

December 11, 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 6:34 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2018 Town Board meeting. All Aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2018 highway bid opening. All Aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

The Clinton Town Offices, Highway Department, Justice Court Office, and Court will be closed for the Christmas Holiday on Tuesday December 25 and New Year's Day on Tuesday, January 1, 2019. The Clinton Community Library will be closed on the same days.

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 as soon as possible. Interviews will be scheduled when required at the Town Hall. For any questions, call the Town Supervisor at 845-266-5721 ext. 105 in the mornings, Monday through Thursday.

Thanks are given to the Clinton Friendship Garden Club for their placing Christmas swags on the doors of the buildings in the Town Complex. The Clinton Christmas Tree lighting ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 15 at 4 p.m. in front of the Library. East Clinton Fire department Santa will also be there so bring your children and cameras. A few carols may be sung and refreshments will be served. This is a joint activity of the Town Recreation Committee, Clinton Community Library, and the East Clinton Fire Department.

On November 1, Welch Sanitation announced there were changes in the Town's recycling process. A new recycling fact sheet is available at the recycling center and on

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the Town's web page. Recycling and trash disposal operation hours are still 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. You will need a new 2019 Recycling and Rec Park sticker which is available at the Town Clerk's Office.

The presentation by Joule Assets on Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) was held 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 emphasis was to get reduced electric rates and still use green energy sources. The presentation can be seen on YouTube by going on the Town's web page www.TownofClinton.com, then Town Clerk, then minutes, and click on the YouTube workshop held on November 29.

REPORTS

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

***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 asked the Town Clerk to distribute the revised packets. Suggests Thursday nights once or twice a month the first and the third, to review three sections at a

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time and start the public hearing starting January 17th. Plans to review the new sections only in the public hearing. Nancy Cunningham suggests we also hold a review of the existing zoning law. Dean disagrees. It is all on line so it is available for review. Whitton said all of it is on line so it may be confusing, Dean Michael said we will have to handle that separately, Oberly said the entire law has to be on line as certain sections refer to others and they have to be there for reference. Dean suggest reviewing the changed sections in sequence. Then we need to find a clerk to record the changes. Ray asked Dean to follow up.

***CEMETERIES - Werner**

Councilman Werner said it is proceeding. The attorney drafted a set of rules and regulations - on the agenda tonight. The tile search shows the property is in the clear. Working on the accounting report, the insurance issue is settled. We need to set the rates in the fee schedule and the burial procedures. The state has yet to approve the transfer.

***PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINES - Oberly**

Supervisor Oberly said 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 was expected to be announced by mid-December 2018 but that has not occurred yet. There will be no No Power Line Workshop after this Town Board meeting tonight.

***OTHER:**

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on RFP and recommendation for Planner appointment– Whitton

Councilman Whitton updated the Board on the three-year contract for the Planning Board Engineer. Councilman Whitton met with the PB to get their feedback; 3 proposals received, all qualified, the fee schedule shows CLP (formerly Morris Associates) is best and their established relationship is an important issue for the Town. He will make the appointment at the January meeting.

2. Approve bid for highway materials – Cunningham

MM Councilwoman Cunningham, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the bid for highway materials at the rates provided on Addendum A: 2019 Highway Materials bid award, Addendum B, and Addendum C materials Award. All aye. Motion carried.

3. Approve Silver MVP Health plan for Highway – Michael

Dean Michael said the highway crew is waiting for the CSEA rep to get back to them so we have no firm decision. MVP 's deadline is Friday. We have a net savings of \$10,000 to \$12,000 with the silver plan and a savings of about \$1000 to the members. Seems like a win-win.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the change from the Gold to Silver MVP Health Plan for the Highway workers beginning January 1, 2019 pending approval of the union representative and highway crew by December 14, 2018. All aye. Motion carried.

