

May 8, 2017– 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 at 6:00 PM on Monday, May 8, 2017 in the Town Hall, 531 Old Front St., Binghamton, NY.

The members of the Town Board present were:

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

Also in attendance:

**Oliver N. Blaise III, Esq., Town Attorney
Administrative Assistant Wike, Town Engineer Ron Lake, Public Works
Commissioner Joel Kie, Town Historian And Planning Board Chair Wasser and 2
members of the general public**

Absent:

Susan M. Cerretani, Town Clerk

CHAIR

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

SUPERVISOR’S MONTHLY REPORT

May, 2017

- Supervisor Marinaccio attended the **County Shared Services Committee** meeting on May 4. Mr. Marinaccio stated that only 3 elected officials participated in this meeting. The general consensus is that we will not be able to come up with a substantial savings program by Aug. 31. There are other factors that also need to be considered when coming up with any shared service that is not now in place.
- At the Land Bank’s request, Public Works Commissioner Kie received 2 quotes to demolish 231 Bevier St.: **Gorick** - \$15,820 plus \$4000 for notification fees. **LCP Group** - \$11,700 plus \$1,500 to add seed and mulch.
- The **NY Association of Towns** will be conducting discussions regarding the **Countywide Shared Services Plan** throughout the state. The closest to Broome County will be held on Monday, May 15, 10 am to noon at the **Radisson Hotel** in Corning, NY.

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- The Supervisor stated as mentioned at the work session last week, **Habitat for Humanity** has placed a bid on an empty lot diagonally across from **BOCES** and next to the apartment complex on Glenwood Rd. The home that is being built at **BOCES** will be moved to this location if and when the deal for the lot is closed and their engineers work on water and sewer hook ups to our systems. Code Enforcement Officers Rafferty and Kie are working with **Habitat**.
- The Town's request to add a hotel occupancy fee to the hotels located in Dickinson has been turned down by the state legislature. A letter dated March 22, 2017 from Jennifer Conway, President of the **Greater Binghamton Chamber** and her board of directors opposed the fee.
- Fees due to our town for the first quarter of this year for the Non-Broome County Inmate Housing in the **Broome County Jail** is \$7,546,98
- Sales due to our town for the 1st quarter of this year totaled \$207,254.06

Code Violations Report:

1. 17 Market St., garbage and other debris stored in back yard
2. 312 Lower Stella Ireland Rd., large amount of junk along the garage
3. 62 Sowden, dishwasher placed at the curb and not picked up by garbage service
4. 6 Lawson Ct., large amount of garbage being stored along side of the house
5. 605 Old Front St., white car openly stored in back yard and not registered
6. 37 Pulaski, mattress and other rubbish stored in rear of the house

Dog Control Report

Not ready for this report

- **NYSEG Warning Letter:**
51 Adams St. was issued a warning of discontinuance of service from **NYSEG** due to unpaid bill of \$499.08.

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NYPIRG

NYPIRG will be going door to door in the town between May 1 and August 31st. Their activities will include circulating support statements, soliciting small contributions, distributing information and recruiting support (letters, calls, participation) on a variety of issues of concern to the community.

BERT ADAMS DISPOSAL SERVICE

Bert Adams Disposal has applied for a peddler’s permit for door to door solicitation of garbage services. The permit is valid for a period of 10 days at \$25.00 per day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Gardner thanked Public Works Commissioner Kie for repairs to lawn damage from the winter storms.

Councilman Burns applauded Mr. Kie for picking up tree limbs and branches left on sidewalks after the recent storm.

• **FINANCE**

○ **SUPERVISOR’S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Councilman Morabito made a motion to accept the **March, 2017 Supervisor monthly report** seconded by Councilman Gardner. All in favor.

○ **TOWN CLERK MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Councilman Morabito made a motion to accept the **April Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Clerk in the amount of \$1,044.76**. On a motion by Councilman Morabito seconded by Councilman Burns. All in favor.

