

## **April 7, 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, April 7, 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**

### **ATTORNEY**

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

Attorney Blaise stated the Board had previously discussed placing a legal ad in the Press and Sun Bulletin in the hope of attracting further offers besides a hand written note, which was a result of the signed posted on this property since January 2014. Attorney Blaise requested that Public Works Commissioner Kie work with the Town Clerk to draft the legal notice and recommended it be posted on the Town website. The property is assessed at \$4,500.

#### **PHELPS STREET BURKE EXTENSION**

Attorney Blaise contacted Ms. Burke's attorney regarding the **Congdon** appraisal report for the five (5) N. Broad Street parcels and the Burke property awaiting his response. Supervisor Marinaccio requested Assessor, Jack Cahill to review the appraisal report.

#### **PROSPECT TERRACE FIRE COMPANY TRUCK PURCHASE**

Attorney Blaise spoke to Chief Jason Delanoy of **PTFC** and reviewed the status for the **Prospect Terrace Fire Company** truck purchase. Mr. Blaise spoke to the fire truck manufacturer and was told May 20<sup>th</sup> is the anticipated delivery date. Once they review the purchase price and money needed to borrow, he will work with the bank to secure the loan amount.

### MICROTEL HOTEL PROJECT

Attorney Blaise reported no further action was needed by the Town. It is in the developer's hands and nothing expected from them for the next two (2) weeks.

### EASEMENTS FOR GLENWOOD ROAD SPRING WATERLINE PROJECT

Attorney Blaise asked when Mr. Miller of the water department would expect the project to commence for the **Glenwood Road Water Line Project**, and Mr. Miller stated July and August 2014. Mr. Blaise stated that the easements from **BOCES and Broome Developmental** had been sent out for review.

Councilman Morabito wondered if the path of the waterline would be straightened out and why was it initially placed in this position? Mr. Miller stated he does not know why, initially the state performed the project.

### CONSIDERATION OF WATER RATE INCREASE OR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Attorney Blaise needs to know specific details of how the town wants to raise the funds so that he can advise how to raise and collect the money. Additionally once the money is collected, what does the town want to do with the money?

A lengthy 15 minutes discussion ensued covering multiple ways reserve funds could be used to cover the costs of future repairs. Mr. Blaise determined he now has enough information in order to schedule a public hearing to raise the funds and prepare a resolution once the public hearing has been held to set up a proposed **Capital Improvement Fund**.

### SHARED SERVICES OF TOWN AND VILLAGE OF PORT DICKINSON

Attorney Blaise reviewed the shared services concept of the highway departments from the Town of Dickinson and the Village of Port Dickinson. Mr. Kie explained how the two highway departments plan to work together sharing labor for combined yard waste pick-ups every Monday and Tuesday mornings during the summer. The Town board supports this since Governor Cuomo has directed towns document all shared services. Although a **Municipal Agreement Resolution 2005-3** was passed, the signed agreement is nowhere to be found. Mr. Blaise will work with Village attorney, Herb Kline to draw up a **Municipal Agreement** which will include worker's compensation and liability issues.

### **MIX-UP WITH WATER/SEWER CHARGES ON (2) STELLA IRELAND ROAD PROPERTIES**

Attorney Blaise described a situation regarding two (2) parcels located at **307 and 317 Lower Stella Ireland Road**. For three (3) years the resident of 307 Lower Stella Ireland did not pay their quarterly water bills, which went to taxes in the amount of \$3,400. In the interim, it was discovered by Beverly Wike of the water department, that the tax ID numbers were transposed causing the 317 Lower Stella Ireland Road parcel incur the water bill penalties at the end of the year on their taxes. To rectify the error, this resident will be given a \$3,400 rebate by the water department. To resolve the discrepancy, the 307 Lower Stella Ireland Road residents will be receiving a letter of the tax ID number mix-up and their delinquency with a payment plan option. As of now, the tax ID numbers have been corrected for future assessments, if necessary.

