

September 13, 2021– WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING

The Work Session and Regular Meetings 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 13, 2021, in the Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, New York.

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
Danny F. Morabito, Councilman
Thomas J. Burns, Councilman

Also attending:

Nathan D. VanWhy, 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, and Planning Board Chair Jerry Ford.

SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

September 2021

For those persons attending our meetings in-person, we ask that you wear a mask when entering our Town Hall. All town officials and town staff have been vaccinated. We will practice safe distance seating in our board room for those attending our town board, zoning board and planning board meetings. In the event of the County and or our Town calling a **State of Emergency** due to increases in **COVID-19** cases in the County, we will take appropriate action to keep our staff and residents as safe as possible including the cancelation of in person meetings.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1. According to the **NY State Comptroller**, Sales Tax collections throughout the state increased by 21.2% over the same month in 2020. This is good news for local governments since we rely on the sales tax to fund our highway operations as well as items in our general funds.
2. It was confirmed that all municipalities that are receiving funds from the **American Rescue Plan Act** must register their municipality with **SAM.gov** in order to be compliant within the plan. Many municipalities are not aware of this. I struggled to start the registration which can take many weeks to complete. I made it through the first phase and received confirmation to move into the next steps. On Friday I was able, with a little help, to complete the first full phase of registration.

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3. I was notified that we were awarded the **Small Communities Grant** of \$7500.00 to be used for our security system for **Sunrise Terrace Park**. We have until July 30, 2022, to use the funds.
4. I have reviewed the **NBT** credit card statement which covers between mid-July to mid-August. I did not find any concerns.
5. We were notified that our town will be receiving an additional \$1,454.64 from the **ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery** fund due to non-responsive municipalities
6. I have reviewed the **2022 Holiday and Meeting schedule** and **Juneteenth** was added to the holiday schedule (June 20) which adds one more holiday, 13. This can be addressed at our January organizational meeting. The meeting schedule looks fine with the summer meetings remaining in place to one per month for July, August, and September.
7. Received a notice from the **State of New York Department of State** notifying us that our town population for 2021 is 5,100. The 2010 population was 5,278.
8. Just recently it was discovered that 6 homes on Front Street have been listed in the **Binghamton School District** but have received their tax bills from the **Chenango Valley School District** without even being notified. Town Assessor Cahill and Supervisor Marinaccio contacted **Broome County Real Property Director Mike Decker** on this issue. The School District should have notified these people. Mr. Decker advised that we refer these people to him at the **Broome County Real Property** office. He apologized for dropping the ball.
9. **Achieve Savor the Summer** event has been cancelled.

CODE VIOLATIONS/APPEARANCE TICKETS

1. Appearance Ticket issued to 4 JT Blvd., cross connection well and municipal system which is prohibited
2. 27 Terrace Dr., tall weeds and grass
3. 38 Pulaski, TV in back yard, various building products openly stored on back deck.
4. 930 Upper Front St., pool not protected from small children from entering the pool unattended. (A fence has since been added.)
5. 39 N. Moeller, pool not protected from small children entering the pool unattended.
6. 557 Old Front St., Order to Remedy, violation of then Town Zoning Ordinance, using the former dentist office as a residential dwelling.
7. 54 Sunrise Dr., various items in front yard not picked up including garbage, tall weeds & grass
8. 3 N. Louisa St., tall weeds & grass
9. 156 Bigelow, large amount of garbage accumulation openly stored

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SUPERVISOR’S MONTHLY REPORT CONTINUED:

BUILDING PERMITS

1. 725 Old Front St., handicap access ramp

DOG CONTROL REPORTS

There were 16 calls/complaints, 15 for the town and 1 for the village. Dogs not licensed, dogs running loose, stray dogs, dog bites.

NYSEG UTILITY SHUTOFF NOTICES

The Supervisor has not received any notices from **NYSEG**.

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING

The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for October 4, 5:30 PM Work Session.

Supervisor Marinaccio read a letter from Nancy Ramsay, a Boland Rd. resident, regarding the recent flood cleanup and drainage system in Chenango Shores.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None being heard

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilwoman Exley reported that she met with Supervisor Marinaccio, Beverly Wike, and Public Works Commissioner Kie to discuss the Public Works preliminary budget and went through it line by line. They will give the rest of the board the details at the regular budget meeting.

Supervisor Marinaccio commended Mr. Kie for cutting his department’s spending by approximately 150-200 thousand dollars this year.

- **FINANCE**

TOWN COURT MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilman Gardner made a motion to accept the Financial Report for the **Town of Dickinson Court** for the month of **July 2021** in the amount of **\$24,539.00**.

STATE: \$20,514.00 TOWN: \$3,785.00

On a motion of Councilman Gardner and seconded by Councilman Morabito. All in favor.

