

June 11, 2012 – REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Dickinson Town Board was called to order with the pledge of allegiance by Supervisor Michael A. Marinaccio at 6:03 PM. The members of the Town Board present were:

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

Also attending:

**Oliver N. Blaise III, Esq., Town Attorney
Wanda R. Broczkowski, Town Clerk**

Supervisor Marinaccio introduced County Executive Debbie Preston and asked her to step forward.

Debbie Preston thanked the board for having her and several members of her staff speak this evening. She began by stating she has been going to all of the town board meetings in Broome County to report on what her initiatives have been and her future plans for the county. She has already made 5% cuts realizing cost savings initiatives including welfare fraud and the vehicle policy savings. The County currently rents a lot of office facilities and there is much empty space in the county office building. Her goal is to reassign people back to the county building by not leasing buildings with significant savings.

In the state retirement system, the county will offer early retirement options. Then analyze if those positions are needed or can we eliminate positions to save money. Her hope is not to lay off employees if this effort is successful.

A public comment period was opened up to the audience. Since there were none at this time she recognized her staff members Mark Smith of Harpur College, Binghamton University Summer Intern, Lorraine Evans and Elaine Miller, Commissioner of Planning and Development. Elaine previously was with the Department of State and worked prior to that with previous Mayor Richard Bucci.

Supervisor Michael Marinaccio asked of the proposed 50/50 sales tax split. Debbie feels it is not fair to burden the municipalities. She pointed out Broome County has a lot of issues to correct and need to have a plan on how to replace much old equipment.

At this time Debbie turned the podium over to staff member Elaine Miller, Commissioner of Planning and Development. Elaine was excited for opportunities and new initiatives in the Planning and Development arena.

One new initiative is a High Tech Executive Incubator of Partnership with BU President Harvey Stenger to start a Center of Excellence and capture entrepreneurs to keep them here in the Binghamton area.

\$20 million will become available for economic development and to get funding for:

1. The county is planning to sponsor a Regional Farmers Market since agriculture is one of our economic drivers and an asset to leverage. The Market is slated to be built at the former rest area of Otsiningo Park. They will build a big barn to provide to assist the farmers. It will include a commercial kitchen.
2. Working on flood issues and ways to impact future floods.

Supervisor Marinaccio thanked all for coming to speak about the County initiatives

OPEN REGULAR MEETING

At this time the regular meeting was begun at 6:30 PM. Supervisor Marinaccio then thanked Councilman Gardner for chairing the Work Session last week in his absence.

Supervisor Marinaccio gave his report for the month of June and it will be placed on file.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

REASSESSMENTS

Resident Jim Love of Orchard Road had a question requesting clarification of reassessment and the re-evaluation of the homes in the Town. Would additional income come to the Town? Not necessarily so. We raise the same amount of money no matter what. Within the Town of Dickinson, we do not have any major construction, so there is no major impact here.

Other towns that have bad spots within their communities and those residents could then come to the Town of Dickinson and drive home prices up. Our hope is people want to build here. Right now schools and the county are taking a hit. Sales do not affect the assessment and the taxing of those homes. We will review the process which would take 2 or 3 years.

GLENWOOD ROAD PROJECT

Rosie Pudish questioned the Marchuska Brothers, Glenwood Road Project. Supervisor Marinaccio reminded us we do not know anything we have no plan submitted to us. Resident James Exley of Maiden Lane questioned the IDA's process and is requesting a copy of the Environmental Review plan. Since we do not have it, and have nothing available to give out, we cannot provide any data. If there is a new client then Marchuska must request another Site Plan. Delta Engineering is to perform our Town review. It should be noted silt fencing should be up when work is being performed on the property. One of the residents attended the last BOCES meeting and there was nothing on the agenda or discussed about the project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman Morabito, seconded by Councilwoman Exley to approve the Work Session May 7, 2012 and Regular Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2012 as presented. All in favor. Vote -5 Ayes, Nays-0.

ABSTRACT #6

Abstract Summary of Audited Vouchers for Funds in the amount of \$427,622.13. It should be noted it is high due to two quarterly Sewer Treatment Plant payments that were made this month. On Motion from Councilman Gardner, seconded by Councilman Burns to approve. Vote Ayes – 5, Nays – 0.

- Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye
- Councilman Morabito Aye
- Councilman Burns voting Aye
- Councilwoman Exley voting Aye
- Councilman Gardner voting Aye

Unanimously passed and noted as duly adopted.

ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION 2012-28

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Exley, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Gardner to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson, Broome County, New York as follows:

SEQRA determination on revisions to condemnation local law would have no negative impact on the environment. Supervisor Marinaccio stated we have been demolishing several condemned homes recently and this is not the business we want to be in but it must be done. The question of adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows: All in favor. Vote Ayes – 5, Nays – 0.

Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye
Councilman Morabito voting Aye
Councilman Burns voting Aye
Councilwoman Exley voting Aye
Councilman Gardner voting Aye

All in favor : Resolution attached

RESOLUTION 2012-29

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Morabito, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Burns to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson, Broome County, New York as follows:

Revisions to competitive bidding provisions of condemnation local law. On removal of condemned property at \$35,000, is changed from \$10,000. The question of adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows: All in favor. Vote Ayes – 5, Nays – 0.

Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye
Councilman Morabito voting Aye
Councilman Burns voting Aye
Councilwoman Exley voting Aye
Councilman Gardner voting Aye

All in favor : Resolution Local Law attached

RESOLUTION 2012-30

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Gardner, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Exley to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson, Broome County, New York as follows:

Revised organizational resolution regarding procurement policy. It will go into effect immediately. The question of adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows: All in favor. Vote Ayes – 5, Nays – 0.

Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye
Councilman Morabito voting Aye
Councilman Burns voting Aye
Councilwoman Exley voting Aye
Councilman Gardner voting Aye

All in favor: Resolution attached

PROVIDING BANKRUPTCY NOTICES TO COUNTY

Attorney Blaise explained if the Town received notice of a bankruptcy we are to forward to the County Attorney’s office so that the County can make an appearance to ensure proper collection of taxes.

PROPERTIES

13 BELLAIR AVENUE

Regarding the demolition of 13 Bellaire Avenue, we have the completed contacts from LCP and Jennings. They would be clear to take the place down in the month of June or July upon the Department of Labor posting approval.

34/36 NORTH BROAD STREET

The title search was completed. Attorney Blaise’ office sent titles to the owners to sign the title transfers. Public Works Commissioner Kie stated we need to have the lawn mowed. We will hire someone to mow and bill to taxes.

213 BEVIER AND 50 NORTH BROAD STREETS

County taking them this fall and will be deeded to the town once cleared title is complete.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD ALTERNATES LOCAL LAW PROPOSED

Supervisor Marinaccio commented we will not vote on it this evening but reviewed the proposed local law of two alternates to serve on this board if attendance or conflict of interest were to come into play. He was not sure how to compensate them. Town of Union and the town of Kirkwood pay per meeting. Everyone must first off be certified. Compensation and educational process would have to be under consideration. Attorney Blaise is drafting up a proposal including the training required, state the amended hours and determine how many alternates. There should also be a consideration to alternate the alternates.

PLANNING BOARD REVISE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Supervisor Marinaccio reported the planning board is meeting on June 25th for the purpose of reviewing the Comprehensive Plan for The Town.

ZONING BOARD

Zoning Board member Richard Murphy's term expires on September 30, 2012. A motion was made by Councilman Burns and seconded by Councilman Morabito to reappoint him for another five year term ending in 2017. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS – WATER DEPARTMENT & HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1. Public Works Commissioner Kie reported the paving project is now done on Rosedale and we just need some touch up on some driveways.
2. The generator installation work will begin. This could be used for emergency power and will power up both of our buildings. We could be an emergency center.
3. A lot of lawn mowing being done.
4. A resident reported a pot hole at the corner of Prospect Street and Glenwood Road. Kie will verify who is responsible in the City of Binghamton.

ZONING BOARD None

CODE ENFORCEMENT None

LEGISLATOR IN AUDIENCE – UPDATE

Supervisor Marinaccio addressed Mike Sopchak our representative in the legislature, who was in the audience. The Senators hockey team contract is being signed for another 5 years. 5 point operation of county and city involved with the re-up of the team to remain. The Broome County Veterans Memorial Arena will be undergoing a substantial \$2Million upgrade to improve the arena and to allow us to bring in better venues. There are many capital improvement projects slated for the purpose of safety and public transportation which include bridge repairs like the Hooper Road area.

270 GLENWOOD ROAD PROJECT-IDA CANCELLED PUBLIC HEARING

A lengthy public comment period ensued. Rosie Pudish asked about when and if a Planning Board meet is scheduled regarding the project, how will they know or hear about it. Attorney Blaise reviewed the zoning process the best he could considering we have no information as of yet and that if there is another client a new Site Plan application would need to be submitted.

FLAP GATE STUDY

Supervisor Marinaccio touched on and re-reviewed the Flap Gate study being conducted by Rick Woitd is coming along and we should probably be ready for the review by the June meeting.

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 7:36 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda R. Broczkowski

Town Clerk