

**January 14, 2019– 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, January 14, 2019 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  
Susan M. Cerretani, Town Clerk  
Code Enforcement Officer Stephen Rafferty, Town Engineer Ron Lake,  
Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, Zoning Board Chair Jeanne  
Compton, Planning Board Chair and Town Historian David Wasser,  
Broome County Legislator Rick Balles, and 2 members of the general  
public.**

**CHAIR**

**2018 Review  
Submitted by Michael Marinaccio**

As I stated during the Oath of Office ceremony on January 1, team work and communication are the key ingredients for any municipality to be successful in all of its departments.

Our Town sets a great example of that and for over two decades, we remain strong and vibrant.

I want to once again thank all of our elected and appointed officials for their hard work and dedication to the Town of Dickinson.

I am not going to go over all of the resolutions that we have passed or all of the actions we have taken that serve our constituents and legal base in the most effective and pro-active manner possible. Everyone who pays attention to the work that we do understands how important it is to continue to work together and to serve our constituents in the most cost effective and pro-active manner possible.

I am looking forward to working with all of you, our county and state governments, and anyone else that will provide our town with financial stability, a safe environment, enhanced quality of life and a willingness to provide the best services possible to our constituency.

Thank you again for your service and dedication to the Town of Dickinson.

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**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

**SUPERVISOR’S MONTHLY REPORT  
January, 2019**

1. Supervisor Marinaccio reviewed the charges on the town credit card accounts and found no issues.
2. The **Sunrise Terrace Association** officers, together with the Town Board Members, Town Highway Superintendent, Town Clerk, Town Attorney and other officers of the town, held an information meeting at the Town Hall regarding the future of the **Sunrise Terrace Association Community Center**. Approximately 30 residents were in attendance. The discussion focused on the town taking ownership of the Center. There seemed to be no opposition with many voicing their appreciation of the town doing so. The Association officers will be sending out another notice to the membership with their final and official approval to transfer the Community Center to the Town.
3. Supervisor Marinaccio had a brief discussion with **BOCES** Superintendent Allen Buyck informing me that the **Glenwood Road Administration Project** is officially cancelled. He will be getting back to us with plans for that property.

\*Attorney Blaise stressed that we need a notice of termination from **BOCES**.

4. Supervisor Marinaccio received a letter from the **State of New York Unified Court System** that we need to once again have an audit performed on the court’s records and dockets. Once complete, the Town Board will review the audit and enter the review and any remarks into our meeting minutes. This will be for our fiscal year ending December 31, 2018. We completed an audit in 2017 as requested. This is an annual requirement by the **Unified Court**. We contacted our auditor and we will plan on doing the audit by the 1<sup>st</sup> of March.
5. Just a reminder that the property tax collection for our town is scheduled as follows:  
January: Each Wednesday, 9 AM to 3 PM, except Holidays (no penalty)  
February: Thursday, February 28, 10 AM to 3 PM ( 1% penalty)  
March: Monday, April 1, 10 AM to 3 PM, (2% penalty plus \$1)  
Tax help: 607-778-2169
6. We will be applying for a grant through the **Small Community Fund** to assist in the repairs of the **Sunrise Terrace Community Center**.

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7. Supervisor Marinaccio is asking all department heads, including the Court, Planning and Zoning, Town Clerk, Town Highway, Historian, Attorney, Dog Control, Assessor, Code Enforcement, including Town Board members and anyone else who would like to place an article in our 2019 Town newsletter to submit your articles as soon as possible.
8. The next **Association of Towns & Villages** dinner meeting will take place on Thursday, January 24, 6:30 PM at the **Spot Restaurant**. This is a very important meeting. The 2019 officers will take the Oath: Greg Deemie, President, Mike Marinaccio, Vice-President, Steve Gardner, Treasurer, Vicky Conklin, Secretary. Guest speaker is County Executive Jason Garnar, and we will be honoring former Town of Binghamton Supervisor, Tim Whitesell for his many years of dedication to our Association.
9. The **Prospect Terrace Fire Company Annual Oath of Office** is scheduled for Saturday, February 23, around 6 PM at the fire station. As always, Supervisor Marinaccio will introduce our town officials who are in attendance. Mr. Marinaccio will administer the Oath to the Officers and Board members of the Fire Station and give a brief State of the Town. Senator Akshar and Assemblyman Crouch have been invited. Supervisor Marinaccio needs your RSVP's as soon as possible.
10. Councilman Gardner and Supervisor Marinaccio will be attending the 2019 **New York Association of Towns Annual Training School** that will take place in New York City in February.

