

2022 Reorganization Meeting
January 4, 2022

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 Dean Michael. Town Clerk Carol-Jean Mackin was also present. Councilman Chris Juliano was absent. There were 25 people in the audience.

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

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

- The Annual Christmas Tree Bonfire will be held on Saturday, January 8 at Fran Mark Park on Clinton Hollow Road from 5:30-8:00pm. We are accepting trees to build the fire. You can drop off your ornament free Christmas tree any time before January 8th at the Town Highway Garage, by the wood chip pile in front of the fence. You can also bring your live Christmas tree to the event on January 8th.
- The last two years have been challenging for all of us. The pandemic has changed the way we live, work, and play. It has made the already difficult job of governing, even more challenging. I would like to acknowledge and thank Nancy Cunningham for her service these last 6 years or so on the Town Board. She has been a friend that never shied away from telling me her opinion, especially when we disagreed. I also want to take this opportunity to thank Ray Oberly for his guidance and leadership for 22 years as Town Supervisor, and especially for the last two years. His experience and steady hand guided the town through the difficult early days of the pandemic. His years of solid financial planning made it possible for our town finances to continue to thrive. Ray has been a selfless mentor to me these last few months, preparing me for my new role. He has my unending gratitude.
- Over the last few years this town board has worked hard to usher in progress for our community. We worked together to revamp and create a new solar law. We worked for many months to tackle the difficult regulations regarding short term rentals and agricultural events. Together, along with various town committees, we have made significant progress in becoming more energy efficient, having the effect of saving taxpayer dollars while also doing the right thing for our environment and future generations. The New York State Energy Research and Development Agency has named Clinton a Clean Energy Community, which provided a small grant and opened up opportunities for more significant grants in the future.
- The last few years have seen major improvements to Fran Mark Park through Community Development Block Grants, and improvements to Friends Park will continue this year through the same grant program. State Assemblywoman Didi Barrett has worked with the town to secure State and Municipal grants. That funding replaced the roof on our old highway garage recently. The next phase will see the addition of a new entrance and ramp at the library. That work will hopefully begin in late spring or early summer. An additional grant from the same program is going to fund a new high band radio system, enabling our highway department and the two fire companies to communicate with each other. This will greatly improve their ability to work in a coordinated manner during storms and emergencies.

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Finally, I have several goals for this Town Board during the next year.

- We will finish the Zoning Revision workshops, going back to the pre-pandemic schedule of two meetings per month. Afterwards, we will immediately begin the process of passing the revisions into law.
- We will establish a new Comprehensive Plan Committee, which will result in an updated comprehensive plan based on the zoning revisions
- The Pandemic has shown us that unexpected events can have dramatic effects on our budget, both now and into the future. We will begin to develop a 5-year budget plan, updated periodically. This will allow us to see the effects of our decisions on town finances several years in advance. Councilman Werner and I had our first meeting yesterday about this project, and he has already begun preliminary work on future budget projections.
- Hand in hand with long term budgets, we must have a clear understanding of expected future expenses. Trucks and equipment will need to be replaced, buildings will need to be painted, and infrastructure maintained. We will create a comprehensive inventory of these projects and a maintenance schedule. This will be a powerful tool to help plan responsibly and avoid incurring debt to pay for unplanned expenses.
- Finally, we are determined to increase involvement from our community in this town government. Tonight, we are reconstituting the long dormant Recreation Committee with a solid group of citizen volunteers. They will develop a plan for community events that will bring us together more often. I encourage everyone to volunteer with community groups. That can be in the form of our town committees, but it can also be in outside community groups. This includes groups like the Lion's Club and their charitable activities, and the Library and Clinton Historical Society with all of their educational opportunities. We all would like to see our fire taxes remain low. The best way for that to happen is to volunteer with one of our two fire companies. The more volunteers they have, the better they can serve and protect the residents of Clinton.

I have full confidence that the five people sitting up here can accomplish these goals with spirited debates resulting in united actions for the benefit of our residents.

BUSINESS

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael 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 Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilperson Michael that pursuant to Town Law Section 63, all prior adopted rules for meetings of the Town Board be adopted. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilperson Michael 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 Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

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MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilperson Michael 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 Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

Supervisor Whitton appoints Councilman Eliot Werner as Deputy Supervisor with term of office from January 1 to December 31, 2022.

Town Clerk Carol Mackin reappoints Mary Molloy Deputy Town Clerk / Deputy Vital Statistics Registrar with a term of office from January 1 to December 31, 2022.

Supervisor Whitton appoints the following **liaisons** for a term of office of January 1 to December 31, 2022:

Councilman Werner:

Planning Board
ZBA
SHRAC
Cemeteries
Review General Fund and Capital Fund warrant

Councilman Michael:

CSEA
Altice
Highway
Zoning Revision
Tax Certiorari cases
Review Highway warrant

Councilman Juliano:

Recreation
Building Inspector
Zoning Administrator
Recycling
Building Maintenance (as needed)
Review General Fund and Capital fund warrant

Councilwoman Mustello:

Highway
Library
CAC
WIC
Review Highway warrant

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Supervisor Whitton:

HR

Personnel

All Insurance Matters

CSEA Contract Negotiations

Powerlines

DC Transportation Council

Northern Dutchess Alliance

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve **Resolution No. 1 of 2022, a resolution to make annual appointments to establish town positions and their rates of pay.** All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve **Resolution No. 2 of 2022, a resolution to appoint consulting professionals.** All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve **Resolution No. 3 of 2022, a resolution to designate regular meeting nights for all Boards and Committees.** All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve **Resolution No. 4 of 2022, a resolution to designate official media.** All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve **Resolution No. 5 of 2022, a resolution to designate official Banks of Deposit for Town Funds.** All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve **Resolution No. 6 of 2022, a resolution to make appointments to Town Boards and Committees.** All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilperson Michael 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 Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilperson Michael 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

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Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilperson Michael 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 Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilperson Michael 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 7, 2022. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilperson Michael that Town personnel shall be paid \$0.585 per mile when on official Town business with their personal vehicle. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilperson Michael that the Town Board adjourns the meeting. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Carol-Jean Mackin,
Town Clerk