

January 4, 2021 – 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 4, 2021 via Zoom teleconferencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82023954513?pwd=SUJySzh0bzJ5K1hVbVprQWNYKzIqdz09>

Meeting ID: 820 2395 4513

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The members of the Town Board present via Zoom 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., 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.

There was a technical problem with the Zoom link as it would not allow some participants to sign on; therefore, the Public Hearing will be rescheduled for next week's regular meeting, January 11th at 6pm.

CHAIR

Town Board Work Session

January 4, 2021

1. Just a reminder that our next meeting, Monday, January 11, at 6 PM, we will conduct our Annual Organizational Meeting. Town Clerk Sue Cerretani has organized the entire contents that will be formally presented to the board for their approval. I will announce the following chair positions now:

Deputy Supervisor

Dan Morabito

Finance

Steve Gardner

Code & Highway Co-Chair

Mike Marinaccio, Sharon Exley

Planning/Zoning

Tom Burns

2. At next week's meeting I will give a short review of 2020.
3. I have begun to put together the 2021 Town Newsletter. I am asking all department heads to send their articles to me in the next 2 months so that we can send out the newsletter in a timely manner.

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SUPERVISOR’S REPORT CONTINUED:

4. We had a record snowfall on December 17, over 40 inches in less than 24 hours. I had several **ZOOM** meetings with the County prior to the storm with expectations ranging from 12 to 18 inches of snow. There were additional meetings on the 18th. County wide coordination in efforts to keep all municipalities informed of the status of the storm was excellent. Our highway staff performed extremely well and were able to clear our roads despite some equipment issues.
5. Starting on December 24 through December 25, once again we held county-wide emergency **ZOOM** meetings due to the threat of heavy rain, river flooding, flash flooding and flash freezing. While there was some flooding in low lying areas of the county, we got through this storm with very little damage. We did not have any major issues in the town that I am aware of.
6. It was recently reported that the EconoLodge has reopened. Sheriff Harder said that so far there have been no reported issues that involved police calls at the hotel.
7. Highway Superintendent Joel Kie has notified me on several occasions regarding trains blocking Phelps Rd. for long periods of time. I contacted Michael Ponticiello, **Director of County Emergency Services** and he has agreed to look into this extremely dangerous matter. Joel contacted someone from **NYS DOT**, and they are also looking into this ongoing issue. There are federal guidelines regarding trains blocking roads which limits them to 5 minutes.
8. As of December 30th there are 27 active **COVID** cases in our town.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2021

Finance Committee.....Stephen Gardner
Personnel Committee.....Stephen Gardner
Highway Chair/Committee.....Michael Marinaccio
Highway Co-Chair/Committee....Sharon Exley
Code Chair/Committee.....Michael Marinaccio
Code Co-Chair/Committee.....Sharon Exley
Planning & Zoning Liaison.....Tom Burns
Deputy Supervisor.....Danny Morabito

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ATTORNEY

Because of tonight's **Zoom** glitch, Attorney VanWhy moved the **Spectrum** Contract Public Hearing to the January 11, 2021 meeting at 6 pm.

The Board will be adopting the 2021 Organizational Resolution at the January 11, 2021 meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that the crew did a great job plowing out from the snowstorm. They had 5 people plowing, 4 trucks got stuck.

Mr. Kie will continue to monitor the railroad situation.

Mr. Kie reported that there was a fire at 38 Pulaski Street on the night of the snowstorm. Servpro is doing the cleanup work and will contact the code department when completed.

19 Adams Street is owned by **St. Ann's. Fairview Recovery** and has either a lease or an option on the property. Mr. Rafferty will check into the tax status.

On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned by a motion from Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Gardner at 6:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani, RMC
Town Clerk