

The Clinton Town Board held their Regular Town Board meeting on this day in the Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Ray Oberly and Council people Nancy Cunningham, Dean Michael and Eliot Werner. Also present was Town Clerk Carol-Jean Mackin. Councilman Appolonia was absent. There were five people in the audience.

Supervisor Oberly called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2017 Regular Town Board meeting. All aye except Councilman Appolonia who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2017 workshop meeting. All aye except Councilman Appolonia who was absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

none

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

-The Town Hall offices, Court, and Highway Department will be closed for Memorial Day Monday, May 29. The Town Recycling Center will be open on Saturday, May 27 as usual from 7 a.m. to noon.

-The replacement of the Clinton Hollow Bridge on Hollow Road (County Route 14) has begun. This month tree cutting continues and moving of some electric poles is in process. The project will make a realigned Hollow Road, replace the bridge, and change the intersection with Schoolhouse Road. Road and bridge construction will start in early July and the road will be open by mid-October. Bid opening will be during mid-May. The detour will be Centre Road to Schultzville and then on Fiddlers Bridge Road to Pleasant Plains. As more details become available, I'll announce them at the Town Board meetings.

-Thanks are given to the Library staff and volunteers for their landscaping efforts on both sides of the Library steps. They did much work and planting last fall and now this spring we have enjoyed the beautiful blooming flowers which enhances the landscape of the Town Hall area.

-Thanks to all the volunteers who participated on April 15 in the Clinton Roadside clean up, another effort that improves the beauty of our Town.

-Grievance Day for the Town of Clinton is Wednesday, May 24 at 4 p.m. For more details, see the Town web page www.Town ofClinton.com, then click on Departments then Assessor.

-A free Lyme Disease Seminar will be held tomorrow Wednesday, May 10 from 9 AM to noon at the Pleasant Valley Firehouse in Pleasant Valley on Route 44.

REPORTS

***PLANNING BOARD**

Councilman Werner read from the report, on file in the Town Clerk's office.

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***ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Meeting cancelled. No agenda items.

***CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Councilman Michael said there were meeting and no minutes since March.

***RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Councilwoman Cunningham reviewed the status of the Park and discussed the Park programs for the summer.

***BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Supervisor Oberly read from the report which is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

***ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

Supervisor Oberly read from the report which is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

***HIGHWAY**

Councilwoman Cunningham read from the report which is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

***SCENIC AND HISTORIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Councilman Werner said were asked for input on the proposed tree law. Eliot will share it next month.

***LIBRARY REPORT**

Councilman Werner said the Library had it monthly meeting and they are planning a 414 petition to ensure a steady income from a separate tax collected. They discussed other issues about sustainability.

***ALTESE (formerly CABLEVISION)**

No report.

***ZONING REVISION**

Councilman Michael said they met and distributed a list of items they have reviewed, attached. Addressing the air b n b issue and new tent b n b's.

TRANSMISSION LINES

Supervisor Oberly said there will be no No Power Line Workshop after this Town Board meeting tonight. There is no change in the status of the new power line activity at this time as expected, the whole schedule is delaying again. HVSEC's combined guess is the developer selection results from NYS ISO will be around August 2017 and the Article 7 Part B process will start in the 3rd or 4th quarter of 2017. HVSEC will have access to intervener funds again but there is little we can do to stop the process until 4Q17 when we know more details from the selected developer(s).

There is brush mowing under the 345 KV transmission line towers to allow painting of the metal towers.

***OTHER**

Eliot Werner said the Bishop case has been resolved and the decision fell to the plaintiff. Supervisor Oberly said he had not heard about the decision and it will be explored more in the future.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update Tree Harvesting Local law – Michael

Ongoing process; Supervisor Oberly read a letter from the SHRAC which says that common sense should dictate and the proposed law is overkill. Councilwoman Cunningham said she heard comments that it is lengthy and it threatens independence on personal property. Councilman Werner will finish a revision and then we can put it on the web and people can comment. Councilman Michael said the DEC does not regulate trees, it regulates water and soil disturbance. We are trying to fix the onerous nature of the original draft. Nancy Cunningham asks to highlight the revisions: Councilman Werner and Michael said there is no existing law so there is nothing to compare it to and it was big document initially because we took pieces from four different towns, now we are trying to pare it down. Councilman Michael pointed out that the law is not affecting anyone with two acres or less.

2. Approve Employee Handbook to include employee benefits for PT employees – Werner

Ray Oberly reviewed the document and gave his comments including: defining the 30-day break for military and a medical leave; pay for a holiday if a person comes in to work that day; Vacation: how do you calculate hours if a person starts mid-year? Who do people report to and how do we record this? Eliot said it is logical for the HR person, which is the Supervisor Secretary to take the report and document the time away from work. Ray Oberly wants two weeks' vacation notice so we can fill people in, where necessary. Councilwoman Cunningham thinks this needs more work. Sick days and personal days: Ray Oberly questions the rollover of personal time to sick time defining the timeframe more accurately. Jury duty: it speaks to telling the immediate supervisor, needs more identification. Military leave is left as it was.

