The Work Session and Regular Meetings of the Town of Dickinson Town Board were called to order with the pledge of allegiance by Supervisor Michael A. Marinaccio at 5:30 PM on Monday, August 18, 2025, in the Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, New York.

This is the second of the regular meetings which begins the summer schedule of July, August and September combining our Work Session with the Regular Meeting on the second Monday of those months with a start time of 5:30 P.M.

The members of the Town Board present were:

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

Also attending:

Keegan Coughlin, Esq., Town Attorney Wendi Evans, Town Clerk Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, Code Enforcement Officer, Kyle Doyle 5 Guests

August 2025, Supervisor's Report

- 1. Reviewed the monthly town credit card statement and did not find any issues
- 2. As a reminder, on August 6, Darrell, Steve and I will be meeting with NYAOT Executive Director, Chris Koetzle and a representative from KPM Financial, to discuss the possibility of our town participating in an interest-bearing account to place some of our funds in. More on this when I have additional information. This is a NYAOT program and all towns throughout New York will have the opportunity to join. Darrell will talk more about this a little later.
- 3. Darrel and I met with representatives of SPANY to discuss an optional health plan for our retirees. Darrell will discuss this later.
- 4. Keegan and I met with a county attorney and Wendy Hughes from Real Properties to discuss the tax collection issue. We voiced our concerns with them. Maybe Keegan can ad to this meeting and any results following it.
- 5. We finally received our 2nd quarterly sales tax revenue for the amount of \$306,327.28
- 6. According to our NY State Comptroller, sales tax revenue in New York is running about 3.5% higher when compared to last year at this time.
- 7. Darrell and I took part in a round table discussion at the BC District Attorney's office last month. It was very interesting with discussions regarding various programs that the District Attorney will be announcing and other information.
- 8. The Spiedie Fest seemed to be well organized this year with little traffic concerns.
- 9. Since our request to be allowed to impose a hotel occupancy tax in now on the governor's desk waiting for her signature, I have reached out to the governor

- asking her for her serious consideration to sign it. The bill passed with a large majority of yes votes from both the senate and the assembly.
- 10. I was recently informed that the County Community Grant that we applied for the amount of \$15K will be awarded to us in the very near future. This money will be used to extend the sidewalk from Old Front St. around the corner to just past the site of the old Sunrise Terrace Building.
- 11. The second quarter Traffic Reconciliation from the District Attorney's office is for the amount of \$20,600.
- 12. I hope that the town council has read the revisions of the Comprehensive Plan that was submitted by our Planning Board. If you have any suggestions/ changes, etc., please submit them to me by the end of August so that I can forward to the Planning Board.
- 13. I attended the Broome Health event at SUNY Broome and found it very interesting. Dentistry, Optical, mental health, veterinary services which was conducted at the Humane Society, pharmacy and other services were given to anyone coming to SUNY Broome. There is one week remaining. They are serving hundreds of people throughout the county as well as veterans. This event also serves as training for our military personnel in the event of a war or disaster.
- 14. I passed around a copy of the resume for David Boyle and will ask for board approval to appoint him to our zoning board. I still need to find a replacement for present zoning board member Jeanne Compton who will retire at the end of the year. We do have a few possibilities but nothing definite yet.
- 15. We have had at least two, maybe more incidents of homeless persons camping out in our right aways and also in the state right aways. These were addressed immediately by the police. There was garbage everywhere.

Planning Board:

Planning Board met on July 28 to review plans for an extension/ storage to the car lot building on Old Front St. across from the town hall. Due to very little room there, a survey needs to be done by the owner.

Zoning Board:

The Zoning Board met on July 22 for further discussion on the proposed glamping project. Once again, due to lack of information, this project was put on hold.

Town of Dickinson Code Enforcement Office

Report for July 2025

Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Doyle

To: Supervisor Marinaccio

There were 7 violation notices, 30 work permits given out, of which 16 were storm related work.

