

April 5, 2021 - 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 5, 2021 via Zoom teleconferencing.

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The members of the Town Board present via Zoom were:

Michael A. Marinaccio, Supervisor
Stephen M. Gardner, Councilman
Sharon M. Exley, Councilwoman
Danny F. Morabito, Councilman
Thomas J. Burns, Councilman

Also attending:

Nathan D. VanWhy, Esq., Attorney for the Town
Susan Cerretani, Town Clerk

Also in attendance:

Highway Superintendent Joel Kie, Administrative Assistant Beverly Wike,
Town Engineer Ron Lake, Zoning Board Chair Jeanne Compton, Town
Engineer Ron Lake.

CHAIR

SUPERVISOR'S WORK SESSION REPORT

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1. I finally heard back from Bob Meade, **Commercial Realtor**, in regards to the vacant property next to our town garage. He wants to move the sale of the property next to our town garage forward. I will hand this issue to our town attorney to begin negotiations. I will have Steve Gardner meet with myself and Bev Wike once legal proceedings take place, and the selling price is agreed upon. Then it will be brought to our full board membership to discuss, approve, or not approve. I will check to see if we can use the American Rescue money for this sale.
2. I have forwarded information to board members and others in regards to the **American Rescue Bill** in an effort to make everyone aware of what and how these funds that will be allocated to the town, can be spent.

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SUPERVISOR'S WORK SESSION REPORT CONTINUED:

3. In regard to the **American Rescue Bill**, I have attended several **Zoom** meetings sponsored by the **NYS Association of Towns** in an effort to clarify how the funds can be used by the various municipalities. I sent out the meeting content to all of you to review. Many questions remain and the **AOT** is working on them. This funding is a two-year program. The allotted funds will be sent to us and there is an end date for spending, otherwise any unused funds must be returned to the federal government. Paying off the mortgage on the town hall may not be an allowed use of the funds. I will keep everyone updated as new information is gathered.
4. Town Disaster Plan: I forwarded the **Town Disaster Plan** to most staff, town board members, Joel, Sue, and others for review. We need to make this plan official by voting by resolution next week. A copy will then be forwarded as instructed by NY State along with a copy of the resolution.
5. A group of us met regarding the town hall door replacement project. Funding for this project which is estimated in the \$40K range will be researched. We still have the \$50K grant that we received years ago but it remains on hold by the **NY State Finance Committee**. Senator Akshar is working on this for us. I am also researching the possibility of using some of the Rescue funds when we receive them and if the funds can be used for the project. Regardless, the doors need to be replaced to increase security of the building, make the building more **ADA** compliant and assist us in letting visitors into the building during the **COVID** crisis and any future emergency that may occur.
6. The town newsletter is at the printer and will be mailed to our town and village residents within a week.
7. As you are all aware, the bridge/roundabout project has begun. Joel and I attended a joint meeting at the Chenango Town Hall. In attendance were Town of Chenango officials, Town of Fenton officials, and project engineers from the **NYS Department of Transportation**. Besides the bridge project, there will also be work being done on Front Street in the Town of Chenango near the **Dunkin Donuts** store and heading further north to the **Price Chopper** area.
8. I participated in a **Zoom** meeting sponsored by the **AOT** today regarding the legislation authorizing the cultivation and consumption of recreational adult use cannabis in New York State.
9. It was announced that the **Regal Cinema Complex** in our town will reopened on Good Friday. We are very happy to see the theater reopen.
10. I would like to see a review done by our code enforcement staff regarding the building of structures, garages, etc. in residential areas of the town and the total square footage of the property that can be used for such structures. Lately, there have been a few very large garages built on private residential properties that in my opinion, negatively change the looks of the neighborhoods.

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ATTORNEY

UPDATE: SPECTRUM CONTRACT

Attorney VanWhy reported that he is still waiting for **Spectrum** to come to terms with the contract. Mr. VanWhy stated there is speculation that the delay could be that **Spectrum** is waiting for changes from the **FCC** because of pending regulations with the change of the administration.

UPDATE: LITIGATION OUTSIDE RETAINER

Attorney VanWhy reported that he has talked with Sunset Drive resident Mr. Florance's attorney Rick Miller. Mr. Florance's concern is to limit the town's right to place the sewer line to a defined area which would require a survey. Mr. VanWhy stated that Mr. Florance must pay for the survey and cooperate with the Town. Mr. VanWhy has not filed a lawsuit yet and he would prefer to negotiate with Mr. Florance.

CODE

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that many contractors have been in violation of code by not applying for building permits before starting work. There are repeat offenders. It is placing a great burden on the code department, clerk, attorney, etc. Mr. Kie would like the fees increased for those in violation.

PUBLIC WORKS

Highway Superintendent Kie reported that all the streets have been swept. The sweeper had to be repaired because it was full of holes. In the meantime, Mr. Kie rented a sweeper to perform the work around the town and village.

Mr. Kie reported that some residents have been using Bert Adams trash containers for yard waste. The highway crew has been instructed to not empty them. They are too heavy and do not have handles.

ZONING BOARD

Zoning Board Chair Compton reported that there is a zoning variance hearing at the end of the month.

Councilman Morabito attended a flood task force meeting.

Councilwoman Exley expressed disappointment to see that a liquor store is going in at the corner of Glenwood Ave. and Prospect Street.

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On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned by a motion from Councilman Morabito and seconded by Councilman Burns at 6:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani, RMC
Town Clerk