer, Robert Clerico, will be meeting with Christopher Adams of Civil Dynamics to discuss an alternate design for the Clinton Mills Dam and Dike project. Once a final report is prepared it will be released to Mayor, Council and the public.
2. Bob O’Neil, New Jersey Water Supply Authority, Watershed Protection Unit, recently made a presentation to the Mayor and Council. Mr. O’Neil followed up by sending a survey to 50 Town employees and volunteers. To date, 10 have been returned. It is important that these surveys get returned and Mr. Cutter urged everyone to respond.

**APPROVAL OF OVERTIME & STANDBY PAY:**

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Pender, to approve the Overtime and Standby Pay for the period March 23, 2007 to April 5, 2007.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – RESOLUTION #70-07**

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt Resolution #70-07 to enter into Executive session to discuss Personnel.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. De Cleene 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