

July 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 five people in the audience.

Supervisor Whitton called the meeting to order at 6:42 PM. **(Pledge done earlier)**

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Auspitz to approve the June 11, 2024 Public Hearing minutes STR. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Mustello to approve the June 11, 2024 Public Hearing minutes Ruskey Lane. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Mustello to approve the June 11, 2024 Town Board meeting minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

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

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

Cynthia Koch – president, Clinton Historical Society -CHS, thanked the Town Board for the support given to CHS to restore the creek meeting house. Finished phase 1 in March with the CDBG grant adding handicapped accessible bathrooms, and used arpa money to plug holes in the mortar to remove bats. Asking tonight for a letter of support for a fourth grant to restore the creek meeting house. She described the work planned. The current grant is to restore the interior, update the HVAC system and address the rising ground water.

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

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

- I would like to thank Councilperson Marion Auspitz for having the windows in this room replaced using ARPA funds. I also want to thank Cathy Gallinger and Library Director Carol Bancroft for having the thermostat replaced. Because of these two things this room should be much more comfortable year round, not only for these meetings, but the multitude of events that take place here everyday.
- Out of an abundance of caution due to the recent heat wave, Bike New York decided to postpone the Discover Hudson Valley Ride to Saturday, July 13th. Please know that this was a difficult decision to make in an effort to keep safety as the top concern for all involved. A previous resolution by this Town Board still covers the event.

- Community Day will be on August 31 this year. It is the Saturday of Labor Day weekend every year.

**Deputy Supervisor comments: none**

**TOWN BOARD REPORTS:** Posted on the web, [townofclinton.com](http://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 – reviewing PB applications, visit the website to see their work, posting on the public portal their minutes, they have been asked by Camp Director Tompkins to provide a program for campers.
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- Planning Board – report on file, posted on web.
- ZBA – report on file, posted on web.

**Councilwoman Auspitz –**

- Highway - report on file, posted on the web.
- Library – Summer Concerts start this week and will be held every Friday from 6:30-8PM. The location will alternate between the Library and Fran Mark Park and a food truck will be at each concert starting at 6 PM. This week, doo-wop band Cherished Memories will kick off the summer concert season. outside the library. If the weather is inclement, the music will move into the Town Hall. Please check the website for the full schedule.
- The library is hosting an Advanced Care Planning Seminar with Hudson Valley Hospice on Monday, Jul. 15 at 11:00 AM. Learn more about this. important topic in a comfortable environment. Light refreshments will be served.
- There is still room in the AARP Smart Driver Course that is happening on Monday July 22. The class is from 9AM-4:30 PM with a short break for lunch. Participants must register on the link provided on the library calendar. Completion of the class allows you to save 10% on your auto insurance.
- There are plenty more summer activities happening all month and there is still time to sign up for summer reading – kids and grown-ups alike!

**Deputy Supervisor Werner –**

- Building Inspector - report on file, posted on the web.
- MCEI – report on file.

- Recreation Committee – banners up fundraising is ongoing, contact Rec Director if interested. The Hiking Club will be hiking July 20, location to be posted. Lifeguards still needed for the summer. Fran Mark Park is open daily, swimming is 11 – 6, stickers required, no swimming after posted hours. Summer camp has started, the Snack Shack is open weekdays and Sundays, the summer concerts start this Friday. Visit the Recreation page and calendar on the website. Weekly adult volleyball starts next Wednesday and is weekly at 6 pm at Fran Mark Park.
- CSC - committee submitted an application to clean energy communities program of nysesda and has won an award for energy emissions efficiency. Re: bronze certification, application going in tomorrow. Expect to hear back in September. The riparian buffer project is delayed due to staffing changes at Cornell. Judy Malstrom is involved in composting and the incinerator issue; webinars being run on these topics. Had discussion on having a town composting program, but people do this for themselves. Discussion over new board members. Any interested parties, contact Eliot Werner.

### **Councilman Dykas-**

- Hometown Heroes - July Hometown Heroes Report  
Plan to place the banners on Centre Road around Town Hall and SPT from Hollow Road towards the Post Office. Pole selection was submitted to Central Hudson using Central Hudson software. The application for the Veterans Support Grant Program has been submitted to the County. We have received a quote from ProPrinter to make the banners. They seem to be the go to. We are planning to mail an informational letter and application to the Veterans list we have obtained through the Assessor's office.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Approve STR law update – Whitton**

**HOLD UNTIL AUGUST**

2. **Approve Fee Schedule – Whitton**

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilperson Werner that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 29 of 2024 The Fee Schedule**. All aye. Motion carried.

3. **Approve rebidding for Town Hall blinds -Auspitz**

We received only one bid for the window blinds, which called for them being from the brand Hunter Douglas. Not every vendor carries that brand, so we are bidding anew for the same type of shades without a brand requirement.