TOWN CLERK MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilman Gardner made a motion to accept the **August 2021 Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Clerk in the amount of \$1,504.50**. On a motion by Councilman Gardner seconded by Councilman Burns. All in favor.

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SUPERVISOR’S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilman Gardner made a motion to approve the **July 2021 Supervisor monthly report** in the amount of \$2,271,333.28 seconded by Councilwoman Exley. All in favor.

ABSTRACTS FOR APPROVAL

On Motion from Councilman Gardner, seconded by Councilwoman Exley to approve **abstract # 9**, dated **September 13, 2021**, in the amount of **\$98,413.86**. 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 \$98,413.86.

Voucher #9 for August 2021:

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$40,645.57</u>
<u>Part Town</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Highway</u>	<u>\$17,422.35</u>
<u>Fire districts</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Light Districts</u>	<u>\$3,103.60</u>
<u>Sewer Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$2,828.34</u>
<u>Water Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$34,414.00</u>

PERSONNEL

Councilman Gardner reported that the new court clerk is in place and two people have been put in place in the Public Works Department to take over for two of the employees who will be retiring at the end of the year. Matt Fitzpatrick will be taking over Danny Miller’s position when he retires officially effective January 1, 2022.

PLANNING

Planning Board Chair Jerry Ford reported on the solar project proposed by Citizen Solar out of Boston, Massachusetts proposed to be located on the Meadowood site. The 239 review was sent to the County on August 31st. Chairman Ford thinks there should be a second retention basin. He stated that it is a natural site for a solar project. Six telephone poles would be installed. Mr. Ford expressed concerns about the stormwater system on Glenwood Rd. that is maintained by the County in that the drop inlets are silted in. Mr. Kie stated that his crew takes pictures of the DI’s and sends them to the County when they need to be cleared.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman Gardner seconded by Councilman Exley to approve the **Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 09, 2021**. 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

STATUS: LITIGATION 80 SUNSET DRIVE

Attorney VanWhy reported that Mr. Florance’s attorney Rick Miller has indicated that his client will be providing the signed forms that we need in order to effectuate the filing of the easement. Mr. Florance would like a survey done to indicate where the line would be relocated if and when that ever happens. Mr. VanWhy told Mr. Miller that his client would need to pay for the survey.

STATUS: APPRAISAL PROPERTY NEXT TO TOWN GARAGE

Attorney VanWhy talked with realtor Mr. Mead. The partnership that owns the property was having some internal discussion as what to do. Final sign off on the property to approve the sale will hopefully be some time in October. The appraised value of the property is approximately \$77,000-\$80,000. Supervisor Marinaccio stated that he added this to the budget for next year.

RESOLUTION 2021-21

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Morabito, 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: AMENDING THE BUILDING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE ROOFING.

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.

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RESOLUTION 2021-22

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Morabito, 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: ADOPTING THE BUILDING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE AS PROPOSED AND AMENDED. (SEE ATTACHED)

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.
Fee schedule attached

RESOLUTION 2021-23

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: DIRECTING THE TOWN ENGINEER TO INSPECT THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 36 PULASKI STREET AND REPORT WHETHER THE STRUCTURE IS DANGEROUS OR UNSAFE

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.
Engineer report attached.

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RESOLUTION 2021-24

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Morabito, 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: SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR OCTOBER 4, 2021, AT 5:30 PM REGARDING 36 PULASKI STREET

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.

ASSESSOR:

Town Assessor Jack Cahill supplied the board members a list of the current 2022 assessment changes. Property assessments are ongoing and continue to be reviewed and revised. The current increases total over \$600,000. Supervisor Marinaccio remarked that Assessor Cahill does a great job and is very fair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS – WATER DEPARTMENT & HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that on August 29th he had the privilege of meeting the new Governor at the DPW Memorial.
- Mr. Kie said that he is waiting to pave four streets.
- Mr. Kie reported that Danny Miller traced the water main at Travis Avenue up along the railroad track and up Old State Rd. All the valves and pressure relief valves were found; however, the problem is the railroad company has piled a 12 feet debris field on top of the main. DPW exposed all shut offs and marked them. The trees and shrubs have been trimmed.
- 5 fire hydrants have been replaced in Chenango Shores.
- We will be looking into replacing water mains in Chenango Shores in the future. They were installed in 1963.

PLANNING BOARD

Planning Board meeting scheduled for Monday, September 27th.

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ZONING BOARD

Nothing to report

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Nothing to report

Councilman Morabito mentioned that drainage work was performed on upper Terrace Drive and wishes to thank the Department of Public Works crew.

Councilwoman Exley asked for an update on the code violations of tall weeds and grass on the 12 and 28 Longview Ave. properties. Mr. Kie replied that 28 Longview Ave. has been taken care of but #12 is still in violation.

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Gardner at 6:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani RMC

Town Clerk