

2025 Reorganization Meeting
January 6, 2025

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, Marion Auspitz and Charles Dykas. Town Clerk Carol-Jean Mackin was also present. There were two people in the audience.

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

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Done by Deputy Supervisor Werner. Good Evening and Happy New Year!

- In 2024, this Town Board was able to accomplish many things. The town property tax rate went down again. The tax rate is now the lowest since 2010 and 2011. Aside from those 2 years, the Town of Clinton has the lowest tax rate since 1973, the furthest that Dutchess County could go back.
- We signed a long term lease for the Clinton Community Library, doing our part to make sure that they will be a part of this community for many years to come. Our first year implementing the Hometown Heroes Banner program was a great success. It is very important to us that we honor the Town's veterans. This year we installed 17 banners honoring them. We hope to add more in subsequent rounds.
- The Recreation Department secured a CDBG grant to install a Pickleball Court at Friends Park. The Town Board would like to thank them for their continued dedication to making sure our community has many options for leisure activities.
- The Climate Smart Communities Task Force, led by Joe Phelan, attained Bronze Certification. This will bring more grant money to the Town and represents the hard work done by the Task Force. We have already seen a \$10,000 grant as a result of this accomplishment, and we have applied for a \$50,000 grant that the Town is now eligible to receive.
- We have benefitted the Town in numerous ways with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant in 2024. We have completed the installation of a security camera system on the Town Hall campus, installed new flooring in the community room, and installed new windows in the Town Hall. We have entered into contracts for refinishing the floor in the Town Hall, fixing the highway roof, and installing playground equipment at Friends Park. Over the four years of ARPA grants, the Town has accomplished many other things. It has been a very successful 2024. The Town Board would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy 2025!

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.

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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, 2025.

Town Clerk Carol Mackin reappoints Mary Molloy First Deputy Town Clerk / Deputy Vital Statistics Registrar with a term of office from January 1 to December 31, 2025.

Supervisor Whitton appoints the following **liaisons** for a term of office of January 1 to December 31, 2025:

Councilman Werner:

Climate Smart Task Force
Cemetery Committee
SHRAC
DC Human Rights
MCEI
Building Inspector
Review General Fund/ Capital Project Fund Warrants

Councilman Dykas:

Highway Liaison
Tax Certiorari cases
Recycling
Altice
Recreation
Hometown Heroes
Review Highway Fund Warrants

Councilwoman Auspitz:

Highway Liaison
Library
Maintenance
WIC
Review Highway Fund Warrant

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Councilwoman Mustello:

Planning Board

ZBA

CAC

CSEA

Review General Fund / Capital Fund Warrant

Supervisor Whitton:

HR

Personnel

All Insurance Matters

CSEA Contract Negotiations

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 2025, a resolution to make annual appointments to establish town positions and their rates of pay.** All aye. except Councilwoman Auspitz who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve **Resolution No. 2 of 2025, 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 2025, 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 2025, 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 No. 5 of 2025, 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 Councilman Werner to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve **Resolution No. 6 of 2025, 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

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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 3, 2025. All aye. except Councilwoman Auspitz who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner 2nd Councilperson Mustello that Town personnel shall be paid \$0.70 per mile when on official Town business with their personal vehicle. All aye. except Councilwoman 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 6:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Carol-Jean Mackin,
Town Clerk