

January 13, 2020– 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, January 13, 2020 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:

Angelo D. Catalano, Esq., Town Attorney
Susan M. Cerretani, Town Clerk
Code Enforcement Officer Stephen Rafferty, Town Engineer Ron Lake,
Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, Zoning Board Chair Jeanne
Compton, Planning Board Chair and Town Historian David Wasser, and 2
members of the general public.

CHAIR

SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT January 2020

1. I reviewed the charges on our Town Credit Card accounts for June and found no issues.
2. Received a letter from our 2 Town Judges indicating that pursuant to Uniform Justice Court Act *2019-a, they are making the records and docket for the Dickinson Court for year 2019, available to be presented for examination. Our Court Audit will be taking place later this year and will be performed by a professional auditor.
3. Received a copy of the Municipal Shelter Inspection report for the Broome County Dog Shelter indicating that no issues were recorded.
4. Received a letter from the Broome County Health Department regarding their inspection of our Water Supply Sanitary Survey. No significant deficiencies were noted.
5. Once again, I would like to bring back to the board's attention that we continue to have property owners not paying their water/sewer bills. This is all residential properties. We average around \$100K per year in unpaid water/sewer bills which then goes to taxes. Most times the County makes us whole but there is always a chance that the property owner defaults on his taxes as well and if the county takes over the property, the Town is then not made whole. I think we need to take a hard

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SUPERVISOR'S REPORT CONTINUED:

look at this with the possibility of shutting off the water supply to these properties with ample warning.

6. I just received word that the cost of the demolition of the Sunrise Terrace Center will be covered by the **Small Communities Grant** that the County allocated to us.
7. We held our press conference in regard to our \$1m water line improvement grant on Friday of last week. The media coverage was great, and I want to thank Senator Akshar once again for his assistance in receiving the grant.
8. Last week I briefly went over our 2019 year in our town. Thanks again to everyone who made 2019 another successful year. Goals for 2020 are simple: We need to continue to serve our constituents in the most effective and efficient manner possible. I am confident that the town council will once again do their best with their committee assignments and that includes myself. And as always, we will continue to work as a team for the betterment of our constituents.
9. Just a reminder to begin working on articles, notices and any other information that will be posted in the 2020 Town Newsletter.
10. I want to thank the **Battery Storage Project Committee** for their hard work in researching this project. I will now go over the steps that have been taken by the Battery Storage Committee to date: (see report)
11. The **Annual Prospect Terrace Fire Company Banquet** is scheduled for Saturday, February 29th at the fire hall starting around 6 pm.
12. I attended the last quarterly County Executive meeting held on December 18. Items discussed: Shared Services, 2020 Small Communities Grant which I would like to apply for once again to help offset costs for the Sunrise Terrace property improvement plans, discussion on severe shortage of volunteers for county wide ambulance services.
13. Both Joel Kie and I will be attending the **Association of Towns Annual Training School** held in New York City this coming February.

Code Violations Report:

- 156 Bigelow, large amounts of garbage on side of garage
- 153 Bigelow, garbage on front porch, broken post on porch
- 175 Bevier St., garbage in front yard

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SUPERVISOR’S REPORT CONTINUED:

- 557 Old Front St., large amount of garbage at back of the house
- 62 Sowden, large amounts of trash on property, bed frame on porch (Report sent to **Broome County Department of Social Services**)
- 226 Lower Stella Ireland, junk in front, side and back of property, plows, tractors, ladders, scrap metal, tall weeds and grass around the scrap.
- 290 L. Stella Ireland Rd., large amount of trash at curb, missing railing on stairs and back deck. Large sunshade collapsed on back deck.
- 47 Adams St., various garbage on front porch, refuse in backyard, front porch supports are failing.
- 37 Adams St., tabletop left at curb
- Appearance Ticket issued to 153 Bigelow St., accumulation of rubbish, garbage

2020 AOT Legislative program (proposed)

Below are the proposed 2020 Legislative proposals that were generated at the New York Association of Towns Resolutions Committee and once adopted, will be forwarded to our State Representatives including the Governor.

Preserve & Support Home Rule, Support & Fund Local Roads, bridges, & Highway Operations, Support Town Services & Operations by increasing State Aid, Support the expansion of cellular and broadband Service while preserving local authority, Amend and fund criminal justice reforms, Share potential cannabis revenue and support local option, Comprehensive Real property Tax Reform, Support Optional Town-Initiated Justice Court Restructuring, Support Municipal recycling programs, Support Ways to reduce Municipal Health Benefit Costs.

Dog Control Reports

There was a total of 3 calls that were addressed by our Dog Control Officer for the town and the village. Barking dog from a front porch made someone walking by very nervous. Owner of dog was talked to. Stray dog spotted near the SUNY Broome Entrance. Stray dog running loose on Chenango St.

NYSEG Warning Letter: No NYSEG warnings issued

Next Meeting: Next Board meeting will be on Monday, February 3 at 5:30 - Work Session

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments

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BATTERY STORAGE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Supervisor Marinaccio presented a summary of the **Battery Storage Local Law** committee meetings. Mr. Marinaccio stated that he reached out to Binghamton University Professor M. Stanley Whittingham, Nobel Prize recipient for the development of the Ion-Lithium battery. Professor Whittingham responded to the Supervisor, offering valuable advice and knowledge regarding battery storage facilities, with an offer to have a phone conversation with Mr. Marinaccio in the future.

