

December 7, 2015 – 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, December 7, 2015 in the Town Hall, 531 Old Front St., Binghamton, NY.

The members of the Town Board present were:

**Michael A. Marinaccio, Supervisor
Stephen M. Gardner, Councilman
Danny F. Morabito, Councilman
Thomas J. Burns, Councilman**

Also attending:

**Oliver N. Blaise III, Esq., Town Attorney
Susan Cerretani, Town Clerk
7 residents were in attendance for the public hearing**

Absent:

Sharon M. Exley, Councilwoman

CHAIR

Opened the (2) Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: PLACEMENT OF STOP SIGNS ON PHELPS STREET EXTENSION

The public hearing was opened at 5:30PM by Supervisor Marinaccio regarding the **Placement of stop signs on the Phelps Street Extension.**

Commissioner of Public Works Joel Kie stated that the signs are for safety purposes. A stop sign is located at the intersection of N. Moeller and Taft Ave. traveling south. Attorney Blaise recommended that the town put an additional stop sign at the intersection of N. Moeller and Taft, travelling north, in order to be compliant with code book which states there is a stop sign at that location. Attorney Blaise will prepare a resolution for next week's meeting regarding the placement of the signs.

Supervisor Marinaccio remarked that the new road extension is a beautiful, new 1,000 foot road that had to be built for emergency access purposes and Mr. Marinaccio complimented the Public Works Department on doing a nice job.

With no further comments or questions, Mr. Marinaccio closed that portion of the public hearing at 5:32PM.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON ROSEDALE DRIVE

The public hearing was opened at 5:33 PM by Supervisor Marinaccio regarding the **Parking restrictions on Rosedale Drive.**

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that tonight's public hearing is being held at the request of some of the neighbors that live in the Rosedale Drive area. Mr. Marinaccio stated that he wants to hear the concerns of the neighbors, both pros and cons.

Mr. Marinaccio stated that the board will either vote on it next week or put it on hold.

Commissioner of Public Works Joel Kie explained that the no parking restrictions would apply to the side of the street with the telephone poles and mailboxes, between Pleasant Court and the entrance to Sunrise Terrace.

A resident asked if the parking restrictions would be in effect all year round. Supervisor Marinaccio replied yes.

Resident Mary Kay Curley of 3 Rosedale Drive commented that when the new curbs were installed, the Town restricted and narrowed the road. She voiced her concerns about the proposed parking change:

- It would be inconvenient for visiting extended family members and the elderly.
- Potential problems getting in and out of driveway
- Limited places to park

A resident commented that the residents of lower Rosedale Drive are being targeted and questioned why the portion of lower Rosedale Drive up the hill to the intersection of Terrace Drive are not included in the parking restriction.

Supervisor Marinaccio is concerned about safety. He fears that in the case of an emergency, vehicles would not be able to get through when cars are parked on both sides of the road.

Resident Mary Kay Curley made a suggestion that the Town send out a courtesy letter to all residents of Sunrise Terrace explaining that:

- Our streets are narrow
- Please park in your driveway if possible
- Be courteous to your neighbors
- Be conscientious of cars parked across the street from you

After a discussion, Supervisor Marinaccio commented that the no parking on Rosedale Drive will probably be put on hold. Information regarding the parking issues will be published in the Newsletter and on the Website.

Attorney Blaise suggested that Commissioner of Public Works Joel Kie issue a courtesy letter to the residents regarding parking information.

With no further comments or questions, Mr. Marinaccio closed the public hearing at 5:54 PM. Supervisor Marinaccio thanked the residents for attending and voicing their concerns.

FARMERS MARKET

Supervisor Marinaccio reported that the Farmers Market project is moving along quickly.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that the Organizational Meeting is coming up and there will be a few minor changes to committee posts. Mr. Marinaccio has reviewed the holiday and meeting date schedule and there are no major changes.

AOTV DEC 17TH RSVP

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that the next AOTV meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 17th. He encouraged everyone to RSVP to Councilman Gardner by Monday, December 14.

NEWSLETTER

Supervisor Marinaccio asked that everyone start thinking about preparing for the newsletter publication which will go out in the spring.

KEVIN MCLAUGHLIN - THE AGENCY DEC 14

Mr. Kevin McLaughlin, Executive Director of **The Agency** (formerly **Broome Developmental**) will be making a formal presentation at the December 14 board meeting regarding the proposed office facility for the **BCIDA/BCLDC** on the property directly across from the movie theaters on the corner of Lt. VanWinkle Drive and Front Street, to include the **Chamber of Commerce** and other economic development organizations.

ROGERS MOUNTAIN WAY INCIDENT

Supervisor Marinaccio reported that he was informed of an incident at a residence on Rogers Mountain Way. A couple of men in an older maroon Oldsmobile tried to gain entry into a home. The men were confronted by the homeowner and left the area. The Sheriff was called, but the men got away. Mr. Marinaccio encouraged residents to be on the lookout and to call the Sheriff's Department in the event of suspicious activity.

