

May 7, 2018 – 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, May 7, 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
Sharon M. Exley, Councilwoman
Danny F. Morabito, Councilman
Thomas J. Burns, Councilman

Also attending:

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

Also in attendance: Code Enforcement Officer Stephen Rafferty, Town Engineer Ron Lake, Zoning Board Chair Jeanne Compton, Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, Administrative Assistant Beverly Wike, Planning Board Chair David Wasser, and 1 member of the general public, Deputy Town Clerk Karen O’Neil.

THOMAS PUDISH WAS NOT AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS THE TOWN BOARD ON BEHALF OF PROSPECT TERRACE FIRE COMPANY AT THIS TIME.

CHAIR

2018 NEWSLETTER

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that he has received positive feedback from residents regarding our newsletter.

AOTV MEETING

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that the April 26, 2018 **AOTV** meeting went well. The 2018 officers were given the **Oath of Office** by Supreme Court Judge Ferris Lebous. Sheriff Harder and Sergeant Sam Davis discussed school safety and the various measures that are being done to protect students while they are in class. The next **AOTV** meeting is May 24, guest speaker is **Land Bank** Executive Director Margaret Scarinzi.

MUNICIPAL CLEANUP DAY

Municipal Cleanup Day will be held Saturday, May 19th from 8am to 3pm at the Town Highway Garage.

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SUNRISE TERRACE ASSOCIATION

Supervisor Marinaccio reported that an information meeting was held at the Town Hall by **Sunrise Terrace** board members and the turn-out was very good. Supervisor Marinaccio has been meeting with Kathy Groover to come up with ideas for grants and solicitation of businesses and foundations. Supervisor Marinaccio stated that a small cities grant was just completed and turned into the county today. Immediately after it was turned in, Supervisor Marinaccio received a phone call from the Broome County Executive's office requesting a meeting.

ST. STAN'S CHURCH PROPERTY

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that **St. Stan's Church** property has been purchased by another church. Mr. Marinaccio had a brief discussion with the pastor and one of his assistants. They are in the process of cleaning and remodeling the church. The school was also purchased by this group and renovations will also take place there.

ACHIEVE

Supervisor Marinaccio attended the ground breaking for their newest project of converting the workshop at the Front Street **Achieve** building to an **Adult Social Program**.

NYSEG CONTRACTORS TREE TRIMMING

Supervisor Marinaccio continues to receive complaints regarding the way **NYSEG** contractors trim trees. Mr. Marinaccio stated that he will be sending a letter along with pictures to **NYSEG** demonstrating the way trees are trimmed and the horrible way the trees look after trimming.

ATTORNEY

NOTICE OF CLAIM RECEIVED FOR SEWER BACKUP ON THOMAS ROAD

A sewer backup notice of claim was received by the town for a property on Thomas Road. It is not the Town of Dickinson's line; the City of Binghamton is responsible for the sewer line for this property. Ms. Wike and Mr. Kie have made several attempts to contact **NYMIR** and they have not returned the phone calls. Attorney Blaise stated that **NYMIR** should take over handling the claim. Supervisor Marinaccio will contact the Executive Director of **NYMIR**.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Public Works Commissioner Kie stated that they are finishing up the sewer project on Ferndale Drive and are connecting to the side streets. Mr. Kie stated that they will let it sit and settle for a year's time before paving. Mr. Kie has a call in to **NYSEG** - some of the gas lines may still be steel and will need to be replaced.

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DEPUTY CLERK O/B/O DOG CONTROL OFFICER STARLEY INCREASE FEES FOR DELINQUENT DOG LICENSES

Deputy Town Clerk Karen O’Neil asked for the Board’s approval to increase the delinquent dog late license fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00 to cover the cost of postage and mailings and labor. Surrounding towns – Fenton, Chenango and Whitney Point charge a \$10.00 late fee. The dog owners are provided ample time and opportunity to pay for their dog licenses – an initial postcard is mailed out 2 months in advance of the due date, if not received by the due date a follow up delinquent postcard is mailed, if not resolved at that stage a letter is mailed to the dog owner informing them that if not paid an appearance ticket will be issued. Ms. O’Neil stated that there are probably 50-60 late fees assessed per year and there are always several chronic offenders. Ms. O’Neil commented that an increase in the late fee may discourage this behavior. Attorney Blaise counseled that the fees are set by resolution. A resolution will be put on the agenda for next week’s meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Officer Rafferty contacted **Broome Legal Aid** regarding a property on Pulaski Street that is chronically in violation of code to be put on the “DO NOT RENT’ list which keeps people on social services from renting the property.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARDS

Nothing to report.

On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned into Executive Session at 5:56 pm to discuss possible litigation.

On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned by motion from Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani
Town Clerk