

2024 Reorganization Meeting
January 3, 2024

Schultzville, NY

The Town of Clinton Reorganization Meeting was held on this day in the Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Michael Whitton and Councilpersons Eliot Werner, Katherine Mustello, and Charles Dykas. Marion Auspitz was absent. Town Clerk Carol-Jean Mackin was also present. There were twelve people in the audience.

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

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Good Evening and Happy New Year 2024!

It has been a challenging year regarding the health of several Town employees, including myself. I would like to thank our amazing team of department heads, employees, volunteers, and elected officials who didn't miss a moment to make sure the Town kept operating throughout everything. That said, it is our residents that make it all worthwhile, supporting our programs, parks, and services.

The long overdue ramp and patio was added to the Library this year. We are now ADA compliant throughout the Town Campus. Additionally, we have received nothing but great reviews on the new patio. I want to thank Noah C. White Custom Builders for their beautiful work on the project.

I also plan on introducing a new long term lease for the Library this Tuesday, January 9th. The library has been without a lease for several years, and that will be solved this Tuesday, making them a part of our Town campus for years to come.

Friend's Park received a new baseball fence this past year for the first time since it was opened. I played Little League with the original fence. It was starting to get dangerous, and I'm glad we got it replaced. Also at Friends Park, Dan Harkenrider is attempting to secure a grant for a new pickleball court in 2024.

The Conservation Advisory Council, led by Barbara Mansell, is working on a new website and our Climate Smart Communities Task Force, led by Joe Phelan, is applying for Bronze status in April. This will bring more grant money to the Town and represents much hard work by the Task Force.

This year we painted the Masonic Hall, which is a step forward for maintaining our Town Campus. Speaking of, a substantial amount of money was also put into a fund to continue to maintain our campus, and more is planned.

This year we were able to pass a Senior citizen tax exemption, along with a Firefighters tax exemption. This enables us to make sure those on fixed incomes can remain in their homes. It also allows us to protect those that have dedicated their lives to protecting us. We are, once again, on sound financial footing. I firmly believe that if we focus on the needs of our small

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community, we can overcome all challenges we face.

Happy New Year!

BUSINESS

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello that the record reflects that legal public notice was advertised to inform all about this Organization Meeting and written notice was made to all Councilpersons. All aye except Councilwoman Auspitz who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilperson Mustello that pursuant to Town Law Section 63, all prior adopted rules for meetings of the Town Board be adopted. All aye except Councilwoman Auspitz who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilperson Mustello to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves that all undertakings for elected officials, appointed officials, and Town employees, where required, as indicated in the Town of Clinton Insurance Outline, be made part of the record of these minutes, and that the bonds and insurance provided therein be approved as to amount, form, and sufficiency and filed with the County Clerk by the Town Clerk. All aye except Councilwoman Auspitz who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilperson Mustello to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to appoint a Deputy Supervisor and in the absence of the Supervisor, the Deputy Supervisor be authorized to sign checks and perform other business as required. All aye except Councilwoman Auspitz who was absent. Motion carried.

Supervisor Whitton reappoints Councilman Eliot Werner as Deputy Supervisor with term of office from January 1 to December 31, 2024.

Town Clerk Carol Mackin reappoints Mary Molloy First Deputy Town Clerk / Deputy Vital Statistics Registrar and Sarah Curtis Deputy Town Clerk/Records Management Clerk each with a term of office from January 1 to December 31, 2024.

Supervisor Whitton appoints the following **liaisons** for a term of office of January 1 to December 31, 2024:

Councilman Werner:

Climate Smart Task Force
Library
Cemetery Committee
SHRAC
Recreation
Review Highway Fund Warrant
Building Inspector

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Councilman Dykas:

Highway Liaison
Tax Certiorari cases
Recycling
Altice
Review General Fund/ Capital Fund Warrants

Councilwoman Auspitz:

Highway Liaison
Zoning Administrator (MCEI)
Maintenance
WIC
Review Highway Fund Warrant

Councilwoman Mustello:

Planning Board
ZBA
CAC
CSEA
Review General Fund / Capital Fund Warrant

Supervisor Whitton:

HR
Personnel
All Insurance Matters
CSEA Contract Negotiations
Powerlines
DC Transportation Council
Northern Dutchess Alliance
Zoning Revision

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve **Resolution No. 1 of 2024, a resolution to make annual appointments to establish town positions and their rates of pay.** In discussion Councilwoman Mustello noted there are discrepancies in some of the pay rates as compared to the budget. Supervisor Whitton moved the question, 2nd Deputy Supervisor Werner to end discussion and vote on the original motion.

Councilwoman Mustello objected and said she wants the public to know that we are voting on something that does not agree with the budget that was passed, including the rates of pay and certain pt as opposed to ft employment of some employees. Supervisor Whitton called for a vote on Resolution 1 of 2024: All aye except Councilwoman Auspitz who was absent and Councilwoman Mustello who voted no. Councilwoman Mustello added that because he is new, she wants Charlie to understand that he is voting on something that does not agree with the budget. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Supervisor Whitton to approve the following resolution BE IT

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RESOLVED that the Town Board approve Resolution **No. 2 of 2024, a resolution to appoint consulting professionals.** All aye except Councilwoman Auspitz who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Councilwoman Mustello, 2nd Councilman Werner to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve Resolution **No. 3 of 2024, a resolution to designate regular meeting nights for all Boards and Committees.** All aye except Councilwoman Auspitz who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Councilwoman Mustello, 2nd Councilman Werner to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve Resolution **No. 4 of 2024, a resolution to designate official media.** All aye except Councilwoman Auspitz who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Councilman Dykas, 2nd Councilman Werner to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve Resolution **on No. 5 of 2024, a resolution to designate official Banks of Deposit for Town Funds.** All aye except Councilwoman Auspitz who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Councilman Dykas, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve **Resolution No. 6 of 2024, a resolution to make appointments to Town Boards and Committees.** All aye except Councilwoman Auspitz who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilperson Mustello to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the payment of contracts, electric, telephone, postage, insurances, cable modem service, bond and bond interest payments, wages, Town's credit cards, and copier rental fees upon receiving their billings. All aye except Councilwoman Auspitz who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilperson Mustello to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes in advance the payments for seminars, conferences, and other meetings are paid at the time of registration after prior approval of the Town Board. All aye except Councilwoman Auspitz who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilperson Mustello to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves Town Supervisor, Town Board members, Town Justices, Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Town Highway Superintendent, Tax Collector, Assessor, Assessor Clerk, Building Inspector, Fire Inspector, Zoning Administrator, and Justice Court Clerks be reimbursed for meals at their Dutchess County Association meetings up to \$35.00, or actual cost, whichever is less. All aye except Councilwoman Auspitz who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilperson Mustello to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves establishing a biweekly payroll for all Town employees, including Highway employees and elected officials with the first payday on Friday January 5, 2024. All aye except Councilwoman Auspitz who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner 2nd Councilperson Mustello that Town personnel shall be paid \$0.67 per mile when on official Town business with their personal vehicle. All aye except Councilwoman

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Auspitz who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilperson Werner that the Town Board adjourns the meeting. All aye except Councilwoman Auspitz who was absent. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Carol-Jean Mackin,
Town Clerk