

The Clinton Town Board held a special 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 Chris Juliano. Also present was Town Clerk Carol-Jean Mackin. There were 5 people in the audience.

Supervisor Oberly called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **BUSINESS**

### **1. Discuss Permissive Referendum/Purchase of Highway Trucks**

Supervisor Oberly explained that this meeting is to discuss the purchase of two highway trucks for approximately \$450,000 and how to finance them; there is limited information on the finances. There is one bid for lease to buy and two bids for bonding to purchase. He stated that there are not enough bids to consider and that is not legal.

Highway Superintendent Martin explained the trucks are year-round use, not just winter use trucks and the prices of the trucks is locked in until the end of February, so he wants to move on this purchase; he said he got three bids. Supervisor Oberly said they need to be three bids of the same type to make a choice before they can approve the purchase.

Councilman Whitton asked if we are using State Bid to make the purchase, do we have to get three bids for financing? Councilwoman Cunningham thought the State bid was enough. Highway Secretary Melissa Karchmar asked why are we talking about this now? Supervisor Oberly said we need three bids of the same kind to compare.

Todd Martin said he wants to finance the trucks over a five-year period to free up money for road maintenance. The 2019 CHIPS money is still available, and the Board members discussed the CHIPS reimbursement process. Supervisor Oberly questions if the CHIPS money can be used to purchase trucks; Highway Superintendent Martin will follow up with the State but feels then the required road maintenance will be lacking.

Highway Superintendent Martin, who is a WCFD Commissioner, explained the Fire District purchased firetrucks with the lease to buy option and they did not need three bids. Supervisor Oberly stated that the Fire District is taking liberties he is not willing to take with the Town, so he wants to see three bids.

Councilman Whitton asked if the three bids are something Supervisor Oberly wants or needs to do; Supervisor Oberly said it is legally recommended.

Councilman Juliano recommended we send a letter of intent to purchase the trucks to the manufacturer to lock in the price. Commented on the good work done by Highway Superintendent Martin to gather all this information on the trucks and the financing.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to hold a special meeting on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 6:30 PM to discuss the purchase of the two trucks. All aye. Motion carried.

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Brian Dingee applauded the Town Board for approving Todd's effort to purchase the trucks, feels Supervisor Oberly has a personal vendetta because Ray is asking for these additional financing bids tonight. Supervisor Oberly said he followed through with calling M&T Bank immediately after the regular February meeting and they quoted a bond interest rate, not a lease to buy rate. Ray said we can get those rates and have a meeting next week to approve the purchase. The Board agrees that lease to buy is the way to proceed.

Russ Tompkins asked about the difference between year-round trucks and winter trucks. Todd Martin explained the difference.

At this time, Councilman Michael explained that he sent all the Board members the Highway contact to review.

MM Councilman Michael, 2nd Councilman Juliano to hold and Special Executive Session Meeting February 27, 2020 at 6:00 PM to discuss the Highway Contract. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Michael to adjourn. All aye. Motion carried. 7:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol-Jean Mackin".

Carol-Jean Mackin,  
Town Clerk