

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

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

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the public hearing minutes from July 11, 2023. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of July 11, 2023. All aye. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION: (Agenda Items only)**

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael to open the meeting to public discussion. All aye. Motion carried.

Jack Persley – Climate Smart Communities Task force member – town board asked them to pursue a natural resources inventory, tonight brought the update: 20 maps to be used by pb, zba and building dept. Worked with Cornell coop extension and the dec through a grant. The nri will give us a bronze certification for future grants. Brought drafts of updated maps, looking for public review. Maps include water bodies, steep slopes, forests, etc. They will be online for review at 1000 percent on a page with its own web address.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael to close public discussion and return to the regular order of business. All aye. Motion carried.

### **SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS**

Last month I made comments about reaching out to local farms regarding LL4. I stand by those comments. However, there was some confusion apparently. Councilperson Michael made the suggestion that we contact all of the Farms affected by the law. Councilperson Werner worked with our Town Assessor to find about 130 of the farms affected. At that point, we heard nothing more from Councilperson Michael. Councilperson Mustello responded with what I consider a reasonable answer that corresponded with Councilperson Werner. We cannot guarantee that we will not miss a Farm, so we should leave it up to the farms to know the laws the town passes. This is also what I was saying last month, however inartfully.

A new library ramp is finally being installed with the help of local contractor, Noah White Construction. I have been trying to get the funding for this ramp since 2018, and we will be able to secure it this year. I am very thankful for those that made it possible.

Items for next month's agenda:  
STR Discussion  
Time Clocks

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Cameras in Fran Mark

Snow & Ice Control agreement

### **DEPUTY SUPERVIOR COMMENTS**

Adult volleyball and kickball held on Wednesdays 6pm at Fran Mark Park - it was fun.

Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> is Date Night Town of Clinton Style - last music in the park of the summer.

Narcan training is Aug 16<sup>th</sup> at Fran Mark Park followed by Adult volleyball/kickball.

Community Day is Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Clinton Historical Society Property. 10 am – 9 pm.

Tow offices closed on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> for the Labor Day Holiday.

**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)

Recreation Director Dan Harkenrider –

Ongoing:

Aug 28<sup>th</sup> - next meeting Friends Park, 7 pm

Updated the volleyball court and the beach with sand

Reached out for quotes for a surveillance camera system

Walking club Mondays at 9 am at Town Hall

Summer camp has two more weeks

Snack Shack is doing brisk business, open daily during camp weeks

Wednesdays – new program of adult Kickball/volleyball; The group is playing volley and it is fun.

Hiking club at Buttercup Sanctuary this Saturday

New:

Free Narcan training Aug. 16 at 6 pm at rec park registration is mandatory each one gets a kit.

Hosting a movie night Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> at Fran Mark Park, playing an Indiana Jones movie

Clinton Rec will have a booth at Community Day

We now have an instagram account “torecreation”

Katherine Mustello read from the highway report which is on the web.

CAC postponed meeting, meeting tomorrow.

Chris Juliano- on the cameras in the park, we set money aside and we need to figure out what to do. Mike Whitton said we will do an rfp for bids.

Eliot read from the PB report and ZBA report which are on the web. Chris asked how many applied for an str permit, we had about 30 approvals a year ago, total operating is about 90. All that applied have been approved. There are still a lot who are not permitted. Dean wants an update from the county of the properties listed as Airbnb. Chris hears there are backdoor ways of advertising properties as Airbnb is not doing as well as before so he is concerned we may not know all that are operating. Mike Whitton wants this added to the agenda next month so people can comment. Dean said this is now an enforcement issue. Chris said this is a

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safety issue for the renters and we have a contact in the event of problems, as occasionally the Airbnb is an issue for neighbors.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Discuss LL 4 Article V Supplementary Regulations § 250-51. Farm Operations – Werner**

Keep open the public hearing until Sept 12, 2023 at 6:15 PM.

### **2. Approve taking up matter revising the motion regarding the maintenance and storage of Highway Dept. personnel records – Whitton**

Mike Whitton – Highway Superintendent Todd Martin and he have yet to set a meeting as agreed; Todd has all the files they previously discussed and is has access to any other files. Todd has not requested a meeting. Dean said we should holdoff until September and said Todd said to him that things are not settled. Chris said we had a meeting and discussed personnel files he does not like the use of the word personnel records; Chris questioned Highway Clerk who was in the audience and she knows of no reason the meeting has not taken place.

Mike Whitton said at the breakfast meeting they had previously, Todd said the personnel records are fine. Todd has access to Laserfiche and anything else he can get from Mike's office during normal business hours. Dean said some issues are on off hours or during storms. Chris said we never had this problem before. Mike said we gave him what personnel files he requested. Mike described what files Todd wanted and he was given them. Chris wants a detailed list of files that Todd wants. Katherine said Todd is not happy with the files he has but that Mike may not be aware of that. Discussion will continue into September.

