

April 1, 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, April 1, 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, Administrative Assistant Beverly Wike, CCA MEGA Project Leader Louisa Gava, MEGA Business Relations Manager Doug Barton, Zoning Board Chair Jeanne Compton, Attorney Angelo Catalano, Councilman of the 1st District of the City of Binghamton Giovanni Scaringi and 6 members of the general public.

PUBLIC HEARING: MARKET STREET STOP INTERSECTION 5:30 PM

Attorney Blaise confirmed that a stop sign will be placed at the intersection of Market Street and Francis Street near the City of Binghamton line. City of Binghamton Councilman Giovanni Scaringi was in attendance to represent his residents who live close to the intersection. Councilman Scaringi took the opportunity to address the town board representing the 1st District of the City of Binghamton:

“To the members of the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson. My name is Giovanni Scaringi and I represent the First District in the City of Binghamton. The geographic nature of the First District is unique in moments like this. Over the past three years, I have had the pleasure and the privilege to work with some of you in a number of capacities. I regard opportunities like this one, where municipalities like ours can work together for the residents we represent as some of the most important ones we engage in.

As you all may know, Market Street is one of our public roads that both our municipalities have shared responsibility toward as it crosses over a city/town line. Last year, a number of residents on both the city and town sides approached me and others about issues related to speeding on Market Street. The unique three-way intersection with Market and Francis Streets posed a potential problem in attempting to curtail speeding issues in this neighborhood. Broome County Sheriffs assisted local police departments in monitoring excessive speeding as well as the use of speed trailers, and most importantly; mindful and watchful residents.

After a number of discussions, Supervisor Marinaccio and myself were able to meet with homeowners and take a more in-depth look at the situation. A conversation occurred between Councilman Jerry Motsavage and myself, where he proposed the idea of two potential locations for stop signs. I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you for

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the opportunity to work together on this issue, for proactively placing the safety of our neighborhoods and residents first, and publicly show support in this public hearing for the stop sign in question, on Market Street.”

Mr. Jerry Motsavage, a resident of 14 Market Street, presented a petition of support (attached) to the town board, signed by nine residents:

A Local Law entitled “A Local Law Amending Section 528-32 Regarding the Placement of a Stop Intersection at Market Street with Francis Street.” This Local Law would protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of Dickinson and Market Street.

Mr. Ron Ruffo, a resident of 21 Market Street expressed his thanks to the town board and all those involved in this process. He stated that the stop intersection will be a relief for law enforcement and will benefit the safety of the neighborhood.

Public Comments: closed at 5:37 PM

PRESENTATION: LOUISE GAVA CCA PROJECT LEADER MEGA

COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION (CCA)

Questions can be directed to megaCCAteam@energynext.com or 518.533.5399, megacca.org

Price/Term: fully fixed price of \$0.05092/kWh for 24 months starting July 2019

CCA Program Provide Choices:

Opt-Up: if you want 100% renewable electricity at a fully fixed price of \$0.05692/kWh for 24 months

Opt-In: if you have another supplier and wish to switch to the CCA

Opt-Out: if you wish not to participate and to keep NYSEG as your electric supplier

Opt-Out

- Those automatically eligible to participate will receive a letter mid-May
- No need to take action if you want to participate in CCA
- If you do not wish to participate in CCA, you can opt-out via mail, phone or online
- 30 days to opt-out

Other Important Reminders:

- Participants are also able to leave the program at any time during the 24 months without a penalty
- The CCA Program is compatible with budget billing, community solar and rooftop solar
- Customers with day/night or time-of-use rates will not be automatically included in the Program

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Who does what?

- Municipality passed a local law authorizing the opt-out aggregation and approved price/terms
- **MEGA** (Municipal Electric & Gas Alliance) aggregates multiple municipalities and educates
- Constellation, an Exelon company, supplies the electricity

CHAIR

2019 TOWN NEWSLETTER

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that the 2019 Town newsletter went to print and should be delivered to our residents any day now.

127 ADAMS DRIVE AUCTION

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that the 127 Adams Drive property was auctioned off a few weeks ago and clean up and remodeling is under way.

DOT 17/81 INTERCHANGE PROJECT UPDATE MEETING - APRIL 4, 2019 AT 9 AM, 33 WEST STATE STREET (KMART PLAZA FIELD OFFICE)

There will be a briefing on the Prospect Mountain project. Supervisor Marinaccio will be attending.