DUNKIN DONUTS

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that Scott Verguson (**DOT**) sent a memo out stating that he has concerns regarding peak hour traffic backups at the location of the proposed **Dunkin Donuts**. Supervisor Marinaccio read a letter that he received from Lora Zier, **Broome County Planning Department** that reiterated Mr. Verguson's concerns.

Code Enforcement Stephen Rafferty stated that the formal recommendation will be in this week. Mr. Rafferty stated that one resident is definitely against it. Attorney Blaise commented that the County will factor **DOT**'s input into its recommendation. If the County issues a negative recommendation, approvals for the project will require a supermajority vote.

Councilman Burns voiced concern in regards to the entrance and exit to the proposed **Farmers Market** and thinks the Sheriff's Department should be aware of the potential problems associated with traffic control. Code Enforcer Rafferty stated that a plan is already in place to manage the traffic situation as it develops.

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

Johnson City mayor Greg Deemie informed Supervisor Marinaccio that we could expect up to a 50% increase in sewer rates. Mr. Marinaccio remarked that this increase will put a lot of people out of business and he is concerned about the effect the increase will have on people on fixed incomes.

ATTORNEY

DISCUSSION/SEQRA RESOLUTION PHELPS STREET EXTENSION

Attorney Blaise will prepare paperwork for **SEQRA** resolution regarding the Phelps Street stop sign for next week's December 14th board meeting, declaring a negative environmental impact.

DISCUSSION/RESOLUTION PLACEMENT OF STOP SIGN AT THE PHELPS STREET EXTENSION

Attorney Blaise will prepare the resolution paperwork adopting the local law regarding the placement of the stop sign at the Phelps Street Extension for next week's December 14th board meeting

PROPOSED CHANGES TO TOWN CODE REGARDING CHARGES FOR REPAIRS TO WATER LINES

Attorney Blaise stated that he and Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie reviewed Chapter 557 of the Town Code and want to be sure everything is consistent with regard to the costs of repairs to the water lines. 557-10 Section A and 557-18 need revision and clarification. Attorney Blaise presented a handout of the revised code for the board members to preview. Attorney Blaise noted that Section 557-3 needs revision to have the Department of Public Works establish the plumber list instead of the Town Board establishing it. Attorney Blaise stated the board will vote on a resolution to schedule a public hearing next week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

SELF HELP BIDS

Self Help bids were opened on Monday, December 7th at 10:02 AM by Susan Cerretani, Town Clerk along with Commissioner of Public Works Joel Kie, witness Kendra Iannon and a representative from **R. DeVincentis Construction**.

Two bids were submitted:

1. **R. DeVincentis Construction, INC** in the amount of **\$1,216.00**
2. **Albert Torto Construction Corp** in the amount of **\$2,023.00**

R. DeVincentis Construction INC was the apparent low bidder.

Town Clerk Susan Cerretani was instructed to scan the bid documents and email them to Attorney Blaise for review.

GLENWOOD CEMETERY DRUG ACTIVITY

Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that one of his highway crew members, Joe Fronda was working at **Glenwood Cemetery** and was stuck by a hypodermic needle while picking up trash. Mr. Fronda was taken to the hospital and tested for HIV and is fine. Mr. Kie stated a resident has placed a can at the cemetery with a note on it that reads "please put used syringes in here." Mr. Kie noted that there were 16-20 used needles in the can. Mr. Kie alerted the Sheriff's department and they are going to increase the patrols.

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that Captain Newcomb has been contacted and made aware of the situation and she reassured the Supervisor that the Sheriff's Department will monitor the area.

Public Work's Commissioner Kie suggested that one well placed surveillance camera with a sign stating that the area is under surveillance would help to deter some of this activity. Supervisor Marinaccio agreed and encouraged Public Works Commissioner Kie to obtain prices for camera surveillance.

LEAF PICKUP

Public Work Commissioner Kie stated that this is the last week the crew will be picking up leaves.

Mr. Kie reported that the Highway Department is fully loaded with salt and has saved money in December because of the lack of snow.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Councilman Gardner attended the Planning Board 125th Anniversary meeting on November 30th. Mr. Gardner stated that list of expenses total approximately \$4,200 and there is \$5,000 set aside in the budget for the event. There will be a January meeting - no meeting in December. The event will take place at Port Dick Park in the Village of Port Dickinson with music, entertainment and storytelling taking place under the pavilion and pole tents. The date of the celebration is September 17th, 2016.

CODE

MOVIE THEATER RENOVATIONS

Code Enforcement Officer Rafferty reported that the **Movie Theater** renovation project is 3 weeks ahead of schedule and will be finishing up on Wednesday.

On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned by motion from Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani
Town Clerk