

September 10, 2024

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 Dykas, Councilwomen Mustello and Councilwoman Auspitz as well as Town Clerk Carol-Jean Mackin. There were approximately 7 people in the audience.

Supervisor Whitton called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. **(Pledge done earlier)**

APPROVE MINUTES

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to approve the August 13, 2024 Public Hearing minutes STR. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to approve the August 13, 2024 Town Board meeting minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

Joe Phelan Chairman of CSC - since spring 2021. The purpose of the CSC is to recommend actions leading to the Town being recognized as a bronze climate smart community. Its a 10 yr old program run by DEC working with Cornell Cooperative Extension towards becoming a climate smart community. In July we submitted all of the activities required for the bronze status. Notified we received it. We and 20 other communities in NYS received this award. We have made the town more environmentally friendly and responsible and we can apply for a series of grants and have preference as we are a Bronze community. We will now start working towards silver status. Looking to work with the highway department to mitigate some of the loss of heat when doors are open as well as other clean energy program projects. Thanked several members of the CSC who put in a ton of work.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: (Agenda Items only)

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to open the floor to public discussion. All aye. Motion carried.

John Calogero – re: STR asked the Board to review all of the comments he has made on the subject. Commends the Board for their work. Should limit the number of permits and the number of rental days. Start tough and if no problems you can always add more permits. A homeowner has rights but so do the neighbors. Asked the Board to look at the Town of Olive. The townspeople want a quiet lifestyle as noted in the comprehensive plan. An STR is actually a hotel and brings with it a host of problems. If we allow them without a limit to the number, we run the risk of LLCs or corporations buying them.

Arlene Campbell – We have four applications pending now.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to close public discussion and return to the regular order of business. All aye. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS read by Deputy Werner

- Traveling Vietnam Wall is coming to Bowdin Park. Visit the Dutchess county website for more information.
- ECFD surf and turf dinner is Saturday Sept. 28.
- TB thanked the Community Day Committee; 500 people in attendance. There was a brief conversation about changing the date, the Board will discuss it. The Board will make a motion to make that official.

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)

Councilwoman Mustello –

- CAC – The Conservation Advisory Council and Climate Smart Communities Task Force had booths at Clinton Community Day. Our team were very happy with the number of people who visited the booths. A "Big High Five" to the organizers of Clinton Community Day! The DEC September tip for Being a Friend to the Environment has been added to the front page of the town's website. Thank you, Carol Mackin. Barbara will lead a Bird Walk on the Clinton Nature Trail on Saturday, Sept 14 at 9:30. Sign up on the Clinton Community Library's website. Clinton residents are always invited to visit the CAC and CSC website for updated information. clintoncac.com
- Planning Board – report posted on the web; on file in the Town Clerk's office
- ZBA – report posted on the web; on file in the Town Clerk's office

Councilwoman Auspitz –

- Highway - report posted on the web; on file in the Town Clerk's office.
- Library – report posted on the web; on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Deputy Supervisor Werner –

- Building Inspector - report posted on the web; on file in the Town Clerk's office
- MCEI – report posted on the web; on file in the Town Clerk's office
- Recreation Committee – the planning for the use of the \$125,000 grant to build a pickleball court has begun. Hike planned at Slab Sides. Dates still open for pavilion rental. Painting will be done and staining the pavilion and the Snack Shack.
- CSC - Awarded the Bronze Certification. Composting project survey was available at Community Day. Two new members to the CSC, replacing two inactive members. Next meeting 9-24.

Councilman Dykas-

- Hometown Heroes –
- 1. We have confirmed we have been awarded \$8000.00 to assist our

Hometown Heroes program and should be receiving a letter from County Executive Serino in the near future.

- 2. We are now accepting applications for banners.
- 3. We have had our Town Clerk Carol Mackin, design and send out a mail chimp with information on how to apply and also Fred Shequine our IT tech designed the webpage using forms provided by Cathy Gallinger. The webpage is now up on our website's homepage and the application can be downloaded.
- 4. Printed copies of the applications can be found on the table in the Town Hall or stop by the Town Supervisor's or Town Clerk's offices to pick one up.
- 5. We also have our own email heroes@townofclinton.com if anyone has questions or wants to submit their application and photos. Target Nov. 11 for the first installation

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss STR law update – Werner

We want a consensus of the TB to create the update, the one issue of the number of permits being limited to the current number, all agree. Then the question how do we give the permit, is it by property or by person. Mike Whitton, Eliot Werner, and Charlie Dykas want to go by person, but Supervisor Whitton has some concern about that. If the STR permit is to go with the property, we should limit the number. And Councilman Werner said going forward there is consideration that permits will only be allowed in the hamlet. Supervisor Whitton commented that any new application - once one lapses - will only be allowed in the hamlet, with an ultimate number being 15. Councilwoman Mustello said a lot of the complaints are due to proximity. This will be exacerbated as homes are closer in the hamlet. She is in favor of setting the limit, allowing them townwide, and as one lapses one is up for grabs, then how do people know? We need to consider logistics. Discussion over whether the permit goes with the person or the property. By consensus, the permit should be issued to the person at their address: all agree but Councilwoman Mustello. She does not think this is legal.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Proclaiming October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month – Whitton

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Clinton approve **Resolution No. 34 of 2024: Proclaiming October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month** honoring those women battling the disease, along with the families, researchers, and health care providers whose hard work gives hope to those living with breast cancer. All aye. Motion carried.

