

September 23, 2015 – SPECIAL MEETING

The Special Meeting of the Town of Dickinson Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Michael A. Marinaccio at 4:06 PM on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 in the Town Hall, 531 Old Front St., Binghamton, NY.

This is a special meeting called for the purpose of authorizing funding for the extension of Phelps Street to connect with North Moeller Street and for preparation of the 2016 Town budget.

The members of the Town Board present were:

**Michael A. Marinaccio, Supervisor
Stephen M. Gardner, Councilman
Sharon M. Exley, Councilwoman
Thomas J. Burns, Councilman**

Also attending:

**Oliver N. Blaise III, Esq., Town Attorney
Susan M. Cerretani, Town Clerk**

Absent:

Danny F. Morabito, Councilman

The special meeting was called to order by Supervisor Marinaccio and turned over to Town of Dickinson Attorney Oliver Blaise.

ATTORNEY

Attorney Blaise opened the meeting with information on the Phelps Street project. The town had been awaiting clearance from **SHPO** to proceed with the Phelps Street project. We were informed by **SHPO** on Tuesday, the day after the last town board meeting, that we will not be disturbing any archaeologically sensitive sites. Therefore we are now able to proceed with the **SEQRA** resolution declaring negative environmental impact for the Phelps Street extension project. The appropriate forms have been completed by Public Works Commissioner and filed with the Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION 2015-39

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Gardner, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Burns to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson, Broome County, New York as follows:

Declaring negative environmental impact for the purposes of SEQRA review on the Phelps Street extension project.

(Copy on file in Town Clerk’s office)

The question of adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows: All in favor. Vote Ayes – 4, Nays – 0, Absent -1.

- Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye
- Councilman Gardner voting Aye
- Councilwoman Exley voting Aye
- Councilman Morabito Absent
- Councilman Burns voting Aye

All in favor

The Town Clerk must publish estoppel notification in the Binghamton Press newspaper. Attorney Blaise stated that John Deierlein, NBT Bank representative, has extended the rates that he previously quoted Administrative Assistant Beverly Wike, through October. Attorney Blaise said there is a 21 day waiting period before we can close on the bond, but the highway department is free to begin work as soon as the board passes the enabling resolution. Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie stated that he anticipates the project timeline goal for completion to be the end of the year.

RESOLUTION 2015-40

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Exley, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Gardner to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson, Broome County, New York as follows:

Resolution authorizing funding for the extension of Phelps Street to connect with North Moeller Street as set forth in the attached bond resolution.

(Copy on file in Town Clerk’s office)

The question of adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows: All in favor. Vote Ayes – 4, Nays – 0, Absent-1.

- Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye
- Councilman Gardner voting Aye
- Councilwoman Exley voting Aye
- Councilman Morabito Absent
- Councilman Burns voting Aye

All in favor

Councilman Burns questioned the anticipated cost of the project. Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie stated that it was initially anticipated to cost \$250,000 allowing a little wiggle room. The town is hoping for a \$200,000 actual cost. The road will be constructed with a base of blacktop, with stone and oil as a sealer.

The project will commence posthaste.

CHAIR

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that he reached out to Senator Schumer's office regarding the construction of the Phelps Street extension. After several phone calls and emails back and forth with Senator Schumer's regional representative Amanda Spellicy, it was decided that the Senator will reach out to the Railroad and ask them to assist the town in funding the cost of the road. Supervisor Marinaccio stated that there most likely will be a press conference on this and if so he will notify the board members. Mr. Marinaccio stated that he was able to obtain records from the Sheriff's office on past complaints about blockage of the road. There are 19 complaints recorded and Supervisor Marinaccio is confident that there were more blockages than what is recorded.

At 4:15 the board continued the meeting to prepare the 2016 Town budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani

Town Clerk