

November 13, 2018 Town Board Meeting  
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Schultzville, NY

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, Michael Whitton, and Eliot Werner. Also, present was Town Clerk Carol-Jean Mackin. There were two 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 October 1, 2018 special Town Board meeting. All Aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2018 workshop - highway budget. All Aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2018 public hearing tax cap override. All Aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2018 regular Town Board meeting. All Aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2018 workshop - general fund budget. All Aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2018 special meeting to approve the preliminary budget. All Aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2018 public hearing on the budget. All Aye. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to open the meeting to public discussion. All Aye. Motion carried.

Arlene Campbell– regarding last month’s meeting and comments that were made: It does not seem that everyone knows what she does as Planning Board Clerk, ZBA Clerk and the Building department clerk; insulted that comments were made that she is overpaid at \$19 per hour. She started at \$12 dollars an hour; she actually makes \$16.50 per hour now (2018) and she described the detailed work she does handling three departments. She has 3 meetings a month and is here every day. She works beyond the 29 hours per week she is allotted. We are called clerk but it is not clerical, the work involves a lot of responsibility; timelines and deadlines have to be met, she can’t just leave at a certain time. Every town either has a full-time building dept. clerk or three people doing at least 20 hours a week, Arlene does all three jobs in 29 scheduled hours per week.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to return to the regular order of business. All Aye. Motion carried

**SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS**

- The Clinton Town Offices, Highway Department, Justice Court Office, and Court will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23. On Saturday, November 24, the Town Offices will be closed, but the Town recycling center will be open as usual from 8 a.m. to noon. The Clinton Community Library will be closed on Thursday, November 22 but will open regular hours on Friday (until 5 p.m.) and Saturday, November 23 and 24.
- The Town of Clinton is accepting letters of interest for Town wide Boards and Committees for appointment in 2019. Positions include membership on the Planning Board, ZBA, BAR, CAC, Recreation Committee, the Scenic and Historic Roads Committee, and new in 2019 is a Cemetery Committee to oversee the operation of the Town's newly acquired two cemeteries. Letters of interest with contact telephone numbers and related experience should be sent to Town Supervisor Ray Oberly by e-mail at townsupervisor@townofclinton.com or by mail to Town Supervisor, Town of Clinton, 1215 Centre Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12572 by December 3, 2018. Interviews will be scheduled for early December at the Town Hall. For any questions, call the Town Supervisor at 845-266-5721 ext. 105 in the mornings, Monday through Thursday.
- The Town of Clinton has a local law that prohibits the parking on public roads from November 15 to April 15. This law is needed to safely permit snow and ice control efforts to be done on public roads. Any violators will have their vehicle ticketed and/or towed away at the owner's expense. Please comply and thus allow the highway crews to make the roads passable and safe.

**\*PLANNING BOARD - Werner**

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

**\*ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - Werner**

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

**\*CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Whitton**

Councilman Whitton read from the report which is on file in the town Clerk's office.

**\*RECREATION COMMITTEE - Cunningham**

Councilwoman Cunningham said the committee did not meet and they will reconvene after the budget is passed.

**\*BUILDING INSPECTOR - Cunningham**

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

**\*ZONING ADMINISTRATOR - Werner**

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

**\*HIGHWAY – Michael/Cunningham**

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

**\*SCENIC AND HISTORIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Werner**

Councilman Werner said there was no meeting.

**\*LIBRARY REPORT - Whitton**

Councilman Whitton read from the report which is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

**\*ALTICE - Whitton**

Councilman Whitton read from the report which is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

**\*ZONING REVISION – Michael**

Councilman Michael said no report until January.

**\*CEMETERIES - Werner**

Councilman Werner said it is proceeding, we have not resolved the insurance issue. Still waiting on the financials. The attorney drafted a set of rules and regulations on the agenda tonight. The title searches are in progress. We have resolutions tonight to adopt the cemeteries but we own them as they were officially transferred last April and we are responsible for them whether not we adopt the resolutions to formally take them over.

**\*PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINES - Oberly**

Supervisor Oberly said the NYS ISO (Independent System Operator) is advancing a \$1 billion project proposed by the NY Power Authority and North American Transmission consortium. This is for the transmission line going from Albany to Pleasant Valley through Clinton. The consortium being selected is now expected to be announced by mid-December 2018. There will be no No Power Line Workshop after this Town Board meeting tonight.

**\*OTHER:**

Eliot said there is an issue with Central Hudson with the pole work on Fiddler's Bridge Road. They have a handshake agreement with the Town to get permission with us before they commence any pole work. They did this with work planned on Nine Partners Road. Now they are working on Fiddlers Bridge Road, much of the work done in on private property, but along the road. Eliot wonders why they did not come to the Town first. Dean is looking for a mechanism to following the future and suggests a document of understanding. Dean said they did contact the landowners on Fiddler's Bridge Road which they did not do in the past. Eliot is upset as Central Hudson did not follow the understanding they had. Ray gave a review of Central Hudson's work in the area - about ten years ago they were going to put the poles on the road (Fiddlers Bridge and Lake Drive.) Now they are going through private property and brushhogging underneath to keep it clear. They have chewed up a lot of land with this process. Eliot said it is about the scenic beauty of the town and we have to pressure them to be concerned about that. Nancy said to send a memo to them and described how she would write it.

