

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, November 12, 2024, in 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 in attendance:

**Keegan Coughlin, Esq., Attorney for the Town
Wendi Evans, Town Clerk
Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, Code Enforcement Officer
Kyle Doyle, and 1 guest.**

November 2024 Town Board Meeting Supervisor's Report

1. I reviewed the credit card charges and did not see any issues
2. It is now official that our Constellation contract will end and NYSEG will be our supplier for energy to our various town operations needs including our street lighting.
3. I learned during one of my Supervisor's Round Table discussions held by the NY Association of Towns that many of the towns in New York had to go over the state-imposed tax cap due to ever increasing expenses such as health insurance, salaries, materials, retirement increases from New York State, etc. The Town of Dickinson has once again remained below the tax cap but it is becoming increasingly difficult to do this. Tonight, we will be approving our 2025 Town Budget. Special thanks to our staff and our elected officials for once again creating a budget that meets the needs of our residents and our various operations and maintaining a very low property tax rate which once again, did not go over the tax cap.
4. We received the final draft of the decommission bond for the Glenwood Solar project. It is under review. Tim Gourley will be meeting with Kyle to review the building permit process.
5. We received the 3rd quarter sales tax income for a total of \$302,958.07. Total sales tax revenue to date is \$897,600.04.
6. The sheriff's department has notified the county that they will no longer take part in monitoring the transition of tenants to and from the hotels.

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7. The Village of Johnson City is passing a local law regarding penalties for various offenses (I will read the local law)
8. Property Tax Collection issue: The proposal by the county to charge fees to those towns who they collect taxes for which includes our town is on hold for 2025. Early next year we, along with the other towns, will be meeting with county officials to discuss the proposal.
9. We received the 3rd quarter Traffic Diversion check for our town for the amount of \$27,600.
10. Code Enforcement Report for October (see separate document)

11. Town Of Dickinson/Port Dickinson Dog Control Meeting Summary

October 2024

5	Stray Dog Calls
1	Dog transported to the shelter.
36	Miles on Fenton DCO Van
9	Calls pertaining to “other” animals.
18	Calls for other towns to be redirected.
36	Phone calls Received.
76	Phone calls Made (including past due Reminder calls)
5	E-mails Received.
5	E-mails Sent.
8	Tickets issued.

12. NYSEG

Notifications/Residential/Commercial

63 Adams St., will be disconnected from services on Nov. 12 due to unpaid balance of \$9,193.37

Next Board meeting is scheduled for December 2, 5:30 PM, Work Session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS – Councilperson Morabito commented that brush pick up has ended for this year. Leaf pick up will continue till the first snow fall. They have hired Reagan Evans for the highway department.

On a motion by Councilperson Morabito seconded by Councilperson Burns to approve the hiring of Reagan Evans to the highway department at a salary of \$20.00 per/hour.

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

WATER/SEWER

Councilperson Exley commented that there was an issue on Sunrise Dr with the water. The water department is looking into the problems and will address them accordingly.

FINANCE

○ **JUSTICE COURT REPORT**

Councilperson Gardner made a motion to accept the **September 2024 Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Court** in the amount of **\$29,058.00** seconded by Councilperson Morabito.
All in favor.

○ **TOWN CLERK MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Councilperson Gardner made a motion to accept the **October 2024 Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Clerk** in the amount of **\$2,171.20**. On a motion by Councilperson Gardner seconded by Councilperson Exley. All in favor.

○ **SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

Councilperson Gardner made a motion to accept the **October 2024 Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Supervisor** in the amount of **\$2,495,457.30** seconded by Councilperson Exley. All in favor.

○ **ABSTRACTS FOR APPROVAL**

On Motion from Councilperson Gardner, seconded by Councilperson Burns to approve **abstract # 11**, dated **November 12, 2024**, in the amount of **\$178,776.29**. 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 \$178,776.29:

Voucher #11 for November 12, 2024, in the amount of \$178,776.29.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$35,736.78</u>
<u>Highway</u>	<u>\$35,608.10</u>
<u>Part Town</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Light Districts</u>	<u>\$3,721.83</u>
<u>Sewer Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$6,921.52</u>
<u>Water Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$96,788.06</u>

○ **PERSONNEL**

Nothing to report

○ **PLANNING/ZONING**

Nothing to report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilperson Exley seconded by Councilperson Gardner to approve the **October 7, 2024, Work Session Meeting Minutes, October 15, 2024, 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.

ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION 2024-27

Supervisor Marinaccio commented that we held the Public Hearing on the 2025 Budget last week.

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: ADOPTING THE 2025 BUDGET

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 No. #27

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson duly held a public hearing on November 4, 2024 on the Town’s preliminary budget submitted and approved by the Town Board and filed with the Town Clerk for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town and was posted on the Town Clerk’s sign board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board heard all persons desiring to be heard in the matter of said budget and the matter was fully discussed and considered by the Town Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson, duly convened in regular session, does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. The preliminary budget of the Town of Dickinson submitted, approved, and filed as aforesaid, be and the same hereby is adopted and established as the annual budget for the Town of Dickinson for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025. Said annual budget as so adopted and established shall be entered in detail in the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Board.

Section 2. The Town Clerk shall prepare and certify, as provided by law, duplicate copies of the said annual budget hereby adopted and established, and shall deliver one of such copies to the Supervisor of the Town and the said Supervisor of the Town shall present such copy to the Board of Legislators of the County of Broome as required by law.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I, Wendi Evans, do hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of the Town of Dickinson and that the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson at a meeting thereof held on this 4th day of November, 2024. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Supervisor Michael Marinaccio Aye
Councilperson Sharon M. Exley Aye
Councilperson Thomas J. Burns Aye
Councilperson Danny F. Morabito Aye
Councilperson Steve M. Gardner Aye

Town of Dickinson Seal

Dated: November 4, 2024

Wendi Evans, Town Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2024 –28

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: APPROVED THE 2025 TOWN OF CHENANGO WATER AGREEMENT

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 Aye
- Councilperson Burns voting Aye

All in favor.

DISCUSSION: The town was sent the certified notice from the second solar farm project notifying us that they would like to be tax exempt, and we have 60 days to let them know if we want to require a pilot. The board thought we had already decided to have them opted. Attorney Coughlin is going to check on the timing of the opt out and whether or not that was decided. If we did opt out, then we will supply them with the local law otherwise the board will require a pilot.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Commissioner Kie commented that the stop signs that a resident had made us aware of people driving through without stopping. They have been observing the area and decided to add another stop sign and the resident was very appreciative of the fact that they are trying to fix the problem.
- Deputy Commissioner is looking for a speed reduction on Glenwood Rd. They put in speed bumps on the BOCES property, and it is causing it to back up now. Technically they need to come to the board to request it in order for it to move forward with the DOT.

CODE

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- Officer Doyle had a meeting with Tim Gourley regarding the 2nd Solar Farm to go over some preliminary details that went well, and it will be starting in early spring.
- A revision was made to the planning/zoning board application. We did not have anything official for the planning board. There will be a planning board meeting soon to go over this at the end of the month.
- A code complaint form will be added to the website if a resident would like to file a complaint.
- A burn ban has been issued till November 30th for the entire state.

ZONING

Nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Councilperson Morabito and seconded by Councilperson Burns at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendi Evans
Town Clerk