Inspections/Site Visits/Communications

214 John St – Deck footer / Framing inspection

20 N Broad St – Follow up on needing to complete final inspection

113 Phelps St – Follow up on needing to complete final inspection

39 Sunset Dr – Follow up on lawn needing to be mowed on regular basis property is owned by Owners Choice Funding.

33 Hickory Rd – Plumbing Inspection

13 Rosedale Dr – Final inspection for deck

494 Glenwood Rd. – Solar project site preparation communications/Site Visit/Home visits with Montante Solar on project schedule.

532 Old Front St – Site plan review

26 Pulaski St – Violation follow up

Citizens Solar Project communications, final inspection and fire department training.

926 Upper Front St – Communication on water connection

Aspen Construction Correspondence on roofing permit requirements

229 Lower Stella Ireland Rd – Communications in regard to operating a business at the property

205 Old State Rd – Communications in regard to subdividing the property.

900 Upper Front St – Regal Theater communications on storm damage to signage.

840 Upper Front St – Project progress update for Farmer's Market Addition

90 Phelps St – Zoning Variance

22 Harding Ave – 100-amp service repair due to storm damage certificate of electrical compliance issued by Atlantic-Inland Inc.

12 Stearns Rd – 200-amp service change certificate of electrical compliance issued by Atlantic-Inland Inc.

July 3rd storm damage assessment throughout Sunrise Terrace, Chenango Shores, Brandywine Heights, and Village of Port Dickinson with letters issued out about permitting storm damage.

Temporary signs removed from Town Right of Ways due to no permits.

Food Truck Operating on Old Front St without a Permit.

- 1 Noise Complaint Received in regard to construction work
- 3 Property Maintenance complaint received
- 2 Solicitations permits issued in the Town
- 1 Open Burning Complaint
- 1 Animal Complaint for sheep on a residential property

NYSEG Notifications of Discontinuation of Services:

Once again, 63Adams St. has been notified of discontinuation of utilities due to unpaid bill of \$\$14,702.10

Town Of Dickinson/Port Dickinson Dog Control Meeting Summary

Dog Control Officer Report

Prepared by: Greg Starley, Dog Control Officer

Reporting Period: July 2025

Overview:

The month of July remained busy and productive in the ongoing effort to provide responsive, responsible, and professional dog control services to the residents of the Town of Dickinson and the Village of Port Dickinson. The following is a summary of activity conducted during the reporting period:

Call & Case Activity:

- 16 Stray Dog Calls Responded To
- 6 Dogs Safely Transported to the Broome County Dog Shelter
- 8 Calls Pertaining to Other Animals (e.g., wildlife, cats, livestock)
- 22 Out-of-Jurisdiction Calls Redirected to Appropriate Agencies

Communication & Outreach:

- 46 Incoming Phone Calls Received
- 127 Outgoing Calls Made (including follow-ups and reminder notices)
- 13 Emails Received
- 13 Emails Responded To

Enforcement Actions:

- 8 Appearance Tickets Issued for Violations (including unlicensed or at-large dogs)
- 14 Written Warnings Issued to Encourage Voluntary Compliance

Operational Notes:

- 68 Miles Logged on the Fenton DCO Van in service of Dickinson/Port Dickinson
- Continued coordination with local law enforcement and Broome County shelter staff
- Ongoing tracking and follow-up on outstanding licensing compliance cases

Additional Remarks:

Public cooperation remained strong throughout the month, and educational efforts continue to yield positive outcomes in both licensing compliance and responsible pet ownership. As always, the safety and welfare of residents and animals remain our top priority. I appreciate the continued support of the Town Board in allowing this office to operate efficiently and effectively on behalf of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Starley
Dog Control Officer
607-648-4800 Ext. 188
dco@townoffenton.com

Next Town Board Meeting September 8, 5:30 PM. Work Session & Regular Board Meeting,

5:43 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING ON 'CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING WATER RATE INCREASE FOR MUNICIPAL USES IN THE TOWN OF DICKINSON AS FOLLOWS:

