

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

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – Insel, Pender, Pendergast, Valenta, Mayor Schaumburg
Absent - Duffy, 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. Pendergast, seconded by Ms. Insel, to approve the minutes of March 23, 2010 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS – MARCH

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Pender, to accept the Monthly Reports for the month of March as submitted.

Assessor’s Report, 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, Wastewater Treatment Plants Superintendent’s Report, Zoning Officer’s Report

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Clinton Public School Principal and Superintendent, Richard Katz, attended the meeting this evening accompanied by Bob Pyle, Board of Education President and Lisa Ayers, Board Administrator, to make their budget presentation to Council. Mr. Katz distributed copies to Council and addressed each proposed line item and corresponding cuts. Clinton Public School lost \$404,181 in State Aid this year, however, with the careful approach to the budget, have been able to maintain all school year curriculum.

Lisa Ayers, Board Administrator, addressed the merger of Glen Gardner School District and the affects it is having on the district.

Mayor Schaumburg thanked them for coming and appreciate the great brain storming that took place between the community and the staff . Election day is Tuesday, April 20, 2010 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

OLDER AMERICANS PROCLAMATION

Mayor Schaumburg read the proclamation declaring the month of May as Older American Month.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

None

RESOLUTION #65-10 – TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET

A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mrs. Valenta, to adopt Resolution #65-10 as presented.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #67-10 – APPOINTMENT OF A QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT

CFO, Kathy Olsen, has been approved by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, by meeting the professional and educational qualifications to become a Qualified Purchasing Agent. By having Ms. Olsen as a QPA for the Town of Clinton, the bid threshold has been raised from \$17,500 to \$29,000. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt Resolution #67-10, appointing Kathy Olsen as a Qualified Purchasing Agent. Mr. Pendergast extended his gratitude to Ms. Olsen for achieving this position.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION # 68-10 – DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE

A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt Resolution #68-10, authorizing a Discharge of Mortgage to Christine Hanneken selling to Meghan E. Joyce.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

REQUEST VETO OF S-82 / A-437 – TIME OF DECISION

Mayor Schaumburg briefly discussed a Bill before the Governor and has asked for Council's permission to forward a letter to Governor Christie, and other Legislative Members, asking them to reconsider and VETO S-82 / A-437, the Time of Decision Bill. This law would grant a developer rights protecting them against changes in zoning as soon as an application is submitted for development, even if the application has been deemed incomplete. This would protect a developer from changes in zoning for a period of three years which can be extended an additional two years. This would deprive municipalities from correcting deficiencies in their land use ordinances. A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Pender, authorizing Mayor Schaumburg to send the letter.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #10-04 – HUNTING ORDINANCE

At the recommendation of Police Chief Brett Matheis, a new Chapter 76 entitled "Firearms and Other Weapons" will be added to the Code of the Town of Clinton.

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Pendergast, to open the public hearing of Ordinance # 10-04 as submitted:

ORDINANCE # 10-04
AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE OF
LOADED FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to approve Ordinance #10-04 as submitted.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #10-06 – BOND ORDINANCE FOR IMPROVEMENTS

A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mr. Pender, to introduce Bond Ordinance #10-06 on first reading:

ORDINANCE #10-06
BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO
GEBHARDT FIELD AND RACHEL COURT
IN AND BY THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW
JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$295,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
OF \$105,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST
THEREOF

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A notice of the ordinance will be published in the edition of April 21, 2010 of the Hunterdon Review. A second reading will be held May 11, 2010.

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

RAFFLE LICENSE – WHITEHOUSE ROTARY – RUBBER DUCKY RACE

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to grant the raffle request for the Whitehouse Rotary Club, to hold a Rubber Ducky Race on Sunday, July 11, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

2009 ANNUAL AUDIT

The 2009 Annual Audit has been completed by Warren Korecky, R.M.A. of the auditing firm, Suplee, Clooney & Company. Copies have been distributed to the Mayor and Council for their review. No recommendations were listed, Mayor Schaumburg commended Kathy Olsen, CFO and staff for another good year.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Memo from Chief Matheis to Patrolman Cohen commending him for his hard work and dedication to the D.A.R.E. program at Clinton Public School.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

1. Mr. Cutter is attempting to set up a speaking engagement with Clinton Public School to educate the students regarding the Stormwater program.
2. Mr. Cutter has made contact with a electronics recycling company that is interested in holding a recycling day in the Town. They would accept televisions, computers, car batteries and other such products. The company would handle everything and not involve municipal employees or overtime. Would inform council of additional information when it is available.
3. Energy Audit progressing, Camp Dresser and McKee ahead of schedule at this point.

Councilwoman Valenta

1. Clinton Guild – Nino’s on the River has opened for business at their new location.
2. Grants Committee – Continuing to work on submitting grants, lots of activity.

Councilman Pender

1. Personnel Meeting, was held on Friday, March 12, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Committee met and identified areas to update the Personnel Policy. The next meeting is May 5, 2010.

Councilman Pendergast

1. Rescue Squad – Clinton Fire Department and Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad held their Basketball game / fund raiser held at Clinton Township School. The Fire Department won the game and two injuries were reported.
Rescue Squad reported 134 calls for March with a response time of 6 ½ minutes to respond.

APPROVAL OF STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Pender, to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for March 19, 2010, through April 1, 2010.

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #69 -10 – EXECUTIVE SESSION - Personnel

A motion was made by Mrs. Valenta, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters of Personnel 8:05 P.M.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Valenta to return to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:20 P.M.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Valenta seconded by Mr. Pendergast to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 P.M.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

Mayor Christine Schaumburg