

December 9, 2019 - Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting

The Work Session/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, December 9, 2019 in the Town Hall, 531 Old Front St., Binghamton, NY. This meeting was a combined meeting due to the cancellation of the December 2, 2019 Work Session due to weather conditions.

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:

Angelo Catalano, Esq., Town Attorney
Susan M. Cerretani, Town Clerk
Code Enforcement Officer Stephen Rafferty, Public Works Commissioner
Joel Kie, Planning Board Chair David Wasser, and 2 members of the general public.

SELF HELP BID OPENING

The Self Help bid was opened by Town Clerk Cerretani. The apparent low bidder was **R. DeVincentis Construction, Inc.** in the amount of \$1,111.00.

CHAIR

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

December 2019

1. I received correspondence from Lauren Kelly, representative of **Charter Communications**, informing me that she is waiting for a report that would give Charter an idea of much change there would be in subscriber bills with our request for a 1% increase in the franchise fee. Presently we get a 3% fee per subscriber which equates to approximately \$4.00 per billing depending on what programs are subscribed to.
2. I reviewed the monthly **NBT** credit card statement and no concerns were noted.
3. The next **Broome County Association of Towns & Villages** will be held on Thursday, December 19, starting at 6:30 PM at the Riverdale. There is no guest speaker and we will vote for the 2020 slate of officers: John Schaffer, President, Mike Marinaccio, Vice President, Steve Gardner, Treasurer and Sue Messina, Secretary.

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4. The November 21 **Association of Towns & Villages** meeting was well attended and our guest speaker, Joel Kie, did a great job discussing the challenges of municipal highway departments and the great work and advocacy that they do through the Local and Statewide **Highway Superintendents Association**.

5. The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the demolition of the **Sunrise Terrace Association** Building has been posted in the newspaper. I want to thank our attorney Angelo Catalano, Joel Kie, Ron Lake and Town Clerk Sue Cerretani for their contribution in getting the RFP ready to go to the **Binghamton Press**.

6. On November 21, Joel Kie and I attended a meeting with representatives from the **NYS Department of Transportation** to discuss the possibility of developing an emergency access out of Sunrise Terrace in the event of the need to evacuate the Terrace if Old Front St./Front St. intersection is blocked during an emergency. Also, in attendance were representatives from the **Sheriff's Department and Emergency Services**. Invited but did not attend: **Town of Chenango Fire Chief, NY State Police, and Binghamton Fire Department Chief**. **NYS DOT** has agreed to review 2 possible emergency access points, one at the end of Old Front that would lead to I-81/I-86 and the other at the end of Adams Drive. Both access points have several challenges. I-86 is a Federal Highway which may prohibit the access point. There was also discussion on getting emergency vehicles coming into this access point if the need arises. Also, traffic control during the use of this access point would be extremely critical due to the highway traffic.

We also discussed the use of the dead-end portion of Adams Drive as an access point. Positives: Traffic control would be minimal, proximity to Emergency services and the Broome County Sheriff's Department. Access to a large parking lot that belongs to **ACHIEVE**. Negatives: close to a Federally protected pond, privately owned land would need to be used/purchased, etc. Steep incline to get to the parking lot. Possible utility lines in and around the access point.

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that he is not in favor of the Adams Drive option for several reasons. Town Clerk Cerretani interjected that it would not be sensible to design an emergency access/evacuation route at the end of Adams Drive. Among others, a possible reason for evacuation could be a flood related issue. It should be noted that Adams Drive is a low-lying street bordering Cutler Pond and located within the floodplain. Mr. Marinaccio agreed that that is a good point.

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We also discussed the use of the walk bridge during the **Speedway** accident. This bridge access to vehicles needs to be controlled by police agencies during an emergency while the bridge is still in use. Vehicles were seen crossing over this bridge during the Speedway accident without traffic control staff on both ends of the bridge.

We have approximately 2 years to come up with an evacuation plan. The likelihood of the **Walk bridge** being torn down once the Front St. bridge and Multi-purpose trail is complete is great.

Another meeting with the **NYS DOT** will take place soon to review their research of the emergency access points.

7. We received a notice from the **NY State Supreme Court** that the **NY State Attorney General** has no objections to the relief requested by us to terminate the **Glenwood Cemetery** trusts and transfer the trust to the Town of Dickinson for use in its general fund.
8. Code Officer Steve Rafferty sent out reminders to **Applebee's, Fairfield Inn, Cracker Barrel and Regal Theaters** that code requires sidewalks in front of their properties to be cleaned and cleared of ice and snow within 24 hours of the end of a snow or ice event.
9. Regarding an unpaid water/sewer bill for the **BAGSAI** ball field complex, both Bev and I have been in contact with the **BAGSAI** Coordinator and the Broome County Executive to have the invoice paid. Evidently, there was an issue with their water service which is being repaired. I was assured by the County Executive that the invoice for \$10,628 would be paid in full before the end of the year.
10. It was brought to my attention that there is a potential crisis in the No On-Duty Ambulances Available for **EMS** calls. This issue will be addressed soon with meetings including all municipalities and the County.

