

September 10, 2018 – WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING

The Work Session and Regular Meeting of the Town of Dickinson Town Board was called to order with the pledge of allegiance by Supervisor Michael A. Marinaccio at 5:30 PM on Monday, September 10, 2018 in the Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, New York.

This is the third of the regular meetings of the summer schedule of July, August and September combining our Work Session with the Regular Meeting on the second Monday of those months with a start time of 5:30 P.M.

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 attending:

**Oliver N. Blaise III, Esq., Town Attorney
Karen M. O’Neil, Deputy Town Clerk
Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, Code Enforcement Officer Steve Rafferty, Town Historian and Planning Board Chairman David Wasser, Zoning Board Chairwoman Jeanne Compton, Town Engineer Ron Lake, Administrative Assistant Beverly Wike and 4 members of the general public.**

Supervisor Marinaccio opened the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of Senator John McCain who recently passed away.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Public Hearing was opened for revising the dog licensing late fee deadline from 60 days to 15 days after the expiration of the license was opened at 5:30. Supervisor Marinaccio explained the purpose of the proposed change, specifically to provide for swifter enforcement of late registrations for dog licenses. There were no comments from the public, so the hearing was closed at 5:34.

SUPERVISOR MARINACCIO OPENED THE COMBINED WORK SESSION AT 5:35 PM.

TERRY CARROLL REPRESENTING NYSERDA

Terry Carroll from **NYSERDA** took the floor for a discussion on cost savings for the possible buyout of light poles from **NYSEG**. The Town has 377 light poles that are leased from **NYSEG**. Public Works Commissioner Kie has requested a proposal from **NYSEG** for the buyback. Once the proposal comes in, the Town Board and Public Works Commissioner Kie will decide which option is better for the town. The \$50,000 Grant the Town is requesting will not be affected either way. The Grant would cover the cost of changing all the lights to **LED**. A special meeting will be held when the proposal comes in.

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PRESENTATION OF DANIEL S. DICKINSON FRAMED PORTRAIT BY TOWN HISTORIAN DAVID WASSER

Town of Dickinson Historian David Wasser presented two newly framed portraits of Daniel S. Dickinson that will be hung in the Town Hall.

Supervisor Marinaccio gave his report for the month of September. His report will be placed on file.

SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT September, 2018

1. Councilperson Sharon Exley and Supervisor Marinaccio met with Tom Pudish, President of the Prospect Terrace Fire Company and several other members of the fire company on Wednesday, Aug. 8 to discuss the renewal of the fire protection contract. Supervisor Marinaccio thought that the meeting agenda and information was very well presented by the fire company members. Copies of their proposal have been distributed to the town board and Attorney Blaise.
2. There were a few complaints from Sunrise Terrace residents regarding the Thursday, August 23 fireworks display at an **ACHIEVE** fund raising event. Fireworks began around 8:30 pm and lasted around 10-15 minutes. Supervisor Marinaccio spoke to the Executive Director and we will meet in the near future to look at possible changes for next year's event.
3. Supervisor Marinaccio continues to receive complaints regarding vehicles speeding on Market Street. Public Works Commissioner Kie was able to borrow a vehicle speed detection device and placed it on Market St. Mr. Kie and Mr. Marinaccio met with City Councilman Giovanni Scaringi at the Market St. location to review the possibility of placing stop signs between the city and town line.
4. The **Sunrise Terrace Association** was recently awarded \$5000 from the **Small Cities Grant**. Working on getting information on tax exempt certification. Mr. Marinaccio is also having discussions with Port Dickinson and Hillcrest Civic Association officers.
5. Administrative Assistant Wike and Supervisor Marinaccio are almost done with reviewing the 2019 Department requests and we will meet soon to put the draft outline of the 2019 Town Budget.

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6. Supervisor Marinaccio attended the August 30th County Executives quarterly meeting that includes all county mayors and supervisors. There were discussions on recent flooding issues (\$10M in reported damages, shared service initiative updates and the distribution of state funds related to the reported savings, the emergency communications towers and associated costs (\$20M), not sure how this project will be paid for at this time, possible added fees on cell phones and land lines, and an inventory of municipal public works equipment which will be shared with all municipalities when complete.
7. The Internal Revenue Service recently issued preliminary rules related to New York State and other states attempts to preserve the federal income tax deduction for state and local taxes (**SALT**). The preliminary **IRS** rules essentially prohibit deductions for contributions to **Charitable Reserve Funds**.
8. Supervisor Marinaccio attended and represented our town at the 40 year Anniversary Celebration for the **Master Gardener Program** at **Cornell Cooperative Extension**. This event was well attended and the presentations were very informative and interesting.
9. Supervisor Marinaccio received a letter from Matt Gawors, Director of **Broome County Parks & Recreation and Youth Bureau** informing me that he has resigned from his position to begin teaching Health & Wellness Studies at **Binghamton University**.
10. Councilman Gardner, Dave Wasser and Supervisor Marinaccio plan to attend the **Age-Friendly Community** event that will take place on Friday, Sept. 14, 2:30-4:00 pm at the **BC Public Library**.
11. Mr. Marinaccio will be chairing the next **BMTS Policy Board** meeting scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 20, 11 am, at the County Office Building.
12. The Municipal Training event will be on Tuesday, Sept. 25, starting at 9 am. Mr. Marinaccio sent information about this event to all the board members and others.
13. The annual **Fresh Food Faceoff** event will take place at **Cornell Cooperative Extension/Farmers Market** on Wednesday, Sept. 19, starting around 5 pm. Mr. Marinaccio will once again be a judge for the various food service providers and restaurants that compete in this great fund raiser.