Town Clerk’s Report

March 2017 in the amount of \$1,044.76:

<u>NYSDOH</u>	<u>\$22.50</u>
<u>NYS Ag & Markets spay/Neuter program</u>	<u>\$45.00</u>
<u>Supervisor Town of Dickinson</u>	<u>\$1,044.76</u>

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○ **TOWN COURT MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Councilman Morabito made a motion to accept the Financial Report(s) for the **Town of Dickinson Court** for the month March in the amount of **\$43,692.50**. On a motion of Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilwoman Exley. All in favor.

Town portion: \$7,757.50
State portion: \$34,273.00
County portion: \$1,440.00
Other: \$ 222.00

○ **ABSTRACTS FOR APPROVAL**

On Motion from Councilman Morabito, seconded by Councilman Gardner to approve **abstract # 5**, dated **May 8, 2017** in the amount of **\$220,009.04**. Vote Ayes- 5, Nays-0, Absent-0.

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

Unanimously passed and noted as duly adopted.

Abstract Summary of Audited Vouchers for Funds respectively in the amount(s) of \$220,009.04.

Voucher #5 for May 2017 year in the amount of: \$220,009.04.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$52,887.08</u>
<u>Part Town</u>	<u>\$40.00</u>
<u>Highway</u>	<u>\$83,953.67</u>
<u>Fire districts</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Light Districts</u>	<u>\$237.81</u>
<u>Sewer Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$5,526.61</u>
<u>Water Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$77,363.87</u>

● **PERSONNEL**

- Nothing to report at this time

● **PLANNING**

- Planning Board Chairperson David Wasser reported that there will be a Planning Board Meeting on Monday, May 22nd at 6 PM.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman Gardner seconded by Councilwoman Exley to approve the **Work Session Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2017 and Regular Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2017.**

All in favor.

Vote-5 Ayes, Nays-0, Absent-0.

ATTORNEY

FENCING LAW

At a previous meeting Attorney Blaise provided samples of fencing codes from the Town of Union and the Town of Binghamton for the board members to view. The board members agreed that fence height should not exceed 8 feet and discussed whether a permit should be required. Other points of discussion were distance from property line, height restrictions especially for corner lots with restricted site of view, and encroachment of public right of way. Attorney Blaise will work on the details.

LOT SIZE FOR RURAL AREAS

Code Enforcement Officer Rafferty has not received any additional information from the county pertaining to lot size for rural areas at this time.

SOLAR LAW AND CEC

There is a solar committee meeting scheduled for May 16, 2017 to put the finishing touches on the draft local Law. The moratorium took effect in September.

Attorney Blaise stated that Attorney Sacco updated him on the **CEC** discussion that took place at last week's meeting. Mr. Blaise stated that the legal department will assist the town with the required action items.

PUBLIC WORKS – WATER & HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that the water department installed a dummy fire hydrant on the True Ave. dead end for fire department training purposes. The hydrant will be painted black or covered with a bag to indicate that it is a non-working hydrant. Supervisor Marinaccio recommended that Mr. Kie should make emergency services aware that it is a non-functioning hydrant.
- Deputy Public Works Commissioner Miller and the Water Department completed the water main installation on Twining Street.
- Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that 10-12 trees fell down at the cemetery during the recent storm. He stated that insurance should cover it. There is a \$250 deductible.
- 51 Adams St. foreclosure

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ASSESSOR

Town Assessor Jack Cahill stated that the **IDA** will be renting space to the **Chamber of Commerce** and **Visions FCU**. The sections of building not being used for governmental or municipal functions will be subject to tax.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

Chairperson Compton reported that there will be a zoning board meeting on Wednesday, May 17, at 7 pm, for the purpose of considering requested variances to the zoning ordinance for 340 Prospect Street.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

nothing to report at this time

Councilwoman Exley informed the board that there is a meeting scheduled for May 5, 2017 at 5:30 at the Binghamton Public Library to discuss the future use of **Broome Developmental Center**. Supervisor Marinaccio alerted the board that the County is installing a new public radio safety system and they will eventually be asking the town for money.

Town Engineer Lake reported that he will be submitting his **MS4** report this week.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None heard.

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani
Town Clerk