

February 6, 2017 – 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, February 6, 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
Danny F. Morabito, Councilman
Thomas J. Burns, Councilman**

Also attending:

**Oliver N. Blaise III, Esq., Town Attorney
Susan Cerretani, Town Clerk**

Also in attendance: Public Works Commissioner Kie, Town Code Enforcement Officer Rafferty, Town Engineer Lake, Town Historian David Wasser, Kathy Groover and 3 members of the general public.

Absent:

Sharon M. Exley, Councilwoman

CHAIR

Supervisor Marinaccio opened the meeting by offering the floor to Town Historian David Wasser. Mr. Wasser updated the board members regarding the progress that is being made in the Historian Office and the future plan for creating an electronic data landing to view archived records. Kathy Groover was also in attendance. Kathy has been volunteering her time by meeting with residents, collecting and scanning historical documents into the Town's computer system with a plan to ultimately have the files and information uploaded onto the Town's website. Mr. Wasser would like to organize a committee of people from various areas of the Town; e.g. Port Dickinson, Prospect Terrace, and Chenango Shores to help facilitate this project. Mr. Wasser will report back on the progress of the project.

PEDESTRIAN WALK BRIDGE

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that 100 people signed in at the Pedestrian Walk Bride meeting that was held at the Town Hall by New York State Department of Transportation.

DORMITORY GRANT

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that the **Dormitory Grant** has been officially extended for an unlimited time period. Mr. Marinaccio stated that we will reconsider the Town Hall needs. He stated that the automatic doors are a must to make us **ADA** compliant. Since a length of time has passed we have to get new quotes on the doors. The Supervisor mentioned that he could use some assistance from the board members.

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NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES ANNUAL MEETING

The New York State Association of Towns and Villages annual meeting will be held February 19. Supervisor Marinaccio and Councilman Gardner will be attending. Deputy Morabito will be covering for the Supervisor while he is away. The Supervisor is always available by phone or text.

9 FOREST HILLS BLVD

Supervisor Marinaccio reported that the 9 Forest Hills Blvd. property has been sold for \$75,000.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Supervisor Marinaccio reminded departments to submit newsletter articles to either him or Councilman Morabito.

PROSPECT TERRACE FIRE COMPANY ANNUAL DINNER

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that **Senator Akshar** and **Assemblyman Crouch** attended the Prospect Terrace Fire Company annual Oath of Office and dinner on February 4th, 2017. Supervisor Marinaccio remarked that it was a great evening.

MEGA

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that he still has concerns about the **MEGA** program. Several area towns – Elmira, Horseheads, Town of Union, Town of Maine, and Town of Binghamton have signed on. Mr. Marinaccio is of the understanding that towns will be obligated once they sign on. Councilman Morabito commented that he does not want government involved in deciding where our residents get their energy from.

COLOR RUN

Supervisor Marinaccio put out a reminder that the **Color Run** will take place April 2nd, 2017 at Broome Community College. Start time is 8 AM. Supervisor Marinaccio will fill out permit for the use of sidewalks.

BINGHAMTON PRESS WEBSITE RATING

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that the **Binghamton Press** is conducting a public survey on municipal websites. Mr. Marinaccio stated that the Town of Dickinson website satisfies all the categories listed:

- elected officials
- meeting agendas
- meeting minutes
- downloadable applications and forms
- document archives

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- economic development tools
- community tools
- tourism tools
- calendar of events
- business directory
- business tools
- community groups

EXCEL CHART

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that he is preparing an Excel spreadsheet to monitor income from sales tax.

ATTORNEY

RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Town Clerk Cerretani and Administrative Assistant Wike have asked the employees that are on the State retirement system list to fill out a 3 month record of activity log for submittal.

PROSPECT TERRACE FIRE COMPANY ROSTER

Attorney Blaise stated that we have received the Prospect Terrace Fire Company roster. A resolution will be placed on next week's agenda and the roster will be attached to the meeting minutes.

REVISE WATER PERMIT APPLICATION FORM SOLAR COMMITTEE MEETING

Attorney Blaise and Public Works Commissioner Kie have taken a look at our current water permit application and would like to make revisions to clarify.

Supervisor Marinaccio contacted Jack Williams, DOT regarding unpaid water/sewer bill from the contractor on the Lancaster construction project. Mr. Marinaccio received an apologetic phone call and the \$4,000 balance due check was received a few days later.

SOLAR COMMITTEE

Solar Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday at 10 AM. Attorney Blaise has a draft local law prepared for the committee to review.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Public Works Commissioner Kie stated that the Town received an enormous sewer bill – 50% higher than normal. Supervisor Marinaccio contacted City of Binghamton finance and were instructed not to pay it and that a new bill would be issued through the sewage

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treatment plant. Mr. Kie stated that the current sewer bill is based on 2 years past water usage with a billing period of August to August. The Town agreed to change the billing period to December to December which added an extra quarter to the water report. This bill was based on usage for an extra quarter. The bill will be adjusted.

- Commissioner Kie stated that there are concerns with lighting along Front Street. New lighting will be installed in the fall and will include the exits.
- Supervisor Marinaccio stated that the intersection of Front and Old Front Street will be a challenge for pedestrians to cross the intersection.
- Mr. Kie commented that the conduit is bad and there might be some high mast lighting installed in the future.
- Resident Jim Love commented that the completion date on the project is not until 2023 but we need lights now.
- Attorney Blaise stated that 44-46 Sowden Street has a delinquent water bill, is abandoned and not secure. The Water Department shut the water off. Code Enforcement mailed violation notices to the owner which were returned undeliverable. A process server was sent out only to find the owner's address is a vacant lot. The owner cannot rent the property without water. He would have to communicate with the Town, correct the code violations and pay the water bill in order to have the water service restored.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

None.

ASSESSOR

None.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARDS

None.

On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned by motion from Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 6:18PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani
Town Clerk