

March 7, 2011 – Work Session

The Work Session of the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson was called to order On Monday, March 7, 2011 at 5:31 PM by Supervisor Michael A. Marinaccio in the Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, New York.

The member of the Town Board present were:

Michael A. Marinaccio, Supervisor
Danny F. Morabito, Councilman
Thomas J. Burns, Councilman
Sharon Exley M., Councilwoman
Stephen M. Gardner, Councilman

Also in attendance was:

Oliver N. Blaise III, Esq., Town Attorney
Tonyia M. Baldwin, Deputy Town Clerk

ATTORNEY

1. Attorney Oliver Blaise composed a letter to Bednarsky Funeral Home and presented it to the Town Board for review. The Board members and Mr. Joel Kie, Commissioner of Public Works, agreed that the letter addresses the Town's position that funeral homes are the responsible party for handling the finances associated with burials. The letter will be sent to Bednarsky Funeral Home.
2. Attorney Oliver Blaise presented a proposed local law governing high weight and frequency traffic over Town roads based on a local law passed by the Town of Windsor. Attorney Blaise has also added an extra paragraph to address the two (2) railroad crossings on Phelps Street near or in the Village of Port Dickinson. Attorney Blaise will be in contact with the attorney for the Village of Port Dickinson to see if the Village wants us to administer this Road Use Law for the Village or if they want to handle this Road Use themselves. Supervisor Marinaccio will contact Mayor Kevin Burke to discuss this matter. This Road Way Use will be scheduled for public hearing to be made into a local law at the next meeting on March 14, 2011 at the Regular Meeting.
3. Attorney Blaise asked where the Town of Dickinson stands with 50 North Broad Street demolition. The Town of Dickinson has received the Performance Bond from LCP, but we are still waiting on the Contract to come from LCP. After some discussion, Mr. Blaise will coordinate with, Town Engineer, Ron Lake and Mr. Kie to send the contract to LCP for signature.

THE CHAIR

1. Supervisor Michael Marinaccio has recently traveled to New York City for the annual Association of Town meeting. He stated there were about 1,800 in attendance and the classes were very informative. He was able to share and exchange information with other members about their communities. Mr. Marinaccio was very surprised to hear how many communities didn't share financial information,(e.g. budget reports), with their residents at their meetings. Steve Rafferty, Code Enforcer Officer, also attended training sessions at this meeting.
2. Supervisor Marinaccio is looking at the possibility of making the position of Highway Superintendent Position into an appointed position instead of an elected one. There was much input from all of the Board members about the issues associated with such a change. No resolution or consensus was reached and all agreed to address the matter with residents and continue the discussion at a later date.
3. Supervisor Marinaccio stated that a group of Binghamton University students are doing an analysis on purchasing water from various sources verses drilling wells for water for the Town of Dickinson. Mr. Marinaccio will follow up with a press release on this.

THE FLOOR

1. Danny Miller, Supervisor of Water and Sewer Department, stated that there was only one bid that came in on the pump/transfer switch. It was from Vacri, Construction Corporation, One Brick Avenue, Binghamton, New York 13901. The Vacri Company has met all the specs and the dollar amount bid was in the amount of \$53,000.00,(fifty three thousand dollars and zero cents). Mr. Miller was asked if this was in the price range that he was expecting. Mr. Milled expressed that this amount was slightly higher than anticipated. Mr. Danny Miller and Mr. Marinaccio have made several calls to the BCC about scheduling the repair work without response. Supervisor Marinaccio will be in contact with Broome Community College regarding the work that needs to be done to the pump station located on the campus grounds. Mr. Marinaccio will be sending a message to BCC's president, Dr. Kevin Drumm with a copy to the Director of the Facilities.
2. Councilman Danny Morabito asked about the cloudiness of the water in Sunrise Terrace. Mr. Danny Miller stated that the Town of Dickinson was using City of Binghamton water for a few days, which was the source of the issue with the clarity. We are now on Chenango water again.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonyia M. Baldwin
Deputy Town Clerk