

May 13, 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, May 13, 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

Absent:

Thomas J. Burns, Councilman

Also attending:

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, Planning Board Chair and Town Historian David Wasser, Zoning
Board Chair Jeanne Compton and 4 members of the general public.

CHAIR

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

May 2019

1. I reviewed the charges on our Town Credit Card accounts for April and found no issues.
2. The next **Association of Towns & Villages** dinner meeting will take place on June 13th at the **SPOT** Diner. The speaker will be the new Executive Director of **The Agency** Stacey Duncan.
3. I forwarded information sheets to the town board and others to be used if and when you may receive calls from constituents regarding **MEGA**.
4. I was notified by **SUNY Broome** that the truck that we requested to be donated to the town will be granted soon. This truck will be used for spare parts on similar town trucks.
5. I attended the Annual Breakfast Meeting for **The Agency** on May 7. The event was well attended. Following the updates/progress report, Kevin McLaughlin, **The Agency** Executive Director, was honored and will be retiring this month. Stacey

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Duncan will then become the Executive Director. During the presentation, energy storage was mentioned as a new initiative being developed in our area. I mentioned to Stacey that we were approached by a company to develop a battery storage facility. She would meet for further discussion since this is a relatively new development in our area.

6. As I mentioned at the Work Session, The **Annual Color Run** will return to our area this year. The date is July 14, starting in the morning and will take place at the **SUNY Broome Campus**. The walk/run route remains the same as in previous years. I submitted the **NYS Dept. of Transportation** permit on Thursday, May 8 along with the **Broome County Sheriff's** plan.
7. The **Sunrise Terrace Association** sent out a newsletter recently informing the residents of the transfer of their building to the town. They also announced that the association will remain intact and listed some various events that will be taking place with locations to be announced.
8. Joel and I will attend a conference at **Ithaca College** discussing the relationships between the town supervisor and the highway supervisor and how they impact town operations.
9. There was an interesting article recently in the **Press & Sun Guest Viewpoint** written by **Citizens for Broome** illustrating their deep concerns about wind projects in the Towns of Windsor and Sanford. It was in opposition to the windmills and their close proximity to residential area and schools.
10. I will be in Albany on Wednesday and Thursday attending the **NYS Association of Towns Annual Board of Directors** organization meeting.
11. I attended the Broome County Economic hearings last week. This committee oversees the **Small Cities Grants** applications and our request for funds for the **Sunrise Terrace** Building on the agenda. After answering a few questions, I am pleased to announce that the committee voted unanimously to approve our request for \$30K. This now goes to the full legislature on May 16 for final approval.
12. There is going to be a meeting on Tuesday at 10 AM with Terry from **NYSERDA**. **Battery Storage Project** information will be discussed.

Code Violations Report: (repeat offenders?)

1. 62 Sowden, large amounts of garbage on front porch
2. 513 Old Front St., white cube truck not permitted.
3. 515 Old Front St., several unlicensed vehicles openly stored.
4. 290 L. Stella Ireland Rd., rugs and furniture at curb, not picked up

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Dog Control Reports

The Dog Control Officer report for April for both the town and village has been submitted. 5 calls were addressed. Rabid skunk, stray dogs on Chenango St., L. Stella, Glenwood Rd.

NYSEG Warning Letter: No NYSEG warnings issued

Next Meeting: The next Board meeting will be on Monday, June 3, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor Marinaccio opened the meeting to public comments.

A resident asked who mows the Sunrise Terrace Little League Field and the grass around the Sunrise Terrace Building. Supervisor Marinaccio replied that the Town Highway crew maintains the grounds. This resident also asked about the **LED** sign located on the **SUNY Broome** Campus. It has been removed and a newer updated sign is going to be installed. The resident hopes that landscaping is installed around the sign as before.

A resident complained that motorists are not stopping at the stop sign located at the intersection of Terrace Drive and Rosedale Drive. Supervisor Marinaccio stated that the Sheriff's Department regularly monitors that intersection and has given out tickets to offenders.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• **PUBLIC WORKS**

- Councilman Gardner reported that the Old State Road water/sewer project is just about complete.
- Councilman Gardner reported that we will ask for authorization to trade in the John Deere front loader that we purchased 3 years ago for a brand-new vehicle which will be warranted for 3 years. Resolution to follow.

