

April 10, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Dickinson Town Board was called to order with the pledge of allegiance by Supervisor Michael A. Marinaccio at 6:00 PM on Monday, April 10, 2017 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 in attendance:

Oliver N. Blaise III, Esq., Town Attorney
Susan M. Cerretani, Town Clerk
Town Engineer Ron Lake, Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, and 3 members of the general public

CHAIR

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

April, 2017

- The **NY State Assembly** has approved the 2017 state budget and is now in the hands of the **NY State Senate**. As many of you are aware, both the Senate and the Assembly removed the link between Aid and incentives for municipalities (**AIM**) funding and the governor's countywide consolidation proposal. Both **NYCOM** and **AOT** called upon the State Legislators to take back their budgetary power by removing the linkage to **AIM** and most importantly, reject any new referendum requirements as part of the county wide consolidation proposal.
- Supervisor Marinaccio and Public Works Commissioner Kie will be attending the **Broome County Emergency Management Workshop Certification and Training - Tier 3** on April 27 at the **Arena Club** starting at 9 am until 4 pm.
- The 2017 Town News Letter is complete in its draft form and will be sent to the printer for a draft printing.
- Supervisor Marinaccio has had several conversations with the **Land Bank** board members and **Director of Real Property** Dave Hamlin regarding the status of 231 Bevier St. It remains under review by the County but the Supervisor is hopeful that it will be foreclosed soon and turned over to the town or to the **Land Bank**.

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SUPERVISOR'S REPORT CONTINUED:

- At the Supervisor's request, Town Clerk Cerretani and Administrative Assistant Wike have been researching the use of credit cards to pay for water and sewer bills and various town fees both in person and on line. A full report will be available soon and presented to the board for their review.
- The next Association of Towns & Villages meeting will be held on April 27, 6:30 pm, at the **Relief Pitcher** located on Conklin Avenue. Guest speaker is Tom Kowalik who will present **Clean Energy Communities**, and talk about non-matching grants that will be available for both small and large communities.
- In regard to the **Shared Services Property Tax Savings Committee** which the Supervisor is a member of, now that the Governor's initiative has been voted down, Mr. Marinaccio believes that this committee will dissolve and reform into a committee that will be composed of local municipal leaders and possibly school district representatives. The Supervisor will have more on this as it evolves. The Supervisor has scheduled a representative from **Tompkins County** to do a presentation on how they formed a **Health Insurance Consortium** which involves the County, the City and surrounding towns. This took 3 years, but it has proven to control the cost of health insurance. The presentation is also in flux because of the changes of the committee. The Supervisor will be meeting the County Executive for further discussion.
- Supervisor Marinaccio attended the 1st quarterly County Executive meeting on March 30. It was well attended. Topics covered: Snow storm, shared services, County IT program, etc.
- The **Color Run** took place last Sunday and all reports point to another successful event. Total participation is not clear but it was between 3 and 4 thousand.

Code Violations Report:

Appearance ticket issued to 8 Stearns Rd for violation of Property Maintenance Sanitation Code.

Dog Control

This report covers both the town and the village: Dog missing but later found locked in laundry room. Stray dog found on Glenwood Rd. Captured aggressive dog who would not allow people to come or go to the **Polish Community Center**. Dog being walked without leash, owner received a written warning.

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NYSEG Warning Letter:

No warnings issued

Supervisor Marinaccio reported that he received a notice from Senator Akshar regarding the **CHIPS** allocation (**Consolidated Local Street and Highway Program**) in the amount of \$25,404. \$4,835 for winter recovery and \$5,798 for 2018 **Pave New York**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Jim Love had several questions about the implementation of the use of credit cards for town fees. Mr. Love asked who would pay the merchant fee. Mr. Love is of the understanding that the town cannot charge someone more money to use a credit card than to use cash or check. Supervisor Marinaccio stated that we are still in the process of researching and will have more answers shortly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Gardner reported that Public Works Commissioner Kie, Code Enforcement Officer Rafferty and Town Engineer attended a training session this week.

• **FINANCE**

○ **SUPERVISOR’S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Councilman Morabito made a motion to accept the **January, 2017 Supervisor monthly report** seconded by Councilman Burns. All in favor.

○ **TOWN CLERK MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Councilman Morabito made a motion to accept the **March Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Clerk in the amount of \$1,554.20**. On a motion by Councilman Morabito seconded by Councilman Burns. All in favor.

Town Clerk’s Report	
March 2017 in the amount of \$1,554.20:	
<u>NYSDOH</u>	<u>\$00.00</u>
<u>NYS Ag & Markets spay/Neuter program</u>	<u>\$73.00</u>
<u>Supervisor Town of Dickinson</u>	<u>\$1,554.20</u>

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○ **ABSTRACTS FOR APPROVAL**

On Motion from Councilman Morabito, seconded by Councilman Gardner to approve **abstract # 4**, dated **April 10, 2017** in the amount of **\$498,250.53**. Vote Ayes- 5, Nays-0, Absent-0.

Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye
Councilman Gardner voting Aye
Councilwoman Exley voting Aye
Councilman Morabito voting Aye
Councilman Burns Aye

Unanimously passed and noted as duly adopted.

Abstract Summary of Audited Vouchers for Funds respectively in the amount(s) of \$498,250.53.

Voucher #4 for April 2017 year in the amount of \$:498,250.53.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$62,838.68</u>
<u>Part Town</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<u>Highway</u>	<u>\$14,458.00</u>
<u>Fire districts</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Light Districts</u>	<u>\$237.81</u>
<u>Sewer Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$364,429.64</u>
<u>Water Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$56,186.40</u>

- **PERSONNEL**
 - Nothing to report at this time

- **PLANNING**
 - Nothing to report at this time

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman Gardner seconded by Councilwoman Exley to approve the **Work Session Meeting Minutes of March 06, 2017 and Regular Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2017**. All in favor.

Vote-5 Ayes, Nays-0, Absent-0.

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ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION 2017- 7

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Exley, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Gardner to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson, Broome County, New York as follows:

RESOLUTION: DESIGNATING MAY 20, 2017 AS MUNICIPAL CLEANUP DAY FOR THE TOWN OF DICKINSON

The question of adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows: All in favor. Vote Ayes –5, Nays – 0, Absent-0.

Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye
Councilman Gardner voting Aye
Councilwoman Exley voting Aye
Councilman Morabito voting Aye
Councilman Burns voting Aye

All in favor. Resolution on file in the Clerk’s Office. A copy of the resolution will be forwarded to Broome County.

Public Works Commissioner Kie stated that we will accept 8 tires per household. By law we cannot collect electronics and hazardous materials. Those items must be taken to the Broome County landfill for disposal. The Broome County Landfill has a schedule posted online.

LOT SIZE FOR RURAL AREAS

Attorney Blaise stated that Code Enforcement Officer Rafferty will check with the Health Department and get back to the board with suggested minimum lot sizes.

FENCING LAW

Attorney Blaise provided samples of fencing codes from the Town of Union and the Town of Binghamton. After a brief discussion it was decided that the board members should take a look at the sample codes and bring it back for discussion next month.

Attorney Blaise informed the board that he will have his partner cover the May 1st work session as he has a trial scheduled in Syracuse.

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PUBLIC WORKS – WATER & HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that it has been discovered there is an excess amount of water being dumped into the sewer in the Lawson Court/Sunrise Drive area. The possible sources could be runoff from gutters, sump pumps or broken pipes. Mr. Kie stated that they will have to camera the lines and investigate the cause and correct the problem.
- Public Works Commissioner Kie asked the board to consider the purchase of a device that would enable Public Works and the Water Department to map the town's infrastructure in detail by the use of a **Trimble GPS** camera system. The unit, software and licensing fee cost is approximately \$10,000. Supervisor Marinaccio would like to do more research on it.
- Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that he had a meeting with the County and **SUNY Broome** regarding the water line at **BCC**. It was determined that either the County or **SUNY Broome** is the owner of the line. However, neither **SUNY Broome** nor the County has the funds to repair the line. Mr. Kie suggested that the three entities draw up an agreement and split the expense three ways. The total cost won't exceed \$80,000. The line will ultimately be turned over to the town. Because there are time constraints with the **Agency** project, Mr. Kie asked the board to immediately put it to a resolution to authorize the town to pay one third of the cost to replace the water line not to exceed a total expense of \$80,000.

RESOLUTION 2017- 8

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Burns, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Gardner to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson, Broome County, New York as follows:

RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO PAY ONE THIRD OF THE COST TO REPLACE AND RELOCATE THE SECTION OF WATER MAIN LOCATED PARTIALLY ON SUNY BROOME PROPERTY BENEATH THE PROPOSED IDA PARKING LOT UP TO THE METERING PIT ON VANWINKLE DRIVE NOT TO EXCEED A TOTAL COST OF \$80,000.

The question of adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows: All in favor. Vote Ayes –5, Nays – 0, Absent-0.

Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye
Councilman Gardner voting Aye
Councilwoman Exley voting Aye
Councilman Morabito voting Aye
Councilman Burns voting Aye

All in favor.

Attorney Blaise noted that this would be an intermunicipal agreement and that the town will be taking ownership of the water line.

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PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

Chairperson Compton stated that the **MICROTEL** has removed their request for a variance. In order to raise the sign they would have to build a larger platform.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

nothing to report at this time

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None heard

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani
Town Clerk