

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, and Katherine Mustello. Town Clerk Carol-Jean Mackin was also present. Chris Juliano was absent. There were seven people in the audience.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Sean Carrol: Cornell Cooperative Extension – working on a Road-Stream Crossing Inventory and Management Plan collaborating with Dutchess County communities. He is creating a list of culverts and doing bridge assessments. Cornell provides free technical assistance and support on resilience and climate smart programs. The projects include culverts and dams’ inventories, developing a priority list and management plan for repair or replacement, and to help towns with funding for the work earmarked through the project.

Bill Dickett – questioned a collapsed dam in Town that is privately owned, what to do. Sean said they would approach the landowner and many are willing to work with them.

Lynne Miceli - do culverts add water to a stream? Sean said yes, it can. We are looking at the culverts as a system with DEC sign off to assure downstream problems will be mitigated.

Roger Mastri – are you working with DEC to check elevation models? Sean said yes and explained the model they are using.

Barbara Gavin:

Talked about the Nine Partners Lions Club – it is the last service organization in the town. She described the programs they have and invited people to join. Among their projects: Sight and Eye Glass collections, Disaster Relief, Humanitarian Efforts, Diabetes education, support local food pantries and adopt local families for the holidays by providing them with gift cards to purchase food, the Environment and Childhood Cancer. Supervisor Whitton has the contact information.

APPROVE MINUTES

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022 Town Board meeting. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022 special Town Board meeting. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2022 special Town Board meeting. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Highway Superintendent Todd Martin – regarding the truck approval, it is vital for the town hall complex. The funding is listed, we will be behind schedule with snowplowing if you don't approve it. Snow and Ice control agreement, there is an increased charge to the County for the work; the sale of the work truck surplus money will be put toward the new truck purchase.

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

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: Supervisor Whitton:

There is a Dutchess County SPCA free rabies vaccination clinic for dogs, cats, and ferrets taking place on October 23, from 8a-12p at 636 Violet Avenue in Hyde Park. Dogs must be leashed. Cats and ferrets must be in carriers. For more information, visit dcspca.org or call 845-452-7722.

The Town Clerk's office is sponsoring a winter coat drive. Please drop off new or clean, gently used men's, women's, and children's winter coats, hats, scarfs, snowpants, and gloves to the Town Clerks office for distribution to those in need. The office will be accepting donations through November 1, Mon-Thurs, 9a-4p.

As many residents know, upgrades are taking place along a 54-mile utility corridor, 8 miles of which run through the Town of Clinton. Mike Whitton has been receiving some phone calls from residents wondering what all of the activity is. National Grid is removing one set of utility poles, and replacing the other set with monopoles. The new towers will hold a new 345kv line and the existing 115kv line. You will see a lot of grading work being done to allow access to the powerlines. In the coming weeks there will be foundation drilling and pouring, and the removal of old lines. This project is anticipated to be complete by the end of 2023. For project details and construction schedules, you can visit nt-es.com (New York Energy Solutions).

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)

Eliot Werner – Planning Board, reviewed the minutes, they are on the web. ZBA, the meeting was cancelled as the item was withdrawn. Cemeteries, a fourth volunteer will be appointed. Received compliments on the appearance of the cemeteries.

Mike Whitton – Recreation Committee, the summer programs were successful with camp, music in the parks with food trucks, movie nights at the Rec Park, clubs and a basketball clinic. The

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programming continues into the fall with a basketball league, trips, hikes, senior activities, and craft activities for children collaborating with the Library.

Dean Michael– zoning revision is moving along and coming to a close. Next Wed, Oct. 19 at 7 is the next meeting.

Katherine Mustello– The Library board meeting was yesterday, doing a food drive for the Clinton Food Pantry, they have planned a concert with the Philharmonic, the upcoming Lunch and Learn is Craig Marshall as Jonathan Schultz, talking about local history.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve Tax Cap override local law – Whitton

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 41 of 2022 adopting Local Law No. 4 of 2022, entitled “A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2023.”** All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

2. Approve Resolution returning escrow funds - Werner

MM Councilman Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 42 of 2022 authorizing the return of unused escrow funds.** All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

3. Discuss Welsh Sanitation Contract – Whitton

On September 8, Welsh sanitation notified the Town that they would cease operating our transfer station on January 1, 2023. This leaves us with the dilemma of figuring out how the Town would like to move forward. Supervisor Whitton has done a financial analysis of the costs associated with running our own transfer station, and provided that to the board.

The estimated cost for running the station, including garbage, recycling, and employees to run the station, is about \$71,000 for 2023.

