

September 11, 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, September 11, 2017 in the Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, New York.

This is the third 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.

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
Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, Code Enforcement Officer Steve Rafferty, Town Historian and Planning Board Chairman David Wasser, Zoning Board Chairwoman Jeanne Compton, Town Engineer Ron Lake, Administrative Assistant Beverly Wike and 6 members of the general public.

A Moment of Silence was observed in memory of the events of 9/11.

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

SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT September, 2017

1. Supervisor Marinaccio stated that there have been no new discussions regarding the proposed treatment center that will locate at **Broome Developmental Center**. Mr. Marinaccio has contacted many of our local representatives urging them to meet again for further discussion and to cover any concerns that may exist.
2. Supervisor Marinaccio reminded the board members that we will be going on our regular monthly town board meeting schedule beginning in October with the exception that our regular board meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 10 due to the Columbus Day Holiday.
3. On Monday, September 18 at 6 PM, we will conduct an information meeting in regards to the **MEGA Bulk Energy Purchasing Program**. A press release was sent out to our local media and the notification was published on our web site. On Monday, October 2, starting around 5:30 pm at our work session, we will conduct a public hearing in this same regard.

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4. **SUNY Broome** sent the Town a check to pay for their portion of the 3 party agreement for the new water line that was installed a few months ago. We are waiting for a check from the County.
5. Supervisor Marinaccio stated that we have attempted several times in notifying **NYSEG** of the damage that was done to one of our fire hydrants. Since we did not hear from them, our town attorney has sent them a letter to let them know that we may take further legal action if payment is not received.
6. Congratulations to Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie and his public works employees for receiving a **Certificate of Recognition** from Broome County for the great work that they did during the recent winter storm.
7. The Town of Dickinson will be participating in the Mentoring Day event that will take place on Wednesday, October 18, time to be determined. This event is sponsored by the **NYS Assess VR** which is part of the **NYS Education Department**. A group of students will come here and we will talk to them about town government and all of the departments that we have here and the services that we provide. Our plans for the students are as follows: to spend some time with the Supervisor Marinaccio, Town Clerk Cerretani, Public Works Commissioner Kie, Administrative Assistant Wike and Court Justices Cooper and Cline. We will provide a lunch.
8. The **Coughlin and Gerhart** Law Firm will be conducting their annual **Labor & Employment Law Update** on October 10, 2017, at the **Double Tree by Hilton** with 7:30 am registration and breakfast; the meeting will start at 8:30 and end around 12:30. If anyone is interested, let Supervisor Marinaccio know and he will send in the preregistration form.
9. Mr. Marinaccio received a letter from a Sunrise Terrace resident complaining about the fireworks display that took place at **ACHIEVE** on August 31. The fireworks started at 8:30 pm and ended before 9 pm with a very short version of the ending display.
10. Supervisor Marinaccio was notified that the sheriff was called to the area of Francis St. and Market St. due to several people involved in fighting. Mr. Marinaccio spoke to the captain and he said that by the time they arrived the fighting had stopped and he noticed several people with some minor injuries. There were no arrests made.
11. Supervisor Marinaccio participated in the **Annual Fresh Food Face Off** that was held at the **Cornell Cooperative Extension/Famers Market** on Aug. 30. Mr. Marinaccio stated that hundreds of people were in attendance and the event was wonderful

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12. The Town received a Section 239 notification informing us that the **Village of Johnson City** is proposing a local law deleting certain sections of Chapter 96 (Animals) and amending Chapter 300 Article 40 of the Zoning Code for the keeping of chickens.
13. Supervisor Marinaccio spoke to the Executive Director of **Habitat for Humanity** to get an update on moving the house that was built at BOCES to a lot on Glenwood Dr. Mr. Marinaccio was informed that there were some issues with getting certain people to sign off on the land transfer but that progress was being made and hopefully the house will be relocated soon.
14. There are tentative plans for **BOCES** to build an office and classroom building on property that they own across from the main building on Glenwood Rd. The Supervisor has no other details at this time. They will be contacting Code Enforcement Officer Steve Rafferty and Highway Superintendent Joel Kie sometime in the near future to go over their plans.

