

September 8, 2026

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, Councilwoman Auspitz, Councilwoman Mustello as well as Town Clerk Carol-Jean Mackin. There were approximately 6 people in the audience. Councilman Dykas was absent.

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

A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD FOR FORMER Justice court Clerk Colleen McGarry who passed away.

Supervisor Whitton spoke kind words about Colleen and her service to the community as well as her friendship, recalling the advice she gave him to help him cope with his surgery, and how excited she was to become a grandmother.

APPROVE MINUTES

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Auspitz to approve the August 11, 2026 Town Board Meeting minutes. All aye except Councilman Dykas who was absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: (Agenda Items only)

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to open the floor to public discussion. All aye except Councilman Dykas who was absent. Motion carried.

Joyce Morse – member of the Board of Trustees of the Library. Happy to see the land conveyance on the agenda. We have enjoyed a mutually positive relationship with the Town government. Spoke about the broad service the library offers the community. Noted the increases in attendance of all programs. These programs underscore the need for more space.

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

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Offices closed Monday Sept 21st for Yom Kippur.

Deputy Supervisor Werner

none

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, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, CEMETERIES, OTHER (QUARTERLY: WIC, SAFETY)

Councilwoman Mustello –

CAC – meets tomorrow.

Planning Board – Read from report, posted online. Noted the change in meeting schedules.

ZBA – Read from report, posted online.

Comprehensive Plan – up to 600 responses. We would like more responses in general and from younger people. The Committee is back to twice a month meetings in October.

Councilman Dykas-

Recreation – posted on line.

Councilwoman Auspitz –

Library - read from the report, posted on line.

Highway – read from the report, posted on line.

Deputy Supervisor Werner –

Zoning Officer –quarterly reports will be provided in place of monthly reports from the Zoning Officer. Read from the report, posted on line.

Building Inspector – read from the report posted on line.

CSC – read from the minutes about their activities.

Supervisor Whitton noted at this time that Charlie Dykas is absent as he is dealing with some health issues.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve Local Law to Regulate Cannabis Establishments - Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board adopts **Resolution No. 37 of 2026 adopting Local Law No. 4 of 2026, entitled “Local Law Regulating Cannabis Retail Dispensaries”** a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution. In discussion, Councilwoman Mustello explained the history of this law and the circumstances around allowing cannabis dispensaries. All aye except Councilman Dykas who was absent. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Snow and Ice Control agreement with the County - Whitton

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board adopts **Resolution No. 38 of 2026 approving the Snow and Ice Control Agreement between the Town of Clinton and Dutchess County for 2026-2027.** The County will pay 9% higher than last year for the same mileage of roads. All aye except Councilman Dykas who was absent. Motion carried.

2. Discuss Library Conveyance - Whitton

The Town of Clinton owns almost 15 acres of land between the Town Hall campus and the Clinton Alliance Church. The Town has no current use or plans for the property, although it does contain the wells for the Town's geothermal system near the Town Hall campus.

The Town also needs additional meeting space. Planning Board, ZBA, CAC, CSC, and other meetings are currently held on the top floor of the Masonic Hall. While that space has served the Town well, it is not an ideal long-term location for public meetings.

The Clinton Community Library also needs additional space. It is, by a significant margin, the smallest library in the Mid-Hudson Library System. A few years ago, the idea of using a portion of the Town-owned property for a new library was raised, and the Town has since explored its feasibility.

The concept is that the Library anticipates raising the funds needed to construct a new facility. Once it reaches an agreed-upon funding threshold, the Town would convey a portion of the unused property to the Library. The agreement would contain appropriate safeguards to protect the Town and its taxpayers. The agreement will be drafted by the parties' respective attorneys and will be subject to review and approval by this Board and by the Library's Board of Trustees. The agreement will provide for a future conveyance of the property to the Library, in exchange for allowing the Town permanent use of the current Library space, provided that the terms and conditions specified in the agreement are met.

A new library would provide the space the Library needs while allowing the Town to repurpose the current library building as a flexible community facility. It could provide a permanent location for Town meetings, with facilities for broadcasting and recording them, as well as community space and a warming or cooling center during extreme weather.

Other uses would likely develop over time.

This is not a proposal for the Town to fund a new library. The Library would be responsible for raising the necessary funds, while the Town would put currently unused property to productive use and ultimately gain a valuable community space.

The Clinton Community Library will begin presenting its vision and goals for a potential new library to the Town Board and Clinton residents in the coming months. I look forward to hearing the community's thoughts as this concept develops and exploring whether this can become a project that benefits the entire Town.

OTHER ITEMS:

1. Appointments/ Resignations:

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to approve the appointment of CJ Wyant to the Cemetery Committee for a term of office of Sept. 8, 2026 to December 31, 2026. All aye except Councilman Dykas who was absent Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to approve the separation of Kenneth Lang from the position of Seasonal Groundskeeper (Recreation) effective August 12, 2026. All aye except Councilman Dykas who was absent Motion carried.

2. Approval of Warrants

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

September General Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered 435 through 476 totaling \$ 23,909.65 and the

September Highway Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered 245 through 271 totaling \$ 56,081.29, and the

Sept capital warrant, #6, totaling \$262.50.

All aye except Councilman Dykas who was absent. Motion carried.

3. Motion to Move Funds

None.

4. Supervisor's Report - Whitton

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner approve the August 2026 Supervisor's Report. All aye except Councilman Dykas who was absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilwoman Auspitz to open the floor to public discussion. All aye except Councilman Dykas who was absent. Motion carried.

Lynne Miceli – Gov. Hochul increased the senior exemption limit. Asked the Board to address it next month. A lot of garbage cans being left out longer. Notices people put a lot of items at the curb, asks for enforcement.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilwoman Auspitz that the Town Board adjourns the meeting. All aye except Councilman Dykas who was absent. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Carol-Jean Mackin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carol-Jean Mackin,
Town Clerk