

October 1, 2018 – WORK SESSION

The Work Session of the Town of Dickinson Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Michael A. Marinaccio at 5:34 PM on Monday, October 1, 2018 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
Sharon M. Exley, Councilwoman**

Also attending:

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

Also in attendance:

Code Enforcement Officer Stephen Rafferty, Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, Zoning Board Chair Jeanne Compton, Administrative Assistant Beverly Wike, Broome County Director of Employment Training Sara Liu, Prospect Terrace Fire Company President Tom Pudish, 2 members of the Prospect Terrace Fire Company Board of Directors, and 1 member of the general public.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROSPECT TERRACE FIRE COMPANY FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT

The Public Hearing was opened at 5:35 by Supervisor Marinaccio.

Supervisor Marinaccio explained the purpose of the hearing is to consider new contracts with the **Prospect Terrace Fire Company** for fire protection for Town of Dickinson Fire Protection District No. 1. It is a 5 year contract effective January 2019 through December 2023.

- Prospect Terrace Fire Company shall answer and attend all fire calls in its Fire Protection District.
- For such services, Prospect Terrace Fire Company shall be paid the following sums during the term of the contract:
 - **2019 – \$97,000.00**
 - **2020 – \$97,970.00**
 - **2021 – \$99,930.00**
 - **2022 – \$102,927.00**
 - **2023 – \$107,044.00**

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- The fire company shall insure all of its equipment against all liability and shall protect the Town of Dickinson from liability for any accident in which any fire company vehicle or equipment may be involved.
- The term of Prospect Terrace Fire Company's contract shall be from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2023.
- Such other incidental terms as may be necessary or proper.

The Public Hearing was opened to questions.

Councilman Burns asked if the firefighters are trained to administer **Narcan**. The **PTFC** representatives answered that they are trained to administer the drug. Councilman Gardner asked if the Fire Company was able to project when apparatus would need to be replaced. The response was that the tower truck will probably need to be replaced in approximately 10 years. The truck is now over 20 years old.

The Town Board will vote on the contract at next week's meeting.

The Public Hearing was closed at 5:37 pm.

BROOME COUNTY EXECUTIVE BUDGET ADDRESS

Our guest speaker representing the Broome County Executive's Office was Broome County Director of Employment and Training Sara Liu. Ms. Liu addressed three key take-aways from the 2019 proposed county budget:

1. Proposed Tax Cuts
2. Investment in Public Safety
3. Proposed New Work Force development programs

The 2019 County Budget address was held **Dick's Distribution Center** in Conklin. Hundreds of employees are already working in the distribution center and hundreds more are expected to start working at that facility within the next few years. Ms. Liu stated that her office is partnering with **Dick's Distribution Center** and that more job opportunities will be announced. Ms. Liu encouraged everyone to visit the distribution center.

The budget proposed is in the amount of 385 million dollars.

County taxes represent only 11% of our property taxes. This pays for 42 County Departments.

- The largest of these are Social Services, Sheriff's Office and the Department of Public Works.
- Sponsors SUNY Broome
- Fund maintenance of 300 miles of road
- Over 250 thousand tons of garbage collected at the Landfill
- Funded 2.2 million rides thru public transportation system
- Funded LUMA, Dick's Open, Spiedie Fest

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The County Executive's priority is to rebuild finances in the County Fund Balance. The County's fund balance is being replenished and increased from \$250,000 at the end of 2016 to 4 million dollars at the end of 2017. All departments have been asked to tighten their belts and eliminate all unnecessary expenses.

Tax Cuts

- Proposed half a percent reduction in property taxes
- Continue to work with municipalities to keep the Tax Formula the same
- Continue to fund the **Small Communities Grant Fund** in the amount of \$150,000

PUBLIC SAFETY is a priority in the coming year. There were 6 states of emergencies since the current County Executive took office in 2017.

There will be a new **Emergency Management Coordinator** to develop action plans and train first responders.

The budget will add 2 emergency dispatchers.

HEROIN EPIDEMIC

- DA – overdose decreased by two thirds over last year
- \$25,000 Grant funds to help grassroots organizations to combat the heroin epidemic

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

We currently have over 4,000 jobs available in Broome County.

Fill jobs by training and attracting new people

- **Opportunity Pilot Program** guarantees employment on completion of a 4 week intensive curriculum. This program will be expanded to put unemployed folks back to work.
- Partnering with the District Attorney – New **Pilot Diversion Program**
- Increase funding for **Chamber of Commerce** and **Welcome Wagon** to attract job seekers in the community
- New **Clean Sweep Program** with the **Department of Social Services** – job opportunities for those receiving benefits

A question was asked regarding finding a new carrier for the **Broome County Greater Binghamton Regional Airport**. Ms. Liu stated that utilization of flights has improved and we are getting closer to attracting new carriers.