• **FINANCE**

○ **SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT**

Councilman Morabito made a motion to accept the **March 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 **March** in the amount of **\$54,811**.

Distribution:

State: \$43,467.00

County: \$475.00

Town: \$10,617.00

Other: \$252.00

On 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 **April Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Clerk in the amount of \$1,450.32**. On a motion by Councilman Morabito seconded by Councilwoman Exley. All in favor.

Town Clerk's Report	
April 2019 in the amount of \$2,229.14	
<u>NYSDOH</u>	<u>\$22.50</u>
<u>NYS Ag & Markets spay/Neuter program</u>	<u>\$59.00</u>
<u>Supervisor Town of Dickinson</u>	<u>\$1,450.32</u>

ABSTRACTS FOR APPROVAL

On Motion from Councilman Morabito, seconded by Councilman Morabito to approve **abstract # 5**, dated **May 13, 2019** in the amount of **\$524,041.70**. 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 Absent

Unanimously passed and noted as duly adopted.

Abstract Summary of Audited Vouchers for Funds respectively in the amount(s) of \$524,041.70.

Voucher #5 for May 2019 year in the amount of \$524,041.70:

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$71,613.24</u>
<u>Part Town</u>	<u>\$76.00</u>
<u>Highway</u>	<u>\$29,667.89</u>
<u>Fire districts</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Light Districts</u>	<u>\$5,510.89</u>
<u>Sewer Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$227,207.51</u>
<u>Water Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$189,966.17</u>

● **PERSONNEL**

Councilwoman Exley stated that the part time court clerk position will be filled by Lisa Hvatur. Ms. Hvatur comes to the court as a retired Binghamton University employee. Her start date will be May 16th. We have a resolution to approve her appointment and a resolution to upgrade the court clerk salaries.

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PLANNING

- Planning Chair Dave Wasser reported that the next Planning Board meeting will be Monday, May 20th at 6 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilwoman Exley seconded by Councilman Gardner to approve the **April 1, 2019 Work Session minutes and the April 8, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes**. All in favor. Vote-4 Ayes, Nays-0, Absent-1.

ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION 2019-11

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 PAYMENT AGREEMENT FOR SEWER LATERAL FOR MR. AND MRS. KRISTAN HARSH, 117 ADAMS DRIVE AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN.

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. Copy of agreement on file.

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

All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2019-12

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Gardner, 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: APPROVING THE HIRING OF LISA HVATUR FOR THE POSITION OF PART TIME COURT CLERK ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE JUDGES AND SET THE SALARY/RATE.

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 Absent

All in favor.

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RESOLUTION 2019-13

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: APPROVING THE SALARY/RATES FOR THE COURT CLERKS. KENDRA IANNONE AT \$40,000/YEAR, CATHY BOBOURKA AT \$18.00 /HR., AND LISA HVATUR AT \$17.50/HR.

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 Absent

All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2019-14

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 PURCHASE OF A 2019 JOHN DEERE 444K LOADER FOR THE SUM OF \$8,785.59.

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 Absent

All in favor.

NORTH ELY STREET DEED

Attorney Catalano stated that the North Ely Street deed is being worked on by his colleague Attorney Keegan Coughlin and should be completed within two to three weeks.

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PUBLIC WORKS – WATER & HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- Public Works Commissioner Kie stated that Municipal Clean Up Day will be held on Saturday, May 18th from 8 am – 3 pm at the Town Highway Garage.
- Public Works Commissioner Kie asked for the Board’s approval to purchase a 2019 John Deere front loader.
- Mr. Kie stated that the Market Street Stop sign is in place and covered. All of the signage is now up to date.
- Mr. Kie presented a draft letter to be mailed to the Clifton Ave. residents regarding their deteriorating sewer system. After review by the board members, it was decided that a response from the residents to the letter is needed by June 1st and to include in the letter a ballpark figure regarding the cost of the upgrades to the system.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

Zoning Board Chair Jeanne Compton reported that she has received a request for an extension of a deck.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

nothing to report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

none

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Gardner at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani
Town Clerk