

February 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, February 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
Sharon M. Exley, Councilwoman
Danny F. Morabito, Councilman
Thomas J. Burns, Councilman**

Also attending:

**Oliver N. Blaise III, Esq., Attorney for the Town
Susan Cerretani, Town Clerk**

Also in attendance:

Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, Code Enforcement Officer Stephen Rafferty, Town Engineer Ron Lake, Historian and Planning Board Chair David Wasser and one member of the general public.

PUBLIC HEARING

PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC STREET, ROSEDALE DRIVE AND PLEASANT COURT

Supervisor Marinaccio opened the Public Hearing at 5:30 pm.

Public Works Commissioner Kie distributed maps to the board members detailing the sections of Rosedale Drive and Pleasant Court where the proposed parking restrictions will be enforced.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None being heard, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:35.

A resolution will be placed on next week's agenda to adopt the Local Law regarding the parking restrictions.

CHAIR

**Supervisor's Work Session Report
February 4, 2019**

1. 2019 Newsletter articles: We are now in the month of February and I need articles for our newsletter as soon as possible. Planning, zoning, code enforcement, attorney, court, highway and any other topics that will be of interest to our constituents. Please submit to me via email or hard copy.
2. The next **Association of Towns & Villages** meeting is scheduled for February 28, 6:00 pm at **Jonathan's Restaurant**. Guest speaker representing BC Safe Communities will be reporting on the progress of this newly formed county committee focusing on vacant properties, issues with banks, etc.

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3. I do not have any news to report on our recent submission to the **Small Communities Grant** that we hope to be awarded to help offset costs to repairs of the **Sunrise Terrace Association** building.
4. Just a reminder that the **Prospect Terrace Fire Company Oath** for officers and board members of the station will take place. I will once again be administering the Oath. I will also do a short version of our **State of the Town**. We have about 20 officials from our town attending plus Senator Akshar and Assemblyman Crouch in attendance.
5. A reminder that Councilman Gardner and I will be attending the **Annual Association of Towns Training School** in New York.
6. Tomorrow, February 5, I will once again be a guest instructor for the **Binghamton University Government** class that will be held at the downtown campus.
7. We recently learned that the back-property taxes for 127 Adams drive have been paid. We will be attempting to get information as to whether or not there are plans to repair this home that had a fire within the structure a few years ago. No new information on 129 Adams Dr. that has been vacant for a while. 18 Pleasant Court home is up for auction and will take place on February 14, 2019, at the **Broome County Court House**.
 - There was a discussion about the 127 Adams Drive property. We have reached out to make contact with the person who paid the taxes on the property in hopes of getting answers to our questions regarding the property and future plans for it.
8. The **Sunrise Terrace Association Board** members are preparing a resolution and will be voting on to transfer the STA building to the Town. Oliver will give both the **STA** members and town residents legal guidance for a smooth transition. The **STA** will also send out a notice to its membership informing them of the transfer.
9. I received an email informing me that the Executive Director of **The Agency**, formerly the **BC Industrial Agency**, Kevin McLaughlin, will be retiring affective June 1, 2019.

2019 NEWSLETTER

Supervisor Marinaccio reminded the departments to submit their articles for the 2019 newsletter as soon as possible.

AOTV MEETING

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that the next **AOTV** meeting will take place on February 28, 2019 at Jonathan's Restaurant. Topics of discussion will be Safe Communities, abandoned homes, etc.

ATTORNEY

WATER SEVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY

Progress has been made in establishing communication with the Village of Johnson City regarding the water agreement. A draft was drawn up and corrections were made to the agreement. Attorney Blaise asked to be notified when both sides come to a mutual agreement.

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NOTICE OF TERMINATION FROM BOCES

Code Enforcement Rafferty emailed **BOCES** regarding the construction project that has been terminated. Because the project has come to a halt, the town no longer is required to do inspections. Mr. Rafferty requested a formal **Notice of Termination**.

PLACEMENT OF STOP SIGN MARKET STREET

Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that residents have been complaining about speeding cars on Market Street. Mr. Kie would see a stop sign installed at the southern end of Market Street to alleviate the problem.

Attorney Blaise directed that we schedule a Public Hearing next week for the March 4th work session for the placement of a stop sign at the southern end of Market Street.

RESOLUTION ASKING AIM FUNDING BE RESTORED IN THE NEW YORK STATE 2020 BUDGET

Attorney Blaise stated that the Governor's budget proposes to cut **AIM** funding to municipalities. Under Governor Cuomo's plan, towns and villages would be able to keep their **AIM** funding only if they rely on it for more than 2 percent of their budget. The impact on the Town of Dickinson would be a loss of over \$30,000. The Town of Windsor drafted a resolution which Attorney Blaise revised specifically for the Town of Dickinson. We will vote to adopt the resolution at next week's regular Town Board meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Public Works Commissioner Kie pointed out that a chair rail was recently installed in the courtroom. The Supervisor and board members thanked Mr. Kie and remarked that it looks great.
- Mr. Kie reported that we have been approved for the \$50,000 **NYSERDA Grant**.
- Commissioner Kie reported there was a water break at **SUNY Broome** today and it has been repaired.
- Mr. Kie testified last week in Albany in front of the Senate and the Assembly in the capacity of 1st Vice President of the **State Association of Highway Superintendents**.
- Mr. Kie distributed a map of properties located on North Ely Street. It has been determined that the road in front of the properties is technically a private road. The town has been plowing and maintaining the road for years under the belief that the paved area was within the town's ownership and right of way. An aerial map revealed, however, that the northern end of paved roadway is actually on private property, which would not be the town's responsibility to maintain. After a discussion, Attorney Blaise stated that the town had several options, including ceasing maintenance activities, checking if the property owners would cede the roadway property to the Town, or even taking the property by adverse possession.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officer Rafferty reported that the **Starbucks** sign has been taken care of and is now operating on a timer.

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On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned into Executive Session by a motion from Councilman Gardner and seconded by Councilman Burns at 6:24 PM.

The Executive Session adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani
Town Clerk