WATER RATE – ALL USERS: Minimum charge of \$10.00 for first 100

cubic feet, and thereafter \$6.00/100 cubic

feet

Supervisor Marinaccio opened the Public Hearings at 5:43 PM noting 5 members of the public present.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF DICKINSON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson at Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, NY on August 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, for the purpose of considering the following Water Rate increase for municipal uses in the Town of Dickinson as follows:

WATER RATE – ALL USERS: Minimum charge of \$10.00 for first 100

cubic feet, and thereafter \$6.00/100 cubic

feet

This billing change becomes effective September 12, 2025 and will be billed starting the first quarterly billing cycle in 2026, which happens in January. Interested persons shall be entitled to be heard upon said proposed rate changes. Persons with disabilities who require assistance in attending said public hearing, or in furnishing comments and suggestions, should contact the undersigned to request such assistance. Communications in writing in relation thereto may be filed with the Town Board prior to the public hearing.

Dated: August 4, 2025 Wendi Evans, Town Clerk

Town of Dickinson

<u>Discussion:</u> Supervisor Marinaccio explained that our town buys water from Town of Union, Town of Chenango, City of Binghamton and Village of Johnson City. Their rates get increased every year so that increases our water rates as well. Without increasing residents' water bills, it puts the town in the negative with our water budget. If we continue to do that the state will step in and we will be in trouble. The board went into an Attorney Advisory at 5:52 P.M. to have a discussion meeting to decide on how much to raise the rate which will not exceed \$6.00/100 cubic feet. Currently we are paying \$4.75. That is the only change that is being made at this time.

A motion was made by Councilperson Morabito and seconded by Councilperson Gardner to go into an Attorney Advisory Discussion regarding the water rate increase. All in favor. Vote Ayes – 4, Nays – 0, Absent -1.

Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye Councilperson Gardner voting Aye Councilperson Exley voting Aye Councilperson Morabito voting Aye Councilperson Burns- Absent

All in favor.

Public Hearing resumed at 6:13

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A resident asked if there was a way the residents could be charged with the software by consumption. Darrell commented that he is correct with what he has been told previously that it is not possible to do that as it is a maintenance fee which all residents need to pay into as it is to help pay for any maintenance that needs to be done on the water lines, etc.
- A resident questioned whether it would be possible to get a grant from the state to have our own well. Supervisor Marinaccio replied that it would cost multi-million dollars to do that as there are not many grants. It has been looked at, but it would make our bills even higher as there is so much that goes into it. Maintenance would need to be taken care of 24/7.

Public Hearing closed at 6:22 P.M.

RESOLUTION 2025-20

The following Resolution was offered by Councilperson Gardner, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilperson Exley to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson, Broome County, New York as follows:

RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN WATER RATES TO \$6.00/100 CUBIC FEET

The question of adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows: All in favor. Vote Ayes -4, Nays -0, Absent-1

Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye Councilperson Gardner voting Aye Councilperson Exley voting Aye Councilperson Morabito voting Aye Councilperson Burns Absent

All in favor.

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: Councilperson Morabito explained that the board looked at the 2026 budget and the town is looking at expenses at around \$700,000 for the cost of our water and salaries for the water department. With this increase we hope to generate around \$650,000, which leaves us \$50,000 short however, there are some line items that we have in our budget that we may be able to find that \$50,000 plus we have a little bit of reserve.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None to be heard

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY

Councilperson Morabito requested that we refer to Commissioner Kie as there are many items that he would like to discuss.

• WATER/SEWER

Councilwoman Exley requested that we refer to Commissioner Kie as well.

FINANCE

JUSTICE COURT REPORT

Councilperson Gardner made a motion to accept the **June 2025** Monthly Financial Report for the **Town Court** in the amount of \$19,129.00 seconded by Councilperson Morabito. All in favor.

o SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilperson Gardner made a motion to approve the **July 2025 Supervisor monthly report** in the amount of \$2,216,970.16. seconded by Councilperson Morabito. All in favor.

o TOWN CLERK MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilperson Gardner made a motion to accept the **July 2025 Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Clerk in the amount of \$3,569.25.** seconded by Councilperson Exley. All in favor.

