

## July 15, 2024 – WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING

The Work Session and Regular Meetings of the Town of Dickinson Town Board were called to order with the pledge of allegiance by Supervisor Michael A. Marinaccio at 5:00 PM on Monday, July 15, 2024, at the Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, New York

This is the first of the regular meetings which begins 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, Councilperson  
Thomas J. Burns, Councilperson  
Danny F. Morabito, Councilperson - Absent  
Sharon M. Exley, Councilperson

Also attending:

Keegan Coughlin Esq., Attorney for the Town  
Wendi Evans, Town Clerk  
Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, and 3 Residents.

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#### Supervisor's Report

1. I reviewed the credit card charges and did not see any issues
2. On Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2 PM, NYS Supreme Court Oliver Blaise administered the Oath of Office to his son Brian for the position of Planning Board member. He is the youngest person to take an appointed position in the town's history.
3. The owner of the Econo Lodge will not be building a playground behind his hotel due to insurance and other restraints.
4. We will be reviewing a contract from the Port Dickinson Police Department for providing security for our court. We will be setting a new security hourly rate starting immediately from \$30 to \$40 per hour with a 4-hour guarantee. We will also review the MOU from Port Dickinson for the use of their police officer as one of our court security officers.
5. Grace Merrill, Community Engagement Coordinator for Tobacco-Free Broome, wanted to follow up on the conversation on their Tobacco-Free Broome program, with the Town of Dickinson earlier this year regarding local tobacco ordinances. Has the town discussed this topic further? We are more than willing to provide answers to any questions the town may have and come to a meeting again to speak together more. Our goal is to assist the town in understanding and implementing these ordinances.
6. I will be asking the board to reschedule our August 12 meeting to August 19, 5:30 PM.

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7. I received a phone call from Maureen Wilson, commercial realtor with Pyramid and represents Justin Marchuska and the property he owns on Glenwood Road. Maureen is looking for suggestions as to what we as a board would like to see or consider for the development of his property. I stated that outside of residential development which the property is zoned for, I did not have any other ideas but would share her conversation with the board. In my opinion, I believe it is difficult for a town board to recommend any development that is not allowed in a stated zoned area of the town. The property owner can always bring his or her ideas to our code enforcement officer and begin the process. If any board members have a statement about this, please do so when I complete my report.
8. I participated in our first AOT Work Force Development Committee meeting last week. We will be reaching out to every New York town to seek their input. Positions such as court clerks, public works, finance, etc. are becoming very difficult to fill. Civil Service can be a major obstacle as well as salaries.
9. Darrell and I are reviewing NYSEG vs. Constellation electricity costs since our contract with Constellation expires in August. Once complete, we will make our recommendation to the board.

**10. Code Enforcement Monthly Report**

<b>Violations</b>	
<b>Property</b>	<b>Type</b>
40 Pulaski St	Trash & Debris
375 Prospect St	Trash & Debris
35 Pulaski St	Trash & Debris
22 Sunrise Dr	No building permit for roof work
39 Sunset Dr	Tall Weeds & Grass
929 Upper Front St	Tall Weeds & Grass
22 Bellaire Ave	Debris
478 Glenwood Rd	Property Maintenance
33 N Broad St	Tall Weeds & Grass
330 Prospect St	Trash & Debris

<b>Permits Issued</b>	
<b>Property</b>	<b>Type</b>
59 Sunset Dr	Roof
205 Lower Stella Ireland Rd	Roof
900 Upper Front St	Temporary Signage
900 Upper Front St	Transient Retail Business - Fireworks Tent Sale

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155 Glenwood Rd	Porch
7 N Louisa St	Deck
26 Stearns Rd	Fence
136 Rosedale Dr	Roof
133 Adams Dr	Siding Replacement
915 Upper Front St	Roof
5 South College Dr	Sign
690 Old Front St	Portable Gazebo and Shed
22 Sunrise Dr	Roof
79 Terrace Dr	Roof
214 Rundall Pl	Roof
9 Clifton Blvd	Roof

**11. Dog Control Officer Reports: Village & Town:**

5 Stray Dog Calls 2 dogs transported to the shelter. 39 Miles on Fenton Dco Van 8 Calls pertaining to “other” animals. 36 Calls for other towns to be redirected. 56 Phone calls Received. 98 Phone calls Made (including past due Reminder calls) 2 E-mails Received. 2 E-mails Sent. 2 Tickets issued.

**12. NYSEG Utility Shutoff Notices:**

**No shutoff notices have been received**

**Next Town Board Meetings**

Work Session and Regular Board meeting, August 19, 5:30 PM. We are on the summer meeting schedule through September

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were made.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **HIGHWAY**
  - Councilperson Morabito commented that Commissioner Kie would like to send Jason to a Fisher Plows Training in Massachusetts which is a training on maintenance of plows and some other equipment. It is scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup> at no cost. The only expense would be a 1-night stay and meals.
  - Continuing to look for 2 employees in the highway department. Going to try and publicize it on Indeed to get some more applicants.