On Wednesday Morning, December 12, 2018 the highway crew presented Dean Michael with their choice of health insurance being the current GOLD plan, not the SILVER plan. Supervisor Oberly met with the MVP representative and signed off on the GOLD plan as per the highway crew.

4. Approve rules for cemeteries – Werner

MM Councilman Werner, 2nd Councilman Whitton to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 56 of 2018, a resolution adopting rules and regulations for town cemeteries and appointing a cemetery custodian.** Nancy commented a concern about who will be digging the actual graves; the highway crew won't be doing that. We need to contract for these services. Dean asks about the audit, Eliot said we did not get it back yet, the title search is complete and it is clear. All aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Annual Town Board meeting Wed., December 26, 2018 at 7 PM – Oberly

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the Annual Town Board meeting on Wednesday December 26, 2018 at 7 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

2. Discussion of Masonic Property – Oberly

Supervisor Oberly said the Town acquired the Masonic property and the building in Schultzville. The Masonic Hall was moved to the Town Complex while the property remains unused. The Assessor noted the Town does not use the property for any Town purposes so the property will be required to pay school and fire taxes around \$600 per year. I questioned the sale of the property a few years ago and was told the market was too low to be worth putting it on the market. The Town has these options; sell the property, continue to pay the taxes until property is sold or used, develop a Town use for the property, or some other suggestions. A decision must be made before March 1, 2019 to change the status on the Assessment Roll for 2019. Any comments on what we should do? The Board members discussed the property. Councilman Whitton said it is still assessed with the building, so its value is inaccurate. The assessor said to be tax exempt, it has to have a Town use. The Board discussed what is an official use, can we park a truck on it? Ray said no. We need to decide what direction to take by March 1, 2019.

3. Approval of EAP Contract

The Work Place contract provides an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) where any employee and/or their family can go to get assistance to help resolve these types of problems; alcoholism, drug abuse, emotional, family, marital, financial, and legal, etc. This is a confidential service for all employees and their families.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) contract between The Workplace at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital of Westchester Medical Center and the Town of Clinton effective January 1, 2019 and authorizes the Supervisor to sign the contract. All aye. Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS

1. Resignations and appointments

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to accept the resignation of Kimberly Diehl as Deputy Town Clerk effective December 31, 2018. Nancy Cunningham said it is bittersweet, she will be missed. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Werner appoint Kimberly Diehl as hourly, temporary Deputy Town Clerk effective December 11, 2018 to January 25, 2019 at \$18 per hour for a maximum of 10 hours per week. All aye. Motion carried.

Town Clerk Mackin thanked Kimberly for her service to the Town and for her loyalty. Her work ethic is exemplary and she will be missed.

Town Clerk Mackin appoints Mary Molloy as Deputy Town Clerk effective December 12, 2018.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Werner that Mary Molloy, Deputy Town Clerk be paid \$18 per hour for a maximum of 16 hours per week effective December 12, 2018. All aye. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Warrants

MM Councilman Michael, 2nd Councilwoman Cunningham to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the December General Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered 465 through 494 A-K totaling \$ 12,080.29 and the December Highway Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered 264 through 282 A, totaling \$ 64,133.65. All Aye. Motion carried.

3. Supervisor's Report

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MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the November 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 57 of 2018, a motion to move funds at the December 11, 2018 meeting.** All Aye. Motion carried.

OTHER

Councilwoman Cunningham passed out to Board members a safety report - any input is welcome from Board members.

Dean Michael questioned a transfer of funds.

Councilman Whitton noted a mistake on the Supervisor's Report and wanted that duly noted.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Joel Tyner discussed a forum on municipal broadband. Invited public to County Legislature meeting. Hoping the Board pursues Joule energy program as he has been working on it for several years. Talked about the DART program expanding. Talked about the fund balance that has doubled over the past several years so he voted no for the budget. Described many deficiencies he sees at the jail. Noted several items that were not funded in the budget to help the disadvantaged.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board adjourns the meeting. All Aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol-Jean Mackin,
Town Clerk