

April 8, 2025

Schultzville, NY

The Clinton Town Board held the Regular Town Board meeting on this day in the Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Mike Whitton, Deputy Supervisor Eliot Werner, Councilwomen Katherine Mustello, Councilman Charlie Dykas and Marion Auspitz as well as Town Clerk Carol-Jean Mackin. There were approximately 20 people in the audience.

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

APPROVE MINUTES

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to approve the March 11, 2025 Town Board Meeting minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to approve the March 18, 2025 special meeting minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: (Agenda Items only)

none

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Mike Whitton's comments read by Eliot Werner:

- Offices closed on April 18th Good Friday.
- The settlement checks from Colombia Utilities will be sent on April 18th to eligible customers who will receive about \$50. FAQs on our website.
- Fish Fry - CVFD every Friday for Lent. Two Fridays remain.
- Burn Ban in effect through May 15th.
- Roadside Cleanup on April 26th, Saturday.

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)

Councilwoman Mustello –

CAC – meets tomorrow. Reviewed subdivision and ECFD firehouse.

Planning Board – read from report, posted online.

ZBA – no meeting.

Councilman Dykas-

Recreation report - read from the report, posted on line.

Councilwoman Auspitz –

Library - read from the report, posted on line.

Highway – read from the report, posted on line.

Maintenance - kitchen cabinets are installed and painted. The highway roof is being repaired.

Deputy Supervisor Werner –

Zoning Administrator – read from report, posted online.

Building Inspector - read from report, posted online.

CSC – discussed grant funding at last meeting. Energy study of highway garage on April 14.
Met with Cornell Cooperative Extension representative for outreach opportunities on the climate smart initiative. Looking at composting projects for the future.

SHRAC – Planning for Roadside Cleanup on April 26.

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Court audit - Auspitz

MM Councilwoman Auspitz, 2nd Councilwoman Werner that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby approves **Resolution No. 16 of 2025** whereby the examination and audit of the Town of Clinton court records for 2024 have been found to be maintained in an organized and proper manner; a copy of this resolution, along with the Appendix 9 Annual Check Lists, be forward to the Director of Internal Audit, NYS Office of Court Administration for annual filing. All aye. Motion carried.

2. Approve appraiser for Cohen/Kramer V. TOC Tax Cert. – Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the agreement with Hudson Valley Appraisal Corp. for an appraisal on the Cohen/Kramer property for a tax certiorari proceeding at the rates listed and authorizes, empowers and directs the Town Supervisor to sign the Agreement. All aye. Motion carried.

3. Approve authorizing the prosecution of a zoning violation on a Town Property – Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 17 of 2025** authorizing the prosecution of violations of chapter 250 of the Town Code at

92 Deer Ridge Drive by the Zoning Administrator and the Town Attorney. All aye. Motion carried.

The Town Board is required to approve of the appearance ticket – Mike Whitton

4. Approve the Hazard Communications Policy – Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the Policy labeled: “Hazard Communication Program for the town of Clinton. All aye. Motion carried.

5. Approve Bond Counsel Agreement – Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the agreement with Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP ("Bond Counsel") for legal services as listed in the Agreement dated March 25, 2025 for the proposed issuance of notes and or bonds for the purchase of highway vehicles, and authorizes, empowers and directs the Town Supervisor to sign the Agreement. Supervisor Whitton said this is a bond to pay for a town plow truck and a medium sized truck, we need a bond counsel to do this. His cost will be rolled into the bond. WE plow 16 miles of County roads and those payments will pay for the bond. All aye. Motion carried.

6. Approve the Bond Resolution for Permissive Referendum to borrow \$600,000 – Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Auspitz that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution 18 of 2025** a resolution authorizing, subject to Permissive Referendum, the purchase of two trucks for Construction and maintenance purposes, for the town of Clinton, Dutchess County, New York, at a maximum Estimated cost of \$600,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$600,000 serial bonds of said Town to pay the cost thereof. All aye. Motion carried.

7. Approve purchase of 2024 Sierra 2500 4WD truck – Auspitz/Dykas

MM Councilwoman Auspitz, 2nd Councilman Werner that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the purchase of a 2024 GMC Sierra 2500 from Romeo Chevrolet Buick GMC, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$61,922.14 from multiple budget codes. Supervisor Whitton said this is an emergency purchase. We have a truck that has a fatal mechanical failure so the money will be pieced together from different budget lines. Councilwoman Mustello clarified this is not part of the Bond. All aye. Motion carried.

8. Approve the sale of certain highway equipment as Surplus – Auspitz

MM Councilwoman Auspitz, 2nd Councilman Werner that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the sale of surplus Highway items through Absolute Auction as listed on **Attachment A**. All aye. Motion carried.

~~9. Approve introducing a Conference Center, Hotel and Motel Moratorium – Werner~~
Supervisor Whitton explained there was an error on the document realized late and the public would not have had enough time to review the changes.

OTHER ITEMS

Supervisor Whitton:

It's been two years since his surgery with damage to his cerebellum and his speech being permanently changed. Thanked all for their support and particularly Eliot Werner, the last two years would not have been possible without him. Gave an emotional tribute to Eliot for his support.

1. Resignations and appointments – Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to accept the resignation of Richard Archer as Constable effective March 17, 2025. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Auspitz to approve the appointment of Roberta Grant as seasonal Cemetery Maintenance worker effective April 21, 2025 for 30 hours per week at \$18.67 per hour for 26 weeks. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Auspitz to approve the appointment of Gavin Reichelt as MEO effective April 7, 2025 with a rate of pay of \$23.22 per hour as per the CSEA contract minus \$1 per hour for 6 months or 1000 hours and full medical eye and dental coverage with an employee contribution of 15%. All aye. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Warrants

MM Councilwoman Mustello, 2nd Councilman Werner to approve the following resolution
BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the:

April General Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered 119 through 164A totaling \$ 55136.43

and the

April Capital Project Warrant, numbered 5 totaling \$ 2247.50

and the

April Highway Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered 100 through 131 totaling \$ 166,658.37
All aye. Motion carried.

3. Motion to Move Funds – Whitton/Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Auspitz to approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve **Resolution No. 19 of 2025, a motion to move funds at the April 8, 2025 Town Board meeting.** All aye. Motion carried.

4. Supervisor's Report – Whitton /Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to approve the following Supervisor's reports: Revised 2024 December, Revised 2025 January, 2025 February and 2025 March reports. All aye. Motion carried.

OTHER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to open the floor to public discussion. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Faso asked about the Moratorium, it was removed from the agenda. Town Clerk Mackin said to check the website the day of the meeting for any updates as the final agenda including the removal of the moratorium item was posted.

Lisa Metcalfe – representing Friends of Clinton; creating events in Town. Looking for volunteers. Described what to expect for Community Day. June 7, 2025 Saturday.

Maggie Schimmelpfennig – hopeful the moratorium will include all applications, pending and proposed. Feels that the Six Senses would have been given special treatment by excluding them from the moratorium.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to return to the regular order of business. All aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilwoman Werner that the Town Board adjourns the meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned 7:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carol-Jean Mackin,
Town Clerk