

June 12, 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, June 12, 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:

**Keegan Coughlin, Esq., (o/b/o Oliver N. Blaise III, Esq., Town Attorney)
Susan M. Cerretani, Town Clerk
Administrative Assistant Wike, Town Engineer Lake, Public Works
Commissioner Kie, Town Historian and Planning Board Chair Wasser,
Zoning Board Chair Compton, and 10 members of the general public.**

CHAIR

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

**SUPERVISOR’S MONTHLY REPORT
June, 2017**

1. Supervisor Marinaccio attended the 63rd Annual Dinner Dance and Award Ceremony for **Achieve** on May 2; there were over 400 people in attendance.
2. Mr. Marinaccio will be attending **The Agency’s** annual breakfast on June 13 at **Traditions**.
3. The Town of Dickinson Equalization Rate is 75.00 which is a 0% change from the last notification.
4. Supervisor Marinaccio met with **Land Bank** Director Margaret Scarinzi and she informed him that the County Administration is asking for payments from municipalities where properties are being transferred to such as 231 Bevier St. It’s possible, if passed, that we would have to pay approximately \$1100 to take over the property. The **Land Bank** may absorb that costs but would reduce the number of properties that they demolish. More on this as information becomes available.

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Code Violations Report:

1. 33 Pulaski, tall weeds and grass
2. 9 Hickory Rd., tall weeds and grass
3. 27 Terrace Dr., tall weeds and grass, missing shingles on roof
4. 22.5 N. Louisa, tall weeds and grass
5. 20 N. Louisa, TV placed at curb, not picked up
6. 22 Fuller, tall weeds and grass, foundation wall missing
7. 107 Old State Rd., refrigerator and various items stored on back deck
8. 14 N. Moeller, tall weeds and grass
9. 210 Bevier, trash and debris, old tires, etc in front yard
10. 244 Bevier St., tall weeds and grass, secondary structures in disrepair
11. 217 Bevier St., 4 unlicensed vehicles on property, oversized truck on property
12. 183 Bevier St., tall weeds and grass
13. 7 N. Ely, tall grass, tree limbs in yards not picked up
14. 12 Valley View, various metals stored in yard, back lot not mowed and over grown
15. 45 Pulaski, tall weeds and grass
16. 36 Pulaski, tall weeds and grass, mattresses stored at side of house, windows missing
17. 33 Pulaski, tall weeds and grass
18. 129 Adams Dr., tall weeds and grass, siding missing, felled tree in yard
19. 236 Lower Stella Ireland, tall weeds and grass
20. 199 Lower Stella Ireland, car stored openly, no plates
21. 305 Lower Stella Ireland, tall weeds and grass
22. 299 Lower Stella Ireland, tall weeds and grass
23. 371 Prospect, garbage piled up, unlicensed vehicle openly stored
24. 183 Lower Stella Ireland, car openly stored, no plates
25. 187 Lower Stella Ireland, pool, no permit, gutters falling off of building
26. 8 Stearns Rd., tall weeds and grass
27. 25 Forest Hills, tall weeds and grass

Dog Control Report

Dog Control Officer Starley has turned in both April and May report. There were several stray dog captures and a complaint from a resident regarding their neighbor's dog.

• **NYSEG Warning Letter:**

No warning letters issued by NYSEG

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Gardner reported:

- The water main at **SUNY Broome** has been completed. It now needs to be inspected and approved by the County. Once that is done they will shut off the bypass and open up the new main.
- Longview Ave. storm drainage has been completed and the paving is done.
- Valley View Drive and N. Ely have been paved.
- Macomber and N. Broad have been patched.
- Sowden Street noise barriers and road construction is being done by the State.

• **FINANCE**

○ **SUPERVISOR’S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

○ **TOWN CLERK MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Councilman Morabito made a motion to accept the **May Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Clerk in the amount of \$1,224.91**. On a motion by Councilman Morabito seconded by Councilman Burns. All in favor.

Town Clerk’s Report May 2017	
<u>NYSDOH</u>	<u>\$45.00</u>
<u>NYS Ag & Markets spay/Neuter program</u>	<u>\$57.00</u>
<u>Supervisor Town of Dickinson</u>	<u>\$1,224.91</u>

○ **TOWN COURT MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Councilman Morabito made a motion to accept the Financial Report(s) for the **Town of Dickinson Court** for the month April in the amount of **\$51,875.00**. On a motion of Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilwoman Exley.
Town portion: \$8,950.00
State portion: \$42,603.00
County portion: \$290.00
Other: \$ 32.00
All in favor.

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○ **ABSTRACTS FOR APPROVAL**

On Motion from Councilman Morabito, seconded by Councilman Gardner to approve **abstract # 6**, dated **June 12, 2017** in the amount of **\$220,031.85**. 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 \$220,031.85.

