

March 7, 2022 - 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, March 7, 2022 at the Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, New York and via Zoom.

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The members of the Town Board present were:

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

Also attending:

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

Also in attendance:

Code Enforcement Officer Stephen Rafferty, Town Engineer Ron Lake,
Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie.

CHAIR

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1. The town newsletter is about 99% complete, in the process of adding Bev's position.
2. The occupant at 39 Pulaski is still there. The property owner gave him until the middle of the month to vacate. The owner will then begin bringing the property to code.
3. Joel and I observed some damage to the property at 51 Pulaski, broken windows doors kicked in, etc. We notified the county.
4. We are in the process of screening applicants for Bev's position. Once we complete the screening of the applications, we will begin interviews. Our goal is to have someone work with Bev for at least a month and preferably 2 months.
5. I will be asking the Board tonight to go into executive session to discuss the appointment of one of our current employees to the position of part time code enforcement. In order for the employee to begin formal training, he has to be appointed first. We can discuss more details in the Executive Session.
6. As many of you are aware, I have sent out a message to all our municipalities asking them to lower our flags to show support of Ukrainians who have lost their lives in the attacks of their country by Russia.
7. Steve Gardner and I attended the Ukrainian Rally that took place yesterday. There were hundreds of people in attendance.
8. A recent fire completely destroyed a home at 40 Sunset Dr., no cause was noted at this writing.

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ATTORNEY

UPDATE: 36 PULASKI STREET

Attorney VanWhy stated that we have not heard anything regarding the 36 Pulaski Street property from Mr. Brouard. Supervisor Marinaccio commented that he is waiting for the County to take it over.

UPDATE: SPECTRUM CONTRACT

Attorney VanWhy stated that the **Spectrum** contract has been signed by Supervisor Marinaccio, the affidavit of publication was provided by Town Clerk Cerretani and has been sent off to **Spectrum** for their signature. We should receive a signed contract back.

DISCUSSION: SMOKE FREE GROUNDS POLICY

Attorney VanWhy drafted some revisions to the Town's **2014 Smoke Free Grounds Policy** for the Board to review. The 2014 policy is specifically for **Sunrise Terrace Park**. He stated that the main key difference between the two policies is changing the references from 'tobacco' to 'smoking'. The idea being any smoking no matter the substance.

After a discussion it was decided to change the language to '**smoking in all forms**' including but not limited to (insert specifics). An additional change would be to add "**for all Town properties,**" as the current policy is only for **Sunrise Terrace Park**.

Supervisor Marinaccio would like to see the smoking receptacles removed from the Town office entrances.

A discussion continued touching on different solutions to the smoking problem and the enforcement of the policy and whether to consider a designated smoking area.

Attorney VanWhy stated that technically, people are not supposed to be smoking within 25-50 feet of the door of a government building.

Attorney VanWhy asked the Board if they would like to revise the policy to state smoking prohibited on all Town properties except for designated areas and then delegate the ability to designate to Mike or Joel. The members agreed that would be a good plan and it would give the board flexibility.

Attorney VanWhy will make the changes and have the Board review the revised policy at next week's meeting

MUNICIPAL CLEANUP DAY

Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that May 21st, 2022 will be **Municipal Cleanup Day**. This year there is a change in that we do not have to pass a resolution as we have had to do in the past.

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ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that the County is now giving municipalities the opportunity to hold one 4-hour collection event to collect electronics. **Electronics Recycling Day** cannot be the same day as **Municipal Cleanup Day**. After consulting with the Highway Crew, Mr. Kie stated that they would like to hold the event in September.

ZONING BOARD

Stephen Rafferty reported that there is a **Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing** scheduled for 6 PM Tuesday, March 8 regarding 48 Downs Avenue.

CODE

Engineer Ron Lake is working on **MS4** for inspection.

Supervisor Marinaccio asked Mr. Lake to put something together in writing to address the complaints on water drainage in the upper **Sunrise Terrace** area to mitigate the run-off problem. He stated that the future project of re-paving Sunrise Drive will help the problem

Supervisor Marinaccio stated that he is having a problem with skunks in his neighborhood. He asked if feeding wild animals is against the law and was told it is not. Mr. Marinaccio feels that neighbors who are feeding animals are contributing to his skunk problem. Members commented that wildlife of all kinds is abundant in the town.

A mandatory Violence Prevention in the Workplace training session will take place on Zoom at 10:00 AM tomorrow (Tuesday, March 8th). Alternate sessions will be offered by **NYMIR** on their website.

On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned into **Executive Session** to discuss the appointment of one of our current employees to the position of part time code enforcement. On a motion from Councilperson Morabito and seconded by Councilperson Burns at 5:57 PM. All in favor.

The **Executive Session** was adjourned back into Regular Meeting at 6:20 PM on a motion by Councilperson Gardner and seconded by councilperson Morabito. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Councilperson Gardner and seconded by Councilperson Morabito at 6:30 PM. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani RMC
Town Clerk