

February 6, 2012 – WORK SESSION

The Work Session of the Town of Dickinson Town Board was called to order with the pledge of allegiance by Supervisor Michael A. Marinaccio at 5:31 PM on Monday, February 6, 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

Stephen M. Gardner, Councilman

Sharon M. Exley, Councilwoman

Also attending:

Oliver N. Blaise III, Esq., Town Attorney

Wanda R. Broczkowski, Town Clerk

ATTORNEY

CODE OF ETHICS

Samples were provided at the January meeting. After reviewing all of them, we will focus on Conklin's model. Nepotism referenced, is already in our current policy and presently on the books. In section 18, the town can delegate ethics issue to Broome County's Ethics panel, which has three members. Councilman Gardner wants to see how Broome County handles before we default to the county model. Attorney Blaise will provide his comments and thoughts. March is the target date to sign-off on it.

JOHN STREET DRAINAGE EASEMENT

Two of the 3 property owners involved have been contacted about the proposed easement.

FLOOD IMPACT RESOLUTION REGARDING ASBESTOS FEES

Flood impact resolution is going to be the same in all towns within Broome County. The idea is to get the fees waived; \$4K handling fee required to obtain a permit to dispose of refuse containing asbestos. Licensed contractors used must be qualified by the county. The resolution is on next week's regular meeting agenda, February 13th.

PROPERTY REPORTS

13 BELLAIRE AVENUE

Currently there is one mortgage payment owed by Mr. Travis in the amount of \$285.00 to the woman he bought the house from. Mr. Travis on several occasions tried to reach her to make this payment, but to no avail. Release of lien is needed to complete the transfer.

213 BEVIER STREET

Attorney General is requesting additional papers from the Church that owns the property for it's evaluation of the transfer. There has been a flurry of communications regarding same. The court will likely sign-off on the transfer of the property whenever the papers are in order.

253 BEVIER STREET

Property is abandoned. Code Enforcement officer Steve Rafferty along with Public Works Commissioner Kie, will handle any problems related to the property. The property is structurally sound. We will board this house up to secure the property. Currently there are three notices posted on the door.

36 BROOME STREET

This property has a trailer on it which is owned by an LLC. The property is listed with a realtor and the listing agreement is ending at the end of February. The Town has proposed transferring title to the Town if the listing agreement expires without a contract of sale for the property. If this happens, we could probably clear the trailer off the property by spring.

CHAIR

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

The Employee Handbook still has a couple of revisions to complete by Beverly Wike. The plan is to have it ready in a month or two.

LIGHT POLES REQUEST(S)

Corner Lower Stella and Lower JT Blvd. will be on next week's regular meeting agenda February 13th.

Leonard Gee requests one at the corner of N. Ely and Lenox Lane, which is a 'paper' street. This would require an easement from his neighbor. Also, there would be a cost associated with this to put a new pole in before a light can be installed and would need research on this.

STRICTER GUN DISCHARGING LAWS

Resident Jim Baumgartner presented a situation in his neighborhood and approached the town about the adoption of a stricter gun discharging law. Owner of adjoining property permits target practice on his property at 52 Rogers Mountain Way. There is a lot of gun fire going on over there and it is not far from the road. The owner is not happy about Jim Baumgartner who is complaining about all the shooting. Attorney Blaise suggested we attempt to deal with the resident first as there is a law against discharging a firearm within 500 feet from a residence or road.

ROGER'S STORAGE

Councilman Burns got a storage quote of \$0.40 a box per month. Other services offered are destruction of records and coded storage. The Court Judges need to decide on what they would like to have done with old Court records. Michelle, a representative of

Roger's will meet with Supervisor Marinaccio here at the town hall on Friday, February 17th to provide recommendations.

FLOOD MITIGATION WORKSHOP

A workshop will be held on January 24th at Union Endicott. Included in this forum are Design Engineer Rick Woidt and Chief Planner, Frank Evangelisti of the Broome County Department of Planning & Economic Development. They will talk about dredging rivers, ways to create more storage and other flooding issues. In the 1970's and 1980's that just never took place. Supervisor Marinaccio recommends attendance.

FLAP GATE STUDY

Meetings with Department of Transportation (DOT) and Richard Church were reviewed. The study would cost \$11,000. The bottom line is we will not receive any money to do the study. There was a discussion that it was a good idea to have it done. Resident Jack Ramsey said there was a gate before the highway was built. Supervisor Marinaccio stated \$11,000 is reasonable to get the study done.

EFFICIENCY GRANTS AVAILABLE

Efficiency grants are available to consolidate shared services. Supervisor Marinaccio wants to reach out to the Town of Chenango and the Village of Port Dickinson. One idea was to offer services to assist in the Village with the replacement of their old water meters utilizing the remote meter reading guns. Supervisor Marinaccio was disappointed they did not take us up on the offer as he received two calls from disgruntled Village residents who are realizing their final cost will be quite high by not talking to us about shared services.

NEWSLETTER

Supervisor Marinaccio appointed board members to start working on the newsletter with the various town departments. It will be posted electronically with a soft copy on the website. The deadline is Thursday, March 15th.

CHIEF ROBERT LOCKER DAY

Prospect Terrace swearing-in ceremony for the 2012 officers will be February 18th at 6:00 P.M. with dinner at 7:00. Proclaim this date as Chief Robert Locker Day in memory and honor of his service and dedication.

MARRIAGES

Supervisor Marinaccio received a letter from the Deputy Clerk requesting she be allowed to perform marriages at the town hall. The board members stated whoever performs marriages must know the rules governing this area. Supervisor Marinaccio would like to confer with our Court Judges on the matter before making a decision.

BOLAND ROAD RESIDENTS

Since the 2011 flood, two residents on the lower end of Boland Road have left their homes to rent, or to list on the housing market.

BROOME COMMUNITY COLLEGE MEETING ON FLOW MANAGEMNT

Supervisor Marinaccio has been attempting to get a meeting together regarding Flow Management and the Broome Community College infiltration problems. They are back to square one after several attempts to set-up a mutual date and time so now it looks more like late February.

In regards to Flow Management, the bottom line is the rates will increase significantly and the Supervisor predicts the residents will be unhappy. The Department of Environment Conservation (DEC) is looking at spreading the cost of the increase over a larger population. During the discussion it should be noted the rate could probably double from \$6 to \$12 per 100 Cubic Feet. There is going to be a point system which is very confusing. All over Broome County the DEC and Joint Sewage Treatment stated they should have a public press conference to inform all the people. Between Binghamton and Johnson City, the two mayors have to fix this issue. Ron Lake, Engineer for the Town of Dickinson is to have a meeting to explain in detail how it works and ensure we are all treated fairly. Binghamton, Johnson City and Town of Union could be charged for Dickinson's sewer lines to help offset the increased costs of using the sewage treatment plant.

OTHER

1. Republic Street anchor pole that was dangling was snipped by NYSE&G.
2. Broome Community College smoking ban program is creating issues near the Hickory Road area.
3. The Dog Control officer report was reviewed. Nothing major.
4. New York State Association of Town Superintendants of Highways appointed our own Public Works Commissioner Kie to their board. Mr. Kie's request to the Town of Dickinson Board is "would the board allow him to use the town truck for travel back and forth to the meetings"? The town board agreed and gave him a vote of confidence in his new role on the Association board.

On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the meeting was adjourned by motion of Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 7:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda R. Broczkowski

Town Clerk