

January 9, 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 Monday, January 9, 2023 at the Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, New York and via Zoom.

The members of the Town Board present were:

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

Also attending:

Nathan D. VanWhy, Esq., Attorney for the Town
Susan Cerretani, Town Clerk
Jaclyn Teed, Deputy Town Clerk

Also in attendance:

Town Engineer Ron Lake, Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, Deputy Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Doyle, and Administrative Assistant Darrell Dennison.

Attending via zoom:

Code Enforcement Consultant Stephen Rafferty and three members of the public.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

**January 2023 Town Board Meeting
Supervisor's Report**

1. I reviewed the credit card monthly charges and found no issues.
2. Topics to be discussed: I will be attending this rescheduled event which will now take place on January 17. NYSEG System overview, executive update, vegetative management, capital improvements, resiliency, and routine maintenance programs.
3. I met with the NYSDOT Regional Director regarding the maintenance agreement of the all-purpose trail and other items on the new Front Street bridge as he assured me that we are not at all responsible for actual bridge problems. He issued a letter to that effect.
4. The walk bridge on Old Front Street was closed on December 15 or around that date. Most likely it is closed indefinitely but I am not clear on that yet.
5. I reviewed all staff salaries for this pay period and found no issue.
6. Tonight, we will vote on the 2023 Organizational information. The board members have had a few weeks to review it and if anyone has any questions or concerns, we can discuss at the time of the vote.
7. I want to welcome our new Deputy Town Clerk Jaclyn DiRose,
8. To all department heads: please begin putting together your articles for the 2023 Newsletter and submit them to me.
9. Reminder: Steve Gardner and I will be attending the 2023 Annual Training School and Annual Meetings in New York starting on February 19.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT CONTINUED:

10. A State legislature Bill was passed that provides municipalities the option to provide firefighters and ambulance drivers a property tax exemption. The bill was signed by Governor Hochul.

Code Violations/Appearance Tickets

1. 297 Lower Stella Ireland, windows and pallets stacked on front lawn
2. 20 Longview, debris along driveway and property
3. 27 Longview, debris piled along the side of the home and property
4. 37 Sunset, debris alongside of property
5. Appearance Ticket issued to 44-46 Sowden, in regards to sidewalks, stairs, driveways, etc.
6. 117 Glenwood Rd., mattress, and other debris in back of driveway and behind the property
7. 11 N. Broad, construction debris and garbage in front of property
8. 18 Linda Dr., appliance observed in front driveway
9. 162 Bigelow, mattress in front lawn
10. 41 Pulaski Street, trash, code violation
11. 68 Sowden St, appearance ticket
12. 33.5 Pulaski Street
13. 45 Downs Ave
14. 35 Market Street

Building Permits

1. 80 Sunset Dr., siding garage, plumbing, electrical work

Dog Control Officer Reports

Town: Total number of incidents, 5, unlicensed dogs, stray cats complaint, person was referred to Humane Society, 14 days harboring notice issued to resident on Jameson Rd.

Village: Total number of incidents: 2, license renewals

NYSEG UTILITY SHUTOFF NOTICES:

No notices received

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING

Our next Town Board meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2023, 5:30 PM.

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2022 Review

These past few years have been challenging to our town, especially dealing with the COVID epidemic which still remains an issue. We have performed very well in all of our departments in staying within the budgets, maintain great working relationships with our staff and residents, dealing effectively with those who violate our building codes and making improvements in our infrastructure that create a great quality of life here in our town. As town Supervisor, I truly appreciate the great work that all of you do and I know that this will continue in the years to come. Our constituents expect and deserve a government while at the same time maintaining an affordable tax rate. I believe that we have and continue to accomplish that. Water and sewer services are a major challenge due to the ever-increasing costs for those services and we continue to find ways to minimize those rising costs through effective control measures but at the same time assuring our residents of quality services.

We have a long way to go and 2023 will certainly be another year of challenges but if we continue to work together as a team, perform our expected duties in a diligent manner, we will have another successful year.

Thank you for a job well done.

Michael Marinaccio, Supervisor, Town of Dickinson

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Diane Behlog inquired about the land parcel behind the SUNY Broome College owned by Boland, with concern it is to be sold to SUNY Broome with intent to build student housing townhomes. No information is known whether they are purchasing all of it or part of it, there is also no knowledge of if the sale has gone through. The town has no control over the land transfer between the two parties. Supervisor Marinaccio commented that the main concern of the Town is to protect the residents and keep the public informed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• **PUBLIC WORKS**

Nothing to report at this time.