Councilman Werner will follow up.

3. Completion of Upgrade of Frances J. Mark Memorial Park – Capital Improvements – Cunningham

The Town Board discussed making the purchases Councilwoman Cunningham presented earlier, including the refrigerator and the stove but Supervisor Oberly said that the money is not available in the capital project fund until June. Supervisor Oberly said she can buy a refrigerator with the funds available. Councilwoman Cunningham is concerned about renting the pavilion without these important items available for the use of the guests.

4. **Update on Fuel Master system - Oberly**

Ray Oberly said the system is installed and is operational. The System will be used by the Clinton Highway Department, East and West Clinton Fire Districts, and the Sheriff's patrol cars. The keys have been distributed to the organizations. Monthly invoices will be sent to the organizations to reimburse the Town for the fuel they have used. This is a big money saver for the Sheriff's patrol cars since they will not need to travel to and from Poughkeepsie or Rhinebeck to fill up their cars at the end of their shift.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Agreement with Dutchess County Dept. of Planning and Development to reduce submissions of certain planning and zoning actions – Oberly

The Town Attorney made numerous corrections to the document, it is significantly modified and we need to bring it back next month. Ray Oberly will send it back to the County to make the desired changes.

2. Discuss Governor's shared services law – Oberly

As part of the Governor's 2017 Budget was included a requirement that the County Executives develop a plan in concert with the local governments to create a county-wide services property tax savings plan. The first county-wide meeting is scheduled for May 18 to discuss what services may be shared. At the recent Dutchess County Supervisors and Mayors Association meeting, these possible projects were suggested; County-Wide Assessment, Tax Receiving, and Fire Inspections. The aggressive schedule has the panel of local officials approving the Plan by September 15, 2017 and by October 15, 2017 the County Executive will disseminate the panel approved Plan to the public and hold a public presentation on the Plan. Three public hearings will be held before the panel approves the Plan. This process has never been done before so there will be many problems during the process. The Town Board will also approve or opt out of a section of the Plan during the process. This is a mandate from the State with no hope of getting any funding to cover costs or from the savings.

3. Approve purchase of benches for Fran Mark Park from Capital Projects Development Funds – Cunningham

Ray said he does not know what money we have so it is hard to move forward without knowing this information

4. Appoint Recreation Summer Staff – Oberly

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 21 of 2017, Seasonal Appointees for the Town of Clinton**. All aye except Councilman Appolonia who was absent. Motion carried.

5. Approve purchase of new plow/sander truck –Cunningham

Nancy Cunningham said the original estimate to purchase the truck was \$180,000 and the actual number is considerably more. The money to make the purchase comes from CHIPS. It is vital to our fleet. Ray Oberly said we have the money to cover the cost of the four-wheel drive 8-wheeler.

MM Councilwoman Cunningham, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: **BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the purchase of a 2018 International snow plow/sander 7400 SFA 4X4 with front plow and wing with spreader at a cost not to exceed \$215,000.** All aye except Councilman Appolonia who was absent. Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS

Councilman Michael presented a suggested change in the fee schedule. Dean asked that the Board review the schedule and come back with suggestions. Dan Harkenrider suggests renting out the ballfields. Nancy concerned we not rent the basketball courts to the exclusion of the residents.

Councilman Werner asked if the coding of the fuel management system has been done. Ray said yes. Dean said the Fire districts are using one code and that seems to defeat the purposed of the system. Supervisor Oberly said they will start using the fuel dispensing system that way and they will go back after and identify each person and each truck.

1. Resignations and Appointments

None.

2. Motion to move funds

None.

3. Approval of Warrants

MM Councilman Michael, 2nd Councilman Werner to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the April General Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered 144 through 185 A-H, totaling \$36,343.10 and the April Highway Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered 117 through 140B, totaling \$ 22,784.20 All aye except Councilman Appolonia who was absent. Motion carried.

3. Supervisor's Report

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the April 2017 Supervisor's Reports. All aye except Councilman Appolonia who was absent. Motion carried.

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PUBLIC DISCUSSION

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to open the meeting to public discussion. All aye except Councilman Appolonia who was absent. Motion carried.

Teresa McGuirk Library Director – thanked Ray and Eliot for meeting with them. The annual report went out in April. 2016 was a great year financially, 2017 is a different story. They need continued support, programs continue to thrive.

Joel Tyner – supports the Library 414 petition. Had a resolution passed in the Legislature. Regarding the DEC Climate smart community program, he wants Clinton to join in. Dean Michael said we already do qualify but without the label. The County had a major fund balance and he is discussing that the Towns should push for a renegotiated sales tax revenue formula. Hosting a forum on Lyme disease in Rhinebeck

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to return to the regular order of business. All aye except Councilman Appolonia who was absent. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board adjourns the meeting. All aye except Councilman Appolonia who was absent. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol-Jean Mackin,
Town Clerk