

July 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 Supervisor Whitton, Deputy Supervisor Werner, Councilman Michael, and Councilwoman Mustello. Town Clerk Carol Mackin and Town Attorney Shane Egan were also present. Councilman Juliano was absent. There were approximately 15 people in the audience.

Deputy Supervisor Werner called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to executive session:

At 6:45 PM, MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending Article 78 litigation commenced against the Town of Clinton bearing the following caption and index number: Maxianova et. al. v. Town of Clinton et. al. (Index No. 2023-51981). All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

The Board members privately discussed the matter with the Town Attorney.

At 7:06 PM, MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael to close executive session and return to the regular order of business. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023 Town Board meeting. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: (Agenda Items only)

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

Cynthia Koch – President of the Clinton Historical Society. Here with members of the Board, to support the request that the town board submit a letter for a grant they are submitting. It makes the application stronger to have the support of the Town Board. They have a project to restore the building; a \$366,000 grant. Asking for one half from state and plan to match other half.

Jim Brands – fortunate to have a group like this doing this work to preserve the Historical Society building.

Rich Morse - thanks for support

Barbara Seelbach - lives next door, it's a wonderful venue, complimentary of Cynthia and her effort.

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

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Mike Whitton said he is honored to have both Judges in the audience tonight.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

- Masonic Hall painting done.
- Library ramp should start soon.
- Working on Iworq's implementation
- Music in the park debuts with food truck and music at 6:30.
- Workshop on Saturday at the cemetery on cleaning headstones. Patrick O'Hara continually works on stones, contact Eliot if you want to meet him and are interested.

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)

Rec Director Dan Harkenrider – Rec meeting on July 31 at 7 PM at Fran Mark Park. Parks look great two great workers, take pride in what they do. Starting to see vandalism at the parks. At Friends Park it's in the bathrooms. Last week there was damage at Fran Mark Park. The soccer fields were torn up by a white pickup. We need cameras at the park. Reached out to four companies for quotes. We may want to consider moving forward with that. Summer camp in full swing, 9 campers this week registration is still open. We also have a scholarship available. Snack Shack is open. Refrigerator is not working; we need a new one. Swimming opens every day. Walking club started Mondays at 9 am. First adult kickball and volleyball starts July 19 at 7 pm every Wednesday evening.

Katherine Mustello – no Library meeting, CAC meets tomorrow. Asked Todd to make the highway report.

Todd Martin– July 17-19 paving Lake Drive, it will be one way, with delays. Roadside mowing will start, the tractor is in the shop. Working on dirt roads, the rain has been washing them out. East Fishkill called and asked for help. Asked for 10-wheeler and excavator as they are under a state of emergency. Highway school coming up of for his activity in the highway superintendents group learning about laws. Amendment to 284 is on the agenda using extra money leftover to on a new road. When electric goes out the phone system is not on the generator. Mike will follow up tomorrow as it is townwide.

Mike asked if we are to be reimbursed by East Fishkill. Todd said it is one town helping another they are under a state of emergency. The new laborer on the agenda.

Eliot Werner – Planning Board met once last month; the report is on the web. Public workshop yesterday was held for Cornerstone application. There will be several more.

OLD BUSINESS

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

The public hearing remains open.

2. Approve taking up matter revising May 9th motion regarding the maintenance and storage of Highway Dept. personnel records - Whitton

Leave it tabled:

TABLED MOTION:

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves revising the May 9th motion regarding the maintenance and storage of Highway Dept. personnel records; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board adopts the Highway Personnel File Policy dated June 13, 2023: That all files related to Personnel, Payroll, Healthcare, or Legal activity will remain in the Supervisor's office, with the Highway Superintendent having access to those files during normal business hours. Copies of all other files will reside in the Supervisor's and Highway offices equally.

