

March 11, 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, March 11, 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 (arrived at 6:28 PM)

Also in attendance:

Angelo Catalano, Esq. o/b/o 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, Administrative Assistant Beverly
Wike, Zoning Board Chair Jeanne Compton, Town Justice Kathleen
Groover and 3 members of the general public.

2019 STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS

Supervisor Marinaccio welcomed guest speaker Sara Liu, Broome County Director of Employment and Training to present the 2019 State of the County Address on behalf of Broome County Executive Jason Garner.

The 2019 theme of The County Address is the **Power of Partnerships**. Ms. Liu outlined several key projects, accomplishments and issues:

- Projects:
 - **Ansko Lofts** are being transformed into housing and commercial space. The former **EJ Factory** on North Page Ave will become **National Pipe and Plastics** offices.
 - **Century Sunrise**
 - **50 Front Street**, Binghamton
 - **Old Endicott Inn**
- The local economy is improving. The budget has included a tax cut for the first time in 14 years.
- The County is working with the **Chamber of Commerce** on a ‘buy locally’ campaign to increase sales tax revenue.
- Unemployment has been cut in half over the last 8 years
- A key priority is to fill 4,000 available jobs.
- Six-week employment training program – 100 participants
- Airport – **Fly Bing** program

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- **Veteran Services** will be relocating to the former **Vestal Hills Country Club** on Webb Road in the Town of Binghamton. The facility will serve as an access point for the **Veterans Service Agency, Department of Veterans Affairs, Clear Path for Veterans Inc., and Southern Tier Veterans Support Group, CCE – Gardening Workshops**
- A new public safety radio communications network was approved by the Broome County Legislature; a 20-million-dollar project creating a network for police, fire and dispatch to effectively communicate.
- Heroin epidemic – fatal overdoses down 50%
- Addiction Center – satellite location in Endicott
- **BOCES** opened **Compass Academy** – the first hybrid recovery high school program in New York State
- **Safe Housing** pilot “**Jumpstart JC**” partnering the County with **The Agency**
- Local average sale prices for homes has gone up 6.4% and the number of homes sold up 7.5%

In closing, Ms. Liu stated that you see what happens when we all work together winning at fighting the heroin epidemic, helping more people get jobs, rebuilding county finances, helping veterans, and together every day making Broome County a better place to live.

Supervisor Marinaccio thanked Ms. Liu for her presentation. 6:07 PM

CHAIR

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

SUPERVISOR’S MONTHLY REPORT March 11, 2019

1. I reviewed the charges on our town credit card accounts for February and found no issues. Just a reminder that the property tax collection for our town is scheduled as follows:
March - Monday, April 1, 10 AM to 3 PM (2% penalty plus \$1)
Tax help.....607-778-2169
2. The 2019 Town newsletter has been completed in its draft form and is ready to go to the printer.

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SUPERVISOR'S REPORT CONTINUED:

3. The next Association of Towns & Villages dinner meeting will take place on Thursday, March 28, 6:30 pm, at the **Riverdale** on Watkins Blvd. Guest speaker will be Douglas Garnar speaking about “A House Divided: How we get the political system that we want.”
4. The **Prospect Terrace Fire Company** Annual Oath of Office and the Annual State of the Town Address went very well. The event took place on Saturday, February 23. Assemblyman Crouch also attended and gave a brief talk on the **NY State Budget** and other issues.
5. It appears that the **AIM Funding** that was originally cut for our municipalities, will be restored, hopefully without any attachments.
6. The home at 18 Pleasant Court is now owned by the bank that holds the mortgage and has been turned over to **Exit Reality**. Presently, work is being done on various areas of the home to make it presentable for sale.
7. The home located at 127 Adams Drive will be auctioned off on Wednesday, March 13, starting at 11 AM.
8. After several phone calls to **DASNY**, I was informed that our \$50,000 grant has passed their review and is now in the hands of the NY Senate Finance Committee. This next review could take several months but I have asked Senator Akshar to see if he can expedite the grant so that we can begin to install the automatic doors for the Town Hall and the Information Sign. We will receive reimbursement for the retainer wall that was installed over a year ago and was part of the grant application.
9. I attended the State of the City Address held on February 27.
10. The 2019 Association of Towns Training School had excellent programs and classes. The classes covered every town operation and related items and issues that we face each and every day: State Audits, Budgeting, abandoned properties, Code Enforcement, Highways & Infrastructure, Town Clerk Operations, and so much more. All 19 Proposed Legislative Resolutions were passed at the business meeting with no negative votes for any of the resolutions including allowing towns to create an Occupancy Tax on hotels and motels.
11. **MEGA** Phone Conference: Steve and I are planning to participate in one of the scheduled Phone conferences that **MEGA** is conducting. A presentation of the **CCA RFP** responses and discussion of our recommended price, term and supplier. For your convenience we have multiple webinars: **Tuesday, March 12th**, 5:30pm or 7:30pm. **Wednesday, March 13th**, 8am or Noon or 3pm.

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SUPERVISOR’S REPORT CONTINUED:

Code Violations Report:

1. 45 Pulaski, bank in back yard is not picked up, Various trees and weeds not picked up.
2. 162 Bigelow, couch at curb, mattress at side of garage
3. 212 Bevier St., doors and various construction debris around property
4. 217 Bevier, various car parts in yard, car seats, etc.
5. 557 Old Front St., property maintenance, pallet stored in front yard.

Dog Control Reports

I received a letter from the NYS Agriculture and Markets, indicating that the **Broome County Dog Shelter** passed inspection without any problems noted.

