

Councilman Ragozine called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – Harrison, Pender, Ragozine, Shea,  
Insel, Mayor Schaumburg arrived at 7:45 p.m.

Absent - De Cleene

**STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:**

Councilman Ragozine 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 April 24, 2007 as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

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

Assessor’s Report, Clerk’s Account, Construction Control Account, Fire Official Report, Police Report, Sewer Collector’s Report, Tax Collector’s Report, Water Collector’s Report, Treasurer’s Report, Treasurer’s Report, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent’s Report, Zoning Officer/Construction Official Report.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Whitney Wetherill, 36 West Main Street, thanked Mr. Cutter and the Public Works men for the additional pick up of trash on Main Street over the weekend.

Ron Williams, 4 Chalfonte Drive, Lebanon, owner of Balic of Clinton, 8 East Main Street, Clinton, asked if there would be time to comment on the agenda item #11, Amendment to Sign Ordinance. Mr. Ragozine assured Mr. Williams the opportunity to speak when the item was addressed.

Joelle Garber, Leigh Street, thanked Mr. Cutter for fixing the fence at the backstop at Gebhardt Field.

**PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #07-06 – GREASE TRAPS**

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Pender, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #07-06:

ORDINANCE #07-06

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  
Motion carried

Chris D’Annunzio, Hunterdon On-Line News, asked for a brief explanation of what this ordinance pertains to. Mr. Cutter explained the guidelines pertaining to the maintenance of grease traps to prevent blockages to the sewer system. All affected business establishments have been notified.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Shea to adopt Ordinance #07-06 on second reading as presented.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Harrison, Pender, Ragozine, Shea

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RAFFLE APPLICATION – WHITEHOUSE ROTARY**

Council is in receipt of a raffle application from the Whitehouse Rotary for July 15<sup>th</sup>, the day of the Rubber Ducky Race. A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Pender to approve the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

(Councilwoman Insel and Mayor Schaumburg arrived)

**SPECIAL EVENT – LED ZEPPLIN NIGHT**

Council has received an application to hold a “Led Zeppelin Night” on Main Street. Organizer, Anne Rossi, of Addicted Jeans Store on Main Street, described to Council her plans of closing Main Street and having a band located on the lower portion of the Pony Truss Bridge which would also involve closing the bridge. The event would be held on a September Saturday night from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Ms. Rossi attended a board meeting of the Clinton Guild, contacted the Clinton Fire, Clinton Rescue and the Clinton Police. The Fire Department asked that an open path remain down Main Street at all times in case of fire and the Police suggested extra police be on duty. Police Chief Matheis also expressed concerns over closing Main Street and suggested other locations for the bandstand. Ms. Rossi stated that no outside food vendors would be permitted to sell and she would cover all expenses incurred with advertising and such. Mayor Schaumburg asked Ms. Rossi to formally contact all business owners and residents on Main and East Main Streets and get feedback.

Ms. Wetherill asked about the condition of the Pony Truss Bridge following the Christmas Parade when floats were not being able to cross the bridge. Mr. Cutter said he could not permit crowds to gather on the bridge.

Peter Joseph, Clinton Falls, 49-51 Main Street, said that this event is being planned in front of his store and was concerned about damage that might occur, liability issues and insurance? Mr. Joseph continued, "what time is this event, do I have to close my business?" Mayor Schaumburg replied to Mr. Joseph that this application has not been approved yet. Ms. Rossi is reaching out to all merchants and residents and comments will be addressed.

Discussion will continue on this application.

#### **SPECIAL EVENT – BENEFIT SHOW FOR VOORHEES HIGH SCHOOL**

Council is in receipt of a Special Event application to benefit Voorhees High School, featuring six bands to promote funds, awareness, support for the installation of photovoltaic cells and the school. The application is to hold this event at the Clinton Community Center on June 21, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. This application will be forwarded to the Parks and Playgrounds Commission for their review and then return to Council following. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to table this special event application at this time.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

#### **SPECIAL EVENT – INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK BENEFIT**

Special Event application submitted by Evan Straley, of Boy Scout Troop 119, who would like to sponsor a fund raiser for Interfaith Hospitality Network of Hunterdon County and to help combat homelessness in the County. Parks and Playgrounds Commission has reviewed this application and approved the benefit concert scheduled for May 11, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Pender, to approve the request.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

#### **CELL TOWER LEASE**

Mr. Cutter explained that this DRAFT lease is for informational purposes only at this point. It was prepared for the purpose of soliciting comments in order to create a final bid document for a potential tenant. A final document will be distributed to Mayor and Council.

#### **RESOLUTION #75-07 - MARUDY DRIVE**

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Resolution #75-07, authorizing Mr. Cutter to enter into a contract with Renda Roads, to repair and restore the area around the leaks on Marudy Drive and the eminent emergency.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

**RESOLUTION #76-07 – PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES**

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt Resolution #76-07 authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Chavond-Barry Engineering Corp. to assist with emission difficulties from the Town of Clinton Sewer Plant services.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – CHAVOND – BARRY ENGINEERING**

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine authorizing Mayor and Clerk to sign documents to enter into the agreement with Chavond-Barry Engineering Corp.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RE-EXAMINATION REPORT OF THE MASTER PLAN**

The Planning Board has adopted the 2007 Master Plan Reexamination Report and forwarded to County for their review. Council will review and address this report at the next meeting, May 22, 2007.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE # 07-09 – AMENDMENT TO SIGN ORDINANCE**

Mayor Schaumburg stated that the Planning Board reviewed the 34-page proposed amendment to the Sign Ordinance, found it to be consistent with the Master Plan and recommended it to the Mayor and Council for review and adoption. Mayor Schaumburg read into the record a memorandum from Chief Matheis detailing his opinion on observations he has encountered. (a copy attached).

