

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

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – Duffy, Insel, Pender, Pendergast, Shea, Valenta, 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. Shea, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to approve the minutes of November 9, 2010 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Pendergast)
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to approve the minutes of November 15, 2010 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
3 Abstentions (Pendergast, Pender, Shea)
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Pender, to approve the minutes of November 23, 2010 as submitted.

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

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS – NOVEMBER

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast seconded by Mr. Shea to accept the Monthly Reports for the month of November as submitted.

Buildings and Grounds Foreman’s Report, Clerk’s Account, Cat & Dog Licensing Accounts, Construction Control / Inspection Report, Road Foreman’s Report, Sewer Collector’s Report, Tax Collector’s Report, Water Collector’s Report, Treasurer’s Report for October and November. Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent’s Report, Zoning Officer’s Report.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mayor Schaumburg took this opportunity to thank the Department of Public Works, the Police Department, Mr. Cutter and Clerk Covino for all their efforts in preparing for Governor Christie’s visit to the Town of Clinton on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 to hold his Town Hall meeting. The Governor’s staff was most impressed in the cooperation they received from the employees. Mayor Schaumburg announced she was changing her political party to Republican! Mayor Schaumburg said she always supported Governor Christie’s platform and by observing his approach during the past 11 months in office he exceeded her expectations in dealing with the

trouble New Jersey is facing. The Governor has made tough choices and decisions to help the economic status of New Jersey and by changing parties, she has furthered her support.

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #10-11 – CAPITAL ORDINANCE

Mr. Cutter explained the purpose of this Ordinance is to ensure that there will be sufficient funds to complete the Clinton Mills Dam and Dike project. Mayor Schaumburg has been in contact with the Department of Environmental Protection to seek a grant, however, the Town, by passing this Ordinance, promises payment of the completed project.

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #10-11 as presented:

ORDINANCE #10-11

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINON, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF CLINTON AND APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$75,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

There being no public comment, a motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to close the portion of the public hearing.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Ordinance #10-11 on second reading.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Insel, Pendergast, Shea, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Pender)
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #156-10 – AWARD OF ROCK SALT

Mr. Cutter explained that the Town is a member of two co-op purchasing units. Hunterdon County Purchasing Department received a great low price on rock salt, \$51.40 per ton. A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to award the contract as recommended, to International Salt Company.

RESOLUTION # 156 -10

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders have awarded a contract to International Salt Company, LLC (Rock Salt); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton wishes to participate in the County Purchasing Department's cooperative pricing for ice control;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, that in order to begin a contractual relationship for rock salt, the Town states the following:

1. The contract period is November 16, 2010 to November 15, 2011.

2. The vendor for rock salt is International Salt Company, LLC
3. The price of the contract for rock salt is \$51.40 per ton.
4. The Town agrees, that should the bid threshold of \$21,000.00 / QPA \$36,000) be exceeded, that the Town, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5, hereby awards the rock salt contract to International Salt company, LLC at their low bid of \$51.40 per ton, said price to be in effect until November 15, 2011.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Pendergast, Shea, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #157-10 – CANCELLATION OF TAX LIEN

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to authorize the CFO to issue a check in the amount of \$545.36 and further authorize the Tax Collector to cancel Lien on Block 1, Lot. 19, as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Pendergast, Shea, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PERMIT WAIVER – HUNTERDON COUNTY LIBRARY

The North Branch of the Hunterdon County Library is required to conduct backflow tests for the library. A fee waiver has been requested by the County, however, the dollar amount of the fee is unknown. A motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Pender to table the request until the next Council Meeting and the fee is to be made available.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ANNUAL FOOD LICENSE WAIVERS

As submitted annually by the Local Board of Health, the following establishments are not billed for inspections by the County:

Clinton Presbyterian Church
Clinton Public School Board of Education
Clinton United Methodist Church
Red Mill Museum Village
Open Cupboard Food Pantry

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Pendergast, Shea, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATION

A raffle application has been received for the Rotary Club of North Hunterdon for a drawing to be held February 10, 2011 at the Clinton Fire House. All fees have been paid. A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. Shea, to approve the raffle application as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #158-10 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to approve the Transfer of Funds as submitted:

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Pendergast, Shea, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Richard P. Cushing, Esq. of Gebhardt & Keifer, sent a letter of appreciation to the Mayor and Council, former Mayor, Allie McGaheeran, and Clerk Covino, for preparing a Proclamation and presenting it at the Gebhardt dinner at the League of Municipalities. Mr. Cushing has been serving the Town of Clinton for 30 years as Municipal Attorney!

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Councilman Pendergast

1. Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad has been contacting neighboring municipality's officials to discuss the possibilities of sharing services amongst EMS agencies. The Squad is addressing decreasing volunteerism, increasing operating costs and an uncertain economy by taking proactive measures by reaching out.
2. Sewer Committee – to address the pay increase of Doug Berry for obtaining a new license.

Councilman Pender

1. Board of Health – The Annual Joint Rabies Clinic with Clinton Township will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The Board of Health met and discussed a request received from Lebanon Borough, to join the Rabies Clinic, however, after discussing the request with Felecia Neibojeski, Board of Health President / Vet who administers the shots, and members, it was determined that including another municipality may be too much for the clinic. The Town/Township already issues close to 400 vaccinations in the 3 hour period.

Councilman Duffy

1. Buildings and Grounds – The Clinton Mills Dam/Dike project is almost completed and is beautiful.
2. DeMott Pond walking path grant has been applied for by Councilwoman Insel.
3. Clinton Fire Department – parking lot is very dark in the evening and is looking into adding a light in the rear parking lot.

4. A membership application has been submitted by Fred C. Jimenez, a motion to accept was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Shea.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Councilwoman Insel

1. Mrs. Insel wished to thank Mr. Smith, Councilman elect, for the heads up on the grant application available for a walking path at DeMott Pond.

Clerk Covino

1. Re-organization meeting to be determined. After a brief discussion, January 4, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. was chosen. The Planning Board will hold their re-org meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Councilman Shea

1. Roads Committee – discussed the repaving project for Main Street but with the Pony Truss Bridge not accessible at this time, the project must be postponed.
2. Paver project is progressing nicely and the new contractor is doing a fantastic job! Looking towards February to resume paving locations.
3. The Board of Recreation is planning the Third Annual Winterfest at Hunts Mill on Saturday, January 22, 2011. There will be horse and buggy rides and merchants may be solicited to help with funding for the St. Ann's Bagpipers.

Councilwoman Valenta

1. The Clinton Merchants Guild has three new members. Candlelight Night is Thursday, December 16, 2010. The lighting of the Menorah with Rabbi Kornfeld was a nice event.

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

1. The Energy Grant is being submitted by the Donnelly Group and thank you to Nancy Burgess and Kathy Olsen for their help.
2. Awaiting an update on the Pony Truss Bridge from John Glynn, County Engineer. There has been no decision to date as to a schedule of repair. The Historic significance of the bridge will not be jeopardized.

Mayor Schaumburg

1. An appointment to the Board of Recreation to replace Joelle Garber will be Ken Carberry. Mr. Carberry is familiar with recreation programs and headed the program in Tewksbury.

APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Duffy to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for October 29, 2010 through December 9, 2010.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Pendergast, Shea, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Duffy, Insel, Pender, Pendergast, Shea, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #159-10 – EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Duffy, to enter into Executive Session to discuss a matter of personnel at 8:09 P.M. Robert B. Smith, Councilman elect, was invited to stay.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Duffy to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 P.M.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

Mayor Christine Schaumburg