The Dog Control Officer report for February for both the town and village has been submitted. Calles for action totaled 1.

NYSEG Warning Letter: No warning letters issued

Next Meeting: Next Board meeting will be on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 5:30 pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor Marinaccio opened the meeting to public comments.
None being heard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• **PUBLIC WORKS**

- Councilman Gardner reported that there is material in the Public Works yard ready for installation on the Old State Street project.
- Mr. Gardner and Public Works Commissioner Kie have been doing inventory on the town trucks and noted that there are maintenance issues that need to be addressed. Winter has taken a toll on the equipment.

• **FINANCE**

○ **TOWN COURT MONTHLY REPORT**

Councilman Morabito made a motion to accept the **January 2019 Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Court in the amount of \$44,897.50**. On a motion by Councilman Morabito seconded by Councilman Gardner. All in favor.

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- **TOWN CLERK MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**
Councilman Morabito made a motion to accept the **February 2019 Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Clerk in the amount of \$1,322.49**. On a motion by Councilman Morabito seconded by Councilwoman Exley. All in favor.
- **ABSTRACTS FOR APPROVAL**

On Motion from Councilman Morabito, seconded by Councilman Gardner to approve **abstract # 3**, dated **March 11, 2019** in the amount of **\$117,668.66**. Vote Ayes- 4, Nays-0, Absent-1.

Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye
Councilman Gardner voting Aye
Councilwoman Exley voting Aye
Councilman Morabito voting Aye
Councilman Burns voting Absent

Unanimously passed and noted as duly adopted.

Abstract Summary of Audited Vouchers for Funds respectively in the amount(s) of \$117,668.66.

Voucher #3 for March 11, 2019 year in the amount of \$117,668.66.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$53,696.66</u>
<u>Part Town</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Highway</u>	<u>\$34,728.43</u>
<u>Fire districts</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Light Districts</u>	<u>\$4,752.56</u>
<u>Sewer Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$8,407.23</u>
<u>Water Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$16,083.78</u>

- **PERSONNEL**
 - Councilwoman Exley stated she is in receipt of a letter from Jill Bodie, one of our full time Court Clerks who will be retiring effective May 4th, 2019. Jill's last day of work will be May 3, 2019. Supervisor Marinaccio extended congratulations to Ms. Bodie.
- **PLANNING**
 - Next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2019 at 6 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman Gardner seconded by Councilwoman Exley to approve the **Work Session Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2019 and Regular Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2019**. All in favor.

Vote- Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1.

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ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING RON RUFFO TO BAR

RESOLUTION 2019 - 6

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: RE-APPOINTING RON RUFFO TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

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 –4, Nays – 0, Absent-1.

Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye
Councilman Gardner voting Aye
Councilwoman Exley voting Aye
Councilman Morabito voting Aye
Councilman Burns voting Absent

All in favor

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUNRISE TERRACE BUILDING TRANSFER TO THE TOWN

RESOLUTION 2019 - 7

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

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

RESOLUTION: APPROVING THE SUNRISE TERRACE BUILDING TRANSFER TO THE TOWN AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE LEGAL DOCUMENTS TO COMPLETE THE TRANSFER.

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 –4, Nays – 0, Absent-1.

Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye
Councilman Gardner voting Aye
Councilwoman Exley voting Aye
Councilman Morabito voting Aye
Councilman Burns voting Absent

All in favor

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RESOLUTION RESCHEDULING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR MARKET STREET STOP INTERSECTION

RESOLUTION 2019 - 8

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

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

RESOLUTION: RESCHEDULING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR MARKET STREET STOP INTERSECTION FOR APRIL 1, 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 –4, Nays – 0, Absent-1.

Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye
Councilman Gardner voting Aye
Councilwoman Exley voting Aye
Councilman Morabito voting Aye
Councilman Burns voting Absent

All in favor

STATUS: NORTH ELY STREET SPUR

Attorney Catalano stated that Public Works Commissioner Kie is checking into the status of the North Ely Street spur. There are two property owners and are now prepared to transfer the deed over to the town. Once transfer is made, the easement will no longer be needed. The town would be taking over ownership of the road.

Public Works Commissioner Kie stated that the next step in the process is to survey the property for the deeds.

PUBLIC WORKS – WATER & HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- Public Works Commissioner Kie reported has concerns over a sewer line on Clifton Ave. that dates back to the 1970's made of clay tile with lines that run along the edge of the road.
- Mr. Kie stated that information will be gathered in developing the Sidewalk District along Front Street. He will create a spreadsheet detailing property owners' addresses and frontage footages.

6:28 Councilman Burns arrived

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Code Enforcement Rafferty stated that he had a discussion with the Starbuck's plaza owner who is considering renting/leasing a portion of the building to a national car rental company. He also has two other prospective tenants for the plaza – a tanning salon and a Thai restaurant.

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ZONING

Code Enforcement Officer Rafferty received an inquiry regarding the zoning classification of the Laskowski Funeral Home on Prospect Street. The gentleman is interested in purchasing the property and would like to turn it into a pool hall/pub. Mr. Rafferty stated that it is zoned R-2 and the Town Board can't legally rezone one lot. He would have to apply for a zoning change.

Councilwoman Exley will be helping to facilitate an **Age Friendly** focus group meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 19 from 10-11am at **UHS Stay Healthy Center** at the **Oakdale Mall**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Councilman Gardner and seconded by Councilman Burns at 6:45 PM to enter into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation.

Executive session adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani
Town Clerk