

May 13, 2025

Schultzville, NY

The Clinton Town Board held the Regular Town Board meeting on this day in the Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Mike Whitton, Deputy Supervisor Eliot Werner, Councilwomen Katherine Mustello, Councilman Charlie Dykas and Marion Auspitz as well as Town Clerk Carol-Jean Mackin. There were approximately 10 people in the audience.

Supervisor Whitton called the meeting to order at 6:31PM.

APPROVE MINUTES

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to approve the April 8, 2025 Public Hearing minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Auspitz to approve the April 8, 2025 Town Board Meeting minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to approve the April 17, 2025 special meeting minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: (Agenda Items only) **none**

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Mike Whitton's comments read by Eliot Werner:

- Offices closed on May 26 Memorial Day
- Starting April 18th settlement checks from Columbia Power were mailed to those eligible, each check is About \$50. You have 90 days to cash them. More information is on the website.
- We are partnered with Hudson River Housing to take part with the plus one ADU program to support low and middle income single family occupants who want to build an ADU on their property or update an existing ADU to come into compliance.
- Dutchess County hosting free rabies vaccine clinic May 31 at HVARs in Poughkeepsie.
- May is mental health awareness month whose purpose is to educate and support the public and reduce the stigma. Elizabeth's Tree on the front lawn of the Town campus is lit green to represent optimism, hope and growth. Also the Masons have dedicated a bench to honor those Veterans who suffer from mental health related problems.
- ECFD has a workshop May 21st at 7 PM at the Firehouse for a presentation on the upcoming referendum June 3.
- WCFD has a dedication ceremony at Station 2 to view the improvements made to the building: May 17th 11-1.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

- Town Clerk Carol Mackin and Supervisor's Secretary Cathy Gallinger are recognized on the Annual NYS Municipal Clerk's Honor Roll.

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 – meets tomorrow. Will be at Community Day and the Library Book Sale with the NRI maps.

Planning Board – read from report, posted online.

ZBA – No meeting in April.

Councilman Dykas-

Recreation report - read from the report, posted on line.

Councilwoman Auspitz –

Library - read from the report, posted on line.

Highway – read from the report, posted on line.

Maintenance – The kitchen cabinets are in and the highway roof is fixed. Thanked Dal for his contribution.

Deputy Supervisor Werner –

Zoning Administrator – no report.

Building Inspector - read from report, posted online.

CSC – no report.

SHRAC – roadside cleanup had a large response. Read a list of participants.

HOMETOWN HEROES – Councilman Dykas said the first round is complete, the second round is going forward to the printer, Please see the website if you want to honor your family members.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve Rejecting staining bid for Fran Mark Park - Dykas

MM Councilman Dykas, 2nd Councilman Werner that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board rejects all bids submitted for the staining of the Fran Mark Park due to the bid proposals exceeding the budgeted amount. All aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Agreement with Omega – Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves

Resolution No. 20 of 2025, approving the revised and amended deed agreement of covenants and restrictions and stipulation of settlement with Omega Institute for Holistic Studies, Inc. In discussion, Marion has a question: why is no manager required to be there? Councilwoman Mustello explained the situation and that Omega will oversee it. All. Aye. Motion carried.

2. Approve Proclamation: May is Mental Health Awareness Month – Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves

Resolution No. 21 of 2025 Proclaiming May as Mental health Awareness Month. All aye. Motion carried.,

3. Approve Resolution Supporting EMS Week – Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Auspitz that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves

Resolution No. 22 of 2025 Supporting EMS Week May 18th. Supervisor Whitton said EMS is a vital service and volunteers have thousands hours of training at their expense. All aye. Motion carried.

4. Approve Resolution appointing Seasonal Workers – Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves

Resolution No. 23 of 2025 appointing Seasonal Workers. All aye. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Filming Insurance and Indemnification Agreement – Whitton/Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the Filming Insurance and Indemnification Agreement between the Town of Clinton and the Film Company/Producer for the production on Schultzville Road conditional on their signature, thereafter the Town Supervisor is authorized, empowered and directed to sign the Agreement. Supervisor Whitton said this is to put us on their insurance and it will to protect the Town as they film although we may not need it. The filming starts on May 28 through early June. All aye. Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS

1. Resignations and appointments – Werner

2. Approval of Warrants

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

May General Fund Warrant, Vouchers Numbered 165 through 234, Totaling \$98,570.25 and the

May Highway Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered Vouchers numbered 132 through 168, Totaling \$131,182.47 and the

May Capital Fund Warrant, vouchers Voucher Numbered 6 and 7, Totaling \$392.50.
All aye. Motion carried.

3. Motion to Move Funds – Whitton/Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Auspitz to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve **Resolution No. 24 of 2025, a motion to move funds at the May 13, 2025 Town Board meeting.** All aye. Motion carried.

4. Supervisor's Report – Whitton /Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor, 2nd Councilwoman Auspitz to approve the April 2025 Supervisor's report. All aye. Motion carried.

OTHER/ANNOUNCEMENTS none

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Michale Faso – re: the moratorium should include all applications, including pending applications.

Lynn Miceli – can you look at doing something about assessments to curb them in town? Assessments going up every year is excessive. Why are most coded 210 residential? We need alternative ways to curb assessments. Some states offer inflation exemptions or other creative things. Wants to see TB have a discussion on an agenda. The senior exemption is for 65 plus, everyone should apply and let Assessor decide if you qualify.

Nick Sacerdote- re: moratorium, it needs to be done as the law is problematic. People won't forget.

Lynn Miceli – ECFD is looking to build a \$46 million fire house. Announced the vote on June 3. Katherine said there is an information session on the firehouse on May 21st.

Lisa Metcalfe – Community Day is June 7. Looking for volunteers in Welcome Booth. Has vendor forms at the Post Office, next meeting is Thursday at 6. Described the nonprofit Friends of Clinton.

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

Supervisor Whitton commented that the senior citizen exemption - local law was passed by this Town Board unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned 7:05 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