Code Violations Report:

1. 29 Broad St., built shed without a building permit
2. 37 N. Broad St., violation of property code, siding missing from home.

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Dog Control Reports

The August Dog Control Officer report for the Town & Village has been submitted: Stray dog, past due dog licenses were addressed.

NYSEG Warning Letter:

No warning letters issued to property owners by NYSEG this month.

Supervisor Marinaccio received a thank you from the Town of Kirkwood for helping them out during the flash flooding last month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• **PUBLIC WORKS**

- Councilman Gardner reported that paving was done on Front Street. He stated that he and Public Works Commissioner Kie are working on the Public Works budget for 2019.

• **FINANCE**

SUPERVISOR’S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilman Morabito made a motion to approve the **July 2018 Supervisor monthly report** seconded by Councilman Gardner. All in favor.

TOWN COURT MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilman Morabito made a motion to accept the Financial Report for the **Town of Dickinson Court** for the month of **July, 2018** in the amount of **\$49,925.00**.

STATE: \$40,535.00 TOWN: \$9,387.50

On a motion of Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Gardner. All in favor.

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TOWN CLERK MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilman Morabito made a motion to accept the **August Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Clerk in the amount of \$1,363.18**. On a motion by Councilman Morabito seconded by Councilwoman Exley. All in favor.

Town Clerk's Report	
August 2018 in the amount of \$1,474.18:	
NYS Ag & Markets spay/Neuter program	\$66.00
Supervisor Town of Dickinson	\$1,363.18
NYS DOH	\$45.00

- **PERSONNEL**
 - Nothing to report

- **PLANNING**
 - Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 17th at 6:00 PM with a discussion of the Comprehensive Plan in regards to the senior population.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman Burns seconded by Councilwoman Exley to approve the **Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2018**. All in favor.

ABSTRACTS FOR APPROVAL

On Motion from Councilman Morabito, seconded by Councilwoman Exley to approve **abstract # 9**, dated **September 10, 2018** in the amount of **\$231,004.06**. 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 \$231,004.06.

Voucher #9 for August 2018 in the amount of \$231,004.06:

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$63,422.81</u>
<u>Part Town</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Highway</u>	<u>\$81,088.58</u>
<u>Fire districts</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Light Districts</u>	<u>\$4,772.44</u>
<u>Sewer Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$4,296.67</u>
<u>Water Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$77,423.56</u>

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ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION 2018-25, LOCAL LAW #3

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson, Broome County, New York as follows:

RESOLUTION - A Local Law entitled “A Local Law Amending Chapter 229 entitled ‘Animals’” TO REVISE THE DOG LICENSING LATE FEE DEADLINE FROM 60 DAYS TO 15 DAYS AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE LICENSE INCLUDING THE SEQRA.

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

All in favor.

Local Law will be filed with the Department of State.

UPDATE: TERRACE DRIVE RESIDENT SEWER HOOKUP

The family trust owns the house. The sewer line as it exists runs down another resident’s yard. A shorter more direct connection to the sewer has been offered as an option. We are still waiting to hear from their attorney in order to finalize the paperwork.

UPDATE: RESEARCH CEMETERY FUNDS

A report was given on the cemetery funds that Attorney Blaise is looking to secure for the release of \$60,000. Attorney Blaise will be filing a petition with the Supreme Court and asking for the consent of Attorney General’s Office for release of the restrictions. These monies can only be used for the cemetery.

TEMPORARY SIGN CODE REVISION

Attorney Blaise will put together an official formatted draft of the revisions to the temporary sign code for the board to review at next month’s meeting in order to proceed.

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A motion was made by Councilman Gardner and seconded by Councilwoman Exley to schedule a public hearing for the October 1, 2018 work session at 5:30 PM regarding the Prospect Terrace Fire Company Contract. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS – WATER DEPARTMENT & HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that some residents are requesting parking restrictions on parts of Columbus Street. There will be further discussions on this.
- Mr. Kie reported that the paving on Front Street and the entrance to Sunrise Terrace and Adams Drive has been completed. Broome County painted the stripes on the road.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

- Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. O’Neil
Deputy Town Clerk

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