

January 13, 2026

Schultzville, NY

The Clinton Town Board held the Regular Town Board meeting on this day in the Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Mike Whitton, Deputy Supervisor Eliot Werner, Councilman Charlie Dykas and Councilwomen Katherine Mustello and Marion Auspitz as well as Town Clerk Carol-Jean Mackin. There were approximately 16 people in the audience.

Supervisor Whitton called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to approve the Annual Meeting minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to approve the Reorganizational Meeting minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION: (Agenda Items only)**

none

### **SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS**

Read by Deputy Supervisor Werner:

Offices closed January 19, 2026 for MLK.

Vacancy on ZBA, interested people contact Supervisor Whitton

Bon fire and skating party on Jan 24 at 5:30 pm at Friends Park

Dep Supervisor comment

Working on the comprehensive plan, we are setting up a meeting schedule.

Creating a survey working on the questions to send to the community to get their input.

**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 – meets tomorrow.

Planning Board – read from report, posted online.

ZBA - read from the report, posted online.

**Councilman Dykas-**

Recreation - read from the report, posted on line.

Hometown Heroes- on hold for the winter.

**Councilwoman Auspitz –**

Library - read from the report, posted on line.

Highway – read from the report, posted on line. Radios paid for by a grant.

Maintenance - none

**Deputy Supervisor Werner –**

Zoning Officer – read from report posted on line.

Building Inspector no report, clerk has been ill and out of the office. Read previous months' reports.

CSC – met with CAC on a climate smart collaborate report. On the website. Initiated the bidding project with help of Town Clerk to spend NYSERDA funds.

SHRAC – reviewed projects before the PB. Discussion on the transfer station and the proliferation of garbage cans that are left on the roads.

Cemetery – no update.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Approve LL1 of 2026 Wetlands Law – Mustello**

MM Councilwoman Mustello, 2nd Councilman Werner that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. of 2026 whereby the Town Board hereby adopts said Local Law No. 1 of 2026, entitled “Local Law Amending Town Code §250-78: Freshwater Wetlands, Watercourses, Lakes, Ponds, and Floodplains”** a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution.

Councilwoman Mustello said she wants to read Jeff’s notes and a quick review and vote in Feb. Mike Whitton agrees along with agreeing with Victoria’s suggestion to exempt any permits before Jan 1. Charlie Dykas agrees with Victoria’s suggestion also. Katherine will reach out to Shane Egan, Town Attorney and discuss the changes.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Supervisor Werner to table previous motion. All aye. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Approve Supervisor Whitton to AOT training and as delegate – Werner**

**MOTION TO ATTEND:**

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilwoman Werner that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves Supervisor Whitton's attendance at the 2026 AOT's Annual Meeting and Training in NYC from February 14 - 17 at a total cost for conference registration and accommodations not to exceed \$1200.00. All aye. Motion carried.

**MOTION AS DELEGATE:**

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Auspitz that the Town Board approves designating Supervisor Whitton as DELEGATE to the Annual Business Session of the 2026 AOTs Annual Meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

**2. Approve Dog Housing Agreement for 2026 – Werner**

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the 2026 Dog Housing Agreement between the Town of Clinton and HUDSON VALLEY ANIMAL RESCUE AND SANCTUARY, and authorizes, empowers and directs the Town Supervisor to sign the agreement. All aye. Motion carried.

**3. Approve Employee Handbook**

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Werner that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board adopts the Employee Handbook, dated January 1, 2026 as amended to list the PB/ ZBA clerk as two positions, replacing all prior versions. Created to align with the CSEA contract with benefits for the general fund employees. Councilwoman Mustello said it refers to department head and the way we are organized it is murky, does everyone know who their department head is? Longevity will now be given at the anniversary date. All aye. Motion carried.

**4. Approve NPV Contract for PB consultation – Mustello**

MM Councilwoman Mustello, 2nd Councilman Werner that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve hiring NPV for professional planning services for a variety of planning services as detailed, at the hourly rates listed in the Contract and authorizes, empowers and directs the Town Supervisor to sign on behalf of the Town. All aye. Motion carried.

**5. Discuss the Fee Schedule**

Whitton said we adjust the fee schedule every year. Bring any changes forward for approval in February.

**OTHER ITEMS**

**1. Resignations and appointments – Werner**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Auspitz to approve the appointments of Connor Burns, Roberta Grant and Kenneth Wallace as pt seasonal winter employees “Wingmen” at \$17.35 per hour as needed effective January 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to approve the appointment of Frank Iachetta as HMEO effective January 12, 2026 at a rate of pay as per CSEA contract for \$27.43 per hour plus full medical, eye, and dental coverage with an employee contribution of 15%, and paid leave benefits as per the CSEA contract. All aye. Motion carried.

## **2. Approval of Warrants**

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

**January General Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered 1 through 28 totaling \$ 29,707.76**

**and the**

**January Highway Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered 1 through 11 totaling \$ 7786.36**

All aye. Motion carried.

## **3. Motion to Move Funds – Whitton/Werner**

none

## **4. Supervisor’s Report - Whitton**

The December 2025 Supervisor’s Report will be approved when the Annual Financial Report is complete.

## **OTHER/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TOSHIBA CONTRACT:**

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Werner that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the contract with Toshiba to replace the three copiers as per the contract dated January 13, 2026 at a monthly rate of \$441.15. All aye. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

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

Lynn Miceli – questioned the overall cost to use the planner. Mike Whitton said it is paid by the applicant to use their services. Wants the board to reconsider the senior exemption and not add the social security back in.

Greg DeSylva – concern is with the assessment process. Reassessments are opaque, asks for the new assessor to make things simple. Distributed a hand out and discussed his understanding of how an assessment is derived for each property. And on his hand out of comparable properties, it shows a wide range of increases from year to year. Katherine encourages him to call Sarah and speak with her. Supervisor Whitton said he will put together an explanation of how to determine assessment and we will put it on the website for all.

Lynn Miceli - we are at 100 percent value and our taxes go up. Encourages people to grieve their assessment every year.

Greg DeSylva – discussed a personal situation at small claims. Wants to see the small claims limit increased.

Lisa Metcalfe – invite all to Community Day meeting Jan 22 at Creek Meeting House 6:30 pm. Community Day is June 6, 2026.

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 7:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carol-Jean Mackin,  
Town Clerk