

## **November 4, 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, November 4, 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  
Thomas J. Burns, Councilman  
Sharon M. Exley, Councilwoman**

**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, Engineer for the Town  
Ron Lake, Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, Village of Port  
Dickinson Mayor Kevin Burke and 1 member of the general public.**

### **PUBLIC HEARING #1 – 2020 BUDGET**

Public Hearing #1 was opened at 5:30 PM by Supervisor Marinaccio.

Supervisor Marinaccio highlighted some key items in the 2020 Budget:

- We stayed within the tax cap
- Spending decreased by 3% - all services remained intact
- 6% increase in health insurance costs – we will check alternative sources for a less costly insurance plan for next year while making sure the staff has good benefits.
- All employees are receiving a 3% increase in salary
- Sales tax budget is the same as 2019 – we will exceed it this year by a few thousand dollars
- Some decreases in Highway Department budget line items

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
ON THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET OF THE  
TOWN OF DICKINSON FOR THE YEAR 2020**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the preliminary budget of the Town of Dickinson for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town, Dickinson Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, New York 13905, where it is available for inspection by any interested citizen during office hours.

The Town Board of the Town of Dickinson shall hold a public hearing on said preliminary budget of the Town at the Dickinson Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, New York 13905, on Monday, November 4, 2019 commencing at 5:30 p.m., showing such changes, alterations and revisions as shall have been made therein by the Town Board. At such public hearing, any person may be heard in favor of or against the preliminary budget as compiled or for or against any item or items therein contained.

The following are the proposed year 2020 salaries for the elected officials of the Town:

Supervisor	\$23,814.00
Town Council members (4)	\$10,070.00 (each)
Town Clerk	\$36,207.00
Public Works Commissioner	\$48,688.00
Town Justices (2)	\$21,857.00 (each)

Pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 258 of the laws of 2008, this shall service as notice of the exemption report. The report is posted on the Town’s bulletin board, is annexed to any tentative or preliminary budget, and shall become part of the final budget.

Anyone has the right to provide written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the entire budget or any portion thereof. Handicapped individuals or senior citizens who require assistance in attending said public hearing, or in furnishing comments and suggestions, should contact the undersigned Town Clerk to request such assistance.

By order of the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson

Dated: October 15, 2019

Susan Cerretani  
Town Clerk

Public Hearing #1 was opened to questions.  
None being heard.

Public Hearing # 1 was closed at 5:36 pm.by Supervisor Marinaccio.

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**PUBLIC HEARING # 2 – REPEAT OFFENDER LOCAL LAW**

Public Hearing # 2 was opened at 5:37 by Supervisor Marinaccio

Attorney Catalano gave the basic background of the proposed Local Law:

Under the Law we must give property owners 30 days to remedy the property code violation. What often occurs is that the property owner will clean up the property on the 29<sup>th</sup> day and then the cycle repeats itself.

Under the proposed law, the Town would assess a fee for continued repeat inspection of property violations. Those receiving multiple notices of violation within a 12-month period will be subject to an inspection fee set forth in the proposed fee schedule.

An appeal procedure has been built into the local law. Property owners can appeal the fee against them. The offender can pay upfront at the Clerk’s office within 45 days, otherwise it will be assessed against their taxes.

Attorney Catalano explained that the Town would be assessing a fee (not a fine).

**TOWN OF DICKINSON  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson on November 4, 2019 commencing at 5:45 p.m. at the Dickinson Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, New York regarding a local law entitled:

“A Local Law Amending Chapter 462 entitled ‘Solid Waste Management’”

The purpose of this Local Law is to set inspection fees for recurring violations of the Solid Waste Management Code.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the environmental significance, if any, of the proposed local law will be reviewed by said Town Board incident to and as a part of said public hearing.

Persons with disabilities who require assistance in attending said public hearing, or in furnishing comments and suggestions, should contact the undersigned to request such assistance. Communications in writing in relation thereto may be filed with the Town Board or at such public hearing.

Dated: October 18, 2019

SUSAN CERRETANI  
Town Clerk, Town of Dickinson

Public Hearing # 2 was opened to questions.

Public Hearing # 2 was closed at 5:38 pm by Supervisor Marinaccio

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**PUBLIC HEARING # 3 – VILLAGE OF PORT DICKINSON FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT**

Public Hearing # 3 was opened at 5:38 by Supervisor Marinaccio

Mr. Marinaccio noted that this is a 3-year contract.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
TOWN OF DICKINSON**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson at 5:40 p.m. on November 4, 2019 at Dickinson Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, NY, to consider a new fire protection contract with the Village of Port Dickinson for Fire Protection District 3.

The Village of Port Dickinson would be paid \$30,800 for 2020, \$31,500 for 2021, and \$32,200 for 2022. The contract would require adequate insurance be maintained, and the Port Dickinson Fire Company to answer and attend all fire calls in the District.

Any resident of The Town of Dickinson shall be entitled to be heard upon said proposed contract. Persons with disabilities who require assistance in attending said public hearing, or in furnishing comments and suggestions, should contact the undersigned to request such assistance. Communications in writing in relation thereto may be filed with the Town Board or at such public hearing.