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- **WATER/SEWER**

- Councilperson Exley explained that the quarter water meter readings were done on June 12<sup>th</sup> but many of them did not read properly so they had to make software changes and it is now all corrected.
- The new water van is here but we are still waiting on the box which will take 6-8 weeks to arrive.
- BDC is in need of a back flow valve at a cost of around \$80,000.00 and apparently there was a letter sent to BDC. It protects the water system as a whole but it's not in the budget. They are still funded by the State so Attorney Coughlin may reach out to the Senator and see if that will move things along.

- **FINANCE**

### **COURT CLERK REPORT**

Councilperson Gardner made a motion to accept the **March 2024 Monthly Financial Report** for the **Court Clerk** in the amount of **\$16,221.00**, **April 2024 Monthly Financial Report** in the amount of **\$28,719.00** and the **May 2024 Monthly Financial Report** in the amount of **\$17,973.00**. Seconded by Councilperson Morabito. All in favor.

### **SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Councilperson Gardner made a motion to accept the **July 2024 Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Supervisor** in the amount of **\$2,409,999.58** seconded by Councilperson Burns. All in favor.

### **TOWN CLERK MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Supervisor Marinaccio asked for a motion to accept the **June Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Clerk in the amount of \$2,060.00**. On a motion by Councilperson Gardner seconded by Councilperson Burns. All in favor.

- **PERSONNEL**

- The board will be going into executive session following the meeting to take care of a personnel issue.

- **PLANNING/ZONING**

- Attorney Coughlin explained there was a application submitted for a variance by Mr. Beagell to have a Glamping Campground. They mentioned they may or may not come to the town board to ask for their property to be rezoned or ask for campgrounds to be allowed to use on the property. If or when that application comes in, we will have a lot more information. There is a significant amount of storm water drainage and engineering plans that have not been provided to date. Rezoning that property is not really practical. It is located on Phelps St.

### **ABSTRACTS FOR APPROVAL**

On a motion from Councilperson Gardner, seconded by Councilperson Burns to approve **abstract #7**, dated July 15, 2024, in the amount of **\$192,070.64**. Vote Ayes-4, Nay -0, Absent-1.

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

Unanimously passed and noted as duly adopted.

**Abstract Summary of Audited Vouchers for Funds respectively in the amount(s) of \$192,070.64.**

**Voucher #7 for July 2024 in the amount of \$192,070.64:**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$59,849.27</b>
<b>Part Town</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>Highway</b>	<b>\$815.19</b>
<b>Light Districts</b>	<b>\$4,306.69</b>
<b>Sewer Operating Dist.</b>	<b>\$83,757.69</b>
<b>Water Operating Dist.</b>	<b>\$43,041.80</b>

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Councilperson Exley seconded by Councilperson Gardner to accept the May 30, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes, June 3, 2024 Work Session Minutes & the June 10, Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor.  
Vote Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1.

**ATTORNEY**

Attorney Coughlin explained that we introduced 2 Local laws at the last meeting and they are not on the agenda due to a mistake on the publication for the public hearing so they will be rescheduled for the next meeting.

**RESOLUTION 2024-17**

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: TO INCREASE THE COURT SECURITY OFFICERS, PAY FROM \$30/HR to \$40/HR.**

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 Aye  
Councilperson Morabito voting Aye  
Councilperson Burns voting Absent

All in favor.

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### **RESOLUTION 2024-18**

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: RESCHEDULE THE AUGUST 12<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING TO AUGUST 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30**

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 Aye  
Councilperson Morabito voting Aye  
Councilperson Burns voting Absent

All in favor.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE**
  - Commissioner Kie explained that they are getting close to paving Terrace Dr. next week.
- **PLANNING/ZONING**
  - No comments were made
- **CODE ENFORCEMENT**
  - No comments were made

### **COMMENTS**

- Councilperson Exley updated everyone on the BOCES zoom meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> on the construction taking place. They did a building survey and analysis and came up with a 7-year plan that goes out to 2027. They are renovating several buildings. They are waiting for DEC to tell them what they can do with parts of the property. They are unsure of what they are going to do with 409 Glenwood home at this time.
- Councilperson Gardner spoke to Commissioner Kie regarding on the corner of Boland Rd and Front St that an individual has a car for sale with dealer plates on it and it continually happens. He would like to see that a discussion be made regarding that at the next meeting to possibly take steps to have this not be an issue.

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On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the Regular Meeting was adjourned into **Executive Session** to discuss a personal issue on a motion from Councilperson Morabito and seconded by Councilperson Gardner at 5:50 PM. All in favor.

On a motion by Councilperson Gardner and seconded by Councilperson Morabito to return to regular session at 6:15 PM. All in favor

A motion by Councilperson Morabito and seconded by Councilperson Gardner to allow the judges to pay a starting annual salary of \$55K to the new court clerk Mikayla Sotak and by next August of 2025, per the judge's recommendation to the town board based on performance and meeting the work standards set by the court, court clerk will receive an increase of \$2500 to her current salary.

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 meeting was adjourned on a motion of Councilperson Morabito and seconded by Councilperson Gardner at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendi Evans  
Town Clerk