Ms. Liu answered a question regarding the funding of fraud abuse. She stated that there is proposed funding to add additional prosecutors to address the fraud abuse.

Supervisor Marinaccio thanked Ms. Liu for her presentation. 5:49

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Supervisor Marinaccio mentioned that the town benefits from the **Traffic Diversion Program**. The Town of Dickinson’s tax bill is only 4% of the total tax bill. Supervisor Marinaccio is proud to say the Town of Dickinson tax rate is the lowest in Broome County.

CHAIR

AOTV MEETING

The **Association of Towns and Villages** includes all the towns and villages in Broome County. The Association meets every month except during the summer. Mayor Richard David was the guest speaker at the September meeting and he talked about the **Joint Sewage Treatment Plant**.

COMMUNICATIONS TOWER

A 190 foot communications tower will be built in **Ely Park**. Supervisor Marinaccio and Public Works Commissioner Kie have a visit scheduled for Wednesday morning with the **Communications Director** to take a look at the site plan. The Supervisor will share the information with the board next Tuesday.

SUNRISE TERRACE OFFICERS

A meeting with the **STA Officers** is scheduled for October 16th at 5:30 pm to discuss the possible transfer of the **Sunrise Terrace Community Center** building to the Town. Councilman Morabito, Councilwoman Exley, Public Works Commissioner Kie, Attorney Blaise and Supervisor Marinaccio will be attending.

ATTORNEY

PROSPECT TERRACE FIRE COMPANY CONTRACT FOR 2019-2023

Attorney Blaise stated that after having the Public Hearing, everything appears to be in order to proceed with the renewal of the **Prospect Terrace Fire Company** Contract for 2019-2023. We will have a resolution next week to approve the contract and the Supervisor sign it.

TERRACE DRIVE SEWER AGREEMENT

Attorney Blaise stated that the Terrace Drive sewer agreement has been signed by Ms. O’Donovich. We will have a resolution to approve it next week. The full cost of the installation will be paid on a monthly basis as a 5 year payback. If the property is sold outside of the family, the outstanding balance shall be paid at closing. Resolution to approve next week.

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TEMPORARY SIGN CODE REVISIONS

Attorney Blaise presented an updated version of the **Temporary Sign Code** for the board members to review. This version incorporates changes discussed over the past month or two. Next week we will schedule a Public Hearing for November and submit a **239 Review**. Attorney Blaise asked the board members to bring comments or questions to next week's meeting and we can make those changes.

WATER AGREEMENTS WITH JC AND THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Attorney Blaise stated that it would be beneficial to synchronize our water billing cycles with Johnson City and the City of Binghamton. The City of Binghamton attorney has asked Attorney Blaise how old agreements would impact us now. The City is researching their records. Attorney Blaise asked Clerk Cerretani to research town records for old water agreements with the City of Binghamton predating water consolidation.

SNOW PARKING ENFORCEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Attorney Blaise stated that there are certain streets that the town shares with the City of Binghamton that the town plows. The town and city's regulations differ. We drafted an agreement that would deputize Public Works Commissioner Kie to write tickets both in the Town of Dickinson and in the City of Binghamton. The City Charter has a provision for that. The City attorney has advised Attorney Blaise that it will be placed on the City Council board meeting schedule this month.

The Coughlin & Gerhart 37th annual Labor and Employment Update Seminar to be held on October 17th at the Doubletree on Water Street. Registration is at 7:30 am.

Attorney Blaise informed the board that New York State passed a law that requires all municipalities have a sexual harassment policy in place by the middle of October. Training requirements by early next year. Training seminars will be scheduled.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that he had the privilege to attend an excellent Southern Tier Regional forum at **BCC** on Tuesday with various area leaders.
- Mr. Kie reported that he hasn't heard anything regarding the budget for salt for the upcoming season. The State has not awarded the bid as of yet.
- Mr. Kie reported that the trucks are ready for leaf pickup.
- Public Works crews will be picking up brush until Veterans' Day.

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CODE ENFORCEMENT

Nothing to report

Attorney Blaise reported that the Town of Dickinson was well represented at the Coughlin & Gerhart Zoning and Planning Seminar last week.

On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned by motion from Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 6:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani
Town Clerk