

Mayor Kovach called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – Carberry, Pendergast, Rylak, Smith, Sosidka, Mayor Kovach

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Mayor Kovach read the following statement: “Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided, indicating the time and place of the meeting and the proposed agenda, which notice was posted, made available to newspapers, and filed with the Clerk of the Town of Clinton in accordance with Section 3(d) of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975.”

PRESENTATION OF REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE NOMINEES FOR COUNCIL

Mayor Kovach explained the process of filling the council seat of Dan Shea, who resigned March 17, 2015. Three nominees were presented:

Sherry Dineen
54 Leigh Street

Francis Gallagher
31 Center Street

Dan Melillo
33 Union Road

Each nominee will be given an opportunity to introduce themselves and present their reasons for wanting to be on Council.

A resident of Clinton for 18 years, Mrs. Dineen would like to give back to the Town. Mr. Carberry asked “what would you do to make Clinton a better place?” Mrs. Dineen said she would like to have good communication between people who live in town and who run the town. Let the people know they are being heard. The taxes are high but for the parents with children in the schools the taxes are justified, however, for the elderly in town who do not have kids in the school it is tough for them to balance their budget.

Frank Gallagher gave his experience of Planning Board chair for 10 years, served on the Red Mill Board of Trustees and as their finance chairman. He said he would like to serve the remainder of Mr. Shea’s seat and would like to work with council. Mr. Gallagher also commented that he spoke with the DPW workers during a snow storm this past winter and was amazed how hard the eight DPW workers work and accomplished clearing the town roads. In addition, Mr. Gallagher said he would like to work more closely with the merchants.

Mr. Melillo grew up living in Union Township but “grew up” in Clinton Town. He currently works in a family IT business in Somerset. He would like to see more business development and events or entertainment for young adults, possibly a bowling alley or a movie theater.

The three were asked if anyone filed a petition to run for council. Only Mrs. Dineen had filed.

A motion was made by Mr. Carberry seconded by Mr. Rylak to enter into Executive Session as 7:18 p.m. to discuss the three candidates.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Returning from Executive Session at 7:30, Mr. Pendergast thanked all candidates for being interested in filling the vacant seat of Mr. Shea. A motion was made by Mr. Pendergast, seconded by Mr. Smith to

appoint Sherry Dineen as the person to fill the seat with an expiration date of December 31, 2015. Mrs. Dineen was sworn in by Attorney St. Angelo and took a seat at the council dias. A round of applause and congratulations to Mrs. Dineen.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Carberry seconded by Mr. Pendergast to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

Mayor Janice Kovach