

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. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Shea, to approve the minutes of October 9, 2007 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

1. Hunterdon County Planning Board has named the Town of Clinton recipient of four awards. The awards are as follows:

Rehabilitated / Adaptive Use
47 Leigh Street, Town of Clinton

Non – Residential or Integrated Use
Fox Lumber, Town of Clinton

Green Development & Project
Town of Clinton Green Initiative

Freeholder Partnership
Town of Clinton Community Vision Study

The Board will hold an Awards Event on Monday, October 29, 2007 at the Route 12 County Complex at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Schaumburg thanked Mr. Cutter, Mrs. Insel, Sara Peterson and Clerk Covino for their work in preparing and submitting the applications.

FOOD LICENSE WAIVERS

The annual request has been made by the Board of Health, to waive the food handling license fees for the following establishments:

- Clinton Fire Department
- Clinton Presbyterian Church
- Clinton Public School Board of Education
- Clinton United Methodist Church
- Hunterdon Historical Museum (Kitchen)

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to grant the request.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

WATER REFUND

The Water Collector is requesting a water refund be issued in the amount of \$51.14 for Account # 3746. A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to grant the refund as requested.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

SEWER REFUND

The Sewer Collector is requesting a credit be made to Account #1425 in the amount of \$240.00. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to grant the credit as requested.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #07-18 – CAPITAL ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Ordinance #07-18 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #07-18

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 \$350,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND RESERVES FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A copy of this notice will be published in the October 31, 2007 edition of the Hunterdon Review. There will be a public hearing on November 27, 2007.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #07-19 – CREATION OF MUNICIPAL COURT

Mayor Schaumburg informed the Council and the members of the audience that an agreement has been reached and eight municipalities have agreed to remain with the North Hunterdon Municipal Court. The following ordinance must be adopted before the municipalities can execute an Interlocal Agreement. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Ordinance #07-19 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #07-19

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF NORTH HUNTERDON COMPOSED OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, THE BOROUGH S OF GLEN GARDNER, HAMPTON, HIGH BRIDGE AND LEBANON AND THE TOWNSHIPS OF FRANKLIN, LEBANON AND TEWKSBURY EFFECTIVE 2008

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A copy of this notice will be published in the October 31, 2007 edition of the Hunterdon Review. There will be a public hearing on November 27, 2007.

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

Council was given copies of the Interlocal Agreement to review. Council must pass a Resolution authorizing execution once the Ordinance is passed on second reading.

RESOLUTION #113-07 – BID AWARD

Robert Clerico, P.E. Town Engineer with Van Cleef Engineering, has made a recommendation to award the Road Improvement Project for Clinton Knolls, Phase I – Spruce Run/Quarry Ridge Road and Hillside Drive to Top Line Construction, Somerville, New Jersey in the amount of \$650,187.00. Bids were received on October 10, 2007 and Top Line was the lowest responsible bidder. A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to award the bid as recommended.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #114-07 – ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT TAX ASSESSOR

The Township of Tewksbury has hired Ann Marie Obiedzinski to be the Joint Tax Assessor for Tewksbury and the Town of Clinton. Ms. Obiedzinski will work 15 hours per month in the Town of Clinton and a result of this shared service, there will be a cut in the budget by 40%. The County Tax Board recommended keeping Marcia Sudano-Kerwin, the current Tax Assessor, as a consultant from December 3, 2007 until January 10, 2008 to insure a smooth transition and allowing her to finish the 2007 assessment. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Resolution #114-07 as submitted.

Mayor Schaumburg thanked Shaun Van Doren, Mayor of Tewksbury, Jesse Landon, Administrator, Mr. Cutter and Michael Capobianco, Shared Services Coordinator for the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce, for his assistance and for applying for a shared services grant to assist with the start up process, i.e. computers.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #115-07 – CHAPTER 159

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adopt Resolution #115-07 approving the insertion of \$470.87 received through the Recycling Tonnage Grant.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT – PARKING LOT LEASE

Clinton Fire Department Attorney, Al Rylak, responded to Attorney Cushing's questions posed by Chief Matheis. Mr. Cushing suggested tabling this discussion until the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Police Chief Matheis

1. Chief Matheis informed the Council that Crossing Guard, Sue Bolash, gave her two week notice today. Fortunately, two new replacement guards were hired recently and began training. Chief Matheis requested permission to hire Karen Cruse and a permanent crossing guard. A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Insel to hire Karen Cruse as a permanent crossing guard.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

1. Municipal Auction was held October 13, 2007 and was very successful. Everything was sold and the Town made approximately \$15,000.00
2. October 24th is the last chipping day, leaf pick up will then begin until the beginning of January.
3. A new back hoe has been purchased for the Public Works Department, funding has taken place over the last three years. The day it was registered it was needed for a water main break.
4. Mr. Cutter attempted to schedule committee meetings for Water, Sewer and Roads. Mayor Schaumburg asked Mr. Cutter to check with Andrew Holt, PE, to be at the Water meeting. Dates to be decided, committees will be notified.

Councilman De Cleene

1. Rescue Squad – HAZMAT seminar on Saturday, October 27 at 9:00 a.m.
2. Roads Committee – next meeting November 7th at 8:30 a.m.

Councilwoman Insel

1. Special Planning Board meeting October 30, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. to review the draft of the Master Plan.

Councilman Shea

1. Shade Tree Commission – Pat and Don Goehle will attend the New Jersey Shade Tree Federation Seminar in Cherry Hill on Friday, October 26, 2007.
2. Clinton Guild Pumpkin Fest scheduled for Friday, October 26th.
3. Parks & Playgrounds reviewed the process of approving concerts and events at the Community Center.

Councilman Harrison

1. Solid Waste Advisory Committee met Tuesday October 16th and forwarded the amended plan to the Freeholders. There will be a public hearing on November 27th at the Flemington office at 7 P.M. Tentatively scheduled is a meeting for interested municipal officials for questions and answers on Tuesday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m. Another breakfast for Q & A may be scheduled.

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 October 5, 2007 through October 18 , 2007.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: 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 Mr. Ragozine, 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

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. De Cleene seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL

Christine Schaumburg, Mayor