

## **April 4, 2016 – WORK SESSION**

**The Work Session of the Town of Dickinson Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Michael A. Marinaccio at 5:34 PM on Monday, April 4, 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**

**Also in attendance:**

**Jeanne Compton, David Wasser and 3 Town of Dickinson residents**

### **CHAIR**

### **UPDATING THE TOWN'S ANIMAL MANAGEMENT LAWS**

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that the issue of updating the town's animal management law was prompted by a code violation wherein a resident was cited for harboring 16 rabbits. Supervisor Marinaccio noted that the town restriction on fur bearing animals was put in place in approximately 1975 or 1977. Mr. Marinaccio stated that Dickinson is a community that is almost entirely developed and is suburban with little to no agricultural areas. Restrictions were put in place to protect quality of life and protect property values where houses are close together and lots are small. The board wants to be mindful of its residents who want to be responsible pet owners. The board is going to take some time to research and review this issue before making any determination about how to proceed. Supervisor Marinaccio stated that our laws are in place to protect Town of Dickinson residents. The board is looking at surrounding town codes. Attorney Blaise stated that he prefers Town of Chenango's animal code as it best suited for enforcement. There was a long discussion touching on zoning, waste sanitation, animal limits, enforcement, fees and chickens. Supervisor Marinaccio stated that the board will begin working on the process next week.

### **NUISANCE INVESTIGATION REPORT**

Supervisor Marinaccio received a report from the Broome County Health Department regarding the 9 Forest Hills Blvd property. Mr. Marinaccio remarked that the Health Department's inspection was limited to the property's exterior. Supervisor Marinaccio contacted Claudia Edwards from the Health Department and gave her copies of pictures of the property's interior which is in deplorable condition. Attorney Blaise stated that the Land Bank has money set aside to help rural and suburban communities. In order to receive assistance with the cost of demolition from the Land Bank, one of the conditions is that the municipality has to own the property. Attorney Blaise stated that he will have to check to see if there is a mortgage on the 9 Forest Hills Blvd property.

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### **2016 NEWSLETTER**

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that the 2016 newsletter was mailed on Friday and the printer will print an extra 100 copies for the Clerk's Office.

### **BROOME DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER**

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that **Broome Developmental Center** closed last week. He remarked that any plans for future use need to be communicated to and involve the Town of Dickinson and the town board.

### **CONGRESSMAN HANNA**

Congressman Hanna contacted Supervisor Marinaccio to let him know that even though he is retiring he would still be available to help the Town of Dickinson with their needs.

**6:05 pm:** The town resident who received the code violation for harboring rabbits arrived at the meeting at 6:05 pm. Supervisor Marinaccio welcomed her and explained that the meeting commenced at 5:30. Mr. Marinaccio stated that he would be willing to go over the update on the animal management law that applies to her situation after the meeting.

### **SOLAR MEETING AT CCE**

Attorney Blaise stated that because of the up and coming solar farm industry there is a host of issues developing. He stated there are considerations such as land use and taxes that need to be addressed before the solar farms are put up.

### **PRESENTATION: PAUL REYNOLDS CMA**

Supervisor Marinaccio noted that Paul Reynolds and Washington Vivero will give a presentation on small cell technology at next Monday's meeting. They will be first on the agenda.

### **TASK FORCE MEETING**

Supervisor Marinaccio relayed that there is a Task Force meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 at **SUNY Broome** in the **Decker Health Sciences Center**, room 201. Mr. Marinaccio plans on attending.

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**COORDINATED RESPONSE EXERCISE MEETING**

Supervisor Marinaccio relayed that there will be a meeting on May 5<sup>TH</sup>, 5:30 at the Doubletree about local pipeline response. Supervisor Marinaccio and Councilman Gardner plan on attending.

**DISCONTINUANCE OF HUNTING/FISHING LICENSES**

Attorney Blaise stated that the Clerk's office has performed a review of the issuance of hunting and fishing licenses over the past 5 years to see if it is worthwhile to have the clerk and her deputy undergo required training in order to be authorized and registered with the state to be qualified to issue licenses. Over the past years the number of licenses has declined steadily as have the fees collected. It was noted that residents may obtain licenses up the road at the Town of Chenango, Gander Mountain, Wal-Mart, Dick's Sporting Goods and online. It was mentioned that the City of Binghamton has discontinued the service. The proposal to discontinue issuing hunting/fishing licenses was agreed upon. An announcement will be put on the website to notify the public.

**ATTORNEY**

**2016 MUNICIPAL CLEAN-UP DAY**

The resolution will be prepared for next week's meeting for **Municipal Cleanup Day** by the town clerk.

**UTILITY EASEMENTS FOR MICROTEL**

Public Works Commissioner Kie stated that the original opening was scheduled for May 15. The easements must be in place before the **Microtel** can open.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Works Commissioner Kie stated that the yard waste pickup started today after the snowfall.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Code Enforcement Officer Rafferty remarked on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be changes in state codes. One of the changes states that a resident can have "0" unlicensed vehicles instead of one.

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**REZONING APPLICATION LOWER STELLA IRELAND PROPERTY/JUNKYARD**

A resolution will be prepared for next week regarding the rezoning of 220 Airport Rd. Code Officer Rafferty has a call in to Ms. Zier at the **Broome County Planning Department**.

**ASSESSOR**

None.

**PLANNING AND ZONING BOARDS**

None.

On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned by motion from Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 6:36PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani  
Town Clerk