

August 21, 2017 – WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING

The Work Session and Regular Meeting of the Town of Dickinson Town Board was called to order with the pledge of allegiance by Supervisor Michael A. Marinaccio promptly at 5:30 PM on Monday, August 21, 2017 in the Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, New York.

This is the second of the regular meetings which begins the 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. This meeting date was changed from August 14th to August 21st by resolution by the town board, publicized in the Binghamton Press, on the Town of Dickinson website and posted on the town signboard.

The members of the Town Board present were:

Michael A. Marinaccio, Supervisor
Stephen M. Gardner, Councilman
Danny F. Morabito, Councilman
Thomas J. Burns, Councilman

Also attending:

Oliver N. Blaise III, Esq., Town Attorney
Karen O'Neil, Deputy Town Clerk
Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, Code Enforcement Officer Steve Rafferty, Town Historian and Planning Board Chairman David Wasser, Town Engineer Ron Lake, Administrative Assistant Beverly Wike, Assessor Jack Cahill, Zoning Board Chair Jeanne Compton and 4 members of the general public.

Absent: Sharon M. Exley, Councilwoman

Supervisor Marinaccio gave his report for the month of August. His report will be placed on file.

SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT August, 2017

1. Supervisor Marinaccio attended a meeting with representatives of the **Office of Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Services** along with our state and county representatives in regard to the RFP that was sent out for a service provider for substance abuse. One of the buildings at **BDC** will be used for the services including short term residency. The building will be used by a service provider to assist those who are addicted to opiates and heroin. The Town of Dickinson will be involved in reviewing the bids for service and voicing any concerns that we may have that will affect our residents. It was suggested that we form a residential liaison once the services begin. Mr. Marinaccio believes they are looking at Building 1 to be used for the services provided. The program will not be a lock down operation. Security will be provided by the present state security people. However, members of the county legislature have some concerns regarding the RFP – the ability to quantify the bidder's proposals, NYS commitment to the program, the size of the program, potential impact on county resources, social services, etc.

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- Supervisor Marinaccio shares those concerns and I will remain very involved through this process. I strongly suggested that another meeting be held with county and state officials as well as with law enforcement officials and professional health care persons. Having appropriate and qualified persons scoring the proposals is of great importance. I do believe that this will be a long process and not enacted upon for a while.
2. The 2018 Budget is now upon us. Supervisor Marinaccio has sent out a letter to all staff and elected officials regarding the 2018 budget and as always, Mr. Marinaccio knows that everyone will do a great job in being conservative in their needs and estimates. Budget hearings will take place sometime in early September.
 3. Councilwoman Exley reported some illegal dumping along Glenwood Rd. The incident was forwarded to the **BC Sheriff's Department**.
 4. Supervisor Marinaccio spoke to the **Land Bank Executive Margaret Scarinzi** recently and she informed him that asbestos assessment was being done at 231 Bevier St. and that demolition could take place in September.
 5. Supervisor Marinaccio sent a letter of support for **Broome County's CFA Application to the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and Market** to fund enhancements to **Otsiningo Park**. Critical upgrades are needed to the park's aging electrical system and for other issues that need to be addressed.
 6. Supervisor Marinaccio sent a letter of support on behalf of **Achieve's** application for funding for the **Adult Social Program** and the renovation of the **Cutler Pond Employment Center**. **ACHIEVE** is preparing to offer additional integrated, habilitative opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
 7. Supervisor Marinaccio received the 2017 second quarter sales tax distribution check for the amount of \$210,102.19. Total sales tax for the year is \$417,356.25. We forecasted \$820,000 for our 2017 budget. Last year we were at \$391,586 at the 2nd quarter.
 8. Received a check from the **Sheriff's Department** for out of county inmates housing for the amount of \$12,036.85.

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Code Violations Report:

1. 119 Glenwood Rd, garbage in back yard, open fire in yard and too close to the building, property unkempt.
2. 37 Adams St., large amount of construction debris in back yard
3. 40 Adams St., tall weeds and grass
4. 22 Fuller St., tall weeds and grass
5. 33 Pulaski, construction debris in side yard, building without a permit
6. Appearance Ticket sent to the owners of 33 Pulaski regarding violation of property maintenance code violations
7. 42 Sunrise Dr., sump pump was tied into the sewer system. This has been resolved since the notice was given.
8. 26 Pulaski, junk on front porch
9. 28 Adams St., garbage at side of house
10. Appearance Ticket issued to 36 Pulaski various property maintenance violations

Dog Control Report: Our Dog Control Officer has turned in the July Dog Control report for both the village and the town. Stray dogs, dogs running lose in the Port Dickinson Park, stray dog chasing people on Downs Ave., dog running lose on the **SUNY Broome** Campus. All issues were resolved by our dog control officer.

- NYSEG Warning Letter:

No warning letters issued to property owners by NYSEG this month

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Jim Love asked if any there were any bids for the St. Stan's property that went up for auction. Supervisor Marinaccio replied that none were received. Mr. Love asked the Supervisor if the state is responsible for the building. The Supervisor stated he has no idea what will happen with the building.