Dean sent email met with highway union reps to discuss the new health insurance offering. They will get back to him by the end of the week to switch from gold to silver.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Adopt 2019 budget – Oberly**

Ray explained the new MVP rates and the net changes it brings to the budget.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 52 of 2018, titled: A Resolution Adopting a Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019 making appropriations for the Conduct of the Town of Clinton Government and Establishing the Rates of Compensation for Officers and Employees for such period and amending to include the new MVP Gold premiums.** All aye. Motion carried.

**2. Approve Providence Cemetery Resolution – Werner**

MM Councilman Werner, 2nd Councilman Whitton to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 53 of 2018, a resolution accepting the abandonment of the providence cemetery association of pleasant plains and the transfer of all cemetery assets.** All aye. Motion carried.

**3. Approve Pleasant Plains Cemetery Resolution – Werner**

MM Councilman Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 54 of 2018 resolution accepting the abandonment of the Pleasant Plains Cemetery and the transfer of all cemetery assets.** All aye. Motion carried.

**4. Approve rules for Cemeteries – Werner**

Dean said the cemeteries have shrubs but the document does not allow them, how will we deal with that? The Board members discussed details. Ray said the resolution appoints Councilperson Eliot Werner as the Custodian. We should say the position is appointed by the Town Board and then we can change the custodian without a new resolution. Ray reviewed the rules and gave his suggested changes. Ray wants to review this document. Dean it is overbearing and needs more work.

**5. Announce CCA Joule Assets Workshop – Oberly**

The Clinton Town Board will be holding a public workshop to hear a presentation by Joule Assets on Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) where all of the Town of Clinton residents, businesses, and government electrical usages are combined to get a volume discount on their electric bill. The workshop will be held on Thursday, November 29 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall. The residents are invited to come, hear the details, and ask questions. The Town Board is looking at several options and no decision will be made until Spring 2019. The workshop will be broadcast live on Cablevision and later available on YouTube.

**6. Discuss RFP for Planner – Whitton**

Received three proposals. Michael distributed the proposals and asks the board members to review them. A meeting will be set up to interview them and they will be appointed next month.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Approve going to bid for highway materials – Cunningham**

MM Councilwoman Cunningham, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise for sealed bids for highway materials, the sealed bids must be returned by 10:30 am on December 4, 2018, opened at 10:45 am on that date and awarded at the regular Town Board meeting on December 11, 2018. All aye. Motion carried.

**2. Approve boy scouts selling wreaths at transfer station – Oberly**

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves Boy Scout Troop 228 selling wreaths at the transfer station on Saturday November 24 and Saturday, December 1 from 7:30 AM until noon with the proper certificate of insurance in place. All aye. Motion carried.

**3. Approve renewal of dog control contract – Oberly**

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the contract between the Pine Plains Vet and the town of Clinton to provide and maintain a shelter for stray dogs for the annual period Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2019 for dog control and authorizes the Supervisor to sign the contract. All aye. Motion carried.

**4. Announce new recycling information – Oberly**

On November 1, Welch announced there were changes in the Town's recycling process. After much effort, there is a flyer that is available that provides the details. The following is a summary of the major changes. Corrugated cardboard is the same. Glass separation is new and includes the traditional bottles and jars. Mixed paper is new and excludes wax or plastic-coated milk cartoons, tissue materials, and pizza boxes. Container includes two categories – plastic and metal. Plastic includes only bottles, jugs, and tubs and excludes all film plastic, Styrofoam, and all plastic clam shells. The metal now includes metal lids from jars and cans. The last category is what is included in your garbage. It includes Styrofoam, all plastic clamshells, corrugated plastic signs, wax or plastic-coated paper cartons, and snack food bags. All the recycled materials must be clean with lids removed and do not bundle or put items in bags.

**5. Announce DCTC unified planning work program for two projects in Clinton – Oberly**

Dutchess County Transportation Council (DCTC) has agreed to do two study projects for the Town of Clinton in 2019. CR 14 (Hollow Road) to evaluate vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle safety issues on Hollow Road from Route 9G to West Cookingham Drive. CR 17 (Salt Point Turnpike Trail Feasibility Assessment) to identify improvements that will improve walking and bicycle safety on Salt Point Turnpike from Friends Park to Stewart's. Hopefully the results obtained through these studies will enable the Town to get funding for the safety improvements.

**6. Approve generator maintenance contract with HR Schreck – Oberly**

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the generator maintenance contract with HR Schreck for a three-year contract from Aug. 2018 to Aug. 2021 at \$320 per year and authorizes the Supervisor to sign the contract. The maintenance is twice a year. All aye. Motion carried.

**OTHER ITEMS**

**1. Resignations and appointments**

None.

**2. Approval of Warrants**

MM Councilman Michael, 2nd Councilwoman Cunningham to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the November General Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered 421 through 464 A-F totaling \$ 177,147.43 and the November Highway Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered 229 through 263 A, totaling \$ 41,613.03. All Aye. Motion carried.

**3. Supervisor's Report**

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Michael to approve the October 2018 Supervisor's Report. All aye. Motion carried.

**4. Motion to move funds**

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution Number 55 of 2018, a motion to move funds at the November 13, 2018 meeting.** All Aye. Motion carried.

**OTHER**

None.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

none

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**ADJOURNMENT**

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board adjourns the meeting. All Aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol-Jean Mackin,  
Town Clerk