

December 9, 2024

Schultzville, NY

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 Dykas, Councilwomen Mustello and Councilwoman 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. **(Pledge done earlier)**

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Supervisor Whitton to approve the following sets of minutes:

November 12, 2024 PH STR  
November 12, 2024 PH Ruskey Lane  
November 12, 2024 TB mins  
December 4, 2024 Bid Opening

All aye. Motion carried.

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

none

### **SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS read by Deputy Werner**

- Offices closed for Christmas 12-25.
- Annual tree lighting - a great success; thanked Carol Mackin and Arlene Campbell for coordinating the evening, the Clinton Community Library for refreshments, the Highway Department for the light parade and the Boy Scouts for selling wreaths.
- Toys for Tots - still available, the collection box is in the Supervisor's office.
- Town Clerk is hosting a holiday food drive.
- Climate smart chair applying for a \$50,000 grant through NYSERDA. We used with the \$10,000 grant to make highway garage more energy efficient.
- ECFD holding an ornament hunt December 14 at Friends Park.
- Security cameras being installed tomorrow using ARPA funds.
- CCA public meeting will follow this meeting.

**Deputy Supervisor Comments: none**

### **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 – thanked highway dept for keeping nature trail clear and installing bird boxes.
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- Planning Board –report posted on the web; on file in the Town Clerk's office.

- ZBA – No meeting, it was Thanksgiving.

**Councilwoman Auspitz –**

- Highway - report posted on the web; on file in the Town Clerk's office.
- Library – report posted on the web; on file in the Town Clerk's office.

**Deputy Supervisor Werner –**

- Building Inspector - Thanks Felicity for her work submitting timely reports; report posted on the web; on file in the Town Clerk's office.
- MCEI – report posted on the web; on file in the Town Clerk's office.
- Recreation Committee – discussed the activities of the Rec Committee, will meet again Jan. 27. The gate is closed at Fran Mark and bathrooms winterized; painting is done. Discussed upcoming activities: Jan 25 is the tree burning; ice skating party if Feb 8, Ski Club is open again in January. Summer camp dates set. Yard sale and basketball tourney is May 24, family movie night on March 8 in Town Hall. Considering a chess night, reach out to the Rec dept if interested.
- CSC - did not meet in November.
- SHRAC – did not meet, will convene again in the spring.

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**Councilman Dykas-**

- Hometown Heroes – 19 banners, being installed. We had a warm reception for families to view the banners before they went up. Perhaps the Boy Scouts would like to research a deceased vet and we can move forward with their banner.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. ARPA update -Whitton**

\$47,000 left to spend. Supervisor Whitton discussed the projects listed on the spreadsheet. Councilwoman Mustello asks when we will have the final numbers on the Laserfiche project. We can wait until then to decide what to spend. Mrs. Mustello wants to reprioritize floor and playground equipment and highway roof are first, then leave in cemetery grants and door locks.

We received a \$2200 grant from resident Dal LaMagna toward fixing the highway roof.

**2. Approve LL XX STR Amendment – Werner**

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello that the Town Board approves the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve **Resolution No. 42**

of 2024, adopting **Local Law No. 4 of 2024, entitled “Amendment to Short-Term Rentals”** a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution. All aye. Motion carried.

**3. Approve bid for flooring refinishing - Auspitz**

MM Councilwoman Auspitz, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve the refinishing of the Wood floors in the Town Hall to N Hance, the lowest responsible bidder, at a cost not to exceed \$7700.00 using ARPA funds. In discussion Councilwoman Auspitz commented that N Hance will use a quick dry technique and we will be able to use the Town Hall the next day. The other bidders required a several week drying time. All aye. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Approve bids for highway materials – Auspitz**

MM Councilwoman Auspitz, 2nd Councilman Werner that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve awarding the highway materials bid to those highlighted on Attachment A. All aye. Motion carried.

**2. Approve rebid for bulk storage inspection – Auspitz**

MM Councilwoman Auspitz, 2nd Councilman Werner to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise for sealed bids for Bulk storage tank inspection services; the sealed bids are due to the Town Clerk by 10:00 am on Monday, December 30, 2024 and awarded at the regular Town Board meeting that evening to the lowest responsible bidder whose bid has been filed in conformity with this notice. We are rebidding this item due to there being no bids received earlier this month. All aye. Motion carried.