Dated: October 18, 2019

SUSAN CERRETANI  
Town Clerk, Town of Dickinson

Public Hearing #3 was opened to questions.  
None being heard.

Public Hearing # 3 was closed at 5:39 pm by Supervisor Marinaccio

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### SUPERVISOR'S WORK SESSION REPORT

1. **Speedway:** As many of you are aware, the gasoline tank replacement project at Speedway started up again about a week ago. A new work permit was issued by the town. I am not aware of a completion date.
2. The **AOTV** meeting that scheduled for Oct. 24 was cancelled due to the power outage. I did receive a call from a resident from the Town of Chenango claiming that the power outages are the fault of the Town of Dickinson. I was able to connect with the resident after several calls and we had a good conversation and hopefully, I convinced him that our town had nothing to do with the outage. The next meeting is November 21 at **My Uncles Place**, Joel Kie guest speaker.
3. The Energy Storage information meeting that took place on October 21<sup>st</sup> at **Cornell Cooperative Extension** was well attended and the presentation was very informative. Besides myself, we had a very good town representation with members of the committee, town board, planning and zoning board in attendance. The battery storage tour in Ithaca will take place on Wednesday, November 6. We will be leaving from the Town Hall around 9:30 AM with the tour starting at 10:30 AM. We will tour 3 different sites with members of **NYSEG** and **Tesla** joining us. There are about 8 of us from the Town that are attending. We will report back to the town of what we learned.
4. Both Sue Cerretani and myself took part in the webinar for Grant Writing but due to the power outage that we had on October 24; we lost the connection about halfway through the webinar.
5. Joel and I took an inventory of items that may be salvaged from the **Sunrise Terrace Community Center**. Some items such as the two stoves and the refrigerator that is in the kitchen will be either sold or donated to another organization. We also are laying out plans for the demolition process with help from our attorney and engineer. I was on the Bob Joseph Show last Thursday and I announced the demolition besides discussing other issues and items. Kathy Groover is planning to send out a flyer to the Terrace residents announcing the demolition. I have spoken to many of the residents about our decision and there appears to be an understanding and acceptance of our decision. We received money from the County that covered the soil testing study and the cement work. I submitted a request for reimbursement of the cost of the storage shed. They are considering covering the demolition cost because there is Grant money left over.
6. I still need to schedule **Sexual Harassment Training** for those who were not able to attend our previous session. I will do in the next 2 weeks.

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**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT CONTINUED:**

7. Next board meeting is Tuesday, November 12, 6:00 PM. Monday is Veterans Day.

**ATTORNEY**

**2020 BUDGET**

Attorney Catalano stated that we will have a resolution next week to adopt the **2020 Budget**.

**VILLAGE OF PORT DICKINSON FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT**

Attorney Catalano stated that we will have a resolution next week to accept the **Port Dickinson Fire Protection Contract**.

**REPEAT OFFENDER LOCAL LAW**

Attorney Catalano stated that we will have a resolution next week to adopt the Local Law amending Chapter 462. Inspection fees for repeat offenders.

**NORTH ELY STREET DEED**

Attorney Catalano heard back from opposing counsel whose client would rather have an easement on the North Ely Street property rather than deed it over to the Town. By law, if a property is land-locked they have an easement by necessity and categorized as a road by use. The Town has been plowing the road for more than 10 years therefore they have no reason to hand it over to the Town. Councilman Morabito stated that he would prefer a formal easement document drawn up for the record.

Attorney Catalano will get back in touch with opposing counsel to verify the status update.

**PROPERTY NUISANCE AND ATTORNEY’S FEES**

Attorney Catalano has been working to resolve the property nuisance issues at the **Econolodge**. The board will have to schedule a resolution appointing Coughlin and Gerhart for attorney fees outside the retainer effective October 1, 2019.

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**PUBLIC WORKS**

- Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that the first **Sunrise Terrace Association Halloween Event** was held at the Town Garage. Cider, doughnuts and pizza were served. The firetruck led the parade down Pleasant Court and then the rains came. The Sunrise Terrace Association officers would like to have a **Trunk or Treat** party instead of a parade next year.
- Regarding the Complete Streets program - all the money was reimbursed from the County. The Town was given 4 solar powered LED crosswalks. Public Works Commissioner Kie will give two to the Village of Port Dickinson for their school crossing and 2 will be installed on Prospect Street at the Church.

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that Town Engineer Ron Lake has been working very hard on the Water Line Replacement Grant.

Councilwoman Exley reported that the **OFA (Office for Aging)** workgroup on housing had its first meeting. She stated that it is a very dynamic, diverse group and the meeting was more of a brainstorming session.

The next meeting of the **OFA** is November 21<sup>st</sup> at the **Broome County Health Department**.

**REMINDER: NEXT WEEK'S MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 6 PM AS MONDAY IS THE VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY.**

On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned by motion from Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 6:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani  
Town Clerk