

## May 3, 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, May 3, 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, Town Engineer Ron Lake, Zoning Board Chair Jeanne Compton, Planning Board Chair Jerome Ford, Code Enforcement Officer Rafferty**

### CHAIR

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1. We continue to get updates from NYDOT on the Front St. bridge construction project. As I receive them, I will forward to the board, Sue, and Joel. Sue will post them on our website.
2. We picked out the wood grain finish for the door replacement project for the town hall. Materials have been ordered. We hope to start the project in the near future.
3. Regarding the vacant property next door to our town garage, we need to hire an appraiser to see what the value of the property is. If the board desires to move forward with this, we can vote for approval to hire an appraiser at our next meeting.
4. Joel Steve and I traveled to a Horseheads to a Ford Truck dealership to look at new 550's and 600's trucks. After meeting with the representative of the dealership, we are leaning on purchasing 2 600's that are 4-wheel drive and powered by gasoline engines instead of diesel as we first planned to do. That will save us a few thousand dollars. Joel can expand on this a little later.
5. A copy of The Public Employer Emergency Plan will be distributed to all town personnel and is to be placed and part of the Town Employee Handbook.

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### SUPERVISOR'S WORK SESSION REPORT CONTINUED:

6. I had a discussion with Darrel from Blue Storm in regards to installing a Hybrid Meeting system in our board room. This system which Kirkwood and Conklin are in the process of installing, will allow us to have meetings in person and have the ability to stream our meetings to the public or anyone who is interested in attending our meetings virtually. The system works through **ZOOM**, but we will not need to have separate devices to that will allow us to have visual and audio contact with the public. Speakers, microphones will be installed, and a computer will be used by whoever is controlling the meeting. Same as what I do now. A large screen television would be installed on one of our walls. The estimated cost for everything except the television is \$1500. I plan to have further discussion with Blue Storm and setup a time and date to have them come here to explain in detail about the system. I would like the judges to also attend though at the present time they are using an approved system when holding court.
7. 22 Fuller St. is scheduled for demolition on May 14, starting at 7 am. There are two people interested in the property. One person is interested in building a home there. The land purchase will be the responsibility of the Land Bank.
8. There will be a house dedication for the newest home built by Habitat for Humanity on Linda drive on May 4, 5:30 PM. You are welcome to attend.
9. Good news: DASNY Grant/SAM #6655 which is now 5 years in trying to receive the \$50K that was to our town is finally coming to fruition. I had a long conversation with the DASNY representative, Tammy Knott, and she assured me that once we fill out and sign some documents that were recently sent out to me, which I did today, we will get reimbursed for the items we submitted 5 years ago. There have been some changes in 5 years but our door project that we have been working on should be entirely covered minus the court grant. We should have enough funds to cover the security portion of the door project and possibly the marquee sign for the Terrace/Dickinson Park.

### ATTORNEY

#### UPDATE: SPECTRUM CONTRACT

Attorney VanWhy reported Attorney Keegan Coughlin has informed him that he has received confirmation that the person in charge has approved signatures on the **Spectrum** contract.

#### UPDATE: LITIGATION OUTSIDE RETAINER

Attorney VanWhy reported that he has repeatedly emailed Mr. Florance's attorney Rick Miller who has forwarded everything along to his client for review. Our last proposal was for Mr. Florance pay for a survey to explore re-routing the pipe and defining a future potential easement area at the time we need to or can move the pipe. Mr. Florance has not responded. Mr. VanWhy stated that now is the point we are ready to move forward with the lawsuit that the Town previously authorized.

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### NOISE VARIANCE

Attorney VanWhy stated that he will put together a resolution for next week's meeting regarding the noise variance issue on the roundabout/bridge construction project. The contractor said that there will be a 24-hour shutdown at Bevier Street and Front Street in July of 2021. The roundabout "A" will shut down late summer 2021 and roundabout "B" is scheduled for June 2022. Night work setting new girders and beams will take place in September 2021. Attorney VanWhy will try to nail the contractor down a little bit more.

### PURCHASE OF LOT NEXT DOOR

Mr. VanWhy has not heard anything additional from Bob Meade regarding the purchase of the property next door. Once we have the appraisal done and know what the property is worth, we can then negotiate with them.

### TRUCK BID NOTICE

Attorney Van Why has been working with Highway Superintendent Kie and revised the bid specs for the purchase of the F600s. Mr. Van Why also put a notice to bidders together, which will need to be sent to the paper tomorrow before noon in order to make Thursday publication. Assuming we make the Thursday publication date, we can open the bids on Monday at 1pm. based on the statute stating, "At least five days shall elapse between the first publication of such advertisement and the date so specified for the opening and reading of bids and offer."

Councilman Morabito questioned why we were only advertising it for 5 days when we could potentially get more bids if we advertise for 10 days. He noted that it is a big expenditure and did not want to short us.

Mr. Kie stated that he would prefer to draw from a smaller radius of local contacts and assured Mr. Morabito that he was confident that we would get at least three bids.

As an aside, Councilwoman Exley questioned why, as the other half of the Public Works Committee, she was not invited on the trip to the dealership. Supervisor Marinaccio apologized.

### CODE

Code Enforcement Officer Rafferty had an inquiry about locating a ground solar farm on Glenwood Rd on the parcel that used to be the **Meadowbrook** subdivision. This person wants to introduce himself and his company to the Planning Board members and would like to be placed on the May 24<sup>th</sup> Planning Board meeting schedule. The meeting will be run via **Zoom** by the office of Coughlin and Gerhart.

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**ZONING BOARD**

Zoning Board Chair Compton would like to schedule a meeting for the Prospect Street sign variance for June. Attorney Van Why stated that as long as the applicant has agreed in writing to extend the time frame for the meeting, we can schedule it out into June.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Highway Superintendent Kie reported that vehicles have been driving on the multi-use path. Mr. Kie met with the **DOT Operations Manager** and they will be placing a strategic sign on the Binghamton side because there is no bollard to stop the vehicles.

Jeanne Compton wondered why there are a lot of cars that drive to the top of Terrace Drive and turn around and head out. Mr. Kie said that on the GPS there are two Terrace Drives. One is in **Sunrise Terrace** and the other one is in Conklin where Maines is located. Motorists that are not careful follow the wrong directions and end up at the dead end. There are two Dead-End signs. The Dead-End sign was moved down lower so the vehicles will have ample time to turn around before they get caught up at the Dead End.

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