

October 14, 2014 – 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 promptly at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 in the Town Hall, 531 Old Front St., Binghamton, NY.

The members of the Town Board present were:

Michael A. Marinaccio, Supervisor

Danny F. Morabito, Councilman

Thomas J. Burns, Councilman

Sharon M. Exley, Councilwoman

Stephen M. Gardner, Councilman

Also attending:

Oliver N. Blaise III, Esq., Town Attorney

Wanda R. Broczkowski, Town Clerk

Susan M. Cerretani, Deputy Town Clerk

CHAIR

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Marinaccio welcomed everyone and gave his report for the month of October. His report will be placed on file. Here are some highlights:

- The next meeting of the **BC Association of Towns & Villages** is scheduled for Thursday, October 23rd, 6:30PM at the Spot Restaurant. Our guest speaker is Broome County Historian, Gerald Smith.
- Dan Miller, Joel Kie and I met with **Town of Chenango** officials to discuss their increase in their water rates to us. There seems to be some confusion in regard to past rates and written notices so the Town of Chenango will investigate and get back to us. The **City of Binghamton** remains interested in selling more water to us and at a reduced rate but we would need to guarantee those increases in water usage. We are waiting to hear back from them with new rates. If we go with the City, we would have to shut off the water supply from the **Town of Chenango**.
- Mr. Marinaccio continues to attend the **SUNY-Best Committee** meetings with the second meeting that took place on October 2nd. They will continue to meet on a monthly basis for the next year or so. The focus is on college towns and what makes them so and what is needed to improve the down town area as well as improving on communication, with our college students and improving transportation for the students. This includes **SUNY-Broome**. I suggested that the two schools work closely with the county transportation systems to come up with agreements to serve the campuses in a more cost effective manner.
- **Coughlin & Gerhart** conducted their Annual Labor & Employment Law Update on October 14th. As always, the event was very interesting and helpful
- The Chris Skinner Vigil that was held last month. Went perfectly and the event was well attended by both the public and all of the police agencies throughout the county.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT (continued)

- Mr. Marinaccio attended the **Citizen Preparedness Training Program** held on September 27th at the SUNY-Broome campus. This event was very well attended.
- Supervisor Marinaccio is still working on the Libous State Grant. They accepted the installation of automatic entry doors and/or the construction of a canopy along our two sides of the town hall.
- As mentioned at our work session last week, we have reduced spending for the highway department by \$250K for 2015. This was done after the preliminary budget was submitted. We will continue to look in other areas of spending to see if we can further reduce spending.
- Mr. Marinaccio stated a resident of Chenango Shores received a call to receive free siding. A scam. Unfortunately she gave out her age and she lives alone. Just a reminder to all of us to never divulge personal information to any caller.
- The **Broome County Correctional** facility will be making repairs and requires a letter of agreement from the Town Supervisor with copies to board and attorney.
- Resident reported that at 16 Francis Street had several arrests and lots of problems there.
- **NYSEG** warning letters-None
- Code violations – 6 Code violations of various degrees; tall weeds, junk and abandoned vehicles to missing siding and broken windows.
- Dog Control Officer’s report – Supervisor Marinaccio received the monthly report for both the Village and our Town. Unlicensed dogs, stray dogs, missing dogs, abandoned puppy, dog sitting in the middle of a street, wild animal reports, pit bull not on a leash, barking dogs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor Marinaccio opened up the meeting for public comments. No one came forward.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilwoman Exley seconded by Councilman Morabito to approve the Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes September 8 , 2014. All in favor. Vote -5 Ayes, Nays-0.

ABSTRACTS for Voucher #10

Abstract Summary of Audited Vouchers for Funds respectively in the amount of \$291,457.83. On Motion from Councilman Gardner, seconded by Councilwoman Exley to approve. Vote Ayes – 5, Nays – 0.

Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye
Councilman Morabito voting Aye
Councilman Burns voting Aye
Councilwoman Exley voting Aye
Councilman Gardner voting Aye

Unanimously passed and noted as duly adopted.

ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION 2014-50

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Morabito, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Burns.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson, Broome County, New York as follows: **Schedule a Public Hearing for Village of Port Dickinson Fire Protection District No. 3 for Monday November 3rd.** Supervisor Marinaccio believes there is a small increase.

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.

Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye
Councilman Morabito voting Aye
Councilman Burns voting Aye
Councilwoman Exley voting Aye
Councilman Gardner voting Aye

All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2014-51

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Exley, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Gardner.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson, Broome County, New York as follows: **Schedule joint special meeting and public hearing with Town of Chenango regarding annexation of 932 Upper Front Street to Town of Chenango – November 24th.** Supervisor Marinaccio stated the meeting begins at 7:00PM and the Public Hearing is scheduled at 7:05PM. It will be published in the Press on Friday, October 24, 2014, 30 days prior to the hearing. Surrounding residents will be mailed a letter along with the meeting notice. A simple majority vote will be required can be completed within 90 days.

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.

Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye
Councilman Morabito voting Aye
Councilman Burns voting Aye
Councilwoman Exley voting Aye
Councilman Gardner voting Aye

All in favor.

Resolution attached.

RESOLUTION 2014-52

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Morabito, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Exley.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson, Broome County, New York as follows: **2015 Budget process & schedule public hearing November 3rd.**

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.

Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye
Councilman Morabito voting Aye
Councilman Burns voting Aye
Councilwoman Exley voting Aye
Councilman Gardner voting Aye

All in favor. Resolution attached.

HOLD ON RESOLUTION DECLARING MARION STREET PROPERTY AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING TRANSFER TO MR. & MRS. KATUSHA

Regarding the transfer of the **Marion Street** property, Attorney Blaise spoke to Mr. & Mrs. Katusha's son who was requesting since the trees have come down that the remaining two stumps be ground down and several other conditions be met. Public Works Commissioner Kie had the work completed over the weekend. Mr. Blaise will contact the son once the work has been completed before the board can proceed with the transfer of the property. This resolution will be placed on hold.

HOLD ON RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF CHENANGO WATER CONTRACT

Attorney Blaise and Supervisor Marinaccio recommended a hold on the renewal of the **Town of Chenango** water contract until we meet with the **City of Binghamton** to determine the best rates for the Town. Since there has been much confusion on Town of Chenango rates, Mr. Marinaccio needs to confirm the **Town of Chenango's** water availability and the rates.

REVISIONS TO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Attorney Blaise handed of revisions of the employee handbook to Mr. Kie to examine the policies prior to the November's meeting.

SUNY BROOME SMOKING POLICY AND BUTT HUTS

Supervisor Marinaccio received word the two (2) butt huts for the student smoking are on order. Once they arrive, one will be located near the new dormitory and the second one near the transit bus stop.

CMOM WORK TO COMMENCE

The meeting held here on October 8th since the recent **CMOM** contract awarded to Cook's, was chaired by our **Town Engineer** Ron Lake. Representatives of the three public works departments from Dickinson, Port Dickinson and Conklin were present. Testing will begin the week of October 20th in Port Dickinson followed by Dickinson the week of October 27th.

PUBLIC WORKS – WATER & HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1. Public Works Commissioner Kie has been meeting with Attorney Blaise on the revisions to the **Employee Handbook**. Councilwoman Exley and Councilman Gardner are both on the committee.
2. Mr. Kie stated the turn signal on the compactor truck broke and during repair the compactor mechanism became inoperable. It is out of the shop and back on the road.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

Planning Board meets Monday October 27th and is presently working on the **Comprehensive Plan**.

Zoning Board - None

CODE ENFORCEMENT

CODE ENFORCEMENT ISSUES AT 9 FOREST HILLS BOULEVARD UPDATE

A lengthy and detailed discussion took place for 15 minutes.

Code Enforcement Officer Rafferty and Deputy Kie obtained the necessary permission to enter and search the **9 Forest Hills** properties in order to report back the condition of the interior to the board. **Code Enforcement** Rafferty submitted a letter to the property owner's financial institution outlining the deplorable conditions of the property. Rafferty deemed the property condemnable. Supervisor Marinaccio asserted this is the worst he has ever seen. Councilman Burns obtained a quote from **ServPro** for \$85,000 to \$90,000 to get the home in livable condition. The board's decision is to condemn it now so that in 6 months, April 2015, the demo could be scheduled. Ideally after a cold winter its probable there would be less chance of rodents and infestation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilwoman Exley reported neighbors on **Maiden Lane** were complaining of bulldozing activity out in the back of **BOCES** on the afternoon of Sunday October 12th. Mud and water is draining on their properties. **DEC** law is one acre minimum. Public Works Commissioner Kie will get in touch with Bob at **BOCES** to cease otherwise we will turn it over to the **DEC**.

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 6:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda R. Broczkowski
Town Clerk