

**November 4, 2013 – WORK SESSION**

**The Work Session of the Town of Dickinson Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Michael A. Marinaccio promptly at 5:30 PM on Monday, November 4, 2013 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**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The public hearing was opened promptly at 5:30 PM by Supervisor Marinaccio regarding the **2014 Budget**. Supervisor Marinaccio presented highlights of the budget and commented there are no residents present at the public hearing. There is an overall 6% spending increase due to the water and sewer district, specifically driven by the recent sewer rate increases. The retirement contribution was decreased by 4%. The health insurance rate is anticipated to increase by 18%. No services were eliminated or will be affected. The Town has had an excellent Moody's financial rating. There will be a 2% salary increase for the appointed and elected officials. The contract with the Prospect Terrace Fire Company (PTFC) district 1 will increase \$12,000 in 2014 and by \$5,000 for the next 4 years, which is the first increase in many years for the residents in that district. A new water tank installation on Old State Road cost us \$385,000. There will be a \$.23 increase per thousand dollars for those affected. Overall expenses are down and it should be noted it is the lowest taxed town in Broome County. Councilman Burns stated that people probably do not come to the hearing is because the rates are down and people are happy with the results. With no other comments or questions, the public hearing was closed at 5:34 PM.

**ATTORNEY**

**BROOME COUNTY ROAD PRESERVATION LAW STATUS**

Attorney Blaise has nothing to report back. Hopefully he will have something next month to report on.

**CONTRACT FOR PROSPECT TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT (PTFD)  
SIGNATURES**

Attorney Blaise reported the signed contract has not been returned to the Town Clerk as from the Fire Company of this date. Supervisor Marinaccio will sign it once it is returned.

**34 & 36 N. BROOME STREET RESIDENT OFFIER ON PROPERTY**

As a result of the for sale signs posted on the properties of 34 and 36 N. Broome Street, a Town resident on Upper Taft submitted a letter to the Town Clerk on Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> for the combined lots. Councilman Gardner wondered what is needed now. Mr. Blaise stated it is the board's pleasure to decide how to proceed on this offer. We could hold out, have an auction or just go to these people to accept the offer. Councilman Burns commented that if we formally listed there would probably be a 6% real estate fee or an auction fee of 25%. Of the board members, Councilman Morabito recommended leaving the sign up a little longer and Councilman Burns believes we would not get a penny more on this property. Following further discussion it was determined to advertise on the Town website and The Press. In the interim, Attorney Blaise will contact these people to confirm their interest and advise them the board will consider their offer.

**CHAIR**

**OCTOBER REGULAR MEETING**

Supervisor Marinaccio reminded all the regular meeting for November is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM due to the Veteran's Day Holiday on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup>.

**ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS NOVEMBER MEETING**

Supervisor Marinaccio stated the next meeting of BCAOTV is scheduled for **Thursday November 14, 2013 at the Spot Restaurant, Dinner at 6:30 pm, Speaker at 7:00 pm will be Kevin E. Drumm, President, SUNY Broome CC**

**WEBSITE MASTER**

Supervisor Marinaccio brought up a need to review an effective way to deal with the designer of our Town of Dickinson website. Mr. Marinaccio has had several complaints and issues with him from not updating the monthly minutes to posting corrections and meeting notices. There is no contract; he is paid on an hourly basis. He did a nice job setting it up; unfortunately he is not maintaining it in a timely manner. We will inquire about another option.

## PUBLIC WORKS

1. Public Works Commissioner Kie reported our last yard waste pick-up day will be Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Leaves will continue to be picked up until the first snow fall.
2. Mr. Kie was notified of a lamp pole light on the corner of Francis Street and Downs Avenue that is not lit. The lamp poles are set-up like a triangle, one section overlaps the other near the **NYSEG** power station. Mr. Marinaccio will drive by to take a look at it.
3. Mr. Kie reported that Danny Miller is working on a proposal for the **Glenwood Road** water line repair. Easements are necessary for performing the work as it goes through two residents on Maiden Lane; 1 Maiden Lane, Bradley and 2 Maiden Lane, Delanoy.
4. Engineer for the Town Ron Lake, reported on the **CMOM** meeting regarding the application by **Delta Engineers** and **SUNY Broome**. He confirmed there is no issue with flow management. What has been very confusing and complicated is the **BJCJST** facility staff flip-flopped their decisions several time regarding the sewer credits required for the **SUNY Broome** project. Everything is still a go on the project. What they have been saying is that it's a municipality – they are wrong because the college does not have their own sewer system support like a town would have. Before that meeting was over they continued to classify it as a municipality.

## CODE

No code issues.

## PLANNING AND ZONING BOARDS

There was nothing to report on.

## UPDATE OF SUNY BROOME SMOKING BAN

Supervisor Marinaccio communicated with Debbie Morello of **SUNY Broome** to invite her to attend a meeting about the college's plan on the smoking ban policy and the announcement of a designated smoking zone on campus. He is waiting for her response. Mr. Marinaccio has no idea where they plan to locate it.

On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned by motion of Councilman Burns and seconded by Councilman Morabito at 6:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda R. Broczkowski  
Town Clerk