

August 12, 2025

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, Councilwoman Katherine Mustello, Councilman Charlie Dykas and Councilwoman Marion Auspitz as well as Town Clerk Carol-Jean Mackin. There were approximately 35 people in the audience.

Supervisor Whitton called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Auspitz to approve the July 8, 2025 Public Hearing minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to approve the July 8, 2025 Town Board Meeting minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

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

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

Lynn Miceli – she previously asked the Board to put on agenda the 467 exemption. She asked for something other than the law we are presenting. Asking for us to approve calculating the exemption the way the STAR exemption is calculated. Shared statistics on the 467 exemptions.

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

### **SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:**

- Offices are closed for Labor Day Sept 1st.
- ECFD is holding its 44th annual Surf and Turf dinner on Sept 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Dutchess County is accepting hazardous waste at the Fairgrounds, Sept 13<sup>th</sup>, see their website for items allowed; all must register for the event.
- CAC is hosting: Exploring Water Resources Sept 13<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in Town Hall.

### **DEPUTY SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:**

- Looking for a BAR member. Interested people can email Eliot Werner and a townwide email will go out.

### **TOWN BOARD REPORTS:** Posted on the web, [townofclinton.com](http://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. Thanked the members of the Boards for their volunteer work.

**Councilman Dykas-**  
Recreation report - read from the report, posted on line.

Hometown Heroes – program continues. We will use grant money to make a banner to be used at events.

Cell phone update – Nothing new to report. We are working with Senator Hinchey's office.

**Councilwoman Auspitz –**  
Library - read from the report, posted on line.

Highway – read from the report, posted on line.

Maintenance – No issues.

**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 Adopting Local Law: Conference Center, Hotel, Motel Moratorium – Werner**

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Mustello that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 30 of 2025, adopting Local law No. 1 of 2025 titled Conference Center, Hotel and Motel Moratorium.** Werner said people have concerns but one important issue has been overlooked, we are working on a new law that will be a pretty major revision. The Moratorium will remove the pressure to work quickly and ineffectively to get the new law done. Supervisor Whitton said he understands people want to be retroactive with the Moratorium; we

are obligated by law that the moratorium can only be for 6 months, so if is backdated it would already be expired. We are looking forward and plan to work on a new law. All aye. Motion carried.

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

Eliot and Katherine are working on forming a committee to work on the Comprehensive Plan. It will have 10 members: a volunteer chair, one from each of three major boards, (PB, ZBA, CAC), Eliot and Katherine and 4 from the general public. It will be a lengthy process. The Town Clerk will send a notice to the public looking for volunteers.

## **3. Discuss replacing Fran Mark Park playground equipment – Mustello**

No updates today. Mike Whetton said there is new equipment to be installed at Friends Park. Asks that Charlie, the Recreation liaison be kept in the loop.

## **4. Discussion on adopting Zoning Law – Whitton**

Supervisor Whitton gave an update on the process for the adoption of the zoning law. The changes will be incorporated and the document will be sent to DC Planning for review. We will then introduce it as a local law and have a public hearing.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Approve 467 Senior Citizen Exemption – Mustello**

Proposed Resolution No. 31 of 2025 was removed after listening to the comments of resident Lynn Miceli, a law containing the updated correct information will be presented next month for introduction.

### **2. Approve Resolution supporting Justice Court Assistance Program – Werner**

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 32 of 2025 a resolution supporting the Justice Court Assistance Program**. All aye. Motion carried.

### **3. Approve temporary blocking of Lauren Lane for private fireworks display– 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 fireworks display at 7 Lauren Lane on August 31, 2025 and the temporary blocking of Lauren Lane at Hollow Road as per the requirement of the Building Inspector. All other conditions of the permit have been met and the fee paid. All aye. Motion Carried.

#### **4. Approve 25-26 Snow and Ice Control Agreement – Auspitz/Dykas**

MM Councilman Dykas, 2nd Councilwoman Auspitz that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 33 of 2025** the 2025 – 2026 the Snow and Ice Control Agreement between the Town of Clinton and Dutchess County. Supervisor Whitton explained that the highway department plows the County roads for a fee. We are using that money to pay for the interest on the bonds to buy the new trucks. All aye. Motion carried.

#### **5. Approve Resolution Re: Hometown Heroes Program – Dykas**

MM Councilman Dykas, 2nd Councilman Werner that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 34 of 2025 regarding the Hometown Heroes Banner Program**. Charlie Dykas explained the Town of Clinton owns the program; there has been abuse across the country for the use of the name, likeness and images. If anyone wants to use the name, they need written permission from either the Chairman of the Program or the Town Supervisor to protect the integrity of the veterans. All aye. Motion carried.

### **OTHER ITEMS**

#### **1. Resignations and appointments – Werner**

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilwoman Mustello to accept the resignation of HMEO Steven Giannone effective August 12, 2025. 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:

August General Fund Warrant, Vouchers Numbered 348 through 399, Totaling \$ 52,701.14 and the

August Highway Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered Vouchers numbered 229 through 256, Totaling \$ 401,876.88 and the

August Capital Fund Projects Warrant, numbered 10 – 13, totaling 152,823.26. All aye. Motion carried.

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

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Werner that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 35 of 2025 a motion to move funds at the August 12, 2025 Town Board meeting**. All aye. Motion carried.

#### **4. Supervisor's Report – Whitton /Werner**

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Werner to approve the July 2025 Supervisor's Report. All aye. Motion carried.

**OTHER/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

none

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

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

Lynn Miceli – asked about the process to adopt the new law. Gave additional statistics on agriculture and forest exemptions. Asked how many of these are valid or verified.

Rich Morse – re budget discussions, the food pantry needs aide. They are getting more requests than ever. They are feeling a shortage. We should support the food pantry with a token monthly payment.

Dana Veith – wants to petition to get Browns Pond Road blacktopped.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

7:26 PM MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner that the Town Board adjourns the meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Carol-Jean Mackin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carol" and last name "Mackin" clearly distinguishable.

Carol-Jean Mackin,  
Town Clerk