

October 3, 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, October 3, 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 Blaise, Esq., Attorney for the Town
Susan Cerretani, Town Clerk

Also in attendance:

Town Engineer Ron Lake, Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, Planning Board Chair/Town Historian David Wasser and one member of the general public.

PRESENTATION

Presentation by Danielle McMullen, Client Relationship manager for **Energy Next, MEGA (CCA) Community Choice Aggregation.**

Community choice aggregation (CCA) is a community energy program through **MEGA** that enables local governments to aggregate electricity demand within their jurisdictions in order to procure alternative energy supplies while maintaining the existing electricity provider for transmission and distribution services.

CHAIR

2016 BUDGET PROCESS

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that the preliminary 2017 budget has been presented to the Town Clerk. The tax levy is \$1,000 more than the previous year. Tax rates will rise but we will still stay within the tax cap. The Supervisor stated that we need \$638,000 to meet our needs. According to the preliminary budget there will be no decrease in town services and there will be slight increases in salaries for staff. Mr. Marinaccio commented that the budget could be changed as we move along.

AOTV MEETING

Supervisor Marinaccio reported that the **AOTV** meeting that was held on September 22nd at **The Farmer's Market** was very interesting. Brian Aukema and Dina Truncali of **CCE** spoke about the economic impact of Broome County Agriculture, the new **Farmers Market** building and plans for the future at **CCE**. The next **AOTV** meeting will be October 27. Guest speaker will be Jennifer Conway, President and CEO of the **Broome County Chamber of Commerce**.

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SOLAR ENERGY POLICY AND COMMITTEE

The Town of Dickinson is partnering with the **Town of Kirkwood** to develop a Solar Energy task force. The Town of Dickinson committee will be comprised of resident Jim Love, Code Enforcement Officer Steve Rafferty, Town Historian and Planning Board Chairman David Wasser, Attorney for the Town Oliver Blaise, and Councilman Steve Gardner. The newly formed committee will be meeting with the Kirkwood representatives. David Wasser will chair the committee.

BROOME COUNTY DOG SHELTER

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that he sent a letter to Mr. DaDamio, Broome County Director of Security, to inform him that the Town has decided to continue the contract with the **Broome County Front Street Dog Shelter**.

ATTORNEY

UPDATE CODE FOR DUMPING AND FILL PERMITS AND FEES

Attorney Blaise presented proposed revisions for the dumping code.

1. **§ 462-8**

Chapter 462: Solid waste management

- a. Eliminate “by special permit” per Code Enforcement Rafferty and Public Works Commissioner Kie’s requests.
- b. The addition of **SWPP** requirements and written permission from the Commissioner of Public Works for dumping over Town utilities, easements or right of ways.

2. **§ 600-12**

Chapter 600: Zoning

- a. Remove the modifier “immediately” from the code in consideration of ongoing projects per Code Enforcement Rafferty’s request.

A discussion followed. Councilman Morabito stated that the Town Board’s role is to protect our residents and establish guidelines for the benefit of the residents. Mr. Morabito would like to leave the permit requirement as is, otherwise it becomes a civil matter. Public Works Commissioner Kie would like to see protection for the town as well.

Attorney Blaise stated that there are definitions as to what constitutes clean fill under the **DEC** regulations outlined in solid waste management chapter of the town code.

The proposed revisions were held for follow up discussion at next week’s meeting. If the board decides to make revisions, we will need to schedule a public hearing.

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TRANSFER OF PROPERTY AROUND ADAMS STREET CUL DE SAC FROM MICROTEL TO TOWN

Attorney Blaise stated that his partner is waiting to hear back from the **Microtel**'s attorney regarding the transfer of Adams Street property in order to add it to the **CHPS** list. Public Works Commissioner Kie stated that he needs it back by next week in order to adopt a resolution; otherwise he cannot put it on the inventory maintenance.

REQUEST TO REZONE 507 GLENWOOD RD

Code Enforcement Rafferty is researching the property and zoning regulations regarding a request to operate a horse farm at the 507 Glenwood Road location.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that there was a water main break in the Thomas Road/Ridge Road area which is within the City of Binghamton limits. Emergency Services has been placed on standby. Public Works Commissioner Kie complimented Danny Miller from the Water Department for helping out.

Public Works Commissioner Kie made a special request to purchase a bypass pump which is a specialized piece of equipment for use in the event of an emergency situation of a sewer station failure. Mr. Kie has located a used bypass pump with a cost of \$17,000. Supervisor Marinaccio commented that the board will consider it for next week's meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Deputy Code Enforcement Officer Kie reported that numerous citations have been issued for various code violations including: overgrown trees and weeds, sanitation, trash and debris, no building permits.

Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that the new codes go into effect today.

MANUFACTURED HOMES

Town engineer Ron Lake informed the board that New York State has passed legislature that permits mobile homes in R-1 zoned areas. Mr. Lake mentioned that the Town of Conklin has created an aesthetic ordinance to address some of the related concerns of this new development.

ASSESSOR

None.

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PLANNING AND ZONING BOARDS

- Public Hearing on the **Comprehensive Plan** was held on Monday, September 26th, 2016. There were no comments. The **Comprehensive Plan** is now in the hands of the County. The Plan is published on the Town of Dickinson website www.townofdickinson.com and a copy is available in the Town Clerk's office. The Town must now wait for the County's comments.
- The Planning Board approved the final plan for **The Agency**. The groundbreaking will take place on October 18th at 10 AM.

ZONING OF 340 PROSPECT STREET

- Code Enforcement Officer Steve Rafferty is researching the properties in the area of 340 Prospect Street.

On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned by motion from Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 7:22PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani
Town Clerk