STATUS: SMALL COMMUNITIES GRANT

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that he has not heard of any updates on the **Small Cities Grant** that we applied for funding to offset renovation costs of the **Sunrise Terrace Community Center**. Mr. Marinaccio believes they are waiting for the town to take the building over.

SUNRISE TERRACE COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that he and Kathy Groover will be meeting with Attorney Blaise on Friday, April 5th, for the purpose of transferring the deed to the Sunrise Terrace Center building to the Town of Dickinson.

ACA MEMORIAL

On Wednesday, April 3, starting at 10:30 AM, a memorial will take place for the 10th Anniversary of the April 3, 2009 **American Civic Association** tragedy. This will take place at the **ACA Memorial Park** located on the corner of Clinton Street and Front Street. Supervisor Marinaccio plans on attending. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ANNUAL BOCES CELEBRITY PASTA DINNER

The **Annual BOCES Celebrity Pasta Dinner** will take place this Thursday, April 4, at **BOCES** where Mr. Marinaccio will be serving pasta dinners to those who attend. The event runs from 6 PM to 8 PM. The Supervisor hopes that many can attend this fundraiser that benefits Autism.

BROOME COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Supervisor Marinaccio read a letter he received from Amy Winans, Executive Director of **Broome County Habitat for Humanity**. The letter states that **Habitat for Humanity** has been investigating the vacant lots at 4 and 6 Linda Drive in the Town of Dickinson with the intention of

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purchasing the lots to construct two single family homes as they partner with **Broome Tioga BOCES**, and invites input from the Town of Dickinson.

Councilwoman Exley requested that a representative from **Habitat for Humanity** hold an informational meeting for the residents to explain the program and the selection process.

ATTORNEY

2019 MUNICIPAL CLEAN UP DAY

Attorney Blaise stated that the 2019 **MUNICIPAL CLEAN UP DAY** is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 8 am to 3 pm. A resolution approving **Municipal Clean Up Day** has been prepared and will be placed on next week's agenda.

SUNRISE TERRACE BUILDING TRANSFER

Attorney Blaise stated that he, Supervisor Marinaccio and Kathy Groover (on behalf of the **Sunrise Terrace Association**) will meet at the Town Hall on Friday morning to transfer the Sunrise Terrace Building to the Town.

STATUS: NORTH ELY STREET SURVEY/DEEDS

Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that the North Ely Street Spur has been surveyed - the coordinates have been established, the stakes are in place, and now we need to get with the property owners to transfer the paved section (driveway) of North Ely Street spur to the Town. The second owner has an easement over the spur which won't be needed any longer because the road will go up to the end of their property.

Attorney Blaise will have the descriptions drawn up and transfer the property sometime in the spring.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that a Marion Street resident contacted him with concerns regarding an exposed pipe behind his property. There is an easement behind his property where an 18-inch pipe was installed (2011) that leads to a catch basin at the end of Republic Street. There has been some erosion that has led to the exposure of the end of the pipe. It is not impacting the flow of the water. Commissioner Kie stated that he will keep an eye on it and if conditions change, he will address it further.
- Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that he has been confounded by the water and sewer lines on Clifton Ave. He is concerned that there are clay tiles which are in rough shape and will eventually need to be replaced, but he does not know who is responsible for the lines. Mr. Kie has a survey and it states on the bottom of the document that it is understood that 'there are presently located within the boundary of above the described street certain water and sewer lines to which the Town of Dickinson does not accept title and for which the Town of

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Dickinson accepts no future responsibility'. After some initial research by Clerk Cerretani it was determined that there is documentation that the Water District was accepted and established. After a discussion it was determined that more research needs to be done.

- Public Works Commissioner Kie reported to the board that there is a land locked property on N. Ely Street, owned by Roger Beagell. Mr. Kie presented a map of the area. It is a paper street with a steep embankment. Mr. Beagell would like to develop access to the property. He would like to extend N. Ely (spur) street up to his property. A discussion followed. It was suggested that the board could give Mr. Beagell permission to excavate the Town's right of way to either carve a path for his own personal use, or clear to Town standards - if it is to be a Town accepted roadway. Supervisor Marinaccio remarked that it is complicated and could lead to **MS4** issues.

Mr. Rafferty, Mr. Kie and Mr. Lake will be attending a 3-day Code training session in Syracuse this week.

On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned into Executive session by a motion from Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 6:57 PM.

Executive session adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani
Town Clerk