

October 10, 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, Chris Juliano and Councilwoman Mustello. Town Clerk Carol-Jean Mackin was also present. There were approximately 10 people in the audience.

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

APPROVE MINUTES

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Mustello to approve the September 7, 2023 workshop minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the public hearing minutes from September 12, 2023. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of September 12, 2023. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes from the special meeting of October 2, 2023. All aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: (Agenda Items only)

None.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

- Cathy Gallinger met with Todd in my office on September 20th to go over any missing personnel files. I was told by both of them that everything has been worked out between the two offices, and Todd has everything he needs.
- Six Sense had a workshop in front of the Planning Board on October 3. I encourage all who are interested to go to the website. Under Government, then the Planning Board, and videos you will find it.
- Our Food Pantry is looking for donations of food and money to help support those in need. They are located at the Pleasant Plains Presbyterian Church on Fiddlers Bridge Rd. They can be called at (845) 889-4019.
- The Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) is available for all to look at, review, and comment on. The NRI can be used to help inform land use decisions, guide in the development of policies and comprehensive plans, and identify areas for natural resource conservation and management. Members of the public, students and teachers can use the

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NRI as a general source of information about the town, and to enhance their place-based environmental curriculum and teaching.

- Nancy and Joe Drago have donated a tree to use for future Tree Lighting ceremonies. I want to personally thank them. The tree will be dedicated to their daughter, Elizabeth.
- Dan Harkenrider gave a CDBG presentation tonight during one of our Public Hearings. We can move forward with the CDBG by consensus.

DEPUTY SUPERVIOR COMMENTS

- Town Hall offices are closed on November 10, 2023 for Veteran's Day.
- Election Day all voting is in Town Hall, other Clinton locations closed and moved to Town Hall.

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)

Dean Michael– ZR complete waiting to consolidate before we can send it out for review to the county and town attorney.

Eliot Werner - read from the Planning Board report, it is posted on the web. In addition, reported the Six Senses workshop on Oct. 3 was well attended; thanked PB Chair Paul Thomas for running an efficient meeting.

- Cemetery Committee had it quarterly meeting; losing a member, thanked Lynne and Russ Tompkins for help at Schultzville Cemetery.
- Read letter from SHRAC chair, asking people to bring their garbage cans off the road after garbage pickup day. Not a requirement but it will keep our roads scenic. There were people at Community Day who approached the SHRAC booth to ask if something can be done about the cans.
- Read from the ZBA report which is posted on the web.

Katherine Mustello– read from the Highway report, posted on the web. Also at the highway budget meeting, she wants to clarify the discussion about paving Schultzville Road. There are a lot of pieces to decide which roads get paved, Todd considers the surface: dirt vs. pavement as each uses a different product to keep them clear and he needs to work with the SHRAC who helps him decide.

- CAC – spongy moth presentation on Oct 25. The poster is on the web. Tomorrow the CAC will meet and talk about the six senses impact.
- Library – having election day raffle and they are soliciting baskets from local businesses.

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Dan Harkenrider – Rec hike at Franny Reese State Park - Oct 21. Listed the ongoing activities including: Knitting Club, Rhinebeck Rec will have volleyball starting Jan, Rhinebeck Rec has Soccer adult drop in, Clinton residents invited to attend; Pleasant Valley has a senior senior drop in every Friday in the Town Hall; PV invites Clinton kids to play winter hoops, Pine Plains ski club invites Clinton families. There were 38 rentals at the pavilion this year which is consistent.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Still a work in progress, public hearing to be continued in November.

2. Approve LL XY to Override Tax Levy Limit for 2024 – Whitton

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Juliano that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 44 of 2023 titled: “Local Law # 4 of 2023, A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2024”** a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution; and Be It Further Resolved, that the Town Clerk is directed to enter this Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and give due notice of the adoption of this Local Law to the Secretary of the State of New York. In discussion, Supervisor Whitton made note that \$75,000 was added to the budget in workshops, we need to cut about \$185,000 from budget to be under the tax cap limit. All aye, except Councilman Dean Michael who voted Nay. Motion carried.

3. Approve Snow & Ice Control Agreement – Michael/Mustello

MM Councilman Michael, 2nd Councilman Juliano that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the Snow and Ice Control Agreement by and between the Dutchess County DPW and the Town of Clinton and authorizes, empowers, and directs Town Supervisor Whitton to sign the agreement. Supervisor Whitton commented that we get \$92,000 to plow County roads and it is used to pay the bonds on the trucks. All aye. Motion carried.

4. Discuss Cameras in Fran Mark Park - Whitton

Supervisor Whitton asked Dan Harkenrider to speak to the issue. Cameras for Fran Mark Park: \$5000 cost with monthly fee of \$60 for three cameras and to add cameras is relatively cheap. Dean Michael suggested at Fran Mark we should consider shut the top gate Nov. 1 to April 1 to close for the winter. The Board discussed how to lock the gate during the winter. Dan said its hard to lock up at night because people are using the basketball court. He suggested a hard time vs. dusk, but is concerned that if people are playing basketball who is going to kick them out. Katherine asked about the cameras Dan proposed, they can record anyway, constant, start and stop and there is storage.