NOTIFICATION FROM SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITY

2019 – We paid \$207,000 per quarter x 4

2020 - \$254,000 per quarter – an increase of 22%

The Town budgeted \$1.2 million for 2020 therefore the increase will not have a direct impact on residents.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **PUBLIC WORKS**

- Supervisor Marinaccio is working with the Highway Department as Committee Chair.

- **FINANCE**

- **TOWN CLERK MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Councilman Morabito made a motion to accept the **December 2019 Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Clerk** in the amount of **\$1,610.70**, seconded by Councilman Burns. All in favor.

- **TOWN COURT MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Councilman Morabito made a motion to accept the **Financial Report** for the **Town of Dickinson Court** for the month of **October 2019** in the amount of **\$38,597.00**

On a motion of Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Gardner.

State: \$38,597.00 County: - \$50.00 Town: \$8,423 Other: \$52.00

All in favor.

- Councilman Morabito made a motion to accept the **Financial Report** for the **Town of Dickinson Court** for the month of **November 2019** in the amount of **\$36,450.00**

On a motion of Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilwoman Exley.

State: \$29,283.00 County: credit of \$25.00 Town: \$7,162.00 Other: \$30.00

All in favor.

- **SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Councilman Morabito made a motion to accept the **October 2019 and November 2019 Supervisor monthly reports** seconded by Councilman Burns. All in favor.

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○ ABSTRACTS FOR APPROVAL

On Motion from Councilman Morabito, seconded by Councilman Gardner to approve **abstract # 13** dated **December 31, 2019** in the amount of **\$132,456.05**.

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 \$132,456.05.

Voucher #13 for December 31, 2019 year in the amount of \$132,456.05:

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$70,155.92</u>
<u>Part Town</u>	<u>\$1875.00</u>
<u>Highway</u>	<u>\$10,562.10</u>
<u>Fire Districts</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Light Districts</u>	<u>\$13,598.94</u>
<u>Sewer Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$13,812.08</u>
<u>Water Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$22,452.01</u>

On Motion from Councilman Morabito, seconded by Councilwoman Exley to approve **abstract # 1** dated **January 13, 2020** in the amount of **\$443,461.02**.

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 \$443,461.02.

Voucher #1 for January 13, 2020 year in the amount of \$443,461.02:

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$103,000.04</u>
<u>Part Town</u>	<u>\$975.00</u>
<u>Highway</u>	<u>\$60,988.75</u>
<u>Fire Districts</u>	<u>\$11,135.00</u>
<u>Light Districts</u>	<u>\$757.53</u>
<u>Sewer Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$259,945.75</u>
<u>Water Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$6,658.95</u>

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- **PERSONNEL**
Councilwoman Exley had nothing to report
- **PLANNING**
Chairman Wasser reported that there will be a Planning Board meeting Monday, January 27th to schedule meeting dates for this year and other business.

HISTORIAN

Town of Dickinson Historian David Wasser offered a presentation of the history of the Sunrise Terrace Association.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilwoman Exley seconded by Councilman Gardner to approve the **December 9, 2019 Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting Minutes and the December 18, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes**. All in favor.
Vote-5 Ayes, Nays-0, Absent-0.

ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION: ADOPTING THE 2020 ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2020-1

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: ADOPTING THE 2020 ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTION

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. Copy on file.

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RESOLUTION: APPOINTING PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

RESOLUTION 2020-2

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: APPOINTING WILLIAM SANDS AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING BOARD.

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

CHARTER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Attorney Catalano stated that he is in the process of making revisions to the language within the Charter Franchise agreement in order to start negotiations.

NEW LAWS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Attorney Catalano stated that we are waiting for guidance from the State to see how the new laws will impact our proceedings regarding Code Enforcement actions.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Public Works Commissioner Kie asked for the Board’s approval to purchase a 2006 paver in the amount of \$22,250 from the Town of Union. Mr. Kie stated that the money is in the budget. The current paver is old and would be scrapped. On a motion of Councilman Gardner seconded by Councilman Burns to authorize the purchase of a 2006 paver from the Town of Union in the amount of \$22,250. All in favor.
- Mr. Kie asked that a committee soon be formed to address the restoration of the Sunrise Terrace Community Center site. Mr. Marinaccio stated that he is in the process.
- Water Line Project is behind schedule. Mr. Lake is going to help Mr. Kie. Material need to be ordered. Mr. Kie stated that we will need a special meeting to get the financials in place. Supervisor Marinaccio stated that we will have to borrow some startup money.

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ZONING

Nothing to report

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officer Rafferty has submitted the annual report to the State.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A resident asked about the Court Audit and where the money comes from. Supervisor Marinaccio replied that it comes out of the General Fund.

AOTV meeting will be January 23rd at Atrio. Officers will be sworn in by Supreme Court Justice Oliver Blaise. Broome County Executive Jason Garner will be the guest speaker.

The meeting was adjourned into Executive Session on motion of Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 6:55 PM.

Executive session adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani
Town Clerk