### **3. Discussion on Timeclocks – Mustello**

Katherine Mustello wants to understand the different options. Chris likes the timeclock as it streamlines things, is cost effective, saves time and is more efficient. Also it can share information in the supervisor's office and highway office. Katherine thinks the timeclocks should be townwide. Mike Whitton said what is being considered is not a new timeclock but rather a new payroll system. Our accountant does more than payroll and listed their work, the payroll system will not take work away from them. Chris said the system will just link into the accountant. Katherine said we want a townwide timeclock that reports to the accountant. Mike said we agreed this is next year's issue. Chris wants to get it rolling. Mike said this will be in January. They discussed the costs. Chris suggests using arpa funds. Mike said this is a 2024 budget issue. Eliot Werner said we have a system that works fine except for one issue. He does not see any townwide issues. Mike said we have an issue in one dept., we do not have a townwide issue. Chris said this is issue is coming from the town going after and picking on one department, left over from the Oberly administration, so what is good for one department is good for all Town Departments. Todd has certain rights as does the supervisor's office for checks and balances. These new clocks will be more efficient. Dean likes what it does, but is not sold on the cost for 9 highway guys - it is expensive although he says it does make it easier to do reports Although Chris agrees it is costly, he too likes the reporting feature. Mike asked Dean, do we need four different thumbprint pads for each building? We also have an off campus Recreation

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department. There is a thumbprint app for your phone, but then they can be anywhere and sign in to work. It was discussed that you can put locks on the app to be within an area close to the base. Katherine said let's think about the path going forward including the price for 5 units and the cost of maintenance. She will discuss with the Highway Clerk who compiled the information.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Discuss snow and Ice control Agreement for 2024 – Mustello/ Michael**

Nothing has been discussed but Todd wants to renegotiate the price, on hold until September.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

### **1. Resignations and appointments – Werner**

None.

### **2. Approval of Warrants**

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

**August General Fund Warrant**, vouchers numbered **401 through 461 totaling \$ 52,459.42** and the

**August Highway Fund Warrant**, vouchers numbered **194 through 221 , totaling \$ 42,659.81**  
All aye. Motion carried.

**August Capital Fund Warrant**, vouchers numbered **9 & 10 , totaling \$ 692.51**  
All aye. Motion carried.

### **3. Motion to Move Funds – Werner**

MM Supervisor Whitton 2nd Councilman Werner that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve **Resolution No. 40 of 2023 a motion to move funds.** All aye. Motion carried.

### **4. Supervisor's Report**

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner that the Town Board approves the final Supervisor's Reports for July 2023. All aye. Motion carried.

## **OTHER:**

Chris Juliano - Cameras – we need to go out to bid for cameras at the Fran Mark Park; asked Dan Harkenrider about the proposal. The real cost is the system, the cameras are cheap. Dean said it

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seems like a lot of money. Chris discussed his personal use of cameras. Proposes solar panel kit for the Ring product, it is motion sensing, \$200 per camera, times 3, the wifi is strong enough. Dan suggested the ring camera should be placed at the entry and then they can zoom in for license. Dean wants to consider cameras at the highway and the town complex as well. Chris is concerned about the strength of the wifi at the Park. Mike said he will put this item on agenda for September.

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

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

Arlene Campbell – re: timeclock we are here because there is an issue with 9 employees, there is no other issue that needs a townwide timeclock. You are talking about four or five thumbprint pads, which are costly. Highway is different they have a union so they can have their own system. How does it work for everyone, all other employees have their own schedule, how do you thumbprint at home. Chris Julaino said there are different ways to log in.

Melissa Karchmer - the system works on the cellphone. We can set up a radius to ensure the employee is on campus when signing in. Systems were well praised. We will not need the accountant, Hoolihan to do that work anymore, as they do everything related to payroll. Chris uses a service for his business and he submits it to his accountant who manages the cost. Melissa discussed the union has different union rules and the Paychex system can handle both systems.

Jeff Newman – re: timeclocks, there is a difference in the local workers and others that work remotely. He has used an app on phone that tags your location. On the str issue, Granicus said there were 93 non -permitted last year, now it is 65. Actually 36 are operating that are not registered. There has been a dramatic decline in reservations he hears from people. Seems people wanted Airbnb during covid and now it seems they want resorts and hotels. On the farm law, the questions are clarifying, not toward ag and markets issues. Chris said we are trying to promote the rural character of the town. Jeff said business exists in the town of Clinton and it reflects the nature of the town and farming does that. Katherine said John Calogero said the town has to manage if a farm changes its use, the town has a right to regulate that. Jeff said ag and markets said to look at a 3-5 year period, ag event venue law, is about helping property owners who have a farm operation. They discussed farm markets and the products they can carry.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael to close the public discussion and return to the regular order of business. All aye. Motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Juliano that the Town Board adjourns the meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

**The meeting was adjourned 7:43 at PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Carol-Jean Mackin,  
Town Clerk