

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

Flag Salute.

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

Attorney Judith Kopen attended the meeting in the absence of Richard Cushing. Esq.

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. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to approve the minutes of August 14, 2007 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
2 Abstentions (Insel, Shea)
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Hayes, Dovetales Fine Heritage Furniture, 12 East Main Street, stated that there seems to be a lot of trash on Main and East Main Streets and weeds around trees and signs. She understands it is the responsibility of property owners and the merchants to keep it clean, but stated that the merchants are busy and not dressed during their work day to always keep it that way. Ms. Hayes asked if the Town could help the Clinton Guild by doing extra maintenance in the business district. Ms. Hayes also asked if a notice to all property owners could be sent by the Mayor and Council or summons sent to merchants that do not comply. Mr. Cutter reported that Main Street does have a street cleaner through at least once or twice a month. Ms. Hayes said that animal waste is also a big problem on Main Street and East Main Street. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs, however, that also falls on the merchants if pet owners neglect to do so. Chief Matheis said he would prepare a flier to distribute to the merchants. Councilwoman Insel suggested that children in need of Community Service be asked to help spruce up Main Street as their service to the community.

Ms. Hayes then asked if the Town could help the Guild purchase flags, such as “Welcome to Historic Clinton”? Mayor Schaumburg stated that Buildings and Grounds Committee will look into the suggestion and asked Ms. Hayes to acquire price quotes.

Michelle Harrison, Rupells Road, expressed her thanks to the Mayor and Council, Mr. Cutter and Chief Matheis for getting the new sidewalk in at the Shell station at Exit 15. Mayor Schaumburg also remarked on their speedy response to the Town’s request to move it but said they are still working on the realignment of the ramp.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE #07-12 – SCHOOL STREET/FOX HILL ROAD

Mayor Schaumburg explained that the estimated cost of the project will be \$90,000.00, however, the Town was fortunate to receive a Department of Transportation Grant in the sum of \$80,000.00, therefore, the sum of \$10,000.00 will be appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund Reserve for the project.

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #07-12:

ORDINANCE #07-12

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF CLINTON AND APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$90,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND RESERVES AND DOT GRANT

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. De Cleene to adopt Ordinance #07-12 as submitted.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE #07-13 – CLINTON KNOLLS PROJECT

As reported at the introduction of this ordinance, Mr. Cutter explained that the Town of Clinton received a grant from the 2007 Municipal Aid Program in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the Clinton Knolls Area Improvement, Phase I, a project that will resurface Spruce Run Road, Quarry Ridge Road and Hillside Drive. The Town will apply for a second grant for the Knolls Phase II project.

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #07-13:

ORDINANCE #07-13

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY

AND FOR THE TOWN OF CLINTON AND APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$150,000.00 FROM A DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. De Cleene to adopt Ordinance #07-13 as submitted.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #07-14 – BOND ORDINANCE

Once again, Mr. Cutter explained the purpose of this ordinance and for which projects appropriations will be made, various improvements to the Water Utility, including the Clinton Knolls Main Replacement Project, the 12” Looping Main Project located in the Clinton Township portion of the water system, including all work and material necessary and Arsenic Treatment to the Lilac Treatment Plant, Well #7 and the Wastewater Treatment Plant Well #6.

A grant has been applied through NJDOT for \$150,000 for the Clinton Knolls Phase II project which is scheduled for next year.

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to open the public hearing of Ordinance #07-14:

ORDINANCE #07-14

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,769,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. De Cleene to adopt Ordinance #07-14 as submitted.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PROCLAMATION - OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Schaumburg read the Proclamation declaring September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness month. The Kaleidoscope of Hope Foundation will be tying teal ribbons throughout the Town of Clinton and other towns in an attempt to increase awareness of the disease.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mayor and Council are in receipt of a Facility usage application from Tanner Dugan, seeking the use of the Community Center on Saturday, September 8, 2007, to hold a concert. The event is to raise money for the RED Foundation, a sister organization of the ONE Foundation. The organizations raise money to help in the fight against world poverty and aids. The music will stop at 10:30 p.m. leaving one hour for cleanup. All chaperones have been contacted by Ginny Rylak. A discussion among council took place as to the right of the commission granting approval for the facility, not the Mayor and Council. Attorney Kopen will research the Parks and Playgrounds Commissions powers to determine if they have the right to grant such requests. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to approve the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Councilman Harrison

1. Emergency Services Foundation held the Car Wash and Boot Drive on Saturday, August 18th. The Foundation raised \$2,500.00.
2. SWAC (Solid Waste Advisory Council) has finalized their report on revising the Hunterdon County Solid Waste Plan. The County will now review it and notify if there are any changes.

Councilman Shea

1. The Clinton Guild is still waiting to hear about parking availability at the Fire Department. Their offer of \$30.00 per month, \$300.00 per year was agreed to.

Councilwoman Insel

1. Vision Study results will be presented on Thursday, September 6, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room. The next Smart Growth meeting is September 20th. Ms. Insel and Walter Hetzel, merchant, attended a Main Street Grant Program on August 16th. The grant program does not provide monetary support, but does offer aid to the entire Town, such as planners. Mrs. Insel will pursue this grant opportunity.
2. Mrs. Insel will also pursue a Small Cities Grant to get air conditioning for the Community Center.

Clerk Covino

1. Regular Council Meetings in November are the 13th and the 27th. The meeting of the 13th will conflict with the League of Municipalities, therefore, there will only be one meeting that month on the 27th. If another meeting is necessary, it will be scheduled for a week day morning.

Councilman Ragozine

1. A Main Street merchant, Peter Joseph, has offered a framed painting to the Town. The Emergency Services Foundation is in the process of obtaining their Legalized Game of Chance License, once they receive it, the painting will be raffled and the proceeds will go to the Foundation.
2. Revisions to the proposed sign ordinance are with the planner going through the final stages.
3. A draft ordinance is before the Parks and Playgrounds Commission for review. Once they approve it, it will be forwarded to the Mayor and Council for final review, introduction of an ordinance and approval.

Mayor Schaumburg

1. Councilman Pender forwarded a copy of a flier “ Youth Clean Up Day” for discussion. Mayor Schaumburg said the Town supports Councilman Pender’s efforts and will provide garbage bags and gloves. “Youth Clean Up Day” is scheduled for Sunday, September 16, 2007 from 8 am to 12 noon.

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

1. The Dam and Dike Feasibility Study is expected to be finalized by October 1, 2007 and the next phase will begin, the construction planning.
2. Clinton Knolls Phase I project is underway and proceeding nicely.
3. School Street and Fox Hill Road project is also progressing nicely and is expected to be completed before school begins on September 5, 2007.
4. DeMott Pond Dam Rehabilitation Project is nearly complete. Awaiting a schedule from Caro Corporation addressing punch list items.
5. Crosswalks to be painted before school opens.
6. With recent staff changes following the retirement of Tom Tharp, Mr. Cutter recommended the hiring of Kevin Olsen at an hourly rate of \$15.25 per hour on or before September 1st. Mr. Olsen would have to be hired before having the required physical and would be on a 90 day probation period. A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Shea, to hire Kevin Olsen as recommended.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

7. Mayor Schaumburg asked Mr. Cutter if he received the new Teamsters Contract proposal. Mr. Cutter has not received it to date and Mayor Schaumburg asked the clerk to watch for it while Mr. Cutter is on vacation.

APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for August 10, 2007 through August 23, 2007.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Ragozine seconded by Mr. De Cleene to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL

Christine Schaumburg, Mayor