

October 10, 2023 – 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 Tuesday, October 10, 2023, in the Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, New York. This meeting was changed to Tuesday because the Columbus Day Holiday falls on the normally scheduled meeting date of the second Monday of the month.

The members of the Town Board present were:

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

Also in attendance:

Keegan Coughlin, Esq., Attorney for the Town
Wendi Evans, Deputy Town Clerk
Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, Code Enforcement Officer
Kyle Doyle, 5 Guests

- ❖ A moment of silence was held for Julia Covert, a former Deputy Town Clerk of the town.

- ❖ Captain Harding from the sheriff's office attended the meeting and explained that with the new administration that select officers are going to all the towns, cities and villages to inform us of the additions that they have made in our area.

- ❖ Supervisor Marinaccio attended a Flood Task Force meeting and was informed that they are developing a new warning system with public access that will notify us of any flooding taking place. Please note, there may be a surveyor car driving around mapping out the area for flood control. We will be warning the residents on the website as well.

SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

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1. I reviewed the credit card monthly charges and found no issues.
2. As a reminder, the walk bridge demolition project will begin soon. The project engineer from NYDOT came to the town offices to discuss the project. It should be starting in October and will take a week or so to bring down the bridge. Cleanup and removal of debris will take place as well.
3. We have decided to continue receiving water supply from the Town of Chenango. The new agreement will save the town approximately \$80K per year.

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4. Message from the State Comptroller:



Dear Town Supervisor, Marinaccio:

We have processed a state aid payment in the amount of \$34,578.00 for your Town. The payment that you are receiving is for the annual September AIM (Aid and Incentives to Municipalities) payment. For accounting purposes, this payment uses the revenue code A3001 – State Aid, Revenue Sharing.

5. We were also informed by the State Comptroller that the Town of Dickinson, once again, remains in very good standing regarding our financial status.
6. Our preliminary 2024 budget has been forwarded to the Town Clerk. It appears that we will once again remain below the New York State imposed tax cap. We will schedule a public hearing to review the budget as well as review the 3-year contract extension for the Prospect Terrace Fire Company fire protection contract.

Code Violations/Appearance Tickets

Violations	
Property	Type
33 Pulaski St	Tall weeds & grass
48 Pulaski St	Tall weeds and grass and debris
51 Pulaski St	Tall weeds and grass and debris
557 Old Front St	Trash & Debris
376 Prospect St	Multiple Fire Inspection Violations
53 N Ely St	Structure being built without permit
220 Lower Stella Ireland Rd	Multiple Vehicles over 10,000 GVW
606 Old Front St	Tall weeds & grass
21 Sunrise Dr	Roof no building permit

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22 Longview Ave	Trash & Debris
25 Longview Ave	Trash & Debris
701 Old Front St	Trash & Debris
44-46 Sowden St	Trash & Debris
63 Adams St	Trash & Debris
51 Adams St	Tall weeds and grass
46 Adams St	Multiple Unregistered Vehicles
43 Adams St	Trash & Debris
37 Adams St	Trash & Debris & Tall Weeds/Grass
607 Old Front St	Trash & Debris
Permits Issued	
Property	Type
35 N Broome St	Porch
6 Linda Drive	Foundation
31 Sunrise Dr	Roof
122 Iris Ave	Porch Roof
36 Forest Hills Blvd	Deck
21 Sunrise Dr	Roof
15 N Broad St	Deck
111 Iris Dr	Roof
847 Upper Front St	Fence
21 Merrill St	Renewal - Front Porch
Appearance Tickets	
Property	Type
557 Old Front St	Pool no permit
611 Old Front St	Tall weeds & grass
Fire Inspections	
Property	Type

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Dog Control Officer Reports:

Town Of Dickinson/Port Dickinson Dog Control Summary for September 2023. 5 Stray Dog Calls, 2 dogs transported to the shelter. 4 Calls pertaining to “other” animals. 11 Calls for other towns to be redirected. 18 Phone calls Received. 76 Phone calls Made (including past due Reminder calls) 13 E-mails Received. 13 E-mails Returned. 0 Tickets issued. 1 court appearance.

NYSEG Utility Shutoff Notices: No notices received.

