

**January 6, 2020 – 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 6, 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 attending:**

**Angelo Catalano, Esq., Attorney for the Town  
Susan Cerretani, Town Clerk**

**Also in attendance:**

**Code Enforcement Officer Stephen Rafferty, Zoning Board Chair Jeanne Compton, Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, Town Historian and Planning Board Chair David Wasser and one member of the general public.**

**CHAIR**

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1. We will be voting on the **2020 Organizational Resolution** at our regular board meeting on January 13. Board members have until then to make any changes, corrections etc. I emailed the board members the 2020 committee chair positions for 2020.
2. Review of 2019: 2019 was a very good year for the town. We passed legislation that provides additional clarity to current codes, added codes that will provide protection for our residents and quality of life, made an important addendum to our Town Comprehensive Plan that addresses our senior citizen population, we received over \$1 million dollars in grants that will cover the costs of water line replacements, sidewalks , electricity reduction use, costs associated with the **Sunrise Terrace** building and eventual demolition, and other items. We continued to make improvements to our roads and infrastructure. Maintained a strong code enforcement policy in addressing those property owners who violate our codes. Our Planning, Zoning and Assessment Review Boards, and the Town Attorney continued to work in a positive manner with positive results. Every one of our departments, Town Clerks office, Court office, Finance and Admin, Highway, Assessor, Legal, Planning, Zoning and every other program associated with our town operations have performed admirably and above the call of duty. I am truly grateful for that and I look forward to yet another successful year as we continue to move forward, face any challenges and serve our constituency in a positive, professional manner as they expect from us.
3. We should begin the process of developing our 2020 Newsletter now so that we will be ready to send it to our residents no later than April. Send any and all articles that you would wish to see published to me either hard copy or electronically.
4. As everyone is aware, the **Sunrise Terrace** building was demolished on Monday, December 30th. It was a very sad and emotional day for all of us and especially for the residents of the Terrace, but we made the right decision. I hope to begin to move forward

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with a committee soon to begin looking at what will be the best use of the site. So far, all costs associated with the building since we took it over were covered by the **Small Cities Grant** and that includes the demolition. Bricks from the building have been saved and are in the highway garage yard for anyone who would like one.

5. Finally, we will have a press conference here at the town hall in regard to the water line grant on Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> starting around 11 am. Senator Akshar will be present for this conference.
6. We have been researching with great care, the battery storage proposal from **Dimension**. I will go over all the actions taken by the committee next week.
7. Tentative dates for the **Prospect Terrace Fire Department** banquet are either February 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>.
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**ATTORNEY**

**FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH CHARTER/SPECTRUM**

Attorney Catalano is reviewing the Charter/Spectrum Franchise agreement and will revise and update several portions of the agreement.

**STATUS N ELY STREET SPUR**

The North Ely Street transfer is at a stalemate and Attorney Catalano stated that there is no sense in spending any additional time, energy and effort on it.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that he is laying things out for the water project. He also reported that we are installing a new alarm security system and new codes will be assigned.

On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned by a motion from Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 5:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani  
Town Clerk