November 10, 2026 Schultzville, NY

A public hearing on Local Law No. of 2026 Occupancy Tax was held on this day in the Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Whitton, Deputy Supervisor Werner, Councilwoman Auspitz, Councilwoman Mustello as well as Town Clerk Carol-Jean Mackin. Councilman Dykas was absent. There were 16 people in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 6:27 PM, Supervisor Whitton called the public hearing to order.

The Town Clerk read the legal notice aloud.

PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Whitton opened the floor to comments.

Lynne Miceli – Asked several questions, including if there is a long range plan for the use of the income and if it applies to all overnight stays. Supervisor Whitton said he shared the long range plan previously and non- STRs are included, nonprofits are not. The revenue will go to the Town, its an additional revenue source.

Amy Jelenko – read a letter on behalf of the Common Senses Hudson Valley, attached to the minutes. Alluding that the real financial impact of Six Senses will be to the West Clinton Fire District, Katherine Mustello said the fire departments have their own budgets, we don't have any influence on them nor do we share income with them. Supervisor Whitton said estimating the revenue from this tax is difficult at this time. But he believes the income will be a benefit for the town. The fees are collected by the vendor, the operator does not have any work to do to collect our tax, for example, Airbnb collects and transmits to the town quarterly.

Lynne Miceli – what if an STR is not complying. Supervisor Whitton said there are legal steps we can take or we can assess the tax on their property taxes.

Other written comments received attached.

At 6:39 PM, MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to close the public hearing. All aye except councilman Dykas who was absent. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:39 PM, MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to adjourn the public hearing. All aye except councilman Dykas who was absent. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol-Jean Mackin,
Town Clerk