

June 13, 2022 – REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Dickinson Town Board was called to order with the pledge of allegiance by Supervisor Michael A. Marinaccio at 6:00 PM on Monday, June 13, 2022, at the Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, NY and via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 843 8375 5012
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The members of the Town Board present:

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

Also in attendance:

- Nathan D. VanWhy, Esq., Town Attorney**
- Susan M. Cerretani, Town Clerk**
- Code Enforcement Officer Rafferty, Public Works Commissioner Kie,**
- Zoning Board Chair Compton, Town Engineer Lake, Planning Board**
- Chair Ford and one member of the general public.**

CHAIR

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

**June 2022 Supervisor’s Report
Supervisor’s Report**

1. For your information: statewide, there has been an increase in sales tax revenue of around 24%. This may decrease a bit once the county and state gas sales tax are reduced but we are far ahead of the town’s projected amount for the 2022 budget.
2. To set the record straight: I mis-spoke at last month’s meeting when I stated that the Rescue Funds could be used for items other than was presented: This Board voted to use the funds for the Pine View water line project, cluster valves and pressure reducing station at Sunset and Glenwood Dr.
3. I was contacted by the County Executive in regard to the county wanting to build a Veteran’s Center off at 507 Glenwood Rd. This \$3 million project will use about two acres of land, will consist of a learning program, recreation program, cooking classes, and around six transition housing units. I believe the program is called Clear Path and will be an all-in-one building. This is near or adjacent to the site where the battery storage units were to be built except the units would have been adjacent to the NYSEG sub-station. I was asked if I would support this project but after doing an on-site visit to the property, I realized that it would have been between the two homes on Glenwood. I

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SUPERVISOR’S REPORT CONTINUED:

- contacted Jason and told him I would not support this project location. They are now looking at property around the SUNY Broome Campus
4. As I stated last week, there is an inquiry from Solar Power network, to review the possibility of building a solar farm on the property at 507 Glenwood Rd, adjacent to the **NYSEG** substation, Code officer Rafferty has been communicating with them.
 5. We received the **Small Communities Grant** check for a total of \$3,685.67 which covers the cost of the security cameras at our park.
 6. I reviewed the town credit card charges are found no issues.
 7. As a reminder, the town hall will be closed on June 20th in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday.
 8. Our 2022 Equalization rate for Dickinson is now at 64, down from a previous 69. I noticed that most of the county municipalities are going through the same rate lower rates. I discussed this with Town Assessor Cahill, and it is agreed that no action on the town board’s part is necessary at this time.
 9. The Planning Board approved the plans for the Star Bucks parking lot and drive through changes. The Planning Board is also working on creating policies and procedures for the board and once they are completed, those changes will be presented to the town board.
 10. As many of you are aware, we have seen many cases of **COVID** in our town and also our town officials. Please take precautions when in the public.
 11. 23 N. Broad, home up for auction by the county.
 12. Joel and I will be meeting with a county representative on June 16 in an effort to formally establish a town emergency plan. I forwarded the plan that was put together a few years ago for their review.
 13. I received a memo from Judge Groover indication that the Mandatory Court Clerk Training which will take place on August 2nd and 3rd. The court office will be closed during this time.
 14. A loud explosion took place around Old Front St, across from Foland Lumber and Pleasant Ct. area. I immediately called 911 and several police cars and fire trucks arrived within minutes. I spoke to all of them plus there was discussions with a neighbor and Foland employees. Though there are some suspicions, no cause of the explosion has been determined.
 15. There were 107 water shutoff notices sent out. As of June 13th, 27 have paid in full and 3 have made partial payments. A total of \$9,397.00 has been received.

Code Violations/Appearance Tickets

1. 156 Bigelow St., appearance ticket issued. This has been an ongoing issue
2. 843 Front St., vehicle registered of 10,000 lbs. parked in driveway
3. 22.5 N. Louisa, tall weeds and grass
4. 3 N. Louisa, tall weeds and grass

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SUPERVISOR’S REPORT CONTINUED:

Building Permits

1. 29 Hickory Rd., siding the house
2. 9 Sunrise Dr., roof tear off
3. 25 Boland Rd. redo sidewalks and add 8 x 8 pad
4. 157 Rosedale, mudroom addition, needs a 3-foot variance
5. 557 Old Front St., new deck, self-built
6. 1 N. Moeller, new roof
7. 910 Front Alteration?., GHS Credit Union,
8. 33 N. Broome, tall weeds/grass, various debris scattered around property
9. 11 Francis St., tall weeds/grass
10. 40 Sunset, tall weeds/grass
11. 338 Prospect, tall weeds/grass
12. 362 Prospect, chunks of granite blocking sidewalk (church)

Dog Control Reports May

TOWN: Total #calls 18...dogs running loose, past due licenses, dogs barking at passer by
VILLAGE: Total # calls 4stray German Shepherd found, unlicensed dog, 2 stray pit bulls
pups running loose

NYSEG Utility Shutoff Notices:

No notices received

Next Town Board Meeting

Our next Town Board meeting is scheduled for Monday July 11, 5:30 PM, Work Session Meeting and combined regular meeting. This starts our summer meeting schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Jim Love asked if the Solar project is underway. The response was that it has been approved but we have not heard anything. There was a discussion about possible reasons as to why the project has not commenced. Attorney VanWhy commented that there has been a lot of uncertainty regarding tariffs on solar panels coming from China and projects are being slow walked because of it. The decommissioning bond was discussed. Mr. VanWhy stated that our town code requires a decommissioning bond equal to the value of 100% of the anticipated decommissioning costs between the contractor and the bonding company.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• **PUBLIC WORKS**

- Councilperson Exley mentioned that Public Works Commissioner Kie informed her that he is interested in purchasing a new street sweeper at a cost of approximately \$280,000.00 and the money is in the surplus. Attorney VanWhy asked if the town is a participant of **Sourcewell** which is a cooperative purchasing network, and if not, we need to make sure we are a member.