Next Town Board Meeting

November 6, Work Session, 5:30 PM, November 13, Regular Board meeting, 6:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A solar developer questioned if the board was any closer to making any decisions regarding the approval of solar farms. Supervisor Marinaccio explained that nothing will be discussed until the client/privilege meeting takes place in a couple weeks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• **PUBLIC WORKS**

- Councilperson Morabito commented that the Sunrise Terrace paving project is 99% complete. A couple of driveways still need some adjustments but will be completing those soon. The project cost \$882,000.
- Councilperson Morabito commented that the new backhoe was looked at, it looks great and will be here soon.

• **FINANCE**

- **TOWN CLERK MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**
Councilperson Gardner made a motion to accept the **September 2023 Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Clerk in the amount of \$1,690.00**. On a motion by Councilperson Gardner seconded by Councilperson Morabito. All in favor.
- **JUSTICE COURT REPORT**
Councilperson Gardner made a motion to accept the **August 2023 Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Court** in the amount of **\$28,335.00** seconded by Councilperson Burns. \$21,497.00 State, \$6,598.00 Town, \$240.00 County. All in favor.
- **SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**
Councilperson Gardner made a motion to accept the **August 2023 Monthly Financial Report** (ending balance) for the **Town Supervisor in the amount of \$1,641,181.86** seconded by Councilperson Morabito. All in favor.

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○ **ABSTRACTS FOR APPROVAL**

On Motion from Councilperson Gardner, seconded by Councilperson Burns to approve **abstract # 10**, dated **October 10, 2023**, in the amount of **\$350,115.36**. Vote Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1.

Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye
Councilperson Gardner voting Aye
Councilperson Exley voting Absent
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 \$350,115.36.

Voucher #10 for October 10, 2023, in the amount of \$ 350,115.36

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$42,466.36</u>
<u>Part Town</u>	<u>\$1,006.18</u>
<u>Highway</u>	<u>\$27,682.42</u>
<u>Highway Project HP23</u>	<u>\$59,492.81</u>
<u>Light Districts</u>	<u>\$3,867.09</u>
<u>Sewer Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$177,043.41</u>
<u>Water Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$38,557.09</u>

● **PERSONNEL**

Nothing to discuss.

● **PLANNING**

Nothing to discuss.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilperson Morabito seconded by Councilperson Gardner to approve the **September 11, 2023, Work Session Meeting Minutes/Regular Meeting Minutes**. All in favor.

Vote- Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1.

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

All in favor.

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ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION 2023-25

The following Resolution was offered by Councilperson Morabito, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilperson Burns 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 THE TOWN OF DICKINSON 2024 BUDGET NOVEMBER 6, 2023, AT 5:30 PM.

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-4, Nays-0, Absent-1.

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

All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-26

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

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

RESOLUTION: PURCHASE OF A NEW BACKHOE

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-4, Nays-0, Absent-1.

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

All in favor.

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RESOLUTION 2023-27

The following Resolution was offered by Councilperson Burns, 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: THE BOARD OF THE TOWN OF DICKINSON AUTHORIZES THE TOWN OF DICKINSON TOWN COURT TO APPLY FOR A JCAP GRANT IN THE 2023-2024 GRANT CYCLE UP TO \$30,000.00.

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-4, Nays-0, Absent-1.

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

All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-28

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: INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE PROCUREMENT POLICY TO \$10,000.

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-4, Nays-0, Absent-1.

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

All in favor.

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PUBLIC WORKS

- Commissioner Kie commented that Sunrise Terrace Association will have their Trunk or Treat on Oct. 28th from 2:00-3:00 pm.
- Commissioner Kie explained that there was a big sinkhole on Adams St. A 48-inch storm pipe was installed in 1982. It is Broome Counties responsibility to replace the pipe. Records are being located to confirm that. We have filled in the hole but did not replace the pipe. Supervisor Marinaccio has made the County Executive aware of the concern.
- The town received a letter from BMTS on the transportation study. We got a fair rating as they came just before we had fixed the roads that they checked.

PLANNING/ZONING

Nothing to discuss.

CODE

Nothing to discuss.

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Councilperson Morabito and seconded by Councilperson Burns at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendi Evans

Town Clerk