

This is the regular meeting of the Clinton Town Board held on this day in the Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Whitton, Councilmen Eliot Werner, Dean Michael, Chris Juliano and Katherine Mustello. Town Clerk Carol-Jean Mackin was also present. There were three people in the audience.

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

PRESENTATION – Barbara Mansell, Benchmarking Project update

CAC member Jean Mac Avoy has been managing the bench marking program from 2018 establishing The Town of Clinton as a Clean Energy and Climate Smart Community. This report is for years 2019 and 2020, we are looking for a Bronze status as a Climate Smart Community. The reports are linked on the web; the Climate Smart Program page.

APPROVE MINUTES

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2022 Town Board meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2022 Executive Session. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2022 Bid opening. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2022 Executive Session. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2022 Executive Session. All aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

NONE

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

- The Clinton Town Offices, Highway Department, Justice Court Office, and Court will be closed for the Juneteenth holiday on Monday, June 20 and the Independence Day Holiday on Monday July 4th. The Clinton Community Library will also be closed on both of those days.
- The East Clinton Volunteer Fire Department is conducting a Smoke Detector Giveaway. There is a limit of one free smoke detector per household. You can receive yours by emailing clintonvolunteerFD@gmail.com or calling 845-204-9013. A special thanks to Williams Lumber for helping facilitate this giveaway.

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- The United States Postal Service is offering another round of free covid test kits. You will receive 8 tests in this round. To order your free test kits, visit usps.com/covidtests.
- Last month I reported that Columbia Utilities, the third-party electricity supplier for the Town's Community Choice Aggregation program, was seeking to terminate the agreement, citing the billing issues with Central Hudson. In the past month, the Town of Clinton, along with the 13 other cities, towns, and villages in the program have joined a lawsuit seeking an injunction against Columbia Utilities. This lawsuit is being handled by attorneys for Joule Power at no cost to our taxpayers. In the last week, the Public Service Commission filed a motion in support of our motion for a Preliminary Injunction. The Court granted our Order to Show Cause for a Temporary Restraining Order. This was good news for our residents. Yesterday, Columbia requested that the restraining order remain in place until at least August to give the parties an opportunity to discuss a settlement. Over the next few days, I should receive an update from the attorneys about that development. As always, I will keep the community updated as the situation progresses.
- Councilman Werner has been in contact with Robert Balkind, the Dutchess County Commissioner of Public Works regarding safety along Salt Point Turnpike in the hamlet of Clinton Corners. This has been an ongoing topic of discussion between the Town Government and residents, and we are all aware of the dangers posed by vehicles traveling at unsafe speeds along this stretch of road. Just like past conversations, we have been told that the posted speed limit will not be lowered, and "recent crash data didn't reveal anything significant." According to the NYS Dept. of Health, injuries to pedestrians are among the top 10 leading causes of injury-related hospital admissions and death for almost all age groups in New York State. I, we, are urging everyone to please take it slow through the various hamlets in Town, and do not endanger the lives of our neighbors.
- Rebuilding Together Dutchess County is a leading non-profit working to preserve affordable home ownership by providing no-cost home repairs and modifications to income qualified homeowners. Applications for home repair and renovation services through the Rebuilding Day program are now available in the Town Clerks office, on our town website at townofclinton.com, or online at rebuildingtogetherdutchess.org. Applications will be accepted through August 31.
- Finally, the Town of Clinton Recreation Department is ramping up for a busy summer, and I wanted to highlight some of the activities they have planned. There is a weekly Senior Drop-In every Friday from 10am to 2pm that includes snacks, cards and games, lunch at noon, and bingo starting at 12:30. It is held at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall at 1554 Main Street in Pleasant Valley
- Dan Harkenrider is spearheading a basketball clinic for boys and girls entering 2nd to 5th grades. It is being held on the first four Tuesdays in August from 6:30 to 8pm. All participants will learn the basic skills of dribbling, shooting, and defense. They will also receive a t-shirt and their own basketball. The fee for the basketball clinic is \$50/child. Please contact Carol Mackin in the Town Clerk's office to register your child.

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- Mark your calendars for both the Music in the Park Series and Movies Under the Stars at Fran Mark Park this summer. The music nights will also have food provided by Feeding Friends-Z and the Golden Russet on different evenings.
 - o Thursday, July 7: Food vending at 5:30pm, with the music of Brad Cole and Bossa Blue at 6:30
 - o Thursday July 14: Food starts at 5:30pm, the music of Patrick Kelly at 6:30pm
- Saturday July 16: This is our first Movie Night. The movie is currently TBD, but check our website as we get closer for more information. It will begin at 8:30pm.
 - o Friday August 12: This is an end of camp celebration day and all residents are invited to attend. Food starts at 5:30pm. The music of Vito Petrocitto will begin at 6:30, and a movie (TBD) will start at 8:30pm. This evening is being co-presented by the Town Recreation Department and the Clinton Community Library.
 - o Thursday, August 18: Food at 5:30, and the music of Len Nelson begins at 6:30

TOWN BOARD REPORTS: Town Board reports are posted on the web:

Townofclinton.com, including: 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)

Katherine Mustello – The Library is offering free concerts on Friday nights, July and August.

