The Clinton Town Board held the Regular Town Board meeting on this day via teleconference using Zoom with a You Tube livestream to the public due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), Emergency State and Federal bans on large meetings or gatherings and pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1 issued on March 12, 2020 suspending the Open Meetings Law.

Via Zoom, Present were Supervisor Ray Oberly and Council people Dean Michael, Michael Whitton, Nancy Cunningham, and Chris Juliano. Also present was Town Clerk Carol-Jean Mackin and Town IT Consultant Fred Shequine managing the technical aspects of Zoom. There is no audience participation. Members of the public may view the Board meeting as it is livestreamed on the "Town Board Videos page on the Town of Clinton Website"

Supervisor Oberly called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

# NO PLEDGE/ NO FLAG PRESENT

# **ATTENDANCE**

Supervisor Oberly took attendance to establish a quorum:

Supervisor Oberly	here
Councilwoman Cunningham	here
Councilman Juliano	here
Councilman Michael	here
Councilman Whitton	here
Town Clerk Mackin	here
Highway Super. Martin	here

#### **APPROVE MINUTES**

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Juliano to approve the minutes of the **July 14, 2020** regular Town Board meeting.

# **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Oberly AYE
Cunningham AYE
Juliano AYE
Michael AYE
Whitton AYE
Motion carried.

# **SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS**

This is a 2020 Census reminder that you should have completed your 2020 Census by now. The data for Dutchess County shows 62% of the households have registered and this is not very good This should be very close to 100% by now. In an effort to get 100% registration, the Census staff is beginning field operations with actual Census takers coming to your home to record your census information. People can fill out their census online at www.My2020Census.gov. They also can do so over the phone by calling 844-330-2020 for English and 844-468-2020 for Spanish. Considering today's 62% Census count could translate into a 38% reduction in Federal

funding for the County with our County taxes going up to make up the shortage or County services will need to be reduced. The deadline date for the completion of the 2020 Census is Wednesday, September 30, 2020 so quickly do your 2020 Census registration.

The perimeter gates around the Town Highway area will be locked after business hours. No scrap metal or storm debris will be able to be dropped off. On next Monday, August 17, Schultzville Road will be closed in the morning from Willow Lane to Sunset Trail to allow the Highway crew to remove a large tree near the Iroquois gas pipeline.

This year the County Senior Picnics are much different than existed in previous years. The same local governments will hold their picnics together, instead of tents and tables in a park, as a drive through at new locations. The Town of Clinton will still be with the Town of Hyde Park on Tuesday, August 18 at Regina Coeli Church parking lot in Hyde Park at 2 Harvey Street for the pickup of a bagged lunch from 11:30 a.m., noon and 12:30 p.m.. You must preregister now to get a bagged lunch by calling 845-486-2555 and get your pick up time which will probably be starting at 12:30 since the earlier slots are filled.

For the Labor Day Holiday on Monday, September 7, the Town offices, Court, and Highway Department will be closed. Town Recycling Center will be open as usual on Saturday, September 5 from 8:30 a.m. to noon as usual. The Library will be closed on Memorial Day Monday, September 7.

The Town swimming at Francis Mark Memorial Rec Park will end on Memorial Day Monday, September 7. The Park will continue to be open through September for walking, jogging, and having picnics on the lawn.

We received information today concerning FEMA Hurricane Assistance for the recent storm. The municipalities must input their costs and forms by noon on Thursday August 13 to Dutchess Emergency Management for consolidation with others in Dutchess County to meet their \$1,142,354 threshold. Municipalities and individual residents are able to complete the forms to request funds for repairing the storm damage. Most of the Town's expenses were incurred by the Highway Department. For further information, contact the Town Supervisor by email at Townsupervisor@TownofClinton.com or phone 845-266-5721 ext 105.

We had a conference call on late afternoon on August 11 between County Executive Marc Molinaro, Dutchess County Supervisors and Mayors, and officials from Altice concerning the problem of no cablevision service during the recent hurricane. We expressed great concern about the outage since it impacted the community's and governments' safety without telephone and internet. Altice admitted they did not provide any communication with County and local governments about this lack of cablevision service during the hurricane. Altice agreed to participate in the County' emergency operations in the future and provide the County and local officials direct contacts for future problems.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Approve Dutchess County Snow Plow Contract – Oberly

We added to the previous Dutchess County Snow Plowing Contract Hollow Road (CR 14) from North Quaker Lane (CR 16) to Salt Point Turnpike (NYS 115). We must use Hollow Road to get to many of our Town roads for snow plowing and ice control during the winter so getting income to do Hollow Road saves on Town expenses for this road. The additional income will help offset the bond expense to purchase the two new snowplow trucks approved earlier this year.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 32 of 2020, authorizing the Town Supervisor to execute a contract for the Town's participation in the County Snow and Ice Control Programs, as outlined in the Town and County contract for the County Snow and Ice Control Program for the Winter season October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.** 