**3. Approve EAP Program contract – Werner**

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Mustello that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the EAP Agreement between The Work Place at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital of Westchester Medical Center and the Town of Clinton effective January 1, 2025, and authorizes, empowers, and directs the Town Supervisor to sign the Agreement. All aye. Motion carried.

**4. Approve Annual Meeting Date – Whitton**

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Mustello to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve the Annual Meeting date of December 30, 2024, at 6:30 PM in Town Hall. All aye. Motion carried.

**5. Approve 2025 Reorganization Meeting date – Whitton**

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Mustello to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve the Annual Re-Organizational meeting date of January 6, 2025, at 6:30 PM in Town Hall. All aye. Motion carried.

#### **6. Discuss purchase of playground equipment using ARPA funds – Werner**

Deputy Supervisor Werner: the equip is for Friends Park. Three quotes received. The equipment we have is old and needs replacement. Dan Harkenrider spoke to the issue. You can compare equipment apples to apples, he gave different price ranges, for ages 2-12. He wants to know from the Town what he can spend and he will go out and get bids to we can see what we can purchase for that price. Recreation director Harkenrider said the assembly will be volunteers, it will be a new spot at Friends Park. We will clear grass and add mulch, which have money for. We will ask the highway for help with prep. We need to allocate the ARPA funds by December 30.

The Board agrees he can spend \$20,000 on playground equipment. He will come back with several quotes for Dec. 30.

#### **7. Approve highway roof repairs – Auspitz**

MM Councilwoman Auspitz, 2nd Councilman Werner to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the repair of the highway roof to State Bid Vendor Vanguard at a cost not to exceed \$18,900: \$16,900 of the funds from ARPA and a \$2000 donation by resident Dal LaMagna. Supervisor Whitton said Dal's donation is a little more than 2000 and the payments will be adjusted. The Town thanked Dal for his generous donation. All aye. Motion carried.

#### **8. Discuss painting of downstairs Van Vliet Room by the Masons – Auspitz**

The Masons would be happy to paint the room if the Town buys the paint. Mike Whitton and the Town Board agree, but would like dates of the painting. Foster Flooring will finish the kitchen floor in the near future. Mike Whitton wants to use the downstairs in the cold as a warming center or to rent out.

### **OTHER ITEMS**

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

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Mustello to accept the resignation of Jerry Dolan as PB member effective 12-31-24. All aye. Motion carried.

Mike thanked Jerry for his many years of service. And councilwoman Mustello presented a plaque. Paul Thomas read a humorous resolution passed at his Planning Board. Jerry thanked everyone, its been a great ride.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Dykas to accept the resignation of Jerry Dolan as video person effective 12-31-24. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to amend the payroll fund for the appointment of Tim Horton from General fund to Highway fund D5110.132 effective November 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Mustello to appoint Brian Dingee to the position of Substitute Laborer – Wing person at a rate of pay of \$16.27/hour from Code D5142.140 in an on-call, as-needed basis effective December 9, 2024 to December 31, 2024. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to create the position of Intern to the MCEI effective December 9, 2024. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Dykas to approve the job description for the newly-created position of Intern to the MCEI. Katherine Mustello commented that Arlene and Felicity are not responsible for her. All aye. Motion carried.

## **2. Approval of Warrants - Mustello**

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

**December 9 General Fund Warrant, Vouchers Numbered Vouchers Numbered 615 through 656, Totaling \$ 35,918.35**

**and the**

**December 9 Highway Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered Vouchers numbered 293 through 317, Totaling \$ 57,958.00**

**And the**

**December 9 Capital Project Fund Warrant Voucher Numbered 2, Totaling \$170.00.**

All aye. Motion carried.

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

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman Mustello that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 43 of 2024 a motion to move funds.** All aye. Motion carried.

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

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Dykas to approve the Supervisor's Report for November 2024. All aye. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

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

Rich Morse – praised Board members for their level of work. Thanks each one for their attendance at the meeting at the Creek Meeting House to discuss the up grade of the Meeting House. They need a piece of land from the Cemetery to make the upgrade happen, which has not been agreed to yet.

Cynthia Koch – thanked the Town Board for their participation in the workshop. Five years ago Jerry Dolan lead a lawsuit against Eliot Werner for a felony charge of tampering with public record for Eliot's willingness to videotape a meeting. The charges were eventually dropped eventually and they had to pay a lawyer to clear the charge; Eliot has no mark on his record.

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Carol-Jean Mackin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carol" and last name "Mackin" clearly distinguishable.

Carol-Jean Mackin,  
Town Clerk