• PERSONNEL

No comments

• PLANNING/ZONING

No comments

ABSTRACTS FOR APPROVAL

On Motion from Councilperson Gardner, seconded by Councilperson Morabito to approve **abstract # 8**, dated **August 18**, **2025**, in the amount of **\$199,461.13** Vote Ayes- 4, Nays-0, Absent-1.

Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye Councilperson Gardner voting Aye Councilperson Exley voting Aye Councilperson Morabito voting Aye Councilperson Burns Absent

Unanimously passed and noted as duly adopted.

Abstract Summary of Audited Vouchers for Funds respectively in the amount(s) of \$199,461.13.

Voucher #8 for August 2025 in the amount of \$199,461.13.

General Fund	\$33,987.41
Part Town	\$5,000.00
Highway	\$43,003.47
Fire District	\$0.00
Light Districts	\$4,621.80
Sewer Operating Dist.	\$5,843.56
Water Operating Dist.	\$107,004.89

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilperson Gardner seconded by Councilperson Exley to approve the **Work** Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2025. All in favor. Vote Ayes -4, Nays -0, Absent -1.

Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye Councilperson Gardner voting Aye Councilperson Exley voting Aye Councilperson Morabito voting Aye Councilperson Burns- Absent

All in favor.

ATTORNEY

<u>6:32 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING ON 'A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 528 OF</u> THE TOWN CODE REGARDING PARKING ON ADAMS STREET

Supervisor Marinaccio opened the Public Hearings at 6:32 PM noting 5 members of the public present.

TOWN OF DICKINSON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson at Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, NY on August 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, regarding a local law entitled "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 528 OF THE TOWN CODE REGARDING PARKING ON ADAMS STREET."

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the environmental significance, if any, of the proposed local law will be reviewed by said Town Board incident to and as a part of said public hearing.

Interested persons shall be entitled to be heard upon said proposed local law. Communications in writing in relation thereto may be filed with the Town Board prior to the public hearing. Persons with disabilities who require assistance in attending said public hearing, or in furnishing comments and suggestions, should contact the undersigned to request such assistance.

Dated: August 4, 2025 Wendi Evans, Town Clerk
Town of Dickinson

Town of Dickinson

Local Law No. _5_ of the year 2025

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 528 OF THE TOWN CODE REGARDING PARKING ON ADAMS STREET

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>: Section 528-35 "Schedule IX: No Parking At Any Time" of the Town Code is hereby amended by adding the following:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Adams Street 42°07'01"N75°56'30"W	Southwest	From GPS coordinates
42 07 01 1073 30 30 W		to 42°07'02"N75°56'30"W

Section 2: Separability

The provisions of this Local Law are separable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability will not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words, or parts of this Local Law or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this Local Law would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included therein, and as if such person or circumstance, to which the Local Law or part thereof is held inapplicable, had been specifically exempt therefrom.

Section 3: Repealer

All Ordinances, Local Laws and parts thereof inconsistent with this Local Law are hereby repealed.

Section 4: Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Public Hearing closed at 6:33 P.M.

RESOLUTION 2025-21

Town of Dickinson

Resolution Adopting Local Law #5-2025 entitled A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 528 OF THE TOWN CODE REGARDING PARKING ON ADAMS STREET

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson held at Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, New York on the 18th day of August, 2025, the following resolution was offered and seconded:

WHEREAS, the Town of Dickinson scheduled a public hearing for August 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. for Local Law No. 5 of 2025 entitled "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 528 OF THE TOWN CODE REGARDING PARKING ON ADAMS STREET"; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town and posted on the Town Clerk's signboard; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on the 18th day of August, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, it has been determined by the Town Board that adoption of the proposed Local Law constitutes a Type II Action as defined under 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(22) and (33); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Town to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby adopts said local law as Local Law No. 5 of 2025 entitled "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 528 OF THE TOWN CODE REGARDING PARKING ON ADAMS STREET"; a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be and hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution will take effect upon filing with the Department of State.