Code Violations Report: None to report at this time.

Dog Control Report

Dog Control Officer has turned in the August Dog Control report for both the village and the town. Barking dog, stray dogs running loose.

NYSEG Warning Letter:

No warning letters issued to property owners by **NYSEG** this month

PUBLIC COMMENTS

none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **PUBLIC WORKS**
 - Councilman Gardner reported that he, Commissioner Kie and Administrative Assistant Wike met to go over the Highway Budget.
 - Mr. Gardner reported that the Highway Department has received the tractor that had previously been approved and thence purchased.

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- FINANCE

TOWN CLERK MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilman Morabito made a motion to accept the **August Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Clerk in the amount of \$1,422.55**. On a motion by Councilman Morabito seconded by Councilman Burns. All in favor.

Town Clerk's Report	
August 2017 in the amount of \$1,422.55:	
NYS Ag & Markets spay/Neuter program	\$56.00
Supervisor Town of Dickinson	\$1,422.55

- PERSONNEL

- Nothing to report

- PLANNING

- Nothing to report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman Gardner seconded by Councilman Morabito to approve the **Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2017**. All in favor.

ABSTRACTS FOR APPROVAL

On Motion from Councilman Morabito, seconded by Councilman Burns to approve **abstract # 9**, dated **September 11, 2017** in the amount of **\$67,733.35**. 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 \$67,733.35.

Voucher #9 for August 2017 in the amount of \$67,733.35:

General Fund	\$40,238.67
Part Town	\$278.00
Highway	\$10,825.99
Fire districts	\$0.00
Light Districts	\$237.81
Sewer Operating Dist.	\$13,151.71
Water Operating Dist.	\$3,001.17

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ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION 2017-21

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 FOR OCTOBER 2, 2017
AT 5:30 PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF EDUCATING AND NOTIFYING
RESIDENTS OF THE MEGA PROGRAM.**

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 Aye
Councilwoman Exley voting Aye
Councilman Morabito voting Aye
Councilman Burns voting Aye

All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2017-22

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 SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR OCTOBER 10TH 2017
AT 6:00 PM FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**

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 Aye
Councilwoman Exley voting Aye
Councilman Morabito voting Aye
Councilman Burns voting Aye

All in favor.

NYSEG

Attorney Blaise received acknowledgement from **NYSEG** regarding the fire hydrant located on Market Street that was damaged. We are now awaiting further response.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS – WATER DEPARTMENT & HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- Public Works Commissioner Kie reported
 - Lt. Van Winkle Drive reimbursement - Survey by the County to turn line over to Town of Dickinson
 - Public Works Commissioner Kie received a call from a resident on Forest Hills Blvd requesting a ‘No Parking Here to Corner’ sign on Forest Hills Blvd. on the northwest side, close to Hickory Rd. This action would require a Public Hearing.
 - **Taste of New York** is now open.
 - **The Agency** is awaiting fire doors for installation.

Supervisor Marinaccio recognized Mr. George Phillips in the audience and introduced him as a former legislator. Mr. Phillips stated that he now represents an organization called **Reclaim New York**. **Reclaim New York** is a non-partisan, non-profit organization that educates New Yorkers on issues like government transparency and education.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

- Councilman Burns asked Zoning Board Chairwoman Jeanne Compton why the lighting on the **Red Roof Motel** sign had to be turned off at 9 pm. Ms. Compton replied that that was what the motel owners requested.
- Code Enforcement Officer Rafferty mentioned that the village of Johnson City has amended their code to allow 6 chickens and no roosters.

SHARED SERVICES MEETING

Per Supervisor Marinaccio there will be voting on County shared services plan this Thursday September 14, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Gardner at 6:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani

Town Clerk
SMC/bw