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Oberly	AYE
Cunningham	AYE
Juliano	AYE
Michael	AYE
Whitton	AYE

Motion carried.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Approve support requesting NYS Legislation to allow Towns the ability to set speed limits on their jurisdiction's roads – Oberly

Currently all Towns have an onerous process to get NYS DOT approval to change speed limits on roads within the Town. Cities and villages can set their own speed limits within their jurisdiction. The Dutchess County Supervisors and Mayors Association is working to get their Town members to support requesting the NYS Legislature to make a law which would allow Towns the ability to set the speed limits within their jurisdiction.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves support requesting NYS Legislation to allow Towns the ability to set speed limits on their jurisdiction's roads.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Oberly AYE
Cunningham AYE
Juliano AYE
Michael AYE
Whitton AYE
Motion carried.

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2. Approve Partner Rentals equipment credit application and authorize the Town Supervisor to sign – Oberly

We need to approve and sign this Partner Rentals equipment credit application to rent highway equipment as needed.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Juliano to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 33 of 2020, a contract with Partner Rentals for the rental of contractor's equipment and miscellaneous equipment and authorizes the Supervisor to sign and execute the agreement.** Nancy Cunningham praised Todd Martin in researching this issue to get the best local prices.

# **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Oberly AYE
Cunningham AYE
Juliano AYE
Michael AYE
Whitton AYE
Motion carried.

# 3. Approve Highway Superintendent Todd Martin to speak about highway matters – Juliano

MM Councilman Juliano, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves allowing Highway Superintendent Todd Martin to join the meeting to speak on highway matters.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Oberly AYE
Cunningham AYE
Juliano AYE
Michael AYE
Whitton AYE

Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Todd Martin – thanked the Town Board, the Highway crew has finished blacktopping from Shadblow to Maple and Maple to Nine Partners intersection, and then from Electronics to the Parkway. Now rebuilding shoulders. The crew also did Oil and stone on Browning from Clinton Hollow to Clinton Ave., and Fallkill Road from Rusky to the Hyde Park town line.

The two new trucks arrived in the dealership and expect fall delivery. Thanked Town Board for approving snow and ice control agreement with the additional county roads, this will give us more income to help pay for two new trucks.

With two new trucks, we are surplusing several items including two old trucks with sanders and plow and a tractor, all set with reserves.

Regarding CHIPS – Albany is saying to spend this money allocated as next year it may be taken away due to budget constraints. Asking for a new loader and new pick up truck using CHIPS funds tonight.

4. Approve purchase of new Chevy Silverado and new Hyundai Wheel Loader using CHIPS funds – Juliano/Cunningham

Chris Juliano said the cost to repair the loader we have is \$25,000; we will be reimbursed from the State for these purchases as we are using CHIPS funds.

MM Councilman Juliano, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the purchase of a 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 LT V-8 with one 9.5 ft. Fisher XV2 Stainless V- plow and 2 magnum back rack with red/white LED at a cost not to exceed \$48,032.00 off of Dutchess County contract bid using CHIPS funds.

# **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Oberly	AYE	
Cunningham	AYE	
Juliano	AYE	
Michael	AYE	
Whitton	AYE	
Motion carried.		

MM Councilman Juliano, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the purchase of a Hyundai HL-940 Wheel Loader at a cost not to exceed \$119,530.00 with extended warranty off of state bid using CHIPS funds.

# **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Oberly	AYE	
Cunningham	AYE	
Juliano	AYE	
Michael	AYE	
Whitton	AYE	
Motion carried.		

Todd Martin thanked the Town Board and Town Clerk for their help to make these purchases.

#### 5. Discuss installation of new roof at Friends Park Pavilion – Cunningham

Councilwoman Cunningham said she has started the process, the roof is needed as it is in poor shape. It will be under \$10,000 and we have two bids and expecting one more. The motion will come in September

#### 6. Discuss installation of new fencing at Friends Park – Cunningham

Councilwoman Cunningham said this has been needed for several years with the highway crew shoring it up as needed. We will go out for bids to replace the fence and backstop in time for next season. Money is from subdivision funds, held in reserve for recreation purchases from the approval of subdivisions.

#### 7. Approve sale of surplus highway items through Absolute Auctions – Juliano

Highway Superintendent Todd Martin wants the Board to consider adding the old loader to the auction list. It is currently listed as a trade in to purchase the new loader.