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Mr. Love also commented on the Rt.17 and Rt. 81 construction project and asked why one lane is still closed off. He requested that Supervisor Marinaccio talk to **DOT** Director Jack Williams regarding the lane closure.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• PUBLIC WORKS

- Councilman Gardner reported that the **Electric Vehicle Charging Station** has been ordered at a cost of \$1,065.00. The station will be installed in a location near the highway garage.
- The 4 wheel drive mower that is used at the cemetery was repaired at a cost of \$3,000. The Highway Department would like to purchase a new mower to have in addition to the repaired mower. The highway department will be requesting approval for \$18,500 to purchase the new mower.

• FINANCE

SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilman Morabito made a motion to approve the **June and July, 2017 Supervisor monthly reports** seconded by Councilman Gardner. All in favor.

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 of **June, 2017** in the amount of **\$39,215**. On a motion of Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Gardner.

Town portion: \$6,120.00

State portion: \$33,056.00

County portion: - \$25.00

Total: \$39,215.00

All in favor.

Councilman Morabito made a motion to accept the Financial Report(s) for the **Town of Dickinson Court** for the month of **July, 2017** in the amount of **\$30,929**. On a motion of Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns.

Town portion: \$5,820.00

State portion: \$23,809.00

County portion: - \$1,300.00

Total: \$30,929

All in favor.

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TOWN CLERK MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilwoman Morabito made a motion to accept the **July, 2017 Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Clerk in the amount of \$1,403.89**. On a motion by Councilman Morabito seconded by Councilman Gardner. All in favor.

July 2017 in the amount of \$1,403.89:	
<u>NYSDOH</u>	<u>\$45.00</u>
<u>NYS Ag & Markets spay/Neuter program</u>	<u>\$67.00</u>
<u>Supervisor Town of Dickinson</u>	<u>\$1,403.89</u>

ABSTRACTS FOR APPROVAL

On Motion from Councilwoman Exley, seconded by Councilman Burns to approve **abstract # 8**, dated **August 14, 2017** in the amount of **\$473,830.58**. Vote Ayes- 4, Nays-0, Absent-1.

- Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye
- Councilman Gardner voting Aye
- Councilwoman Exley voting Absent
- 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 \$473,830.58.

Voucher #08 for August 2017 in the amount of \$473,830.58:

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$63,376.99</u>
<u>Part Town</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>
<u>Highway</u>	<u>\$95,096.78</u>
<u>Fire districts</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Light Districts</u>	<u>\$237.81</u>
<u>Sewer Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$188,490.26</u>
<u>Water Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$125,328.74</u>

- **PERSONNEL**
 - Nothing to report

- **PLANNING**
 - Planning Board Chair Wasser reported the **Comprehensive Plan** has been delivered to the Supervisor for approval. Supervisor Marinaccio stated there will be a Public Hearing on it next month. A copy of the **Comprehensive Plan** is available in the clerk's office. It is also available to view on the Town of Dickinson website.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman Morabito seconded by Councilman Burns to approve the **Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2017 and Regular Meeting Minutes**. All in favor.

ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION 2017-19

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 SETTING FEE SCHEDULE FOR FENCE PERMIT AT \$10.00.

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 – 4, Nays – 0, Absent -1.

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

All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2017-20

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 AUTHORIZING CODE OFFICE TO ISSUE FIREWORKS PERMITS PURSUANT TO PENAL LAW § 405.00.

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 – 4, Nays – 0, Absent -1.

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

All in favor.

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Attorney Blaise reported that he has been working with Public Works Commissioner Kie to have certain abandoned properties that are not being maintained mowed. Once mowed, the fees will be assessed to taxes. There is another property where the garbage and debris all around it will be removed and cleanup charged to the property taxes.

Attorney Blaise mentioned that the property located at 6 Forest Hills Blvd. has been re-habilitated and will be placed on the market for sale.

Supervisor Marinaccio mentioned that water/sewer bills can now be paid by credit card online and/or in the clerk’s office. Clerk fees can now be paid by credit card in the clerk’s office. There is a convenience fee assessed to each transaction. This convenience fee goes directly to **PayGOV.US**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS – WATER DEPARTMENT & HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- Sunrise Drive had sump pumps tied into the sewer line. Public Works Commissioner Kie has discovered a few houses that have this situation and has made the residents correct it.
- Water supply JC/ Binghamton. Residents need to contact Public Works Commissioner Kie if they have water main breaks.

On a motion by Councilman Gardner, seconded by Councilman Morabito for the purchase of a new John Deere tractor with mowing deck for the Highway Department in the amount of \$18,500.

All in Favor. Vote Ayes – 4, Nays – 0, Absent -1.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

- Chairperson Compton reported that Pleasant Court resident Puglisi’s pool was installed before the permit was obtained. Ms. Compton stated that the pool is not substantial and has concerns for its longevity.
- The **Red Roof Inn** will be installing a new sign which will be lit with the stipulation that it has to be on the same timer as the lighting in the parking lot; basically 9pm to 6am.
- **Microtel** is on hold per raising the height of their sign.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Supervisor Marinaccio and Public Works Commissioner Kie viewed several vacant properties in the town. There are 2 or 3 properties that need to be condemned and demolished.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

The meeting was adjourned to executive session on motion of Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani

Town Clerk

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