

October 1, 2012 – WORK SESSION

The Work Session of the Town of Dickinson Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Michael A. Marinaccio at 5:30 PM on Monday, October 1, 2012 in the Town Hall, 531 Old Front St., Binghamton, NY.

The members of the Town Board present were:

Michael A. Marinaccio, Supervisor

Danny F. Morabito, Councilman

Thomas J. Burns, Councilman

Sharon M. Exley, Councilwoman

Stephen M. Gardner, Councilman

Also attending:

Oliver N. Blaise III, Esq., Town Attorney

Wanda R. Broczkowski, Town Clerk

ATTORNEY

UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKET WITH VILLAGE

The Town would like to define its own ticket with the Village of Port Dickinson. Mr. Blaise's office is researching whether the tickets can include set fines for traffic offenses. There is some legal precedent indicating this should not be done, but it is a very common practice across the state.

PROPERTY NUISANCE LOCAL LAW

It's the Attorney's recommendation to change the version from the Town of Union from a law-suit to a "Special Proceeding," which gets it to the judge more quickly. Attorney Blaise provided a 12 page sample for the board to review prior to next week's meeting. It protects neighborhoods from blight and illegal and unsavory conduct. Hopefully we can pass it in the near future.

PROPERTY UPDATES

34 & 36 N. BROOME STREET

Since our September meeting, we had not heard from the owners. After another attempt to reach them, it was discovered they forwarded the signed documents to the Attorney's office located in Bainbridge. With that being known, once the documents get recorded, we will own the property. Kevin Keough of Broome County Real Property will then waive any tax arrearages for this property. David Hamlin, Town Assessor, will be asked to assess the property in preparation for sale.

JOHN STREET EASEMENTS

Ditch work. The Krukowskis and Urdas signed their easements, leaving the Bolands to yet sign. Once the three parties sort out the Bolands' requests to access their property from John Street, will the drainage project proceed. The situation will be on hold now until 2013 before Joel and his crew can perform the easement work.

COMMITTEE: DEFINITIONS OF EDUCATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS USES IN AN R-1 ZONE

Jerry Ford dropped off the committees proposed definitions for educational and religious uses in an R-1 zone. Their definitions could be used in any zone. It was modeled after the Hempstead, NY version. If an organization wants to expand then they must obtain approval from the ZBA. Oliver will send the committee's draft to the zoning and planning boards as well as members of the Town board for review.

REVISED WATER & SEWER RATES FOR TOWN CODE

The revised sewer and water rates are needed by Oliver to see the numbers to prepare the local law to plug into the Code. Rates to charge will be provided by Bev Wike and Danny Miller.

INCLUSION OF BJCSTP REGULATIONS IN TOWN CODE

Productive code enforcement trial on a Pulaski Street property. Oliver Blaise will give them a final 30 days to clean-up the property. Judge Gates was the presiding judge.

CHAIR

BUDGET UPDATES

A review of the 2013 Budget will be held at the next work session. On Tuesday it will be filed with the Town Clerk for anyone in the Town interested in seeing it. Take the money out of our surplus for minimize tax increase. The Board and all departments worked very hard on this budget. Supervisor Marinaccio thanked everyone for their good work. Public Hearing will be held in November to present the budget.

SALES TAX MEETING HELD BY THE COUNTY

Sales tax meeting with County Executive Debbie Preston and her staff was held. Supervisor Marinaccio was pleased with the County's proposal. They are attempting to get back to the 50/50 split which for us equals an additional \$8-10K the first year, the second year it will go up and every year thereafter with a total increase between \$70-90K back to us in the Town of Dickinson over the next few years. Supervisor Marinaccio commented that much of this money would come to the Town to assist our highway department to improve our roads.

SUPPLY CHAIN SEMINAR

The Broome County Chamber of Commerce will hold the seminar on October 17 from 10:00-11:00AM. The information to be provided would be what kind of commerce to come into our county.

VACANT CONDEMNED PROPERTIES

We should sell them and the sooner the better. Appraisals must be done first once they are deeded over to the Town.

DISCUSSION ON TREE AND BUSH CLEARING

Supervisor Marinaccio reviewed some of the recent tree and bush clearing from Town right-of-ways due to unsafe traffic hazards. The town only does this if it is in our right-of-way.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Attorney Blaise stated his Labor and Employment department provided the revised draft for review. Supervisor Marinaccio wants to review the latest version for approval and presentation to the Town employees. An electronic copy will be available for the Town Board to review. The plan is it would be approved by January 2013.

SEWAGE TREATMENT

The town will receive a rebate in cash. No credit on our bill. It is estimated we will be entitled to \$90K returned up to and including the year 2010. They still owe us for 2011. Councilman Burns questioned, where does this money come from? We don't really know. It's known they now have a new accountant who has been very diligent in working through the accounts.

STUDENT HOUSING

Supervisor Marinaccio was informed the proposed dorms on the Broome Community College (BCC) housing will be located near the campus library building, not right on Front Street where the Alms House was situated. Student feedback indicated they preferred this location. The Town was asked “Who would be the lead agency?” We informed them that the County would take the lead. Another question was in regard to building height. We informed them to ask the Fire Department first before starting the project.

Also, in regards to BCC, Broome County now owns the historic Binghamton Library building on Exchange Street. The proposal is Broome Community College will create a presence in the City of Binghamton using that site, similar to what Binghamton University has created in the downtown area.

ELECTION DAY PARKING ON TERRACE DRIVE

The Board of Elections requested temporary parking on Election Day. Joel will see about posting Temporary Parking signs during the election.

SEWER FLOW MANAGEMENT

In regards to the sewer system on Glenwood Road, the Village of Johnson City needs to provide more information to us before Ron Lake can come up with a final dollar amount.

GLENWOOD ROAD PROJECT

No more logging problems have been reported at the property. Attorney Blaise inquired about the result of the STOP WORK order and was there an Appearance Ticket issued. Per Code Enforcement officer Rafferty, the system would not allow it.

FLAPGATE

No further news on this. Work will be completed in 2013.

BROOME COMMUNITY COLLEGE SMOKING BAN SPILLING INTO NEIGHBORHOOD RESUMES THIS SEMESTER

Broome Community College, since they are back in session finds more people smoking in the surrounding neighborhood than last semester. Supervisor Marinaccio met with President, Kevin Drumm but has not received any information on resolving this issue.

PUBLIC WORKS

None

CODE ENFORCEMENT

None

On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned by motion of Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 6:26 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda R. Broczkowski

Town Clerk