• **FINANCE**

○ **JUSTICE COURT REPORT**

No Town Court report received. We are waiting on the November and December reports.

○ **TOWN CLERK MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Councilperson Gardner made a motion to accept the **December 31, 2022 Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Clerk in the amount of \$876.00**. On a motion by Councilperson Gardner seconded by Councilperson Morabito. All in favor.

○ **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Councilperson Gardner made a motion to accept the **December 2022 Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Supervisor in the amount of \$2,007,130.08** seconded by Councilperson Exley. All in favor.

○ **ABSTRACTS FOR APPROVAL**

On Motion from Councilperson Gardner, seconded by Councilperson Burns to approve abstract # 13, dated December 31, 2022, in the amount of \$55,787.11 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.

ABSTRACTS FOR APPROVAL CONTINUED:

**Abstract Summary of Audited Vouchers for Funds respectively in the amount(s) of \$55,787.11:
Voucher #13 for December 31, 2022, in the amount of \$55,787.11**

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$16,442.28</u>
<u>Part Town</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Highway</u>	<u>\$14,376.39</u>
<u>Fire districts</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Light Districts</u>	<u>\$3,613.17</u>
<u>Sewer Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$725.82</u>
<u>Water Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$20,629.45</u>

On Motion from Councilperson Gardner, seconded by Councilperson Morabito to approve abstract # 1, dated January 9, 2023, in the amount of \$79,098.45 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 \$79,098.45
Voucher #1 for January 9, 2023, in the amount of \$79,098.45**

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$29,123.43</u>
<u>Part Town</u>	<u>\$393.00</u>
<u>Highway</u>	<u>\$22,037.44</u>
<u>Fire districts</u>	<u>\$10,757.00</u>
<u>Light Districts</u>	<u>\$958.33</u>
<u>Sewer Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$1375.00</u>
<u>Water Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$14,454.25</u>

• **PERSONNEL**

- Councilperson Gardner had nothing new to report.

• **PLANNING**

- Supervisor Marinaccio stated that a meeting was held a few weeks ago with two Solar Farm representatives, the quorum was not met, no vote was made.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilperson Exley seconded by Councilperson Burns to approve the **December 5, 2022, Work Session Meeting Minutes, and the December 12, 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 Aye
Councilperson Burns voting Aye

All in favor.

MUNICIPAL DOG SHELTER

A Satisfactory Inspection Report was completed on January 5.

ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION 2023 - 1

The following Resolution was offered by Councilperson Burns, 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: ADDRESSING ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS FOR TOWN OPERATIONS IN 2023

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.

The 2023 Resolution is available to view in the Town Clerk's office and posted on the Town of Dickinson website.

RESOLUTION 2023 - 2

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

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

RESOLUTION: A LOCAL LAW REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 265 OF THE TOWN CODE ENTITLED “CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM”

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.

RESOLUTION 2023 - 3

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

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

RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING LIGHTING DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS

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.

**NOTICE OF RESUBMISSION TAVERN WINE APPLICATION (Movie Theater)
900 Front Street, Binghamton NY 13901**

Supervisor Marinaccio commented that Board members have previously discussed initial application, and no issues were mentioned.

RESOLUTION 2023 - 4

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: APPROVING BUDGET JOURNAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2022

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

- Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that the new loader is operational.
- LED lights have been replaced throughout the roundabout, will continue to update more lights with LED systems.
- Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that Water Superintendent Matt Fitzpatrick traced a leak found on Prospect Street to an unoccupied apartment where a pipe had frozen underneath a crawl space. For several weeks water was gushing out, this did not affect the water pressure of the area.

ZONING

Jeanne Compton will be calling a meeting to appoint a new chairperson for the Zoning Board.

CODING

Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Doyle distributed a draft letter that is to be distributed to the businesses in the Town of Dickinson informing them that they are to schedule a **Fire Inspection** for the year 2023. The letter includes a **Fire Inspection** checklist with the corresponding codes.

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Councilperson Morabito and seconded by Councilperson Burns at 5:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani, RMC

SMC/jt