

December 14, 2021 Town Board Meeting
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Schultzville, NY

This is the regular meeting of the Clinton Town Board held on this day in the Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Oberly, Councilmen Dean Michael, Chris Juliano, Michael Whitton, Councilwoman Nancy Cunningham and Town Clerk Carol-Jean Mackin. There were people 4 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 November 9, 2021 special meeting (Prelim. Budget adoption). All aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2021 Town Board meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Juliano to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2021 special executive session. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2021 Public Hearing on the budget. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2021 Public Hearing CDBG. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2021 special Town Board meeting to adopt the budget. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2021 bid opening for highway materials. All aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

NONE

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

The Fiddlers Bridge Road bridge was opened on December 10, 2021.

Thanks is given to the Town of Clinton's Friendship Garden Club for making and recently hanging the Christmas sprays on the doors of the Town Complex buildings. This is a long time custom and they greatly add to the festive ambiance of the buildings. Thanks to the Club's members for doing this community beautification project.

The Pine Plains Central School District is the first in Dutchess County to implement the school bus safety program, tackling the issue of motorists illegally passing stopped school buses., across its entire fleet of 38 school buses. Several other local districts are expected to join the program in early 2022. The program will commence with an initial warning period. Effective December 13, 2021, motorists who illegally pass a stopped Pine Plains school bus equipped with cameras will

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receive a warning until January 12, 2022. Starting January 13, 2022, drivers who do so will receive a citation and fine in the mail.

Dutchess County as part of their ARPA Broadband Project is conducting an Internet Speed Survey to determine how good the internet speed service is for the County residents. Based on this information, a technology will be selected to provide the best service throughout the County. All County residents are requested to participate in the survey now. To take the survey and to learn more about the project go to www.dutchessny.gov/highspeedinternet. For those residents with limited or no internet access, the County is partnering with local libraries. Contact the Department of Emergency Response at 845-486-2080 or email broadband@dutchessny.gov for assistance or to obtain a paper copy of the survey. The results of the survey will be used to develop a strategic plan, which will be released in summer 2022. This plan will be used as an investment roadmap for the County to address infrastructure and access needs and areas for improvement. Possible implementation of improvements will occur in 2024 or later.

The Town of Clinton Christmas Holiday schedule is the Clinton Town Offices, Highway Department, Justice Court Office, and Court will be closed for the Christmas Holiday on Friday December 24 and Saturday December 25. The Clinton Community Library will be closed on the same days. The Recycling Center has a new schedule for the Holiday and will be open only on Friday, December 24 from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

The Town of Clinton New Year's Holiday schedule is the Clinton Town Offices, Highway Department, Justice Court Office, and Court will be closed for the New Year's Holiday on Friday, December 31 and Saturday, January 1. The Clinton Community Library will close early at 3 p.m. on Friday, December 31 and be closed on Saturday, January 1. The Recycling Center has a new schedule for the Holiday and will be open only on Friday, December 31 from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

The Annual Christmas Tree Town Bonfire will be held on Saturday, January 8 at the Frances Mark Rec Park on Clinton Hollow Road beginning at 5 PM. You may bring your ornament-free tree to the Town Highway garage and they will deliver them to the Rec park on January 8th for the bonfire. Tree drop off: DO NOT drive through the fence, but place the trees where the wood chips are normally piled. A sign will be there to locate the drop off.

As most residents know by now, this is my last year as Town Supervisor and it ends on December 31, 2021. Having served 22 years as Town Supervisor, it is now time to turn over this task to a younger generation. It was a pleasure for me to serve the Town through COVID-19 and other difficult times of inflation and recession. A few of my accomplishments are building the salt shed, the use of CDBG funds for playground equipment in both parks and other Town Hall improvements, assisted in the renovation of the Town Hall, and many other projects. As we move into the future, I leave the Town in good condition and wish the new administration success in further improving the Town.

REPORTS

***PLANNING BOARD**

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

***ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Councilman Dean Michael said **no meeting due to the Thanksgiving holiday.**

***CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

***CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE**

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

***RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Councilwoman Cunningham said they did not meet this month. She will turnover plans for activities and projects for the future.

***BUILDING INSPECTOR**

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

***ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

Supervisor Oberly read from the report on file in the Town Clerk's office.

***HIGHWAY**

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

***SCENIC AND HISTORIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Councilman Juliano said the Committee bought new banner for Roadside Clean-up day; scheduled for April 16, 2022. They plan on reviving Daffodil days. The members nominated Rick McLaughlin to be chairman.

***LIBRARY REPORT**

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

***ALTESE (Cablevision)**

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

***CEMETERIES**

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

***ZONING REVISION**

Councilman Michael said updates are on the web and we will continue meeting after the approval of the budget. Schedule again in the new year.

***PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINES**

Supervisor Oberly said no new news.

***OTHER**

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. ARPA Funding Update – Juliano

Councilman Juliano will look into using arpa funds for the highway heating units.

2. Reval update

Councilman Michael handed out the draft rfp. The Board Members will review.

3. Heating unit installation - Juliano

Estimated cost is \$50,000.

MM Councilman Juliano, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves going to bid for the purchase and installation of two gas-fired heating units in the highway garage, authorizing Town Engineer CPL to develop the bid package and authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise for sealed bids when the bid specs are available from CPL. In discussion, Ray asked the timing of the bid package. Councilman Juliano said we are waiting for CPL to do the bid and it will push the project into January. The current system will continue to limp along. All aye. Motion carried.

4. Discuss Heating system maintenance RFP – Whitton

MM Councilman Whitton, 2nd Councilman Juliano to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves an RFP for three-year plumbing and heating maintenance contract and authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise for sealed bids when the RFP specs are available from the CPL, the Town Engineer. All aye. Motion carried.

5. Security Update – Cunningham

Nancy Cunningham said The Sheriff recently arrested several people who did donuts in the Fran Mark park; they were captured on the motion sensor cameras. Long term we hope to have a more sophisticated camera system in the park.

6. Story Hour Parents' Petition for a STEM Playground

November: we need to check the legality of the Iroquois property to see if we are allowed to build on it. Nancy will turn over the idea to the new Rec liaison for follow up in January. Nancy feels we should work more closely with the Library on events.

7. Approve SPCA Contract - Whitton

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MM Councilman Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves Resolution **No. 54 of 2021, APPROVING THE DOG CONTROL AND HOUSING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DUTCHESS COUNTY SPCA, and further** that the Town Supervisor hereby is authorized, empowered, and directed to execute the attached Agreement. All aye. Motion carried.

8. Award highway materials bid - Whitton

MM Councilman Whitton, 2nd Councilman Juliano to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves awarding the 2022 highway bids to those vendors highlighted on **Attachment A: 2022 Highway Bid Result**. All aye. Motion carried.

9. Approve updated Fee Schedule- Whitton

The Fee Schedule has been updated to include the updated fees for the pavilion rental and camp and to increase the fireworks permit fee to better reflect the amount of work it takes the Building Inspector to issue the permit.

MM Councilman Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve **Resolution No. 55 of 2021, the Fee Schedule, dated December 14, 2021**. All aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve 2022 Holiday Schedule - Whitton

MM Councilman Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the 2022 holiday schedule attached. These are days that the Town of Clinton is officially closed. We officially added Juneteenth. All aye. Motion carried.

2. Approve swearing in Ceremony and Reorganization meeting - Oberly

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves holding a swearing – in ceremony on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Town Hall and the Reorganization meeting at 6:30 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

3. Approve EAP Program Agreement- Whitton

MM Councilman Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Agreement between the Town of Clinton and the Work Place at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital of Westchester Medical Center from Jan 1, 2022 to Dec. 31, 2022 and authorizes, empowers and directs the Town Supervisor to sign the agreement. All aye. Motion carried.

4. Approve Intermunicipal Agreement with Granicus – Oberly

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MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the intermunicipal agreement between the Town of Clinton and Dutchess County for reimbursement for the modules purchased from Granicus for a term of Oct. 21, 2021 to May 9, 2024 and authorizes, empowers and directs the Town Supervisor to sign the agreement. Dean Michal asked for the process. Whitton said they identify the STRs, they inform the zoning administrator. All aye. Motion carried.

5. Approve Bon Fire - Oberly

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the Town of Clinton Bon Fire event on January 8, 2022 at the Frances J. Mark Memorial Park beginning at 5:00 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS

1. Resignations and appointments –

1. CAC member appointment

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to appoint Lynne Morrell to the CAC for a term of office of December 14, 2021 to December 31, 2022. All aye. Motion carried. (Full one year term)

2. Approval of Warrants

MM Councilman Dean Michael, 2nd Councilman Juliano to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the December 14th General Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered **519 through 574 totaling \$ 77,979.07** and the December 14th Highway Fund Warrant, **vouchers numbered 263 through 290 , Totaling 74,045.00** . All aye. Motion carried.

3. Motion to Move funds

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilperson Michael to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 56 of 2021, a resolution to move funds at the December 14, 2021 meeting.** All aye. Motion carried.

4. Supervisor's Report

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilperson Michael to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the final Supervisor's Report for November, 2021. All aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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NONE

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:17 PM, MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board adjourns the meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Carol-Jean Mackin, Town Clerk