Council members, as well as the public, continue to have different thoughts and concerns with the proposed ordinance. Additional comments will be addressed at the May 22 and June 12 meeting. The Town Planner will be requested to attend the next two meetings, as well as the members of the Sign Committee, Clinton Guild and local merchants.

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Ordinance #07-09 on first reading:

ORDINANCE #07-09  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON  
AMENDING THE LAND USE CODE OF THE TOWN

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A notice will be published in the Hunterdon Review edition of May 23, 2007. A second reading will be held June 12, 2007.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Chief Matheis has been notified by NJDOT of Exit 15 Milling and Paving Schedule. Milling will take place May 14 and 15 beginning at 8:00 p.m. Paving will take place May 16 and 17 at approximately the same time.
2. Mayor and Council have received a 2006 Audit Report for their review. There were no recommendations. The audit will be on the next agenda for discussion and the signing of the Group Affidavit. Mayor Schaumburg thanked Kathy Olsen, CFO, for doing such a fine job.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

1. Mayor Schaumburg announced the appointment of Winifred Scuteri to the Smart Growth Committee.
2. Mayor Schaumburg sent a letter to NJDOT Commissioner Kris Kolluri to consider "quiet pavement" for the repaving of I-78 scheduled for 2008.

**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS**

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

1. Recycling Program continues to keep costs of garbage down.
2. The Water and Roads Committees have begun discussing plans for the Clinton Knolls Improvement Project.

**Councilman Pender**

1. Town Wide Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 2, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to ??
2. Newsletter deadline date – May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Councilman Ragozine**

1. Parks & Playgrounds – Senior Luncheon was held May 6 at 12:30 p.m. at the Rescue Squad. Approximately 60 seniors attended and had a nice time.
2. Community Center – One new backboard has been mounted and the other is ready to be hung. Improvements to Gebhardt Field are being discussed.

**Councilwoman Insel**

1. Historic Commission – Planning the opening of 47 Leigh Street, no date has been set for the next Commission meeting.
2. Smart Growth - Community Vision Study took place Monday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m. The Town Planner, Regional Planner, four representatives from NJDOT toured the Town and are preparing a draft plan to be further discussed at the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, at 7:00 p.m. and the final day on Saturday, June 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All meetings take place at the Clinton Public School in the multi-purpose room.

A \$45,000 grant received from the State is covering all expenses to professionals.

**Councilman Shea**

1. Clinton Guild will continue holding Bingo night on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month.
2. Roads – Temporary speed bumps being installed on Haver Farm leading to the Hunts Mill Park. Hopes are to deter speeders using the Park.

**Councilman Harrison**

1. Personnel Committee will meet on Friday, May 18 at 9:30 a.m.
2. Councilman Harrison reported on the NJTPA meeting he attended on April 30 on ways to improve traffic conditions on Interstate 78. The idea of a Park and Ride in Clinton Town and Clinton Township have been totally deleted from the plan. Sites west are being investigated, Alpha/Phillipsburg/Bloomsbury area of Route 22 and / or Hampton area on Route 31.
3. Fire Department has received an application for membership. A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Shea, to accept the membership of Craig W. Stephens, 59 West Main Street, Clinton, NJ.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**Mayor Schaumburg**

1. A meeting of the Office of Emergency Management was held on Sunday, May 6, 2007 under the direction of Chief Matheis. Mayor Schaumburg and Mr. Cutter attended the meeting along with Fire and Rescue Squad members to address the recent flooding situation and evacuation procedures.

**APPROVAL OF OVERTIME & STANDBY PAY:**

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to approve the Overtime and Standby Pay for the period April 20, 2007 to May 3, 2007.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

A second public comment portion was opened. Whitney Wetherill asked if Attorney Cushing routinely reviews new ordinances and amendments. Mr. Cushing replied that he does review parts of ordinances and asked what the question was specifically. Ms. Wetherill said that there is no

clause for lawful pre-existing signs in the proposed ordinance. Mayor Schaumburg said lawful signs would not be put in the ordinance.

Mr. DeGross, 7 Leigh Street, said the Clinton Guild does not represent all property owners in Town and asked to be notified when certain topics are to be discussed. Mayor Schaumburg suggested email addresses be given to the clerk to forward notification.

Ron Williams, Balic of Clinton, questioned the procedure to follow for the public comment portion of the meeting, for a question not related to an agenda item. Regarding the Amendment to the Sign Ordinance, he said not one merchant would be in compliance with the new ordinance as it is proposed. Mayor Schaumburg said this ordinance is not yet adopted. Mr. Williams asked Mayor and Council to please read this proposed ordinance carefully.

Patty Hatalla, Spruce Run Road, asked when the tree stumps would be ground down?

**RESOLUTION #77-07 – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to enter Executive Session to discuss potential litigation at 9:02 p.m.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

A motion to come out of Executive Session and return to the Regular Council meeting was made by Mr. Harrison seconded by Mrs. Insel at 9:13 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Shea seconded by Mr. Harrison to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 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