Voucher #6 for June 12, 2017 year in the amount of: \$220,031.85.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$85,347.42</u>
<u>Part Town</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>
<u>Highway</u>	<u>\$55,375.98</u>
<u>Fire districts</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Light Districts</u>	<u>\$237.81</u>
<u>Sewer Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$18,281.78</u>
<u>Water Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$60,638.86</u>

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

- **PLANNING**
 - Planning Board Chairperson Wasser reported there is meeting scheduled for Monday, June 19th with site development of 340 Prospect Street on the agenda.
 - The **Comprehensive Plan** has been completed and now needs to come to the board.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilwoman Exley seconded by Councilman Gardner to approve the **Work Session Meeting Minutes of May 01, 2017 and Regular Meeting Minutes of May 08, 2017.**

All in favor.

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

ST. STAN'S

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that he received notification from the **Office of General Services** that the former **St. Stanislaus Church and School** at 362 and 372 Prospect Street will be going up for auction on Thursday, July 20, 2017. Information will be available for the public at the Town Clerk's office.

MEGA

Supervisor Marinaccio and Councilman Gardner met with **Broome County Clerk** Rick Blythe on Tuesday, June 6 regarding **MEGA**. Councilman Gardner stated that it was a very good meeting that clarified several issues regarding the program. Mr. Gardner recommended that we schedule another presentation by County Clerk Rick Blythe and/or **MEGA** representative Danielle McMullen for the board to take another look at the program.

231 BEVIER STREET

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that there was a break in at 231 Bevier Street. The property is now in the hands of the county. If there are any further issues at the address either the **Sheriff's Department** or **Broome Security** should be notified.

ATTORNEY

FENCING LAW

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ADOPTING A LOCAL LAW REGARDING FENCES

RESOLUTION 2017-9

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Morabito, 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: SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ADOPTING A LOCAL LAW GOVERNING THE ERECTION OF FENCES WITHIN THE TOWN OF DICKINSON.

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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 Aye

All in favor.

A Public Hearing will be scheduled for 5:45 pm at the July 10th meeting.

SOLAR LAW

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ADOPTING A LOCAL LAW REGULATING SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

RESOLUTION 2017-10

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

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

RESOLUTION: SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ADOPTING A LOCAL LAW REGULATING SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS, SOLAR COLLECTIONS SYSTEMS, AND SOLAR ENERGY PRODUCTION FACILITIES (SOLAR FARMS).

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 Aye

All in favor.

A Public Hearing will be scheduled for 5:35 pm at the July 10th meeting.

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RESOLUTION 340 PROSPECT STREET

RESOLUTION 2017-11

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

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

**RESOLUTION: NEGATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT DECLARATION
PURSUANT TO SEQRA REGARDING 340 PROSPECT STREET**

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 Aye

All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2017-12

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

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

RESOLUTION: PUD APPROVAL REGARDING 340 PROSPECT STREET

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 Aye

All in favor.

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RESOLUTION 2017-13

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

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

RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO SIGN SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH PayGOV.US TO PROVIDE ELECTRONIC PAYMENT CREDIT CARD SERVICES

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 Aye

All in favor.

A letter will be sent out to residents and a notice will be put on the Town's website informing the Town of Dickinson residents that the town offices will accept electronic credit card payments.

RESOLUTION 2017-14

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

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

RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING CHANGE OF TOWN BOARD MEETING DATE FROM AUGUST 14, 2017 TO AUGUST 21, 2017

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 Aye

All in favor.

The date change will be publicized on the town website, in the **Binghamton Press** and posted on the town signboard.

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LOT SIZE FOR RURAL AREAS

Attorney Blaise will be scheduling a meeting with Code Enforcement Officer Rafferty and Public Works Commissioner Kie to move the issue of lot size for rural areas forward.

KNOX BOX

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that he has questions about the **Knox Box** program and would like to research it further.

PUBLIC WORKS – WATER & HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

○ **ZOMBIE PROPERTIES**

Public Works Commissioner Kie would like the board to consider revisiting a topic that was discussed at a town board meeting in 2015 regarding zombie properties. There is a company called **Community Champions**, which provides services to municipalities to help them track, research, communicate and follow up with vacant and foreclosed properties and the banks that have mortgages on them. Each municipality passes an ordinance requiring that the banks foreclosing on properties within the municipality must register the properties and provide a good deal of information, including a direct line of communication to a decision maker for the property, as well as to pay a small registration fee. Commissioner Kie stated that there are several properties that code has no contact information on and are unable to track down the responsible party. This type of service would give the town an avenue and a resource to reach out to. Supervisor Marinaccio would like to talk to Attorney Blaise and **Broome County Real Property** regarding these properties.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

ZONING

Zoning Board Chair Compton reported that the **Microtel** will be raising their sign from 40 feet to 70 feet.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

nothing to report at this time

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

A member of the general public had several questions for the board to ask when considering the service of a company that would track zombie properties.

Supervisor Marinaccio reminded the board members that our summer schedule begins next month.

COMBINED WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING 5:30 PM

- **JULY 10TH**
- **AUGUST 21ST**
- **SEPTEMBER 11TH**

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 6:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani
Town Clerk