

September 14, 2020– 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 at 5:30 PM on Monday, September 14, 2020 in the Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, New York and via Zoom teleconferencing.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88217098142?pwd=QTVYQ1B5RHFUMnlvNDFoTDZsV042UT09>

Meeting ID: 882 1709 8142 Passcode: 192046

This is the third of the regular meetings of 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 (zoom at 5:30/in person arrival at 5:50)

Danny F. Morabito, Councilman

Thomas J. Burns, Councilman

Also attending:

Angelo Catalano, Esq., Town Attorney

Susan M. Cerretani, Town Clerk

Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, Code Enforcement Officer Steve

Rafferty, Zoning Board Chairwoman Jeanne Compton, Town Engineer Ron

Lake, 2 members of the public, and Judge Groover joined via Zoom.

SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

September 2020

This meeting is also being held remotely via **ZOOM** virtual meeting software. The public can view or listen to this meeting live via the **ZOOM** app, web browser and/or by telephone. This meeting is being recorded and will be transcribed later.

Also, at this time, anyone who is not an officer of the town, will be muted until I ask for comments from the public. Please state your name when you are called upon and recognized by me. Please avoid any background noise while you are speaking.

Let us proceed with my Supervisor's Report for September.

1. Please take notice that strict measures will be taken relating to anyone visiting the Town Hall to conduct business. We now have a **RING System** installed at both entrance doors to the building. You will be asked what sort of business that you need to conduct. You must wear a face mask or you will not be allowed to enter the town hall, you must use hand sanitizer on your hands which will be provided at the front entrance and at the Town Clerk's counter, and you must sign in prior to conducting any town business. Additional procedures are listed on our town website. The Town State of Emergency remains in place until further notice.

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2. I reviewed our town credit card charges and found no issues.
3. The NYS Dept. of Transportation mailed out notices regarding the US Rt. 11 over I-81 bridge and round about project to the public. Phone numbers and email addresses were provided for anyone who has any questions.
4. There were at least 22 town staff and town officials who participated in the Annual Sexual Harassment training that was sponsored by our insurance carrier **NYMIR**. Anyone who works for the town in any capacity is required by law to go through the training. I will meet with Bev to see if anyone still needs to take the training course. It is less than an hour long.
5. I recently renewed our Town of Dickinson State of Emergency and we remain in this state when it is determined that we are safe from **COVID-19**.
6. A press conference was held at the water tower off Old State Rd. regarding the completion of the water line project. Senator Akshar and I talked about the importance of having a clean and reliable water source. All four local news stations covered the conference.
7. I called the County executive regarding Trick or Treat activities around the county. He stated that they will wait and see if the governor takes some sort of action then go from there.

Code Violations

1. 47 Adams St., couch at curb, large amounts of garbage not disposed of, tall weeds and grass
2. 373 Prospect St., no permit for roofing project
3. 2 Taft Ave., tall weeds and grass
4. 532 Old Front St., tall weeds and grass
5. 376 Prospect, broken windows, tall weeds
6. 557 Old Front St., basketball hoop placed in town right away.
7. 144 Rosedale, basketball hoop placed in town right away
8. 32 Terrace Dr., fence partially removed, posts left in
9. 5 Taft Ave., Building and garage shed no permit

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- 10. 68 Sowden, various construction debris not picked up
- 11. 62 Sowden, various debris on porch. Garbage by the road not picked up
- 12. 4 N. Broad, bed at curb for 2 weeks
- 13. 11 N. Broad, started replacing front steps last year, steps still missing

Dog Control Reports

There was one call in the village - stray dog on Macomber Street picked up and returned to the owner. There were two calls for the town. Stray dog running loose on side of highway but was unable to locate dog. Second call was dog running loose. Talked to owner and educated him regarding town dog control laws.

NYSEG Warning Letter: No NYSEG warnings issued

Next Meeting: Our next Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 5, 5:30 PM work session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Jim Love thanked Supervisor Marinaccio, Mr. Kie and anyone else involved in securing the grant for the water project and making it happen.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **FINANCE**

TOWN CLERK MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilman Morabito made a motion to accept the **August 2020 Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Clerk in the amount of \$1,435.50**. On a motion by Councilman Morabito 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 **June 2020** in the amount of **\$26,091.00**.
STATE: \$19,379.00 COUNTY: \$500.00 TOWN: \$6,200 OTHER: \$12.00
On a motion of Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Gardner. All in favor.

