

October 14, 2025

Schultzville, NY

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

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

APPROVE MINUTES

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman to approve the September 9, 2025 Public Hearing Meeting minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman to approve the September 9, 2025 Town Board Meeting minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman to approve the October 2, 2025 Special Town Board Meeting minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: (Agenda Items only)

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

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman to return to the regular order of business. All aye. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

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, OTHER (QUARTERLY: WIC, SAFETY)

Councilwoman Mustello –
CAC – meets tomorrow.

Planning Board – read from report, posted online.

ZBA – read from report, posted online.

Councilman Dykas-

Recreation report - read from the report, posted on line.

Hometown Heroes –

Cell phone update –

Councilwoman Auspitz –

Library - read from the report, posted on line.

Highway – read from the report, posted on line.

Maintenance –

Deputy Supervisor Werner –

Zoning Administrator – read from report posted online

Building Inspector - read from report, posted online.

CSC – met and minutes are posted on website.

SHRAC – no report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve 467 Senior Citizen Exemption – Mustello

MM Councilwoman Mustello, 2nd Councilman that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. of 2025, entitled "Local Law Amending Town Code Chapter 210 (Taxation) Regarding Social Security Income"**, All aye. Motion carried.

2. Discussion on the formation of a Comprehensive Plan Committee – Mustello/Werner

Eliot Werner asked for volunteers, 8 applications received. Asked for more people to contact him if interested.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve 2026 Budget Meeting Schedule – Whitton/Werner

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner that the Town Board approves the 2026 Budget Meeting Schedule. All aye. Motion carried.

2. Approve Resolution releasing Dutchess Reserve Bond – Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve **Resolution No. 37 of 2025 authorizing the release of the Dutchess Reserve Subdivision Restoration Bond**. All aye. Motion carried.

3. Approve Introducing Tax Cap Override LL – Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve **Resolution No. 38 of 2025 "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2026"** and setting a public hearing at Clinton Town Hall on October 14, 2025 at 6:15 pm. All aye. Motion carried.

4. Approve Proclaiming October Breast Cancer Awareness Month – Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Auspitz that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve **Resolution No. 39 of 2025 Proclaiming October Breast Cancer Awareness Month**. Elizabeth's Tree will be lit pink for the month of October and we encourage residents to light their homes pink as well; pink bulbs are available for Free from the Town Clerk starting tomorrow. All Aye. Motion carried.

5. Approve renaming Nature Trail – Mustello

MM Councilwoman Mustello, 2nd Councilman Werner that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board **approve Resolution No. 40 of 2025 renaming the Nature Trail the Norene Coller Nature Trail**. All aye. Motion carried.

6. Approve updated Workplace Violence Policy & Appoint Hazard Reduction Team – Whitton/Werner

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves adopting the Workplace Violence Prevention Program Policy, dated 9-9-25. Supervisor Whitton explained the need for the policy based on things that have happened recently with highway workers. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to establish a Hazard Reduction Team as required by the Workplace Violence Prevention Program Policy. Supervisor Whitton said the team will conduct a comprehensive risk evaluation, give strategies, coordinate employee training and investigate any incidents. One member needs to not be on the Town Board. Katherine Mustello wants to know what skills the members have. Mike Whitton is appointing Cathy Gallinger because she is HR and coordinates training. The highway liaisons are in contact with the largest group of full-time employees. Katherine wants to know what guidance they will have to do their task. Mike said they can reach out to PERMA. All aye. Motion carried.

Mike Whitton appoints Councilwoman Marion Auspitz, Councilman Charlie Dykas and Supervisor's Assistant Cathy Gallinger as the members of the Hazard Reduction Team effective September 9, 2025.

7. Approve Security Surveillance Camera Policy – Whitton/Werner

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves adopting the Security Surveillance Camera Policy, dated 9-9-25. We installed security cameras outside the buildings and it make sense to have a policy in place for their use. Katherine Mustello concerned about certain items, including monitoring workers attendance. She is concerned about lawsuits. Mike is concerned if there is no policy we may also be subject to lawsuits to which Katherine agrees. All aye. Motion carried.

8. Approve Tax Certiorari

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approve **Resolution No. 41 of 2025 authorizing the attorney for the Town of Clinton, Shane J. Egan, Esq., to enter into a settlement agreement with the attorney for petitioner, Allan B. Rappleyea Esq., Index Nos.: 2024-53297 and 2025-53660.** All aye. Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS

1. Resignations and appointments – Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to appoint Gwendolyn Dampf as Student Worker for up to 8 hours per week at \$16.80 per hour effective August 25, 2025. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to appoint Sara Foglia as Sole Assessor for a term of office of October 1, 2025 – September 31, 2031, replacing Teresa Stegner who is retiring, at an annual salary of \$32,935. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to appoint Nathaniel Chase temporary Court Clerk, replacing Colleen McGarry, from August 25, 2025 to December 31, 2025 at a rate of pay of \$24.16 for up to 25 hours per week. Colleen has some health issues, so she needs some time off. All aye. Motion carried.

- The Town Board is Teresa wishing her well.

Approval of Warrants

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 400 through 440, Totaling \$36,948.69 and the

September Highway Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered Vouchers numbered 257 through 284, Totaling \$63,871.68 and the

September Capital Fund Projects Warrant, numbered 14, totaling \$1305.00. All aye. Motion carried.

2. Motion to Move Funds – Whitton/Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Supervisor Whitton that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 42 of 2025 a motion to move funds at the September 9, 2025 Town Board meeting.** All aye. Motion carried.

3. Supervisor's Report – Whitton /Werner

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Werner to approve the August 2025 Supervisor's Report. All aye. Motion carried.

OTHER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Lynn Miceli – the 467 exemption is not a state exemption; they allow the Towns to adopt the law; do not add the nontaxable back in.

Judy Malstrom – the Library and Zero Waste Dutchess are joining together for a bi annual repair cafe here in the town of Clinton. It will be a reuse workshop as well.

Rich Morse – thanked Teresa for her work; she will be missed.

Gary Stokes – former Recreation Director and Little League Director. 40-year resident, former owner of Schultzville Store. Commended former Town officials who were in office during his tenure. Concerned about the condition of the pavilion, which was constructed over 30 years ago. All work was donated from local people and businesses with \$35,000 from the Town of Clinton. The stain needs to be updated. Asked the Town Board to get the building stained. The pavilion is near and dear to his heart. Thought the pavilion rental money would be earmarked for its care. Would like the plaque that names the helpers moved outside of the kitchen so the public can see it. He would like to see more done with the kitchen to enhance it. Built in 1990-91.

Dan Harkenrider – Thanks to Gary. Commented that the Parks are looking great. Thanked the Town Board for their support.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to 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 7:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Carol-Jean Mackin,
Town Clerk