Code Violations Report:

None reported at this time

Dog Control Reports

There was one recorded and investigated call for November: Stray dog captured and sent to the **BC Dog Shelter**

NYSEG Warning Letter:

I did not receive any discontinuation of service letters from **NYSEG**.

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Next Meeting: The next Board meeting will be Monday, January 6, Work Session, 5:30 PM. As a reminder, our January 13, 2020 meeting will be our Annual Reorganization meeting. Regarding committee assignments, I will be sending those assignments to the board members for their review prior to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• **PUBLIC WORKS**

Supervisor Marinaccio commented that the highway crew did a fantastic job clearing the roads from ice and snow during the last storm.

• **FINANCE**

○ **TOWN CLERK MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Councilman Morabito made a motion to accept the **November 2019 Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Clerk** in the amount of **\$1,073.07** seconded by Councilwoman Exley. All in favor.

○ **ABSTRACTS FOR APPROVAL**

On Motion from Councilman Morabito, seconded by Councilman Burns to approve **abstract # 12**, dated **December 9, 2019** in the amount of **\$295,317.61**.

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

All in favor.

Abstract Summary of Audited Vouchers for Funds respectively in the amount(s) of \$295,317.61.

Voucher #12 for December 10, 2019 year in the amount of \$295,317.61:

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$14,419.51</u>
<u>Part Town</u>	<u>\$884.00</u>
<u>Highway</u>	<u>\$14,680.52</u>
<u>Fire Districts</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Light Districts</u>	<u>\$4,121.71</u>
<u>Sewer Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$220,894.31</u>
<u>Water Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$40,317.56</u>

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- **PERSONNEL**
Nothing to report
- **PLANNING**
Chairman Wasser had nothing to report at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman Gardner seconded by Councilwoman Exley to approve the **November 4, 2019 Work Session Minutes and the November 12, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes**. All in favor.
Vote-5 Ayes, Nays-0, Absent-0.

CHAIR

WATER LINE GRANT

The **Water Line Grant** is now in the hands of the Attorney General, then it will go to the State Comptroller. The Grant continues through March 2020. The Grant is for one million dollars.

SUNRISE TERRACE DEMO

Supervisor Marinaccio reported that we are in the process of cleaning out the contents of the Sunrise Terrace Community Center.

2020 ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTION

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that we will discuss the 2020 Organizational Resolution at next month's meeting. He will be notifying council members of their assignments.

AOTV CHRISTMAS MEETING

The **AOTV** Holiday meeting will be held at **The Riverdale** on Thursday, December 19th at 6:30 pm.

ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION #35 WITHDRAWN

ELY STREET SPUR

Attorney Catalano reported on the status of the Ely Street spur. The Town has asked for the easement to include the entire surveyed area. The property owner is asking the easement to only include a portion of the surveyed area.

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PUBLIC WORKS

- Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that the recent power outages and surges affected the generators and the Town office computers battery backup. Mr. Kie recommended that the board members consider replacing the Sunrise Terrace generator. It is 15 years old and runs on diesel fuel. A new generator would switch from diesel to natural gas. The cost to replace the generator would be \$28,100.

On a motion by Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns to declare an emergency with the STA generator which was not a self-created situation.
All in favor.

On a motion by Councilman Gardner and seconded by Councilwoman Exley to approve the purchase of a new generator at a cost of \$28,100 and authorizing Public Works Commissioner Kie to go forward.
All in favor.

- Mr. Kie reported that we will be changing Alarm Companies from **Syracuse Alarm** to **Sentry Alarm** which will result in a \$1,000/year savings for the same service. **Sentry Alarm** is a local company.
As of January 1st, everyone will be assigned their own personal entry number (code) which will be the last four digits of your social security number. We will send reminders to everyone.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Code Enforcement Officer Rafferty reported that Speedway had their final electrical inspection today, fuel lines will be tested tomorrow and will open on Wednesday. The project was completed three weeks early.

SELF HELP

On a motion by Councilman Gardner seconded by Councilman Burns to accept the **Self Help** bid submitted by **R. DeVincentis Construction, Inc.** in the amount of \$1,111.00.
All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani
Town Clerk