

On this sixth anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy, Mayor Schaumburg asked for a moment of silence to remember those who lost their lives.

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

Flag Salute.

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

**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. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to approve the minutes of August 28, 2007 as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to approve the monthly reports for the month of August as submitted:

Clerks’ Account, Cat & dog Licensing Accounts, Construction Control/Inspection Report, Fire Official Report, Police Report, Sewer Collector’s Report, Water Collector’s Report, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent’s Report.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dan McTiernan, resident of Riverbend Road, Clinton Township, and Vice President of the Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad, attended this evenings meeting to express his thanks to Officers Jeff Ollerenshaw and Matt Thompson for their quick response to an incident that occurred three weeks ago. Mr. McTiernan had been driving through Town when he was stopped by an aggressive driver, he immediately called dispatch and continued driving to the Rescue Squad building. Upon arriving at the Squad, the offender drove onto the property and began shouting threats at Mr. McTiernan. Once again dispatch was called and within a few minutes, the two officers responded and handled the situation. Mr. McTiernan applauded the outstanding response of the two officers. Mayor

Schaumburg and Mr. De Cleene thanked Mr. McTiernan for coming to the meeting and for acknowledging the officers actions.

Rich Cahill, 395 Tunnel Road, Bethlehem Township, addressed Council as to his discovery of a camera installed above the traffic signal on Leigh Street and Old Highway 22 and at the Exit 15 traffic signal near the Texaco. He said that these cameras not only monitor traffic, but are collecting data, reading license plates, and are quite invasive of people's privacy. The software to read this information can be done from outside of town, with the flip of a switch. Mr. Cahill said this software is hard wired to a central base collecting data and the data can be used to do a lot of different things. The funding of the cameras is provided through Homeland Security. Mayor Schaumburg explained that the cameras are controlled by the State Department of Transportation and the Town has no jurisdiction over them. The Mayor was informed that they were there to monitor traffic. She told Mr. Cahill that she will read the literature he distributed and will reach out to DOT for information.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

1. Mayor Schaumburg attended the Women's Club luncheon and read a Proclamation prepared by Allie McGaheran, honoring the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the club.

### **CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT – PERMIT PARKING**

The lease agreement between the Clinton Fire Department and the Town of Clinton has been prepared. Mr. De Cleene suggested that the Fire Department attorney, Al Rylak, should answer the six questions posed by Chief Matheis. A copy will be forwarded to Mr. Cushing with directions to "touch base" with Attorney Rylak to finalize the agreement. The matter will be placed on the agenda for September 25, 2007.

### **PERMIT WAIVER – RED MILL MUSEUM VILLAGE**

A letter requesting the fire safety permit fee of \$42.00 be waived in preparation of the "Haunted Mill" annual event. A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine.

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

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

### **RESOLUTION #104-07 – CANCELLATION OF TAX LIEN**

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to adopt Resolution #104-07 as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

### **RESOLUTION #105-07 – CANCELLATION OF TAX LIEN**

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Resolution #105-07 as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

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

**SPECIAL EVENT – BLOCK PARTY**

Council is in receipt of a request to hold a Block Party on Fairview Avenue. This is an annual event and Chief Matheis stated it is always very nice. The date is September 30, 2007 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Memo received from the Planning Board stating their opposition to allowing neon signs in the Historic District.
2. A thank you received from Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce for helping with the success of Taste of Clinton. The public works, under the guidance of Mr. Cutter, supplied trash receptacles and helped ready the Town for the event.
3. Memo received from Planner, Beth McManus, regarding the Wargo Tract Redevelopment Area. The Governing Body must pass a resolution directing the Planning Board to undertake a preliminary investigation of this site. Attorney Cushing will prepare resolution for the next Council meeting.
4. The New Jersey Shade Tree Federation announced their 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting to be held October 26, 27, 2007 in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. The request made to the town was to attend to get better informed on how to obtain a \$3,000.00 federal grant and obtain valuable information about trees. Mayor Schaumburg sought approval from Council to allow for someone to attend this meeting. Mr. Harrison asked the fee involved. Mayor Schaumburg stated there are different fees associated with different sessions and packages. Copies will be made for Council to review, as well as Pat Goehe, Shade Tree Commission Chair. Topic will be addressed at the next council meeting.

**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS**

**Kathy Olsen, CFO**

1. Reported that the Finance Department plans to move to 47 Leigh Street by the end of the week.

**Attorney Cushing**

1. Mr. Cushing referred to the memorandum from the Planning Board regarding the Wargo Tract. He reported that a Resolution be prepared from the Governing Body to the Planning Board stating the area is in need of redevelopment and will have the resolution prepared for the next meeting.

**Councilman De Cleene**

1. Rescue Squad reported 122 calls for August. Awareness Day was held September 8<sup>th</sup>. Drill scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Squad Building.
2. Roads – Fox Hill and School Street Road Improvements have been completed and look great.

**Councilman Harrison**

1. Clinton Fire Department reported 28 calls for the month of August. Crews of Fire Department members are organizing to begin construction of the Haunted Mill at the Red Mill Museum.

2. Water – Contractor Penn Bower continues work in the Clinton Knolls, the project is progressing very well.

**Mayor Schaumburg**

1. Mayor Schaumburg reported that Chief Mathies contacted DOT and was informed that they may be adding another phase to the signalization at Exit 15 to address the blind spot when vehicles attempt to turn left at the light when driving into Town.
2. A letter was sent to Commissioner Kris Kolluri, requesting that DOT address the pedestrian safety issue for crossing at Exit 15 and suggested additional signage.

**APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME**

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for August 24, 2007 through September 6, 2007.

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

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.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Harrison, Ragozine, 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 8:00 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