The estimated income generated from the current fee structure and the total average weekly garbage estimate from Welsh **is about \$36,000.** This would result in a \$35,000 operations deficit for 2023. As discussed earlier tonight, we are anticipating the need to exceed the 2023 tax cap. Adding an additional \$35,000 expense would only force us to collect even more taxes.

Another option would be to double the cost of dumping at the transfer station. Mike Whitton believes that this would only result in many residents deciding to use driveway pickup instead of the transfer station, and that would again result in a deficit.

Supervisor Whitton sees three options:

- Eliminate the transfer station

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- Operate at a likely deficit
 - Partner with other communities, which would also likely cost us some money.
- He asked the Town Board members for their thoughts.

Katherine Mustello - wants to get three bids for a group fee for pick up. Welsh said they would offer a discount, although not forever. Mike said they also offer a senior discount.

Dean Michael- said garbage is a problem in the County. The burn plant in Dutchess has two more years and then we may need to haul to Westchester or upstate. Mike Whitton said we need answers by next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Snow and Ice Control Agreement – Whitton

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the Change Order Term Extension for the Intermunicipal Agreement for Snow and Ice Control Services with Dutchess County for a term of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

2. Approve Ford F20 truck purchase – Whitton

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the purchase of a 2022 Ford F250 SRW Gas 4X4 Regular cab, vin # NEE94334 at a cost not to exceed \$51,630.02 paid using monies from the following codes:

D5130.250: \$35,000.00

A8810.2: \$8315.01

A7110.2: \$8315.01 All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent and Councilman Werner who abstained. Motion carried.

3. Approve selling surplus truck through Absolute Auction – Whitton

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the sale by Absolute Auction with no minimum bid, the C21-2013 Ford F250 pick up truck with plow (no sander) vin #EB58873. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried

4. Approve Boys Scouts selling wreaths - Whitton

Supervisor Whitton: Every year we look forward to having the local boy scout troop selling wreaths at our transfer station leading up to the holidays. This year is no different. We plan to continue this relationship with them regardless of what we decide to do with the transfer station. Be assured that the Town will look for ways to continue these sales in the coming years.

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MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves Boy Scout Troop 228's annual wreath sale fundraiser at the Transfer Station on November 26th and December 3rd, 2022 from 7:30 am until noon, conditional of the receipt of a certificate of insurance. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

5. Discuss Article 78 Stipulation- Whitton

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 43 of 2022 approving the stipulation with Medical Arts Sanitarium, inc. d/b/a Cornerstone of Rhinebeck (index. no. 66048/2022)**. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent and Councilman Werner who vote NAY. Motion carried.

OTHER

Supervisor Whitton said our next meeting is Election Day – we moved the past meeting to the court room, but then there is no broadcast or you tube. We should move the meeting to another date, the other Board members agreed.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves moving the regular November Town Board meeting to November 9, 2022 at 6:30 pm in Town Hall. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS

1. Resignations and appointments

Resignations:

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to accept the resignation of Marian Thompson as a member of the CAC. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

Appointments:

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to appoint Ryan Schimmelpennig to the Cemetery Committee effective October 11, 2022 to December 31, 2022. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Warrants – Michael

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

the **October General Fund Warrant**, vouchers numbered 457 through 510, totaling \$ 81,135.01

the **October Highway Fund** Warrant, vouchers numbered 221 through 246, totaling \$48,308.04.

the **October Capital Fund** Warrant, voucher numbered 5, totaling \$ 937.00

All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

3. Motion to Move Funds – Whitton

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 44 of 2022 a motion to move funds at the October 11, 2022 Town Board meeting.** All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

4. Supervisor's Report

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to approve the Supervisor's Report for September, 2022. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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Lynne Micili – The Governor has increased the income limit for the senior exemption to \$50,000 for 50 percent reduction. Asks the town board to look at it and add option c to the law, deducting unreimbursed medical expenses. She asked to put the law into effect so people can stay in their homes, gave info to town board. Supervisor Whitton said we will pass the increased exemption. We are waiting on gathering more information. There is no time crunch to pass it. We need to look at the options and the staff to see if we can manage the work necessary.

Bill Dickett – asked the Board to consider keeping the recycling portion of the transfer station. Katherine Mustello said we may consider a quarterly large items disposal.

Johanna Whitton – trustee of CCL board, the Library budget is on the ballot, asking for an increase. We collected over 300 signatures from residents who signed the petition to get it on the ballot. Since 2017, they doubled the number of people who use library, and she explained there have been increases all around in attendance for their programming. The director is a careful steward of the budget. The proposition is on the back of ballot, it is item 2, encouraged residents to vote for the budget increase. Any questions can be directed to her. Asked if metal will still be collected... yes, that is a town function.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board adjourns the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Carol-Jean Mackin,
Town Clerk