Councilman Morabito made a motion to accept the Financial Report for the **Town of Dickinson Court** for the month of **July 2020** in the amount of **\$21,503.00**.
STATE: \$17,771.00 COUNTY: \$60.00 TOWN: \$3,780.00 OTHER: \$12.00
On a motion of Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns. All in favor.

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SUPERVISOR’S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilman Morabito made a motion to approve the **August 2020 Supervisor monthly report** seconded by Councilman Burns. All in favor.

ABSTRACTS FOR APPROVAL

On Motion from Councilman Morabito, seconded by Councilman Gardner to approve **abstract # 9**, dated **September 14, 2020** in the amount of **\$152,429.12**. 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 \$152,429.12.

<u>Voucher #9 for August 2020:</u>	
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$68,769.94</u>
<u>Part Town</u>	<u>\$85.21</u>
<u>Highway</u>	<u>\$61,771.46</u>
<u>Fire districts</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Light Districts</u>	<u>\$2,877.00</u>
<u>Sewer Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$8,875.59</u>
<u>Water Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$10,049.92</u>

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman Gardner seconded by Councilwoman Exley to approve the **Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2020**. 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.

ATTORNEY

LOCAL LAW LANDLORD REGISTERED AGENT

Mr. Catalano stated that Highway Superintendent Kie and Attorney Nicholas Cortese are working on a Local Law requiring landlords to have a registered agent on file with the Town so if someone is renting out their property the Town has the right to do annual and/or bi-annual

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inspections of the property and we will have the name and contact information for the owner and/or a local agent who can help take care of the property if the owner is out of town. Once the Local Law is drafted, we will set a Public Hearing to be held at the November Work Session along with the Public Hearing for the **2021 Budget**.

Attorney Catalano reminded everyone that the courts are opening back up and we have a list of code enforcement violations that have been placed on hold for the last six months. We should be reconvening in court soon to address and resolve these outstanding issues.

Mr. Catalano confirmed that the Town is doing everything correctly in terms of the Open Meetings Law and complying with the Governor’s executive orders during this pandemic. He thanked Supervisor Marinaccio and Town Clerk Cerretani for seamlessly taking care of the simultaneous virtual and in-person meeting requirements.

RESOLUTION 2020-15

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: AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR MARINACCIO TO SEND A LETTER TO JESSICA HAAS OF THE BROOME COUNTY LAND BANK CONFIRMING THAT THE TOWN OF DICKINSON IS WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE UP TO \$3,000 TOWARDS THE COST OF DEMOLITION OF 22 FULLER STREET IN THE TOWN OF DICKINSON.

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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS – WATER DEPARTMENT & HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that the crew started the last section of the water project for this year on North Louisa Street.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Mr. Rafferty stated that the **McDonald’s** renovation project is complete, and the restaurant has re-opened. Touch screen kiosks have been installed and new awnings were installed over the drive thru windows.

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Councilwoman Exley commented that the old St. Stan's school property has finally been mowed; however, some of the bottom windows of the building are broken out. Supervisor Marinaccio replied that the Code Department is aware of this.

Zoning Chairperson Jeanne Compton discussed the outcome of the Zoning Board decision to approve the swimming pool located at 51 Sunset Drive. After much debate and contentious discussion, the Zoning Board approved the installation of the swimming pool but denied the additional gazebo structure. The board members agreed that if something should happen to the pool it cannot be replaced. Ms. Compton mentioned her concerns of setting a precedent; however, Supervisor Marinaccio reassured her that we do not set precedent. He remarked that the Zoning Board did a great job in that they had good conversations, had different opinions, and worked it out to come to a decision.

Councilman Burns asked for an explanation of the **RING** doorbell intercom system that is in place. Clerk Cerretani explained that the Court office has a RING doorbell installed on the front door of Town Hall and the Clerk office has a separate one installed on the side door. When someone rings the bell, the clerks can see and hear the person, greet them, and instruct them. If the person needs to enter the building, the clerk will come to the door, open it, and let them in. Highway Superintendent Kie explained that eventually we will switch from the RING system to a system that will be installed through a security company; whereas, the clerk will have the ability to push a button to unlock the door to let people in the building without having to come out of the office to open the door.

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that we are short one planning board member, but we will wait until January to appoint another member. He asked the board members to keep their eyes and ears open for any interested candidates for the position.

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 6:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani

Town Clerk