

**October 7, 2019 - 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, October 7, 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**

**Danny F. Morabito, Councilman**

**Sharon M. Exley, Councilwoman**

**Absent: Thomas J. Burns, Councilman**

**Also attending:**

**Angelo Catalano, Esq. o/b/o Oliver N. Blaise III, Esq. Attorney for the Town**

**Susan M. Cerretani, Town Clerk**

**Also in attendance:**

**Code Enforcement Officer Stephen Rafferty, Town Engineer Ron Lake,**

**Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, Zoning Board Chair Jeanne Compton**

**and 2 members of the general public.**

**CHAIR**

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

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1. Regarding the accident at the **Speedway Gas Station** on Friday, September 20, one of the contractors was killed in a mishap while working on one of the gasoline storage containers. As soon as I arrived, I talked to various first responders and the **Director of the BC Emergency Services, Mike Ponticiello**. I needed to know if the neighborhood had to be evacuated. I was assured that the incident was isolated, and evacuation was not necessary. This incident shows that we need another access out of the **Sunrise Terrace**. The walk bridge serves this purpose at this time. I sent a letter to the **Regional Director of NYS DOT**, with copies sent the **Broome County Sheriff, Chenango Fire, Binghamton Fire, and Broome County Emergency Services Director Mike Ponticiello** in the hope to conduct further discussion and other possible alternatives for emergency evacuations and other issues. I will also be meeting with the **County Sheriff** and **NY State Troopers** to discuss traffic control and other issues that stem from Old Front St. being closed to incoming and outgoing traffic. An example: There should be actions taken to prevent cars from driving in and out of the Terrace using the walk bridge.
2. **AOTV** meeting was held on Sept. 26 at the **Spot Restaurant**. This meeting was very well attended, and our guest speakers were Senator Akshar and Assemblyman Crouch.

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3. **Sexual Harassment Training:** We held a training session on September 23rd at the Town Hall. Most of the staff and elected officials attended. I will conduct another training session for those who were unable to attend. I will be contacting the individuals to schedule a time and date in the near future.
4. The **preliminary budget for 2020** has been completed and was turned over to the Town Clerk for public review. We will schedule a public hearing and adoption of the budget will take place in November. We were once again able to stay within the state-imposed tax cap but with some difficulty.
5. The soil testing project for the **Sunrise Terrace Building** was completed and the study/results were forwarded to the Town. We are presently reviewing the results and will be making announcements in the near future once we come to some decisions and looking at any options that may be possible.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

A Town of Dickinson property owner addressed the board regarding a large water and sewer bill that he received due to a leaking toilet that went undetected. The property owner presented calculations and estimates for the board's review. In short, he asked the Town to forego \$800 of the \$3,200 total bill. Supervisor Marinaccio told the gentleman that the Board couldn't make a decision tonight as one of the members was absent but would have an answer for him by next Tuesday.

### ATTORNEY

#### PORT DICKINSON FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT RENEWAL

Attorney Catalano asked to place a resolution on next week's meeting to schedule a Public Hearing for November 4, 2019 at 5:30 pm to consider renewing the **Port Dickinson Fire Protection Contract**.

#### REPEAT OFFENDER LOCAL LAW

Attorney Catalano asked to place a resolution at next week's meeting to schedule a Public Hearing for **Repeat Offender Local Law** for November 4, 2019 at 5:40 pm.

#### 2020 BUDGET

Attorney Catalano asked to place a resolution on next week's meeting to schedule a Public Hearing for the **2020 Budget** for November 4, 2019 at 5:50 pm.

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**UPDATE: NORTH ELY STREET DEED**

Attorney Catalano has had no response from the opposing counsel regarding the N Ely Street deed transfer. Mr. Catalano will follow up with an email to the opposing counsel in two weeks notifying her that the Town will not be plowing if we do not have the deed transfer finalized.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

- Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that leaf pickup will begin this week.
- Mr. Kie reported that the tentative plan is to begin milling and paving on Ferndale Drive next week – weather permitting. Ideally the temperature should be 55 to 60 degrees.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

No updates to report regarding the accident at the Speedway.

Councilman Gardner and Zoning Board Chair Compton and zoning board members attended the Coughlin & Gerhart Zoning and Planning Seminar last week.

A discussion was held regarding the need for an evacuation plan and a secondary egress for Sunrise Terrace residents in the event of an emergency.

Councilman Morabito will be out of town next week.

On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned by motion from Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Gardner at 6:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani  
Town Clerk