

May 12, 2020 Town Board Meeting

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Schultzville, NY

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 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 and took attendance to establish a quorum:

Supervisor Oberly	here
Councilman Juliano	here
Councilman Whitton	here
Councilman Michael	here
Councilwoman Cunningham	here
Town Clerk Mackin	here

APPROVE MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Oberly	AYE
Juliano	AYE
Whitton	AYE
Michael	AYE
Cunningham	AYE

Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the **May 7, 2020 special executive session Town Board meeting.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Oberly	AYE
Juliano	AYE
Whitton	AYE
Michael	AYE
Cunningham	AYE

Motion carried.

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SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

This is a reminder that the Town Complex is still closed for walk-ins. The staff will be working from home if possible and/or occasionally in the office. To contact the staff, send an e-mail, phone call, FAX, use the drop box on the Town Hall porch, or mail them a letter. The Highway crew is working fully staffed to do road maintenance and remove trees blocking the roads due to the recent wind storm. Court is also closed but if you got a V&T ticket, you can mail your fine monies to the Court for processing. Grievance Day is still on schedule for May 27 with the tentative Assessment Roll being available on May 1. The day will be conducted on ZOOM so contact the office (845-266-8179) for details or visit the Town web page www.TownofClinton.com.

This is a 2020 Census reminder that you should have received a mailing from the Census organization with your personal ID number that is to be used to complete your census information by on-line computer, telephone, or paper form. To date, around 50% of the people in Dutchess County have completed the Census registration. Due to the COVID-19 virus, the Census Schedule has been delayed. On April 8, 2020, the Census started mailing out questionnaires to those residents who have not replied yet. On June 1, 2020, they hope to have Census taking personnel start to track down the people who have not completed their Census registration. Please make every effort to register for the Census since much of NYS and Dutchess County funds are distributed by the Federal government on the basis of population collected during the Census.

The Town encourages its residents to sign up for the free electronic e-mail service MailChimp so they can quickly get information on activities and other information directly. No waiting for the newspaper to come, mail to arrive, or having to search the internet or Town's webpage for information. To quickly sign up, go to the Town's webpage (www.TownofClinton.com) and in the upper right side top line click on SUBSCRIBE and fill in the requested information. During the time of COVID-19, the information changes weekly and sometimes daily. This way you'll be quickly informed of the changes.

Due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic, the Recreation Parks are closed for these types of activities. You cannot have social gatherings (birthday, graduation, company, etc. parties) and group activities (baseball, soccer, volleyball, etc.). You may walk, jog, and sit and observe nature but you must maintain the social distance of 6-feet between people during your activities. You should also be wearing a face mask since you are out in public areas. The Parks are Frances Mark Park (Clinton Hollow Road, CR 18), Friends Park (Salt Point Turnpike CR17) and Girls' Little League Ball Field at Town Complex (Centre Road, CR 18).

Late Highway news is the Highway crew will be doing asphalt shimming of Browning Road on Monday and Tuesday, May 18 and 19. There can be delays so use alternate routes for those two days. During the first week of June, blacktopping will be done on Hibernia Road from the Town line to Taconic State Parkway. Again, there will be delays so best to use alternate routes for those days.

Town Judge James Brands withdrew his request to not be paid while the Court is closed during the COVID-19 restrictions.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve decision to disallow public comments during Town Board meetings until further notice, effective April 14, 2020 – Oberly

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves there being NO public comments during Town Board meetings until further notice, effective April 14, 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Oberly AYE
Juliano AYE
Whitton AYE
Michael AYE
Cunningham AYE

Motion carried.

2. Approve payment for Ryan Mackin as winter seasonal employee until April 30, 2020 – Cunningham

MM Councilwoman Cunningham, 2nd Councilman Michael to continue the appointment of Ryan Mackin as winter seasonal employee from April 1, 2020 to April 30, 2020 at \$13.10 per hour.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Oberly AYE
Juliano AYE
Whitton AYE
Michael AYE
Cunningham AYE

Motion carried.

3. Approve Tourism Resolution – 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. 17 of 2020 titled:**

Tourism Resolution.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Oberly AYE
Juliano AYE
Whitton AYE
Michael AYE
Cunningham AYE

Motion carried.

4. Approve resolution to define essential worker – 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. 18 of 2020 titled: Defining an Essential Worker in the Town of Clinton under Covid-19 restrictions. Town Board members will be added to the list as suggested by Councilman Whitton.**

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

Oberly AYE
Juliano AYE
Whitton AYE
Michael AYE
Cunningham AYE

Motion carried.

OTHER

1. Resignations and appointments

Seasonal Maintenance Person – Cunningham

Resignation:

MM Councilwoman Cunningham, 2nd Councilman Juliano to accept the resignation of Tom O’Brian as Seasonal Maintenance Person effective May 7, 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Oberly AYE
Juliano AYE
Whitton AYE
Michael AYE
Cunningham AYE

Motion carried.

And appointment of replacement:

MM Councilwoman Cunningham, 2nd Councilman Michael to appoint Wyatt Kelly as Seasonal Maintenance Person for 24 hours per week with a term of office from May 13, 2020 to October 30, 2020 at rate of pay of \$ 14.50 per hour.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Oberly AYE
Juliano AYE
Whitton AYE
Michael AYE
Cunningham AYE

Motion carried.

Building Inspector - Cunningham

MM Councilwoman Cunningham, 2nd Councilman Juliano to appoint Michael Cosenza as part time Building Inspector effective May 13, 2020 for 16 hours/week at a rate of pay of \$24 per hour.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Oberly AYE
Juliano AYE
Whitton AYE
Michael AYE
Cunningham AYE

Motion carried.

2. Approval of Warrants

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MM Councilman Michael, 2nd Councilman Juliano to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the May General Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered 184 through 233, totaling \$45,178.94 and the May Highway Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered 94 through 109 totaling \$ 20,400.52.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Oberly AYE
Juliano AYE
Whitton AYE
Michael AYE
Cunningham 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. 19 of 2020 a motion to move funds at the May 12, 2020 Town Board meeting.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Oberly AYE
Juliano AYE
Whitton AYE
Michael AYE
Cunningham AYE

Motion carried.

4. Supervisor's Report

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves December 2019, and the January, February, March, and April, 2020 final Supervisor's Reports.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Oberly AYE
Juliano AYE
Whitton AYE
Michael AYE
Cunningham AYE

Motion carried.

OTHER

Michael Whitton – Eliot Werner was appointed to Library Board and Matt Pfister stepped down as president, thanked him for his years of service. Replaced by Mary Pat Sternberg as president and he wishes her luck.

Dean Michael – PB met via Zoom, two variances were approved. One application for Omega campground was approved. There was difficulty with residents' connecting with Zoom. They plan for Fred, the IT consultant, to connect residents through Zoom 15 minutes before hand to test the connection. Then Fred will put them in a holding room until their item comes up on the agenda for them to address the Board.

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Nancy Cunningham - parks will open this week just for walking. Picnic tables will be separated for safe use, but no other activity. All summer programs are cancelled for now. As we prep to open the town, email Nancy with any suggestions to help create signage to address covid 19 related issues.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Oberly AYE

Juliano AYE

Whitton AYE

Michael AYE

Cunningham AYE

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carol-Jean Mackin,
Town Clerk