### **COMBINE TOWN AND VILLAGE REGISTRAR OFFICES WITH TOWN CLERK**

The office of **New York State Vital Statistics** is appealing to eliminate underutilized district numbers especially where Town Clerks represent more than one district when recording Death Certificates. Attorney Blaise reviewed the Town Clerk's proposal of combining the Village of Port Dickinson district with the Town of Dickinson. Back in the day the Village gave up processing Death Certificates in 1926 and the Town of Dickinson Town Clerk from then on recorded the records using the Port Dickinson District number of 0320. Since we are already doing this, a resolution recommending we eliminate the Port Dickinson district number 0320 with Vital Statistics seems the logical measure.

### **LOCAL LAW PROHIBITING DEPOSIT OF GRASS AND SNOW IN THE RIGHT OF WAY ON TOWN STREETS**

Attorney Blaise reviewed the proposal prohibiting the deposit of grass and snow in the streets to avoid it draining into catch basins. The nitrates from the grass could impact MS-4 regulations because it could enter the water system. The Village of Port Dickinson is looking to include this prohibition as part of their code. The question from Mr. Blaise is do we want to enact this law? A discussion was had whether snow should also be included in this local law.

### **SEMINAR ON MUNICIPAL LAND USE PLANNING AND ZONING OR INDUSTRIAL USES – APRIL 30, 2014**

**Broome County Department of Planning and Economic Development** is sponsoring a training seminar for **Municipal Land Use Planning and Zoning or Industrial Uses – April 30, 2014** which will be presented by **Coughlin & Gerhart LLP**. It will focus on industrial uses, such as potential oil and gas issues and other topics. Planning and Zoning Board members should benefit from this seminar.

## **CHAIR**

### **MUNICIPAL CLEAN UP DAY WILL BE HELD MAY 17**

Supervisor Marinaccio confirmed the **Town Municipal Clean Up Day date of May 17<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00am to 3:00pm here at the highway garage.

## **NEWSLETTER**

Supervisor Marinaccio stated the annual newsletter is now with the printers.

## **FLOW MANAGEMENT MEETING**

Supervisor Marinaccio attended the recent **Flow Management** meeting along with Engineer for the Town, Ron Lake, Public Works Commissioner Kie and Deputy Public Works Commissioner Miller of the Water Department. The primary discussion centered on credits and the need for municipalities to hire a **Certified Engineer**. Initially there was significant misunderstanding about the **SUNY Broome** housing project being accepted into the **Flow Management** credit system but was cleared up before the meeting concluded.

## **I-86 HIGHWAY PROJECT MEETING UPDATE**

Supervisor Marinaccio attended a recent **DOT I-86 Project** update meeting. We will begin to see the **17 East and I-81** connector closed for three (3) months and the **I-81exit 5** will close temporarily. Soon the newly constructed bridges will open and from then on, the old bridges will be demolished. **Chenango Street** will close during the tear down of the viaduct.

## **WEBSITE CONSTRUCTION**

Supervisor Marinaccio reported the minutes as of 2011 to date are now on the current website during the construction of the new website with a new service provider.

## **SUNY BROOME COLOR RUN SUCCESSFUL**

Supervisor Marinaccio reported the **5K Color Run** on April 6<sup>th</sup> on the **SUNY Broome College** campus was a success to be held again in 2015.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

1. **Public Works Commissioner Kie** reported the streets are being swept and brush pick-up started today, April 7<sup>th</sup>.
2. Danny Miller worked on a water break at **17 Boland Road**.
3. Mr. Miller noted at **Prospect Terrace** there is a leak but cannot locate it.

**CODE**

None.

**ASSESSOR**

Jack Cahill has been working with **Port Dickinson Code** on assessed values of properties. Over time large construction projects needed to be reassessed.

**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 6:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda R. Broczkowski  
Town Clerk