MM Councilman Juliano, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the Sale of Highway Surplus items through Absolute Auctions as listed on **Attachment A**. Nancy Cunningham said Todd has done a good job to surplus these items to add money to the Highway budget.

# **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Oberly AYE
Cunningham AYE
Juliano AYE
Michael AYE
Whitton AYE
Motion carried.

#### 8. Approve Rules and Regulations of the Town of Clinton Cemetery - Whitton

MM Councilman Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 34** of 2020 Cemetery Rules and Regulations, replacing Resolution No. 28 of 2020 and No. 56 of 2018.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Oberly AYE
Cunningham AYE
Juliano AYE
Michael AYE
Whitton AYE
Motion carried.

#### 1. Resignations and appointments

#### A. Appoint Lifeguards – Cunningham

MM Councilwoman Cunningham, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve Resolution No 35 of 2020 Summer seasonal lifeguards with a term of office of July 1, to October 1, 2020 at the rate listed.

# **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Oberly AYE
Cunningham AYE
Juliano AYE
Michael AYE
Whitton AYE
Motion carried.

#### **B.** Resignation - Cunningham

MM Councilwoman Cunningham, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board accepts the resignation of Virginia Morrow from the ZBA effective August 31, 2020. (**Term ends 12-31-2025**) Chris Juliano said she brought good legal information to the Board. We are looking for a

replacement. Dean Michel said we are so lucky that we have so many highly talented people on our Boards. Mike Whitton thought she was an asset and sad to see her go.

# **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Oberly AYE
Cunningham AYE
Juliano AYE
Michael AYE
Whitton AYE
Motion carried.

#### C. Other

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Juliano that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board accepts Samantha Smith's request to become a part time from a full time Secretary to Supervisor effective September 1, 2020.

# **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Oberly AYE
Cunningham AYE
Juliano AYE
Michael AYE
Whitton AYE
Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Juliano that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves changing the appointment of Samantha Smith as Secretary to Supervisor from full time to part time for 18 hours per week at current \$19.00 per hour and cease all medical, vision, and dental benefits effective September 1, 2020. Nancy Cunningham said Covid has affected us and changes being made because of Covid affecting the Town are reflected in these motions.

# **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Oberly AYE
Cunningham AYE
Juliano AYE
Michael AYE
Whitton AYE
Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the appointment of Rebecca Mills as Part Time Clerk working in addition as Zoning Revision Clerk also in the Town Supervisor's Office for 16 hours per week at the same \$15.00 per hour effective August 18, 2020 to allow for some training. Dean Michael is concerned the town should be looking at ways to cut back and we should be not expanding government; it is a financial wash.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Oberly AYE
Cunningham AYE
Juliano AYE
Michael AYE
Whitton AYE
Motion carried.

Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Juliano that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the appointment of Town Clerk Carol Mackin as full time Town Clerk for 30 hours per week at the current yearly salary of \$28,932.00 and providing Single with children MVP medical, CSEA Dental, and CSEA Vision coverage with her paying 10% of the monthly premium effective September 1, 2020. Nancy Cunningham said the list of duties from the Supervisors Sec is extensive and we must define responsibilities

# **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Oberly AYE
Cunningham AYE
Juliano AYE
Michael AYE
Whitton AYE
Motion carried.

# 2. Approval of Warrants

MM Councilman Michael, 2nd Councilman Juliano to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the August Capital Project Warrant, **numbered 1 only totaling \$5000**, the august General Fund Warrant, vouchers Numbered **340 through 389**, **totaling \$29,188.19** and the August Highway Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered **160 through 181A**, **totaling \$301,745.19** 

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Oberly AYE
Cunningham AYE
Juliano AYE
Michael AYE
Whitton AYE
Motion carried.

#### 3. Motion to Move funds – 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. 36 of 2020 a motion to move funds at the August 11, 2020 Town Board meeting.** 

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Oberly AYE
Cunningham AYE
Juliano AYE
Michael AYE
Whitton AYE
Motion carried.

#### 4. Supervisor's Report

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the July 2020 Supervisor's Report.

# **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Oberly AYE Cunningham AYE Juliano AYE

Michael AYE Whitton AYE **Motion carried.** 

Michael Whitton – Cemeteries, Ryan and Wyatt are doing amazing work, cleared brush to uncover stones and benches. Division of Cemeteries rep toured cemeteries with Eliot and Mike and there are grants available. Thanked Highway Dept who took down signs which were originally may by Mike's father and they are refurbishing them. Nancy Cunningham praised Ryan and Wyatt on their work, townspeople comment to her frequently.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board adjourns the meeting.

# **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Oberly AYE
Cunningham AYE
Juliano AYE
Michael AYE
Whitton AYE

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol-Jean Mackin,

Town Clerk