CERTIFICATION

I, Wendi Evans, do hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of the Town of Dickinson and that the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson at a meeting thereof held on this 18th day of August, 2025. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye
Aye
Absent
Aye
Aye
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RESOLUTION 2025-22

The following Resolution was offered by Councilperson Exley, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilperson Gardner to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson, Broome County, New York as follows:

RESOLUTION: APPOINTING DAVID BOYLE TO THE ZONING **BOARD**

The question of adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows: All in favor. Vote Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1.

> Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye Councilperson Gardner voting Aye Councilperson Exley voting Aye Councilperson Morabito voting Aye

Councilperson Burns Absent

All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2025-23

The following Resolution was offered by Councilperson Gardner, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilperson Morabito to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson, Broome County, New York as follows:

RESOLUTION: ADOPTING THE STANDARD WORKDAY FOR EMPLOYEES TO SUBMIT THEIR TIME TO N.Y.S.L.R.S.

The question of adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows: All in favor. Vote Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1.

Supervisor Marinaccio voting Aye Councilperson Gardner voting Aye Councilperson Exley voting Aye Councilperson Morabito voting Aye Councilperson Burns Absent

All in favor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS – WATER & SEWER

A.) Highway Department

- Commissioner Kie explained that we need to do a rate increase for sewer flat rates from \$116.55 to \$136.55. Residents that have a well that are not metered but are on the sewer system of the town. Attorney Coughlin explained that a public hearing would need to take place to increase sewer rate for flat rate users by an additional \$20. The board voting to have the public hearing will take place in September and the actual Public Hearing will take place in October.
- He also wanted the board to start discussing the maintenance fee on sewer lines that Town of Dickinson owns that the Town of Union is not paying anything so we are receiving nothing for their usage but our residents its built in our sewer rates that we are all paying but yet the Town Of Union is not paying but is getting the privilege of using it. Attorney Coughlin commented that they need to decide on an amount and then they will proceed with a Local Law change. It will be introduced in September and voted on in October.
- Commented that most of the storm damage has been cleaned up. Spent \$24,000 above and beyond to have a tree service come and help with trees that we could not get ourselves.

B.) PLANNING/ZONING

No comments heard

C.) CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Code Enforcer Doyle commented that August 28th Achieve will be displaying fireworks at Otsningo Park. Permits are received.
- 45 storm permits that have been issued since July 3rd mostly for siding and roof repairs.
- The representative from the Glenwood Solar project and himself went door to door to speak with the residents from Glenwood Rd to Linda Dr informing them of the solar project. They were all very welcoming and appreciative They had an issue with getting material up the drive the first day, but they made adjustments for the next day, and it is moving along good now. Communication has been very good.

DISCUSSION: Darrell explained that there is a possible opportunity to offer our retirees supplemental Medicare plans that is no cost to the town. There are 7 different plans on the program. The only liability on our part would be that the town would pay for this and the retirees will need to reimburse us for it. It is something for the board to think about and will make a decision at a later date. He also explained there is a Financial Investment Firm that are meeting with Towns and municipalities that the local government can put their money into. What they proposed was a quarter or 35% better than some of the other options out there. We are using our bank right now. They are new in New York State. None of this is risky to the town so it's worth looking into. NYSAOT is currently using them. They will not be up and running till February. It will be something to look into further and consider.

On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the Work Session/Regular meeting was adjourned into **Executive Session** to discuss a personal issue on a motion from Councilperson Morabito and seconded by Councilperson Gardner at 6:56 PM. All in favor.

On a motion by Councilperson Morabito and seconded by Councilperson Exley to return to regular session at 7:30 PM. All in favor.

On a motion by Councilperson Morabito and Seconded by Councilperson Burns to adjourn at 7:31 PM. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendi Evans Town Clerk