### **Code Violations Report:**

1. Sowden Street - step and railing found to be unsafe and needs to be repaired.
2. 34 Rogers Mountain Way - several vehicles openly stored and not licensed
3. 700 Old Front Street - rear of property not properly maintained, many fixtures openly stored.
4. 36 Rogers Mountain Way - several vehicles openly stored and not licensed
5. 66 Sowden Street - Appearance ticket issued, violation of property maintenance codes, various debris at curb, site was to be cleaned by Sept., 2018, and violation still exists.
6. 45 Pulaski Street - Appearance ticket issued, violation of property maintenance codes, tall weeds and brush, wild life nesting in the brush. Violations were to be corrected by November 22, 2018 but upon inspection violations still exist.

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**Dog Control Reports**

The Dog Control Officer report for December for both the town and village has been submitted. Calls for action totaled 6. Stray dog, dog running loose, stray dog near the movie theater, stray dog at the Community Center, stray dog on Glenwood Rd.

**NYSEG Warning Letter:**

No warning letters issued to property owners by NYSEG this month

**Next Meeting**

Next Board meeting will be on Monday, February 4, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

• **PUBLIC WORKS**

- Councilman Gardner had nothing to report.

• **FINANCE**

- **TOWN CLERK MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Councilman Morabito made a motion to accept the **December, 2018 Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Clerk** in the amount of **\$1,456.93**, seconded by Councilman Burns. 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 **November, 2018** in the amount of **\$41,890.00**. On a motion of Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Gardner. State -\$34,137.00 County - \$445.00 Town - \$7,120.00 Other - \$188.00 All in favor.

- **ABSTRACTS FOR APPROVAL**

On Motion from Councilman Morabito, seconded by Councilwoman Exley to approve **abstract # 13** dated **December 31, 2018** in the amount of **\$83,485.17**.

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.

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**Abstract Summary of Audited Vouchers for Funds respectively in the amount(s) of \$83,485.17.**

**Voucher #13 for December 31, 2018 year in the amount of \$83,485.17:**

<b><u>General Fund</u></b>	<b><u>\$49,475.21</u></b>
<b><u>Part Town</u></b>	<b><u>\$68.79</u></b>
<b><u>Highway</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,691.17</u></b>
<b><u>Fire Districts</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>
<b><u>Light Districts</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,376.12</u></b>
<b><u>Sewer Operating Dist.</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,144.46</u></b>
<b><u>Water Operating Dist.</u></b>	<b><u>\$21,729.42</u></b>

On Motion from Councilman Morabito, seconded by Councilwoman Exley to approve **abstract # 1** dated **January 14, 2019** in the amount of **\$138,623.03**.

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 \$138,623.03.**

**Voucher #1 for January 14, 2019 year in the amount of \$138,623.03:**

<b><u>General Fund</u></b>	<b><u>\$75,415.23</u></b>
<b><u>Part Town</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,720.00</u></b>
<b><u>Highway</u></b>	<b><u>\$42,060.24</u></b>
<b><u>Fire Districts</u></b>	<b><u>\$12,796.00</u></b>
<b><u>Light Districts</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,086.58</u></b>
<b><u>Sewer Operating Dist.</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,885.84</u></b>
<b><u>Water Operating Dist.</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,659.14</u></b>

- **PERSONNEL**
  - Nothing to report.
  
- **PLANNING**
  - Chairman Wasser reported that there will be a Planning Board meeting Monday, January 21st at 6 pm.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Councilman Morabito seconded by Councilman Burns to approve the **December 3, 2018 Work Session Minutes and the December 10, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes**. All in favor.

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

**ATTORNEY**

**RESOLUTION: ADOPTING THE 2019 ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION 2019-1**

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

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

**RESOLUTION: ADOPTING THE 2019 ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTION**

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

All in favor. Copy on file.

**RESOLUTION: SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON REPUBLIC STREET, ROSEDALE DRIVE AND PLEASANT COURT.**

**RESOLUTION 2019-2**

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

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

**RESOLUTION: SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON REPUBLIC STREET, ROSEDALE DRIVE, AND PLEASANT COURT FOR FEBRUARY 4, 2019 AT 5:30 PM.**

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

All in favor

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**PUBLIC WORKS**

Nothing to report.

**ZONING**

Nothing to report

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Code Enforcement Officer Rafferty stated that he is working on the annual reports requested by the Broome County Department of Planning and Economic Development.

**HISTORIAN**

Town Historian Wasser reported that he was contacted by **Broome County Historian** Gerald Smith. Mr. Smith has a Town of Dickinson historical marker of the **First Court**. The marker has a depiction of an elm tree as appears on our town logo. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Wasser if the town wanted it and Mr. Wasser responded that the town would like the marker for historical purposes.

Supervisor Marinaccio recognized newly elected County Legislator Rick Balles in attendance and thanked him for coming to the board meeting. Mr. Balles has been assigned to the Broome County Economic Development and Public Works Committees. Councilman Burns congratulated Mr. Balles on his election victory and thanked him for his attendance at tonight's meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Resident Jim Love mentioned that **Starbuck's** sign is in violation of agreement. It is lighted all night long and is only supposed to be illuminated during business hours.

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani  
Town Clerk