

February 7, 2011-Work Session

The Work Session of the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson was called to order on Monday, February 7, 2011 at 5:33 pm by Supervisor Michael A. Marinaccio in the Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, New York.

The members of the Town Board present were:

Michael A. Marinaccio, Supervisor
Danny F. Morabito, Councilman
Thomas J. Burns, Councilman
Sharon Exley, Councilwoman

Absent:

Stephen M. Gardner, Councilman

Also in attendance was:

Oliver N. Blaise III, Esq., Town Attorney
Tonyia M. Baldwin, Deputy Town Clerk

ATTORNEY

1. Attorney Oliver Blaise informed the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson that Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town of Fenton for shared services for Dog Control Officer Greg Starley has already been approved by their Board. This will be brought to the Town of Dickinson meeting on the 14th of February for approval.
2. The Detention Pond in the Gardens was discussed. Mr. Kie, Commissioner of Public Works Department, had spoken to the owners regarding this property and the clearing of the pond. There is also another issue that needs to be addressed with this property. Public access to the sidewalks is not safe. The sidewalks are not cleared of the snow and ice causing a dangerous path for the public to walk on. This seems to be an ongoing complaint of the public and the Town of Dickinson at the Cinema and the Detention Pond sidewalks. Supervisor Marinaccio has seen the public walking in the street due to the fact the walks are unsafe or impassable. It is felt that a letter and or a citation should be issued to the owner to help resolve this issue.
3. Attorney Blaise asked about the property at 36 North Broome Street. This is a single wide trailer that has been abandoned. Mr. Rafferty, Code Enforcement Officer, has stated this site was in bad shape several years ago and the condition has only worsened with time. Attorney Blaise asked if the owners should be cited. Supervisor Marinaccio wants a citation to be issued. Attorney Blaise told Mr. Rafferty to issue the citation to the owners of the property and give them 60 days to reply.
4. Attorney Blaise reviewed a letter he received from Supervisor Marinaccio from the Norse Energy. After reviewing this letter Attorney Blaise feels that it is a form letter and that we don't have any lease with this company. This is the first

time that the Town of Dickinson has heard from this company. Attorney Blaise will contact Norse Energy to determine whether there is, in fact, a lease with the Town.

5. Attorney Blaise then asked Mr. Kie, Commissioner of Public Works, about dealings with the Bednarsky Funeral Home at Glenwood Cemetery. Mr. Kie stated that there is an unpaid bill with them. Attorney Blaise inquired as to what the problem was. Mr. Kie stated that there was a burial and Bednarsky stated that the family was to pay and the family stated that Bednarsky was to pay. After a discussion it was determined that from this point on it is the Funeral Home's responsibility to address all and any bills with the Town of Dickinson, not the families. Attorney Blaise will send a letter will be sent to Bednarsky in that regard.
6. Bids for the demolition of 50 North Broad Street were opened. Two bids were received: \$26,240.00 by Gorricks Construction and \$ 15, 00.00 by L.C.P. The bids were given to Mr. Kie and Mr. Lake, Town Engineer, are to review them for compliance with the bid specifications. They will report their findings to the Board at the February 14, 2011 meeting and it will be the Boards intention to award the bid at that time.
7. Resolution-2011 Resetting Hours Report to the Retirement System will be discussed and voted on at the Regular Meeting on February 14, 2011.
8. Resolution-2011 Proposed Property Tax Cap/Mandate Relief will be discussed and voted on at the Regular Meeting on February 14, 2011.

DEPARTMENTS COMMENTS

1. Mr. Kie was talking about the air monitoring from companies for the 50 North Broad Street demolition. The Board would like to solicit proposals and then they would select a company from that.
2. Mr. Kie is working on the Municipal Clean Up Day this year. He wants to include a shredder this year. The cost to the Town for the shredder is \$50.00, fifty dollars, and hour. It is the feeling that four (4) hours will be enough. There will be a limit to the amount of shredding per household to five (5) bankers boxes. This Town Clean Up Day is going to be held in May 2011. Mr. Kie would like to set the date Saturday, May 14, 2011. He will check with Taylor Garbage to coordinate this time. The Clean Up hours were not discussed at the meeting.
3. Mr. Kie talked about the problems that we are having with the electrical Service at the Town Hall. The Town Hall doesn't have any protection from spikes in the service per an electrical company search. Mr. Lake, Town engineer, felt that there should have been one in place when the Town Hall was constructed. Ron will look into this matter. The cost of this to the Town for this surge device will be around \$2,700.00, two thousand seven hundred dollars. The discussion will continue at the February 14, 2011 meeting.

4. The variance for 1 Jameson Road, Fredrick and Beatrice Short, has been approved by the Zoning Board.
6. The Code Enforcement annual report will be given at the meeting on February 14, 2011.
5. BAS software program for the Dog Control Officer will be discussed at the Regular Meeting on February 14, 2011 meeting.

THE CHAIR

1. Supervisor Marinaccio has received a check from the Binghamton Sewage Treatment Plant for over payment. It is unclear to him at this point as to how they came up with the dollar amount. He is checking into this matter further.
2. Supervisor Marinaccio stated that the Meadow Woods development project on Glenwood Road may be resuming. Based on comments from the developer, there may be some further review and/or modification of the Site Plan required, including possibly combining the first and second phases.
3. Supervisor Marinaccio is very concerned about the roofs on the 2 Town Hall buildings that causes the snow to slip onto the sidewalks. He was told if we put snow guards on the roof that it would void the warranty. Councilman Thomas Burns suggested that we put heaters in the upper level to help melt the snow. It was felt by doing this it would cause too much condensation. Supervisor Marinaccio suggested that we might move the sidewalks away from the building to a safer distance from the building to avoid any encounters with the snow slides. Supervisor Marinaccio has suggested for now to place orange warning cones out to avoid any mishaps until this problem is resolved.
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6. Supervisor Marinaccio received a letter from Joseph Nirchi supporting the effort to reduce the speed limit on Van Winkle Drive to 30 mph. After many discussions it is Supervisor Marinaccio that the speed limit will be posted at 40 mph.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Tonyia M. Baldwin
Deputy Town Clerk