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- Mr. Kie stated that he will check on it. The Board will address the street sweeper purchase at next month's meeting.
- Councilperson Exley stated that the Sunset loop project is done.

● **FINANCE**

- **JUSTICE COURT REPORT**
Councilperson Gardner made a motion to accept the **March 2022 Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Court** in the amount of **\$21,003.00** seconded by Councilperson Exley. State \$14,810.00 County \$440.00 Town \$5,753.00. All in favor.
- **TOWN CLERK MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**
Councilperson Gardner made a motion to accept the **May 2022 Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Clerk** in the amount of **\$1,479.12** seconded by Councilperson Burns. All in favor.
- **SUPERVISOR REPORT**
Councilperson Gardner made a motion to accept the **Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Supervisor** in the amount of **\$2,112,574.16** seconded by Councilperson Exley. All in favor.
- **ABSTRACTS FOR APPROVAL**

On Motion from Councilperson Gardner, seconded by Councilperson Burns to approve **abstract #6** dated **June 13, 2022**, in the amount of **\$255,184.32**.

Councilperson Burns commented that a good portion of the money went towards the Pineview project which will be re-imbursed with Rescue Funds

Vote Ayes- 5, Nays-0, Absent-0.

Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye
Councilperson Gardner voting Aye
Councilperson Exley voting Aye
Councilperson Morabito voting Aye
Councilperson Burns voting Aye

Unanimously passed and noted as duly adopted.

Abstract Summary of Audited Vouchers for Funds respectively in the amount(s) of \$255,184.32

Voucher #6 for June 13, 2022, in the amount of \$255,184.32:

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$37,510.32</u>
<u>Part Town</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Highway</u>	<u>\$22,777.10</u>
<u>Fire Districts</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Light Districts</u>	<u>\$3,765.70</u>
<u>Sewer Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$902.91</u>
<u>Water Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$190,228.29</u>

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• **PERSONNEL**

- Councilperson Gardner reported that Darrell Dennison’s start date is Monday, June 27th.

• **PLANNING**

- Chairman Ford commented that he regrets that he was talked out of requiring the Starbuck’s plan to have two lanes. He feels that is necessary in order for it to function properly. Supervisor Marinaccio commented that they went into a lot of detail and did a good job and Mr. Morabito added that it is better than it was.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilperson Exley seconded by Councilperson Morabito to approve the **May 2, 2022 Work Session Minutes and the May 9, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.**

All in favor. Vote Ayes –5, Nays – 0, Absent-0.

- Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye
- Councilperson Gardner voting Aye
- Councilperson Exley voting Aye
- Councilperson Morabito voting Aye
- Councilperson Burns voting Aye

All in favor

ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION 2022-22

The following Resolution was offered by Councilperson Morabito, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilperson Gardner to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson, Broome County, New York as follows:

RESOLUTION: SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 11, 2022 AT 5:30 PM REGARDING A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF DICKINSON AND ITS COMMITTEES TO USE VIDEOCONFERENCING TECHNOLOGY TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC MEETINGS.

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
- Councilperson Gardner voting Aye
- Councilperson Exley voting Aye
- Councilperson Morabito voting Aye
- Councilperson Burns voting Aye

All in favor

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RESOLUTION 2022-23

The following Resolution was offered by Councilperson Exley, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilperson Gardner to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson, Broome County, New York as follows:

RESOLUTION: APPOINTING PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONER JOEL KIE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT BEVERLY WIKE AS HEARING OFFICERS FOR POTENTIAL WATER SHUTOFFS.

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
Councilperson Gardner voting Aye
Councilperson Exley voting Aye
Councilperson Morabito voting Aye
Councilperson Burns voting Aye

All in favor

Attorney VanWhy recommended that the **2023 Organizational Resolution** include water officer assignments.

RESOLUTION 2022-24

The following Resolution was offered by Councilperson Gardner, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilperson Morabito to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson, Broome County, New York as follows:

RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HIGHWAY RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASES.

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
Councilperson Gardner voting Aye
Councilperson Exley voting Aye
Councilperson Morabito voting Aye
Councilperson Burns voting Aye

All in favor

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RESOLUTION 2022-25

The following Resolution was offered by Councilperson Gardner, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilperson Morabito to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson, Broome County, New York as follows:

RESOLUTION: Authorizing Weathermaster Roofing Co., Inc to custom fabricate and install gutters at a cost of \$12,000.00, snow retention \$8,370.00, and heat cable \$9,950.00, for a total of \$30,320.00 on the Town Hall.

Supervisor Marinaccio remarked that these improvements will reduce the snow and ice buildup significantly and direct the rainwater. The money will be taken from the **American Rescue Fund**.

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
Councilperson Gardner voting Aye
Councilperson Exley voting Aye
Councilperson Morabito voting Aye
Councilperson Burns voting Aye

All in favor

PUBLIC WORKS

- Highway Superintendent Kie reported that the looping of the Glenwood water system is complete – Matt did a great job.
- Crack sealing will be taking place on Old Front St., Adams St., Prospect spur and Burbank.
- There is a small gas leak off the corner of the parking lot that will be fixed tomorrow

ZONING

Zoning Board Chair Jeanne Compton would like to schedule a variance hearing for 157 Rosedale Drive tentatively for July 5th.

CODE

Nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Councilperson Morabito and seconded by Councilperson Burns at 6:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani, RMC
Town Clerk