

November 3, 2025- 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, November 3, 2025, at the Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, New York.

The members of the Town Board present were:

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

Also attending:

**Keegan Coughlin, Attorney for the Town
Wendi Evans, Town Clerk**

Also in attendance:

**Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Doyle, Public Works Commissioner
Joel Kie and 3 guests.**

**5:32 PM: PUBLIC HEARING ON THE NEW FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT WITH
THE CHENANGO FIRE COMPANY**

**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 on November 3, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, NY, to consider a new fire protection contract with the Chenango Fire Company, Inc. for Fire Protection District No. 2.

Said contract shall be for fire protection to the Town of Dickinson Fire Protection District 2 upon the following general terms:

- (a) Chenango Fire Company, Inc. shall answer and attend all fire calls in its Fire Protection District.
- (b) For such services, Chenango Fire Company, Inc. shall be paid \$51,000 for 2026, \$52,000 for 2027, \$53,000 for 2028, \$54,000 for 2029, and \$55,000 for 2030.
- (c) Chenango Fire Company, Inc. shall insure all of its equipment against all liability and shall protect the Town of Dickinson from liability for any accident in which any fire company vehicle or equipment may be involved.
- (d) Chenango Fire Company, Inc.'s contract shall continue until December 31, 2030 (5 years).
- (e) Such other incidental terms as may be necessary or proper.

Interested persons shall be entitled to be heard upon said proposed contract. 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: October 15, 2025

Wendi Evans, Town Clerk
Town of Dickinson

Public Hearing closed @ 5:35

5:35 PM: PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF DICKINSON FOR THE YEAR 2026

**TOWN OF DICKINSON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2026**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the preliminary budget of the Town of Dickinson for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk at Dickinson Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, NY, where it is available for inspection during office hours.

The Town Board of the Town of Dickinson shall hold a public hearing on said preliminary budget at Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, NY on November 3, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. showing such changes, alterations and revisions as shall have been made therein by the Town Board. At such public hearing, any person may be heard in favor of or against the preliminary budget as compiled or for or against items therein contained.

The following are the proposed year 2026 salaries for the elected officials of the Town:

Supervisor	\$34,027.00
Town Council members (4)	\$13,717.00 (each)
Town Clerk	\$57,272.00
Public Works Commissioner	\$82,833.00
Town Justices (2)	\$29,808.00 (each)

Pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 258 of the laws of 2008, this shall service as notice of the exemption report. The report is posted on the Town's bulletin board, is annexed to any tentative or preliminary budget, and shall become part of the final budget.

Interested persons shall be entitled to provide written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the entire budget or any portion thereof. 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: October 15, 2025

Wendi Evans, Town Clerk
Town of Dickinson

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT
NOVEMBER WORK SESSION REPORT**

2026 TOWN OF DICKINSON BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Our staff and elected officials are to be congratulated for their hard work and dedication to the town and most of all, to our residents. Our goal always.
- Salary increases for all staff and officers is 5%
- Health insurance increases 13.2%
- NYS Retirement benefits that the town pays increased 23%
- There were cost reductions made in all departments such as highway, court, etc.
- Over \$82K was saved for 2026 due to completing a project in 2025
- We removed over \$20K for demolition costs for 2026
- We will continue to seek grants for all our departments
- We increased our estimates in income from various sources based on income in 2025
- The total property tax increase is 2%
- We are now investing our funds in an interest-bearing account with an estimate income of \$25,000 for 2026
- Not included in our water and sewer department is anticipated income from the hotel occupancy tax since this will be a new source of income but the amount at this point is unknown.
- Summary: The bottom line is that the Town of Dickinson remains one of the lowest taxed towns in Broome County as we continue to keep our town well maintained and offer great services that our residents expect. As always our goal is to always maintain the town and offer services in an effective and cost-efficient manner.

Public Hearing closed @ 5:50

- **DISCUSSION:** The hotel occupancy tax has passed with the governor and will start January 1st. Special forms will need to be filled out by the hotel every quarter with the amount collected and 3% of the cost will come to the town. Money is going to the water department hoping to have the rates stabilize. Next step will be to schedule a public hearing to make it a town law. A letter will be sent to the hotels to notify them. It is not in the budget for this year but will be in the future once we know what the income will be.

5:50 PM: PUBLIC HEARING ON THE NEW FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT WITH THE VILLAGE OF PORT DICKINSON

**TOWN OF DICKINSON
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson on November 3, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, NY, to consider a new fire protection contract with the Village of Port Dickinson, on behalf of the Port Dickinson Fire Company, Inc., for Fire Protection District No. 3.

Said contract shall be for fire protection to the Town of Dickinson Fire Protection District 3 upon the following general terms:

- (a) Port Dickinson Fire Company, Inc. shall answer and attend all fire calls in its Fire Protection District.
- (b) For such services, the Village of Port Dickinson, on behalf of Port Dickinson Fire Company, Inc., shall be paid \$35,516 for 2026, \$36,936 for 2027, and \$38,414 for 2028.
- (c) Port Dickinson Fire Company, Inc. shall insure all of its equipment against all liability and shall protect the Town of Dickinson from liability for any accident in which any fire company vehicle or equipment may be involved.
- (d) Port Dickinson Fire Company, Inc.'s contract shall continue until December 31, 2028 (3 years).
- (e) Such other incidental terms as may be necessary or proper.

Interested persons shall be entitled to be heard upon said proposed contract. 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.

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Town of Dickinson

Public Hearing closed @ 5:51

ATTORNEY

On a motion by Councilperson Gardner seconded by Councilperson Exley to set the **Public Hearing for Dec. 1st work session @ 5:30 for the Hotel Occupancy Tax** All in favor.

Vote- Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1.

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

All in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Commissioner Kie commented that we are continuing with leaf pickup and this will be the last week for yard waste.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Fire safety inspections will be starting this month for businesses.
- A large bonfire was started behind the Hillside Inn and Suites in the woods towards the highway. He is going to notify the hotel owners and also the Department of Transportation as it is state property.
- Councilperson Exley commented that there will be a meeting on Wednesday with the City planning commission regarding 333 Prospect St. They would like to now install 4 electric charging stations. Nothing has changed with how the enter/exit set up which would cause a problem. She will keep us updated.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion from Councilperson Gardner and seconded by Councilperson Burns at 6:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendi Evans
Town Clerk