

May 6, 2024- 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, May 6, 2024 at the Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, New York.

The members of the Town Board present were:

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

Also attending:

**Keegan Coughlin, Esq., Attorney for the Town
Wendi Evans, Town Clerk**

Also in attendance:

**Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, Code Enforcement Officer Kyle
Doyle, 1 Guest**

ATTORNEY

PUBLIC HEARING

**1. 5:30 P.M. “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ATTACHMENTS 4 AND 5 OF THE
RESIDENTIAL ZONING REGULATIONS SCHEDULES**

Supervisor Marinaccio opened the Public Hearing at 5:32 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Attorney Coughlin explained that residents were building accessory structures as large if not larger than their homes which in a residential area does not work. In some rented spaces they are paving the front and back yards to add parking for tenants so this law will be proactive in protecting the town from that happening. It would also apply to a 4-family home as well. This is a standard law in most towns to protect neighborhoods and property values.

Public Hearing was closed at 5:38

**2. 5:38 P.M. “A LOCAL LAW ADDING AN ARTICLE XII TO CHAPTER 600 OF
THE TOWN CODE ENTITLED “OUTDOOR LIGHTING REGULATIONS”**

Supervisor Marinaccio opened the Public Hearing at 5:39 P.M.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Attorney Coughlin explained that the County had commented from the DOT and wanted a specific section for DOT project to ensure that they were allowed and not governed by the same lighting requirements to allow them to have proper streetlights. The intent of the law is to keep the lights off the neighbors. There will be an exception added.

Public Hearing was closed at 5:42

CHAIR

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1. We continue to experience issues at our Sunrise Terrace Park such as garbage, stones from our land scaped areas being thrown around, and much more. I will have additional information to share at next week's meeting.
2. I will also give details on our sales tax distribution and County Jail revenue at next week's meeting.
3. I am happy to announce that our town court judges filled the vacant position of court clerk. The new employee, Katerina, started work a few weeks ago and is doing a great job.
4. In regard to the court, the judges are searching for a security guard due to the present one taking a new position with the BC Sheriff's department.

PUBLIC WORKS

Highway:

Municipal Cleanup Day – Saturday, May 18th 2024 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Commissioner Kie questioned Attorney Coughlin on contractors that do work and track mud/debris into the street, is there a way that we can enforce that not to happen. Attorney Coughlin replied that we could call DEC if they are not keeping it on their site like they are supposed to.

Water/Sewer:

Nothing to add.

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CODE

Code Enforcer Doyle explained that he had sited the Garden Plaza for multiple potholes, and the signage out in the front that is falling apart. The property owner emailed him and said that the sign has been repainted and she is waiting to hear back from the contractors about fixing the potholes so happy with the progress they are making.

ZONING BOARD

The zoning board has 2 variances coming up on May 21st.

PLANNING BOARD

The planning board met with Tim on the solar project. There is a hand full of documents that need to be reviewed and submitted. Public Hearing being held May 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor Marinaccio explained that we will be discussing this further at our Regular Meeting, regarding the 1 year ban due on June 9th from the extra work that was done on Sunrise Dr. last year.

The original ban was for \$200,000. There is a balance of \$120,000. Darrell recommends that we lock into a 2-year serial bond, estimated interest is 4.4% which will leave us with a balance of \$60,000 in 2025, and \$60,000 in 2026 then it will be paid off in full. This will be discussed in further detail at our Regular meeting.

On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned by a motion from Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 5:58 PM. all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendi Evans
Town Clerk

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