

**October 6, 2014 – 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 6, 2014 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**  
**Susan M. Cerretani, Deputy Town Clerk**

**CHAIR**

*Supervisor Marinaccio decided to defer the attorney section of the agenda and instead he presented his agenda items first.*

**SUNY BROOME SMOKING ON GOING COMPLAINTS**

Supervisor Marinaccio received confirmation the college ordered the materials to install two huts for the on-campus smokers. No end date on this.

**PHELPS STREET BURKE EXTENSION**

No new communications on this topic.

**PLANNING BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 22, 2014**

Supervisor Marinaccio stated the Planning board is making progress on the **Comprehensive Plan**. Mr. Wasser, the chair stated they will be posting a simple survey on the website.

**2015 TOWN BUDGET PROCESS & SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING**

Supervisor Marinaccio stated the preliminary town budget has been turned over to the town Clerk and the board is still looking at ways to decrease spending. As they move forward they propose to take \$242,000 out of the Highway budget for road repairs as follows:

- \$67,000 Chenango Shores area paving Forest Hills and Stearns.
- \$175,000 Phelps Street extension project.

Instead the Town would propose to apply for a bond instead of taking the money from the surplus account to perform the highway work. The proposed budget would be a \$5.00 average increase per homeowner. The public hearing will be held in November regarding the 2015 Budget.

## **TOWN OF CHENANGO WATER AND PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE**

Supervisor Marinaccio met with the **Town of Chenango** officials, Don Benjamin of the water department and Supervisor Hal Snopek, regarding the five (5) year water contract which is due to be renewed. There were a series of billing events and letters with differing rates. After the meeting they confirmed the rate will be \$2.57 effective January 1, 2015 and expressed regret over the situation.

In the interim and since this five (5) year term contract is up for renewal, Supervisor Marinaccio and Public Works Commissioner Kie are diligently pursuing options with the **City of Binghamton**. Binghamton has been asking us to purchase more water from them. In the **Chenango** agreement there is a statement that if no water is available, they must notify us if no water can be provided to **Dickinson**. We currently have a three (3) day supply in reserve if this would ever occur. Talks are continuing and will take place to protect our water rates and ensure we have an alternate water source for our residents.

## **PORT DICKINSON PUBLIC WORKS**

The entire **Village of Port Dickinson** public works take over is under review. Their **Public Works Department** encompasses many entities. It would be a major consolidation. Councilman Morabito expressed his concern in regards to consolidation.

## **PHELPS STREET EXTENSION GRANT**

Supervisor Marinaccio spoke to Senator Libous personally and reported the **Phelps Street** extension grant application would be denied as it does not cover infrastructure work. The office stated there is \$50,000 sitting out there for us and we just need to come up with other ideas for use of this grant. We are considering new boilers or automatic doors and need to obtain quotes.

## **ATTORNEY**

### **REVISIONS TO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK**

Attorney Blaise has been working on the changes and has been discussing same with **Public Works Commissioner Kie**.

### **SALE OF 213 BEVIER STREET**

Attorney Blaise reported there will be a closing within 30 days. Mr. Blaise's partner has been handling this for the final sale to **Robert Terpack of 217 Bevier Street**. Mr. Blaise reported the property violations have all been cleared up.

### **PHELPS STREET BURKE EXTENSION**

No new communications on this topic as Ms. Burke has been traveling again. Attorney Blaise continues to pursue the transfer of the property and Mr. Blaise's partner has been handling this matter.

**TIMELINE FOR ALTERATION OF TOWN BOUNDARY TO TRANSFER 932 UPPER FRONT STREET TO TOWN OF CHENANGO**

Attorney Blaise stated in order to get things moving we need to adhere to a specific timing of the events. Mr. Blaise is working with the **Town of Chenango** attorney. Before this we need to adopt a joint resolution and would need to schedule a public hearing within 40 days of being passed.

The Public Hearing will be called on Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> as a joint meeting at 7:00 with the hearing to begin at 7:05 PM at the **Town of Chenango Town Hall**. This would be the only item on the meeting agenda. Special invitations will be sent to neighboring property owners. A resolution for the joint public hearing will be passed at next week's meeting.

**VILLAGE OF PORT DICKINSON FIRE DISTRICT #3 CONTRACT SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING**

Attorney Blaise stated a public hearing will be held on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> during the Work Session. **Port Dickinson Fire Company** representatives will be in attendance.

**MICROTEL PROJECT**

Attorney Blaise is waiting to prepare the easement regarding the water and sewer lines. They need to be certain where these lines will be positioned. **Public Works Commissioner Kie** reported the new owners are working on obtaining the necessary permits for the demolition.

**RECENT CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS**

Attorney Blaise informed us that the **Code Enforcement** officers have been very busy issuing property violations during the month of August of which 8 violations resulted in Court Appearances and one ended up as a conviction. One of Attorney Blaise's associate, Nate Van Why, has been working on these code violation hot spots here in the town.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT ISSUES AT 9 FOREST HILLS BOULEVARD**

Mr. Blaise stated that **9 Forest Hills Boulevard** is abandoned and currently in bankruptcy proceedings as of May 2014. Since the trustee stated there are no assets the Town cannot submit a claim for the \$6,000 in delinquent water bills.

After a lengthy discussion, the decision was made that **Code Enforcement** Officer Rafferty and Deputy Kie would request permission to enter it so see the condition of the house and report back.

**PORT DICKINSON COMBINE WITH DICKINSON VITAL STATISTICS**

Attorney Blaise forwarded a document to the Town Clerk in order to satisfy the matter with the office of **New York State Vital Statistics**. The Town Clerk forwarded it and is awaiting the return of the signed document. The town clerk will forward the Resolution to Attorney Blaise once signed by the Port Dickinson Clerk.

1. **Public Works Commissioner Kie** reported on the transfer of the Marion St. Property to the Katusha's. Attorney Blaise spoke with their son and they have 3 points they would like to address with the Town prior to transferring the property to the Marion Street property to Mr. and Mrs. Katusha.
  - a. What would be the estimated property tax? Assessor Cahill said the percentage on \$500.00 and would be taxed at about \$50 annually.
  - b. Request the town to remove the two 15 foot high maple tree stumps from the maple trees obtain estimates to remove by next week.
  - c. The ground was torn up from the tree removal and requests the property be repaired.

### **SUNY BROOME SMOKING ON GOING COMPLAINTS**

Supervisor Marinaccio still has issues with the newly erected **SUN Y Broome** student housing. He has spoken to Francis Battisti and President Drumm regarding all issues including the abandoned grocery carts and unending smoking issues along the adjacent resident streets. This semester, dorm students are encroaching on the Orchard Road neighborhood as well.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

1. Mr. Kie has been asked by the DOT regarding a survey for the design work for possible sound barriers near Sowden Street.
2. Mr. Miller finally found the shut-off at 400 Prospect Street which will be three (3) days work for Miller of the Water Department.
3. Ron Lake, Engineer for the town announced a CMOM pre-construction meeting will be held here on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at our town hall at 11:30.

### **CODE**

None.

### **ASSESSOR**

None.

### **PLANNING AND ZONING BOARDS**

Nothing new at this time.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned by motion from Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda R. Broczkowski  
Town Clerk