MM Councilperson Auspitz, 2nd Councilperson Werner that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves going to bid for written proposals to install blinds on the Town Hall windows. Written proposals/quotes are due by Wednesday July 17, 2024 by 10 am to Town Clerk Carol Mackin by mail:townclerk@townofclinton.com or mail: 1215 Centre Rd. Rhinebeck, NY 12572. All aye. Motion carried.

4. **Approve intermunicipal agreement for Dog Control Services – Whitton**

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilperson Mustello that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **The Municipal Cooperation Agreement for Animal Control Officer** and authorizes, empowers, and directs the Town Supervisor to sign the agreement. All aye. Motion carried.

We are still working on a housing agreement with Rhinebeck and we have a backup plan if necessary.

5. **Approve Settlement with Columbia Power – Whitton**

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Werner that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 30 of 2024 a resolution authorizing the settlement of litigation against Columbia Utilities, LLC**. Asked Deputy Super to read his comments, the town entered into agreement with Columbia Utilities to supply electricity to townspeople. In 2022 they breached the agreement and transferred all subscribers back to central Hudson. The parties filed a case against Columbia Utilities for breach of contract and the parties have settled. The amount of money individuals will receive is based on the electricity use in program; that will avg \$40 per enrollee. All aye. Motion carried.

6. **ARPA update – Whitton**

Supervisor Whitton plans to go to bid for solar panels next month. He received many different scenarios from vendors with costs high to low, with various numbers of panels, the numbers of inverters go from one to three. He plans to work with the Town Engineer to put together a bid package to approve spending the money before the end of the year. Other project updates: the bill for the windows is not in yet, \$30,000 for flooring, no bill received on the cameras in park nor does he recall if is there a bill yet for the highway doors. If we spend \$50,000 on solar, we have about \$35,000 left to allocate.

Councilwoman Mustello wants to know if the battery that stores the solar can make the elevator work. Mike said the battery costs twice as much as the panels' installation. We will get money back from state if we add it on so it is not out of the question, but we are not considering it now. Councilwoman Mustello said she and Councilwoman Auspitz thought to spend the rest on the metal roof painting and we should consider more outdoor lights. She said the Highway garage metal roof is leaking, painting will help solve that.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Approve letter of support for Historical Society grant - Whitton**

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilperson Auspitz that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves supporting the Historical Society's application for a historic preservation grant from the New York Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation to be used to continue the effort to restore the Creek Meeting House. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilperson Mustello that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 31 of 2024 verifying the validity of the Comprehensive Plan, supporting the historic preservation grant.** All aye. Motion carried.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

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

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to accept the resignation of Mady Goldstein as a member of the CAC effective June 21, 2024. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to accept the resignation of Abbey Wiand from the position of Highway Laborer effective July 19, 2024. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Auspitz to accept the resignation of Richard Wagner as HMEO effective end of day July 11, 2024, to accept the promotion to the position of Working Foreman in the Highway department. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Auspitz to approve the appointment of Richard Wagner to the position of Working Foreman effective July 12, 2024 at a rate of pay as per CSEA Contract of \$30.36 per hour with the continued full medical, eye and dental benefit coverages with an employee contribution of 10%, and paid leave benefits as per the CSEA Contract. 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:

**July General Fund Warrant, Vouchers Numbered 341 through 399, Totaling \$ 70,071.27**

**and the**

**July Highway Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered 164 through 183, Totaling \$33,630.34.**  
All aye. Motion carried.

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

MM deputy supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilperson Mustello that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 32 of 2024 a motion to move funds.** All aye. Motion carried.

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

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Mustello to approve the Supervisor's Report for June 2024. All aye. Motion carried.

**OTHER/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**none**

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

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

Paul Thomas, chair PB – The PB meeting next week is in town hall, televised, 6 pm workshop on Cornerstone, discussion limited to the Board’s consultant hydrologist offering recommendations on water testing. No public comments. Public comment will be taken on water testing when we get the first set of results back at a future meeting. Then at 7 PM the regular agenda will follow. Points out that Application materials are now available on Laserfiche Public Portal under the Planning Board tab.

MCEI Jeff Newman – asks the Town Board to explore regulations for food trucks, as they have become increasingly popular. They are permitted by the health dept. but that does not address where they are parked, the hours, the sound of generator. Councilwoman Mustello asked how does the farm law play into this. Councilman Werner wants there to be a differential made between one time and permanently located trucks. MCEI Jeff Newman wants to revisit the farm law to see if it addresses food trucks. Councilman Werner asked him to look at other towns’ laws to see how they handle food trucks.

Cynthis Koch – thanks to the board for their support tonight.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to close public discussion and return to the regular order of business. All aye. Motion carried. Highway Superintendent Martin has had surgery this week and we wish him a speedy recovery

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned 7:35 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