

January 2, 2018 – 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, January 2, 2018 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**
- Danny F. Morabito, Councilman**
- Thomas J. Burns, Councilman**

Also attending:

- Oliver N. Blaise III, Esq., Attorney for the Town**
- Susan Cerretani, Town Clerk**

Absent:

Councilwoman Exley was not in attendance as she recently retired from her Broome County Executive Deputy Clerk position and is required per New York State Law to resign from the Town Board for a 24 hour period in order to receive retirement benefits. She will then have to be reappointed to the Town Board to fill out her term.

Also in attendance:

Code Enforcement Officer Stephen Rafferty, Town Engineer Ron Lake, Administrative Assistant Beverly Wike, and 10 members of the general public.

PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Marinaccio opened the Public Hearing portion of the meeting at 5:30 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING #1:

THE ADOPTION OF A LOCAL LAW CCA PROGRAM LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF THE YEAR 2018

Attorney Blaise gave an overview of the **MEGA Community Choice Aggregation Program** and the steps and the timeline associated with the implementation of the program.

Public Hearing #1 closed at 5:37 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING #2:

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 528-35 REGARDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON A CERTAIN SECTION OF REPUBLIC STREET

Several residents were in attendance to express their concerns regarding the proposed parking restriction on Republic Street. There are safety and visibility issues as you turn the corner from Lower Stella Ireland Road onto Republic Street caused by cars that are parked close to the corner. Supervisor Marinaccio called the residents forward as a group to review a map of the area and to discuss the options to alleviate the parking problems. The residents were in favor of the proposed no parking restriction. Some residents would like the restricted area to be extended further down the street. It was suggested that the restriction include both sides of the street from the corner of Stella Ireland to cross street Poland Ave.

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Supervisor Marinaccio would like to study the options further and have Public Works Commissioner Kie involved in the process.
Public Hearing #2 closed at 6:02 pm.

CHAIR

STATUS: 2018 ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTION

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that the holiday and meeting dates for 2018 have been reviewed and will be presented at our organizational meeting in January. Supervisor Marinaccio stated that there will be some appointment changes. A copy of the draft Organizational Resolution has been emailed to the board members and a hard copy was placed in the councilmember's mailboxes.

APPOINTMENTS

Two new members will be considered for appointment to the Planning Board – Debra Morello with a term expiration date of December 31, 2021 to replace Patrick Doyle who has been elected as Town Justice and Kathy Groover with a term expiration date of December 31, 2022 to replace David Hamburg.

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that Sharon Exley recently retired from the Executive Deputy Broome County Clerk position. By State law, in order to remain in the New York State retirement system, Sharon had to resign as town councilperson for a 24 hour period. We will have a resolution next week to reappoint Sharon to the Town Board to finish up her term.

PERMA

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that in light of the new **PERMA** requirements, we are researching possible changes with our insurance carriers.

2018 TAX COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that there has been a major change in the property tax collection schedule at the Town Hall. **Broome County Real Property Tax Service**'s new collection hours are limited to Wednesdays only, from 9am-3pm during the month of January. Collection will take place on Wednesday, February 28th from 11am to 3pm and Monday April 2nd from 11 am to 3 pm. Taxes can also be paid at the **Broome County Real Property Tax Department** at the Broome County Office Building, 60 Hawley Street, 2nd floor from 8 am to 5pm Monday through Friday. Mr. Marinaccio is concerned that this one day a week collection schedule at the Town Hall will negatively affect the Town Clerk's office.

2018 NEWSLETTER

Supervisor Marinaccio would like town departments to begin working on submissions for the 2018 newsletter. The Supervisor would like to have the newsletter published and ready for distribution sometime in April.

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ATTORNEY

ADOPTING LOCAL LAW CCA PROGRAM

Attorney Blaise stated that we will have a resolution prepared for next week's meeting regarding the adoption of the **Local Law CCA Program**.

ADOPTING LOCAL LAW RE: PARKING RESTRICTION REPUBLIC STREET

The Resolution regarding the parking restriction on Republic Street will probably be tabled until further options are considered and discussed with the residents. There is a possibility that another public hearing will be scheduled for the February work session.

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING SHARON EXLEY TO TOWN BOARD AT JANUARY 8TH MEETING

A resolution will be placed on next week's agenda to reappoint Sharon Exley to the Town Board.

PUBLIC WORKS

- A water main break occurred on Sowden Street on New Year's Eve. This is in the area where the State Department of Transportation is doing a lot of work on the Prospect Mountain construction project.
- **Sunrise Terrace Community Center** is closed due to structural deficiencies in the building. The **Sunrise Terrace Association** will hold a public information meeting at the Town Hall on January 17th at 7 pm.

On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned by a motion from Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 6:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani
Town Clerk