

October 5, 2020 - WORK SESSION

The Work Session of the Town of Dickinson Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Michael A. Marinaccio at 5:35 PM on Monday, October 5, 2020 via Zoom teleconferencing, following a special meeting of the Town Board.

The members of the Town Board present were:

**Michael A. Marinaccio, Supervisor
Stephen M. Gardner, Councilman
Danny F. Morabito, Councilman
Sharon M. Exley, Councilwoman
Thomas J. Burns, Councilman**

Also attending:

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

Also in attendance:

**Code Enforcement Officer Stephen Rafferty, Public Works
Commissioner Joel Kie, Zoning Board Chair Jeanne Compton, and
Justice Groover, Zoning Board Chair Jerry Ford.**

CHAIR

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that the decision was made to cancel the borrowing of \$100,000 for the truck and plow that we already bought. He said that it would have been inappropriate to borrow money on an item we already purchased.

Mr. Marinaccio stated that he sent out a memorandum to town staff, employees, and appointed and elected officials directing them to be cautious when entering the Town Hall and garage, to wear a mask, sanitize hands, and sign in order to protect the staff, residents and visitors. We will continue to practice these commonsense measures for an indefinite period of time. Supervisor Marinaccio stated that currently there are 1,800 people in quarantine in Broome County and we do not know how many of those people are positive for **COVID-19**.

Regal Theater announced nationwide that they are temporarily closing their theaters. Supervisor Marinaccio alerted Town Assessor Jack Cahill to this announcement.

ATTORNEY

2021 BUDGET

Attorney Catalano asked to have a resolution placed on next week's meeting agenda to schedule a Public Hearing for the **2021 Budget Vote** for November 2, 2020.

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REGISTERED AGENT LOCAL LAW

Mr. Catalano will ask Attorney Cortese for a final copy of the Local Law and he will forward it on to the board members.

Attorney Catalano asked to have a resolution placed on next week's meeting agenda to schedule a Public Hearing for the **Registered Agent Local Law** for November 2, 2020.

LIGHTING CONTRACT ALONG THE MULTI USE PATH

Supervisor Marinaccio asked to have a resolution placed on next week's meeting agenda to schedule a Public Hearing for November 2, 2020 regarding the lighting contract for the multi-use trail received from the **NYS DOT**.

CHENANGO FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT RENEWAL

Supervisor Marinaccio asked to have a resolution placed on next week's meeting agenda to schedule a Public Hearing for November 2, 2020 to consider renewing the **Chenango Fire Protection Contract**. It is a five-year contract with no increase for 2021.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Supervisor Marinaccio asked Mr. Rafferty about the condition of a house located on Bevier Street that suffered damage from a fire. The neighbor contacted the Supervisor about the condition and his concern that it is a safety hazard. Mr. Rafferty responded that the neighbor has contacted him at least 15 times in the last two weeks. This neighbor was interested in buying the property and then the negotiations with the property owner fell apart. The owner is waiting on an asbestos survey and intends to tear the second story off and rebuild. Mr. Rafferty stated that the building is salvageable.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that the generator was sold for \$8,000 and the paver was sold for \$4,000.
- Mr. Kie is currently working on obtaining a new tractor for the cemetery. He would like to trade in the old 2014 Zero turn tractor - that would lower the price down to \$6,000 for the new equipment. Mr. Kie will ask for permission to purchase at next week's board meeting.
- Public Works employee mechanic John White has given his 2-week notice. He will be leaving us to go back to work at the County. Mr. Kie said that he will be missed.
- Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that leaf pickup has begun.
- The last day of yard waste pickup will be Veterans Day.

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Councilwoman Exley reported that she has heard more complaints/concerns regarding the condition of the old **St. Stan's School** building. The windows are broken and should be boarded up. Mr. Rafferty and Mr. Kie are aware of the problem and have cited the owners. The owners have 30 days to comply. Mr. Kie stated that it is a concern and that he watches it and checks it all the time. Mr. Marinaccio is concerned and is preparing the **Land Bank** for the possibility of demolition in the future.

On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned by a motion from Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 5:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani
Town Clerk