

January 4, 2016 – 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, January 5, 2016 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
Sharon M. Exley, Councilwoman
Danny F. Morabito, Councilman
Thomas J. Burns, Councilman**

Also attending:

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

CHAIR

Supervisor Marinaccio opened the meeting by announcing that an Executive Session will be held after meeting in order to discuss a potential litigation matter.

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTION, HOLIDAY AND MEETING SCHEDULES FOR 2016

Supervisor Marinaccio asked the board to review the **2016 Organizational Resolution**. Councilman Morabito will be the Deputy Supervisor for 2016. The board will vote on this next week at the regular January meeting.

Mr. Marinaccio noted that one meeting of the scheduled dates, October 11th, will be held on a Tuesday instead of the usual Monday evening. Supervisor Marinaccio asked the board members to review the schedule of holidays, meeting dates and appointments.

Supervisor Marinaccio provided the board members with a copy of the **2016 BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

Councilman Morabito - Finance Committee
Councilwoman Exley - Personnel Committee
Councilman Gardner - Highway Committee
Councilman Burns - Planning and Zoning Committee

Supervisor Marinaccio anticipates that the Planning and Zoning Boards will be very busy next year with the proposed **Dunkin Donuts** and the Comprehensive Plan.

REVIEW OF 2015

Supervisor will review the 2015 year at next week's regular meeting.

AOTV

Supervisor Marinaccio mentioned the next **AOTV** meeting tentative date is January 28th. The 2016 slate of officers will be sworn in at the January meeting at a location to be determined. The officers remain the same as last year with the exception of the secretary. The new **AOTV** secretary to be voted in is Julie Scott, Town Clerk, Town of Barker.

2016 NEWSLETTER

Supervisor Marinaccio reminded the board members and Town staff to start preparing articles for the annual newsletter.

DRAFT LEGISLATION HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX

Supervisor Marinaccio mentioned that there was a recent article in the newspaper regarding the **Hotel Occupancy Tax**. Governor Andrew Cuomo vetoed a series of Bills that would have allowed 13 Westchester municipalities to impose a 3 percent tax on hotel rooms on top of sales tax and county occupancy tax. Many towns and villages have been pushing for the right to impose a “bed tax” which would generate revenue for their budgets. Supervisor Marinaccio agrees with Governor Cuomo’s decision that the **Hotel Occupancy Tax** should be made uniform for the entire state and not on a piecemeal town-by-town basis.

RAMP CLOSED OFF OF THE BRANDYWINE

Supervisor Marinaccio received a message from a resident regarding the ramp closure off of the Brandywine Highway. Mr. Marinaccio contacted **NYS DOT** and was told that the ramp has been closed due to a pile of debris blocking the view of motorists.

LETTER MAILED TO TOWN RESIDENTS REGARDING PARKING

Supervisor Marinaccio mentioned that a letter was mailed out to the town residents regarding parking on town streets in a hope that it might help with some parking issues and concerns.

JOINT SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

Supervisor Marinaccio spoke about the anticipated large increases from the **Joint Sewage Treatment Plant**. Mr. Marinaccio stated that he sent out an all towns notice about what he has heard about the **Joint Sewage Treatment Plant** and is putting together a list of all of the supervisors of all of the towns that are using the system plus the Mayor of Binghamton and Johnson City.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 5:44, the Public Hearing regarding the changes to water service local law was opened up for comments. Attorney Blaise detailed the proposed changes that would make the code consistent. If there is a break in the service from the main in the street service box at the curb, that is the Town's responsibility to fix. If there is a break at the service box at the curb to the meter, it is the resident's responsibility. The change also gives the Commissioner of Public Works the discretion of maintaining a list of plumbers who can tap the main. There were no questions or comments. The Public Hearing closed at 5:46 PM.

Attorney Blaise stated he anticipates that there will be no negative environmental impact, with which Mr. Kie agreed.

ATTORNEY

2016 ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTION

2016 Organizational Resolution will be voted on at next week's meeting.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE TO LOCAL LAW

Resolution approving change to water service local law will take place at next week's meeting.

INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS

Attorney Blaise and Public Works Commissioner Kie are scheduled to meet on Wednesday morning to discuss the placement and location of stop signs in Brandywine Heights. Once Attorney Blaise and Public Works Commissioner determine proper placement, a February or March Public Hearing will be scheduled for the proposed changes.

.SHARED SERVICES WITH DOT AND THE COUNTY

Attorney Blaise is working to modify the shared services agreement with **DOT** to make it reciprocal with the town. Mr. Blaise will draft an agreement for next week's meeting. In the meantime, he asked town Clerk Susan Cerretani to research whether there is an existing shared services agreement with the County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Nothing to report.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Nothing to report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

2015 CONSTRUCTION REPORT

Code Enforcement Officer Rafferty submitted the 2015 construction data questionnaire and provided the board members with a copy by email.

DUNKIN DONUTS

Supervisor Marinaccio mentioned that **DOT** has concerns about the **Dunkin Donuts** project and then asked Code Enforcement Officer Rafferty if there is a drive thru planned for the proposed **Dunkin Donuts**. Mr. Rafferty replied no there is not and the reason is probably because there is not enough room. Supervisor Marinaccio commented that he was surprised there is no drive thru planned because 60-70 percent of **Dunkin Donut's** business is drive thru.

Supervisor Marinaccio stated the **Broome County Planning Department** has no objections to the rezoning provided the traffic safety issues are resolved.

Code Enforcement Officer Rafferty stated that he advised Mr. Skrabalak that he and his attorney meet with **Keystone** and **DOT** and check on the progress of the surplus state plan.

Councilman Burns was surprised to learn that the vacant house and first house on the street are the only properties to be demolished to make way for the project.

BOCES

Code Enforcement Rafferty will write a letter designating Atlantic Inland to do all inspections for the proposed construction of a Habitat for Humanities house.

Town of Dickinson has no electrical code. However, Code Enforcement Officer Rafferty tells residents that they have to have the work inspected by an authorized inspector.

THE AGENCY

Code Enforcement Officer Rafferty has not heard back from Kevin McLaughlin of **The Agency** since his presentation and discussion regarding zoning issues for the proposed building on the **SUNY Broome** campus.

Councilman Burns commented that 16 Stearns Rd. was cited for having about 20 bags of garbage and there are still about 15 bags on the property. Public Works Commissioner Kie and Code Enforcement Officer Rafferty replied that the resident still has 15 days to comply.

Councilman Gardner remarked that the **Farmers Market** project is making great progress as is the **Microtel** project.

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

On a motion by Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns to move the meeting into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

Following the executive session, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani
Town Clerk