

April 11, 2023 Town Board Meeting
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Schultzville, NY

The Clinton Town Board held the Regular Town Board meeting on this day in the Town Hall. Present were Deputy Supervisor Werner, Councilman Michael, and Councilwoman Mustello. Town Clerk Carol Mackin was also present. Supervisor Mike Whitton was absent as was Councilman Juliano. There were approximately 10 people in the audience.

Deputy Supervisor Werner called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Supervisor Werner read a message from Michael Whitton, who expressed his surgery went well but recovery is taking longer than expected. The Town and the people are not far from his thoughts.

APPROVE MINUTES

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2023 Town Board meeting. All aye except Supervisor Whitton and Councilman Juliano who were absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: (Agenda Items only)

none

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

The annual roadside cleanup sponsored by the Scenic and Historic Roads Advisory Committee will be held on Saturday, April 15, from 9:00 to 3:00. For information see the Town website or contact Rick McGlaulin, chair of the committee, at 266-03003 or email twistedoask@optonline.net.

Rymph Road will be closed between Hollow Road and East Falkill Road on Friday, April 14, from approximately 8:00 to 2:00 to allow a private company to film a movie along the road. The road will be open to local traffic only.

The annual shredding event and bake sale sponsored by the Library will be held at the Town Hall campus on Saturday, April 22, from 9:00 to 11:00. For information, please contact the library at 266-5530.

The annual Library book and plant sale will be held from Thursday, May 18, through Sunday, May 21. For information on donating books or volunteering to work on the sale, please contact the Library at 266-5530.

Camp registration is now open. For information see the Town website.

The annual statewide burn ban remains in effect until May 14.

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The Town is moving ahead with the long-awaited painting of the Masonic Hall. We are awaiting the signed contract to be returned by the vendor. The work is expected to be completed by July 1, weather permitting.

We are also moving ahead on the installation of a new phone system and a new software program for the Building, Zoning, and Highway departments. Both of these projects should be up and running in the next several months.

Our plans to move ahead on possibly joining a new CCA program—which we discussed at the March meeting—are on hold, at least for the time being. Individuals can sign up through Central Hudson if they want a different energy supplier.

And finally, on a personal note, I want to thank the Town employees (particularly Town Clerk Carol Mackin, Deputy Town Clerk Mary Molly and Cathy Gallinger, assistant to the Town supervisor) for their efforts to ensure that the business of the Town goes smoothly. Their work has been extraordinary.

TOWN BOARD REPORTS: Posted on the web, townofclinton.com.

PLANNING BOARD, ZBA, CAC, CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE, RECREATION, BUILDING INSPECTOR, ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, HIGHWAY, SCENIC AND HISTORIC ROADS, LIBRARY, ALTICE, ZONING REVISION, CEMETERIES, PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINES, OTHER (QUARTERLY: WIC, SAFETY)

Katherine Mustello discussed Library activities: they have an Empire State Pass, one can check out for a week, looking for two trustees; the highway department is sponsoring a road cleanup on April 21st.

Eliot Werner – Read from the ZBA and Planning Board reports, posted on the web.

Dean Michael – zoning revision on hold as Michael Whitton is consolidating all the individual reports and it is not yet complete.

Dan Harkenrider, Recreation Director gave the report, including:

- **Summer Camp Registration is open.** See the website for more info
Dates:
July 3-7 (no camp July 4) July 10-14 and
August 7-11 and August 14-18
- **Hike for April**– is April 15th at Wilcox Park, (the 3rd Saturday) on the red trail, moderately challenging. We are Car pooling if you want meet in Town Clerk’s parking lot at 8:30 am.
- **Clinton Swag** selling Clinton apparel through a dedicated website.
- **Summer music in the parks** continues and pond opens for swimming Memorial Day weekend.
- **Easter Egg Hunt at Friends Park** was a success with 2000 eggs.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve Local law to amend Section 210 of the Town Code (Firemen’s Exemption) – Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 24 of 2023 adopting Local Law No. 3 entitled “Local Law Amending Article VII of Chapter 210 of the Town Code – Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers”**, and further the Town Clerk is directed to enter this Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and give due notice its adoption to the Secretary of the State of New York. Dean Michael said that it should be clarified that the property is located in the town of Clinton. All agree to this minor change. Also concerned about the timing of the notice, all agree it is fine as written. All aye except Supervisor Whitton and Councilman Juliano who were absent. Motion carried.

2. Discuss Section 250-51 of the Town Code - Farming – Werner

The town attorney is doing a final review and we will introduce the law next month with a public hearing in June.

3. Discuss Planner for Planning and Zoning – Werner

Deputy Supervisor Werner is reaching out to several Planner candidates; Neil Wilson has retired. Mr. Werner will meet with the two. Dean Michael pointed out we have a contract with the CPL for the services of a Planner and suggests we should wait for the new year. Eliot will pull the CPL contract to review.

OTHER

Dean Michael– regarding the cemetery on Browning Road, Dean gave Eliot a map of the property showing the cemetery and the church which are no longer there. Dean got it from Dutchess County. Eliot will follow up to see if he can contact the owner of the property.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Resolution to return unused escrow funds – Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 25 of 2023 returning unused escrow funds**. All aye except Supervisor Whitton and Councilman Juliano who were absent. Motion carried.

2. Approve Resolution naming two private roads – Werner

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MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 26 of 2023 naming two private roads at the request of Dutchess County E-911**. All aye except Supervisor Whitton and Councilman Juliano who were absent. Motion carried.

3. Approve Highway Superintendent Martin’s attendance at Highway School – Mustello/Michael

MM Councilman Michael, 2nd Councilman Mustello that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves Highway Superintendent Martin’s attendance at Highway School, being held at Ithaca College from June 5 – 7 at a cost not to exceed \$650 for the school, meals and lodging. All aye except Supervisor Whitton and Councilman Juliano who were absent. Motion carried.

4. Approve Hudson Valley Hatchett - axe throwing at Community Day – Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve Hudson Valley Hatchett as the axe throwing vendor for Community Day at a cost not to exceed \$800 upon the following conditions: receipt of a certificate of insurance, the signed vendor contract, and the posting of Town-approved rules at the booth. All aye except Supervisor Whitton and Councilman Juliano who were absent. Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS

1. Resignations and appointments

RESIGNATION:

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael to accept the resignation of Tim Lawlor from the position of Laborer effective April 13, 2023. All aye except Supervisor Whitton and Councilman Juliano who were absent. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael to accept with regret the resignation of James Pellegrino from the position of BAR member effective April 5, 2023. All aye except Supervisor Whitton and Councilman Juliano who were absent. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Warrants

MM Councilman Michael, 2nd Deputy Supervisor Werner to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the:

April General Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered 149 through 209 totaling \$ 62,675.26 and the

April Highway Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered 86 through 115 , totaling \$ 176,224.87.

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3. Motion to Move Funds – Werner NONE

4. Supervisor’s Report

The March 2023 Supervisor’s Report will be approved when the 2022 books are reconciled and the AUD is complete.

OTHER

PUBLIC DISCUSSION none

ADJOURNMENT

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board adjourns the meeting. All aye except Supervisor Whitton and Councilman Juliano who were absent. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carol-Jean Mackin,
Town Clerk