At Friends Park, we don't have wifi so that will have to be solar powered but Dan is sure he can put solar powered cameras up high on the fence of the tennis court. Chris Juliano was a fan of Ring Camera, but with vandalism going on we need them, he supports the \$5000 for

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the professional cameras, wants more information on the monthly fee; what do we get for that monthly fee? Mike Whitton reminded the Board we need to consult the procurement policy. Katherine said we have to stop nickel and diming, and we agree on them, Dan will go out and get other quotes. Eliot Werner said we had several incidents at Fran Mark, asks would the cameras help identify the perpetrator? Dan said yeas. They discussed if the cameras m, he said no, they are up high. Dean suggests a zoom camera angle. Dan said the police said its best if we get the cars at the entry, get them coming in and out and get a license plate. Mike Whitton said cameras are the first step and we intend to prosecute. Katherine said Friends Park there should be a fence and a gate to completely close the fence at night. Dan is ok with that. But fencing is expensive.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve purchase of Toshiba shredder using ARPA funds– Whitton

Town Clerk Mackin is establishing a records room to house records and develop a records retention system to comply with NYS Records Retentions Schedules and dispose of obsolete records in an orderly, consistent, and systematic way. Our maintenance man Nunzio has put up the shelving, located in the old Town Clerk's office. Having our own shredder is the most cost effective way to do this as records management is an ongoing activity. This was approved for ARPA spending.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the purchase of a Destroy It Shredder from Toshiba at a cost not to exceed \$3199 using ARPA funds. The funds have already been allocated to establish the records room. Dean said he bought a shredder for his business and the cost is not a lot. All aye. Motion carried.

2. Approve RFP for HVAC maintenance – Whitton

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves an RFP for HVAC maintenance of the geothermal heating and cooling system, with bids due to the Town Clerk by 10 am on November 6, 2023. All aye. Motion carried.

3. Approve Policy on blood borne pathogens – Werner

Working on a number of reports for Perma. Cathy Gallinger and Eliot Werner have been working on the policy. Cathy has procured sharps containers free from the county and the biohazard bags at a reasonable price.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the Policy on Blood Borne Pathogens. All aye. Motion carried.

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4. Discuss Evacuation Plan – Mustello

Katherine – started the disaster plan process with the evacuation plan. There will be a clipboard posted at the door of each building with the building evacuation plan. Town clerk Mackin has the plans for each building and will check to see if they would work for this purpose. If so, we can use Minuteman Press to make a drawing of the evacuation route. Katherine questioned if the voice op system has a town wide intercom or a way to notify the entire campus of an emergency.

5. Approve three year contract with CMA – bond company – Whitton

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the three year contract with CMA the bond company to manage the bond and authorizes, empowers, and directs the Town Supervisor to sign the contract. All aye. Motion carried.

6. Approve tree lighting date/ Boys Scouts selling wreaths on Dec 1 – Whitton

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Boy Scouts selling wreaths on December 1, 2023 starting at 4 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Whitton said this is the annual town wide effort: thanked highway for putting up lights, the Clinton Library for refreshments, Toys for Tots will be collected by Cathy Gallinger and Town Clerk Mackin will offer adopt a family again this year for residents who want to help.

7. Approve tax cert with Chik Realty – Michael

MM Councilman Michael, 2nd Councilman Juliano that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 45 of 2023 authorizing the attorney for the Town Shane J. Egan, Esq., to enter into a settlement agreement** with the attorney for petitioners, Karen E. Hagstrom, Esq., the terms of which are set forth in the attached Consent Judgment and authorizes the attorney for the Town Shane J. Egan, Esq., to sign said Consent Judgment on behalf of the Town. Werner asked who paid the appraiser, Dean said we do. All aye. Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS

1. Resignations and appointments – Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael to accept the resignation of Billie West as the Building Clerk effective October 7, 2023. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Juliano to extend the appointment of Andy Cooley as Groundkeeper until Nov. 2, 2023 for \$15.76 per hour at 32 hours per week. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the appointment of Tim Horton as seasonal summer laborer – Highway from October 16 to October 31, 2023 at 15.76 per hour for 32 hours per week, paid from D5110.131. All aye. Motion carried.

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MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Juliano to approve the appointment of Tim Horton laborer –winter full time employee- Highway from November 1 to December 31, 2023 at 15.76 per hour for 32 hours per week paid from D5110.132. 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:

October General Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered **527 through 578, totaling \$49,388.45, and the**

October Highway Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered **256 through 278 totaling \$48,472.63, and the**

October Capital Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered **number 17, totaling \$1,379.65.**

All aye. Motion carried.

3. Motion to Move Funds – Whitton/Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Juliano that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve **Resolution No. 46 of 2023 a motion to move funds.** All aye. Motion carried.

4. Supervisor's Report - Whitton

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Juliano that the Town Board approves the final Supervisor's Reports for September 2023. All aye. Motion carried.

OTHER/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

none

PUBLIC DISCUSSION -

None

The Town Supervisor thanked Arlene Campbell for reading the legal notices aloud for the Town Clerk

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned 7:25 at PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Carol-Jean Mackin,
Town Clerk