Dean Michael– Zoning Revision is meeting, working on farm definition.

Eliot Werner – discussed the Planning Board meeting, the report is posted on the website. ZBA meeting discussion, the report is posted on the website. Dean asked if letters were sent out to the owners of STRs to have them apply for permits. Mike Whitton said we sent out 70, the STRs we have identified. Eliot at least one dozen have come in and we have a dozen more who have applied.

Chris Juliano – Community Day planning is in full swing. They are looking for sponsors. Reach out to the highway department. The Snack Shack will be open this summer. The Rec Park is open for swimming until June 25 weekends then every day until Labor Day. Discussed the Rec Programs this summer that we stated earlier by the Supervisor in his comments. The internet is installed and working in the Park.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Introducing LL “Sr Citizen Tax Exemption” – Whitton

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MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve **Resolution No. 28 of 2022 introducing Local Law No. XX titled: “ Local Law Increasing Income Eligibility for Senior Citizen Tax Exemption”** and sets a public hearing to be held at the Clinton Town Hall on July 12, 2022, at 6:25 o’clock p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

2. Approve Haggerty Fireworks Permit - Whitton

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve the fireworks permit for Steve Haggerty for July 23, 2022 as all conditions have been met and the Building Inspector has approved the application. All aye. Motion carried.

3. Approve contract with Brad Cole for July 7th Music in Park- Whitton

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve the payment of \$300 to Brad Cole for Music in the Park series date of July 7th and authorizes, empowers and directs the Town Supervisor to sign the contract. All aye. Motion carried.

4. Approve updated Fee Schedule – Whitton

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve **Resolution No. 29 of 2022 the Fee Schedule** dated June 14, 2022. All aye. Motion carried.

5. Approve Basketball Clinics at Fran Mark Park - Juliano

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Juliano that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve The Recreation Department offering Basketball clinics the first four Tuesdays in August from 6:30 – 8 PM at Fran Mark Park for children in grades 2 – 5 for a fee of \$50 per participant. (The insurance is included in the insurance for camp, no extra charge (Minimum of 5 – Maximum of 15 campers/Dan Harkenrider will coach. Dan will use volunteers from his basketball team (girls) to help.)All aye. Motion carried.

6. Increase mileage reimbursement

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve the increase **IRS mileage reimbursement rate of 62.5 cents per mile effective July 1, 2022** for employees using their own vehicle while conducting Town business. All aye. Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS

1. Resignations and appointments

Resignations:

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MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board accepts the resignation of **Kyle Mackin, FT Groundskeeper, effective June 14, 2022**. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner that the Town Board accepts the resignation of **Lawrence Lorenzano, Constable, effective June 3, 2022**. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Juliano that the Town Board accepts the resignation of **Martin Finneran, Constable, effective June 3, 2022**. All aye. Motion carried.

Rescind:

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to **rescind the appointment of Barbara Joyce as Clerk effective June 3, 2022**. All aye. Motion carried.

Appointments:

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Juliano that the Town Board approves the appointment of **Sarah Lindner as lifeguard** conditional on the receipt of the waterfront, cpr and aed certifications by July 1st; **for a period of July 1 to September 5, 2022 at a rate of \$15.30 per hour**. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Mchael that the Town Board approves **the appointment of Sue Hart as Health Director (Camp Nurse) from June 15, 2022 to August 30, 2022 at a salary of \$400**. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Juliano that the Town Board approves the appointment of **Michael Patterson as Recreation Assistant (Gate Guard) from June 15, 2022 to September 5, 2022 at a rate of pay of \$13.00 per hour**. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the appointment of **Vanessa Codacovi, Tiana Pestonit and Elizabeth Mirecki as camp volunteers** from July 1, 2022 to August 12, 2022. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Juliano that the Town Board approves the appointment of **Emilia Picon and Richard Archer as Constables effective June 14, 2022 at a rate of pay of \$23.17 per hour**. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to appoint **Andrew Cooley to the position of FT Seasonal Groundskeeper (Recreation) from June 13, 2022 to October 31, 2022 at a rate of pay of \$15.30 per hour for 32 hours per week**. All aye. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Warrants

MM Councilman Michael, 2nd Councilman Juliano to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the June General Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered 243 through 295 totaling \$70,798.75 and the June Highway Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered 125 through 148, totaling \$ 56,348.29. All aye. Motion carried.

3. Motion to Move Funds – Whitton

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MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 30 of 2022 a motion to move funds at the June 14, 2022 Town Board meeting.** All aye. Motion carried.

4. Supervisor's Report

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the Supervisor's Report for May, 2022. All aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Carol Bancroft – Library Director, thanks community for supporting book sale. The Lions Club, CAC, SHRAC and the Town Clerk participated in the day also; she thanked the Town Board for the use of the Town Hall. Raised over \$3500 to support programming and collection purchases.

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

MOTION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:56 PM, MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve going into executive session to discuss CSEA negotiations. All aye. Motion carried.

At 8:23 PM, MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve closing the executive session and returning to the regular order of business. All aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board adjourns the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carol-Jean Mackin,
Town Clerk