3. Discussion on Timeclocks – Whitton

Mike does not see the reason to spend money on the clocks this year or next year. Every dept provides a back up that we are asking for of the highway dept. All we need is a signed timecard and the backup. A new timeclock is unnecessary not necessary townwide. We have a solution already in place. Dean Michael said what is the number you don't want to spend: \$1100 per year? Dean said one of the systems reports to the retirement system. Mike then it creates two systems. Katherine said it should be instituted town wide and it is helpful to know who is here in an emergency. There is some tension between departments on payroll and this would alleviate that issue. We should consider it. Mike agrees that there is tension, we've been asking for the signed time sheet where the guys acknowledge they are there by signing their timecards. We have been asking for that for months and we have not received that. Mike asks about not doing it this year it's a strain on the budget and we build it into next year's budget if that is what we decide to do. Eliot asks how is it going to change the issue of employee relations? Katherine said everyone would be clocking in and out, it's black and white and we all can look up electronically the details. Mike said this would not apply to electeds.

4. Discuss Substitute Clerk for data entry of driveway permits once the final import for parcel access is complete - Whitton

Amanda Tiedemann or Samantha Campbell, substitute clerks at a rate of pay of \$15.76 /hr.will be used for data entry of driveway permits once the final import for parcel access is complete.

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Mike wanted to bring it up because it was addressed at the last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve sending form TE-9 to County requesting speed reduction on Salt Point Turnpike – Werner

Eliot explained the issue and getting letters of support for fire district.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves sending form TE-9 to County DPW requesting speed reduction on Salt Point Turnpike. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

2. Approve Amended 284 Agreement - Mustello/Michael

MM Councilman Michael, 2nd Councilman Werner that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 37 of 2023, amending Resolution No. 18 of 2023, the 284 Agreement.** All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

3. Approve Hwy Superintendent Martin to Highway School – Mustello/Michael

MM Councilwoman Mustello, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves Hwy Superintendent Martin to attend NYS Association of Town Superintendents of Highways - Highway School from September 26 – 29 at the Turning Stone Resort at a cost not to exceed \$1300.00. Eliot is not clear on how this is different than the school he attended in June. Todd explained the difference. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

4. Approve letter of Support to Historical Society’s grant submission to restore Creek Meeting House – Whitton

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that that the Town Board approve Supervisor Whitton sending a letter to the NYS Office of Parks, Restoration, and Historic Preservation supporting the grant application of the Clinton Historical Society to fund the Phase II restoration of the Creek Meeting House. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS

1. Resignations and appointments – Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board appoints Tylar Conley as FT Highway Laborer effective July 10, 2023 at a rate of pay as per the CSEA

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contract for \$1 less than the starting contracted rate for 2023 of \$18.64 per hour for a period of 6 months or completion of 1000 hours worked; full medical, eye and dental coverage with an employee contribution of 15% and paid leave benefits as per the CSEA contract. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve **Resolution No. 38 of 2023 authorizing the appointment of additional summer Recreation employees.** All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Warrants

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

July General Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered 342 through 400 totaling \$ 87,807.39 and the

July Highway Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered 176 through 193 , totaling \$ 66,520.49 All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

3. Motion to Move Funds – Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve **Resolution No. 38 of 2023 a motion to move funds.** All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

4. Supervisor's Report

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner that the Town Board approves the final Supervisor's Reports for June 2023. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

OTHER:

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Todd Martin – timeclocks – is a good checks and balance system. We have a punch clock, where they can do the buddy system, clocking each other in and out, not that that is what the workers are doing. The electronic timeclocks are linked and will eliminate the confusion on the workers' time. Likes the county's system it goes right to payroll department. Easier to manage their records. Katherine said you can program the timeclock based on the individuals benefit time. Good check and balance system.

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Speed reduction letter wants to see the speed at 20 – 25 miles per hour on Salt Point Turnpike by the Upton Lake School. Very dangerous intersection there. Todd will add a letter of support as well. Eliot said part of the issue is things are coming together, the school is expanding and there is planned a new firehouse across from school. This may be a good time to request a speed reduction. Community Day is Sept 2 - looking for sponsors and vendors. Have four or five food trucks. Meeting Thursday night at the Historical Society. Separating the areas: food, children's games etc.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Carol-Jean Mackin,
Town Clerk