Town Supervisor Whitton encourages Townspeople light the Town pink. Free pink lightbulbs and string lights are available at the Town Clerk's office.

2 Approve 2025 Budget Meeting Schedule

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Clinton approve the 2025 Budget meeting schedule. All aye. Motion carried.

3 Approve introducing Tax Cap Override LL – Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Mustello to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Clinton approve **Resolution No. 35 of 2024 introducing LL of 2024, Tax Cap Override**; the Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on October 8, 2024 at the Town of Clinton Town Hall, 1215 Centre Rd, Rhinebeck (Town of Clinton), New York at 6:00 p.m. Prevailing Time, or as soon thereafter as the matter is reached on the agenda, concerning the proposed law titled, “A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2025. All aye. Motion carried.

4 Approve going to bid for Town wide cameras – Whitton

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Dykas to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Clinton approve going to bid for the purchase and installation of Campus-wide security cameras. All aye. Motion carried.

The cost is in the \$15-\$18,000 range, using ARPA funds and there is \$75,000 in the building fund. Marion Auspitz and Catherine Mustello talked about the lighting outside and Marion said she is talking to Central Hudson to improve the lighting.

5 Approve amendment to TekCon Agreement – Whitton

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Clinton approve the amendment to the TekCon HVAC agreement at the new rates listed, effective immediately and authorizes, empowers, and instructs the Town Supervisor to sign the agreement. All aye. Motion carried.

6 Discuss painting of metal roofs – Auspitz

Councilwoman Auspitz said many buildings roofs need repair, the Highway roof is leaking. She spoke to several companies and is waiting to hear from them with quotes.

OTHER ITEMS

1. Resignations and appointments – Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Auspitz to accept the resignation of Rich Wagner as Working Supervisor in the Highway Department effective September 3, 2024. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Mustello to accept the resignations of Paul Ruud and Leslie Power from the CSC Task Force, effective September 9, 2024. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Mustello to approve the appointments of Ken Pickett and Jim Metcalfe as members of CSC Task Force, effective September 10, 2024 until December 31, 2024. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Auspitz to appoint Sara Foglia as Deputy Assessor effective 9-10-24 for \$25/hour for a maximum of 20 hours per week. All aye except Katherine Mustello who abstained. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to appoint Jake Mignano, MEO, effective 8-26-24 with a starting pay of \$1 less than \$22.49 for 6 months or 1000 hours worked, with full medical, eye and dental benefit coverages with an employee contribution of 15%, and paid leave benefits as per the CSEA Contract. All aye. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Warrants - Mustello

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

September General Fund Warrant, Vouchers Numbered 454 through 510 , Totaling \$ 46,632.87

and the

September Highway Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered 216 through 237, Totaling \$47,348.87. All aye. Motion carried.

3. Motion to Move Funds –Werner

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilperson Werner that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 36 of 2024 a motion to move funds.** All aye. Motion carried.

4. Supervisor's Report - Whitton

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to approve the Supervisor's Report for August 2024. All aye. Motion carried.

OTHER/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to open the floor to public discussion. All aye. Motion carried.

Paul Thomas -re NRI, we adopted in March, how do we incorporate it into our law for the Board's to use it. Katherine Mustello asked to have it on the agenda for October.

Bridget Roach – the Rec park is most busy in July, suggests Community Day in July. Suggests more programs at Fran Mark Park. Loved the outside reading program as a child. She would suggest a reading program. We should do more advertising to promote the park.

Patrick Roach – wants to know more about electric charging stations. Katherine Mustello said we are investigating it; it is very expensive to have two chargers without addressing the power. Predicts it will be a long term project. Mike Whitton said we need to get creative to get grants to help pay for them. Patrick also asks what promoted the need for security cameras, Mike said it is dark and there has been some vandalism.

July Malstrom - this Friday at 7PM, Neil from Zero Waste USA will give a talk on how to start a compost project here in town. Other speakers are Ryan Hart of Replenish.com. discussing repurposing materials and Tracy Frish Warren County, got the County to start a Zero Waste program.

Marion Auspitz said the Welcome Booth at Community Day was donated by Gerry Thorpe of Bay Horse; he will make a deal for the Town to buy it.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to close public discussion and return to the regular order of business. All aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned 7:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Carol-Jean Mackin,
Town Clerk