

June 6, 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, June 6, 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:

Jeff Jacobs, Esq. (o/b/o 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

CHAIR

The public hearing was opened at 5:30PM by Supervisor Marinaccio **regarding the Local Law amending Chapter 229, entitled “Animals,” and Chapter 600, entitled Zoning of the Town Code of the Town of Dickinson.**

Supervisor Marinaccio opened the Public Hearing portion of the meeting at 5:30 PM. With no comments or questions, Mr. Marinaccio closed the public hearing at 5:31 PM.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Supervisor Marinaccio reminded the board members that July 11th begins our summer schedule of July, August and September; combining our Work Session with the Regular Meeting on the second Monday of those months with a start time of 5:30 P.M.

AOTV MEETING JUNE 23rd

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that the next AOTV meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 23 at **Tony’s Italian Grill**, 2315 E Main St., Endicott. The guest speaker is BC District Attorney Steve Cornwell.

CONSTELLATION CONTRACT RENEWAL

Supervisor Marinaccio reported that the contract with **Constellation Energy** has been renewed with a one year variable rate.

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SAVE THE DATE 125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Supervisor Marinaccio reported that we will be sending out Save the Date announcements for our 125th Anniversary Celebration to various local county, state and federal officials. The date of the celebration is September 17, 2016. Supervisor Marinaccio thanked David Wasser and his committee for organizing what will be the largest town celebration in our town's history. Work continues in the planning. Mr. Marinaccio stated that businesses, churches, and various organizations will be invited as well as our very own residents from the town and village.

MS4 ENGINEERING SERVICES

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that he has a proposal from Town Engineer Ron Lake to continue to perform **MS4** engineering services for 2016. The total amount for the contract is \$9,000. Mr. Marinaccio stated that he will recommend that the board authorize the proposal at next week's meeting.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Supervisor Marinaccio reported that a Broome County Deputy Sheriff stopped by his house a couple of weeks ago to inform him that persons claiming to represent a charitable organization and soliciting donations were going door to door in the **Sunrise Terrace** and **Chenango Shores** neighborhoods. The charity was fraudulent and the solicitors left the area.

SOLAR FARM INFORMATION MEETING

Supervisor Marinaccio informed the board that he and Councilman Steve Gardner will be attending an information meeting regarding Solar Farms on June 9, 6:30 PM at **Cornell Cooperative Extension**.

NYS DOT MEETING

Supervisor Marinaccio informed the board that he and Public Works Commissioner Kie will be attending a meeting held by the **NYS Department of Transportation** June 7, 9:30 AM at the **K Mart** Plaza field office. Discussion will be focused on the 2016 construction season for Phase 2 of the I-86 construction project.

ADA PLAN

Supervisor Marinaccio reported that the new **ADA** coordinator for the town will be Deputy Clerk Karen O'Neil. Mr. Marinaccio called on Town Engineer Ron Lake to explain the new **ADA** transition Plan. Mr. Lake explained that the town has to have a long range **ADA** transition plan that addresses sidewalks/curbs/ ramps etc. Handicapped accessibility is now tied to Federal, State and Municipal funds. Mr. Lake and Public Works Commissioner Kie are working together to develop the town's plan.

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ATTORNEY

Attorney Jeff Jacobs, Esq. on behalf of Attorney for the Town Oliver Blaise, Esq.

MICROTEL EASEMENTS

Attorney Jeff Jacobs relayed that he was advised by Attorney Blaise that the **Microtel** easements are still in the hands of counsel and that he has not received any comments back.

Public Works Commissioner Kie stated that **Microtel** has been pressuring Code Enforcement Officer Rafferty for the **Certificate of Occupancy**. Attorney Jacobs remarked that it would be possible to issue a temporary easement subject to the receipt of easements. After a discussion, Attorney Jacobs stated that he will send an email to Attorney Blaise to let him know what the current thinking is- issuance of a temporary CO with a follow up to Attorney Joe Meagher inquiring as to the status.

Supervisor Marinaccio suggested that Public Works Commissioner Kie mention to the **Microtel** people that the town board is considering not allowing them to open until the easements have been returned in recordable form.

DISSOLUTION OF THE GARBAGE DISTRICT PLAN

Attorney Jacobs stated that a date and location must be established for the **Garbage District Dissolution Plan** public hearing.

Supervisor Marinaccio suggested that we call a Public Hearing for July 11th at 5:30 PM. Mr. Marinaccio would like to contact the **Polish Community Center** to see if it would be available as the meeting location. Supervisor Marinaccio stated that we will inform residents of the meeting details via the website and the newspaper. We will be conducting our regular monthly meeting at the **Polish Community Center** at that date and time.

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that informational letters will be mailed to residents.

SOLAR FARM MORATORIUM

A discussion was held regarding Solar Energy. Supervisor Marinaccio and the board members are in the process of gathering and sharing information as they continue to educate themselves.

Attorney Jacobs will ask Attorney Blaise to work on a moratorium with the focus on **Solar Farm** operation.

TRANSFER OF UNDEVELOPED PROPERTIES TO MRS. BURKE

Mrs. Burke donated the portion of her property to the town for the Phelps Road extension. The town obtained an appraisal on the increased value of Mrs. Burke's property after the road was installed, as well as on the value of the undeveloped lots. Mrs. Burke was reassured that this would not cause an increase in her property taxes. The town originally offered Mrs. Burke 5 properties and now she is interested in acquiring the 3 additional undeveloped parcels that are near/adjacent to her property. Apparently the issue of transferring

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the 5 undeveloped properties to Mrs. Burke was never resolved. Attorney Jacobs stated that there was miscommunication in that the land swap did not occur simultaneously. The Town still owns the landlocked parcels, which it received from the County following tax foreclosure. Supervisor Marinaccio and Councilman Burns commented that they would like to see the properties back on the tax rolls and transferred over to Mrs. Burke. Councilman Morabito questioned what the value of the 3 additional properties would be to the town. Councilman Gardner asked Public Works Commissioner Kie to provide additional visual information (maps) and the assessed value and estimated values of the properties for the next meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that the crew is paving Adams St. and that he expects the milling and final paving to be done just before the Microtel opens. Mr. Kie stated that notices were handed out to the residents today.

Public Works Commissioner Kie stated that the pumps for the sewer station are beginning to arrive.

Water Superintendent Danny Miller will be out until June 23rd. He fell off a ladder while working on his home and broke his ribs and punctured a lung. The Board members wish him well.

Town Engineer Ron Lake reported that he attended the annual MS4 Coalition meeting and he also attended the Flood Plain Management meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Rafferty and Public Works Commissioner Kie inspected the Farmer's Market. Opening is planned for June 25th.

Councilwoman Exley asked the Code Enforcement Officers to take a look at property location 409 Glenwood Rd. as the grass is 3 feet high. Supervisor Marinaccio mentioned that there is also a property on Adams Drive that is in violation of tall grass and weeds code.

ASSESSOR

None.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARDS

Planning Board Chairman David Wasser reported that there is a Planning Board meeting scheduled for June 27th to continue work on the Comprehensive Plan.

On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned by motion from Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 6:32PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani
Town Clerk