

June 2, 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, June 2, 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
Danny F. Morabito, Councilperson - Absent
Thomas J. Burns, Councilperson**

Also attending:

**Keegan Coughlin, Esq., Attorney for the Town
Wendi Evans, Deputy Town Clerk**

Also in attendance:

**Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, Code Enforcement Officer Kyle
Doyle and 1 guest**

CHAIR

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Town Board Work Session

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1. Reminder: We will start our summer meeting schedule in July. Meeting dates and times are: July 14, 5:30 PM, August 18, 5:30 PM, September 8, 5:30 PM. If needed, we can always schedule an emergency meeting at any date and time.
2. Message from Anthony Fiala, Commissioner of Planning for the county: I spoke with Justin Marchuska last week regarding the Glenwood Road property. Conversation went well. I told him my suggestion would be to touch base with you regarding your thoughts regarding housing on that site. He seemed to have a few different thoughts on the type. I think it's important to get the Town's take and what they envision. I also mentioned that to access many of the housing grants/funds a community will probably need to be a Pro-housing community. My office has been fielding questions on that process as an FYI to you. Anything you need on my end, please reach out.
3. I forwarded/mailed the draft comprehensive plan that the Planning Board has been working on for your review. Please take the time to read the draft and at some point, in time, we will have a discussion on it at one of our board meetings. Additional work remains to complete the plan.
4. Kerby Sainclar was recently appointed as the Municipal and Community Relations Manager for NYSEG. He is replacing Joe Russin who is retiring. I had a great working relationship with Joe, and I have reached out to Kerby to continue that relationship.

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ATTORNEY

5:30 PM: PUBLIC HEARING ON 'KNOX BOXES'

Supervisor Marinaccio opened the Public Hearings at 5:34 PM noting 1 member 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 June 2, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, regarding a local law entitled "A LOCAL LAW ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 370 TO THE TOWN CODE ENTITLED 'KNOX BOXES.'"

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: May 15, 2025

Wendi Evans, Town Clerk
Town of Dickinson

Public Hearing closed at 5:43 PM

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5:43 PM: PUBLIC HEARING ON ‘MULTIPLE DWELLINGS MANAGERS’

Supervisor Marinaccio opened the Public Hearings at 5:43 PM noting 1 member of the public present.

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Dated: May 15, 2025

Wendi Evans, Town Clerk
Town of Dickinson

Public Hearing Closed at 5:47 PM

5:47 PM: PUBLIC HEARING ON ‘TEMPORARY PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS’

Supervisor Marinaccio opened the Public Hearings at 5:47 PM noting 1 member of the public present.

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“A LOCAL LAW ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 504 TO THE TOWN CODE ENTITLED ‘TEMPORARY PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS.’”

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.

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Dated: May 15, 2025

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Public Hearing Closed at 5:50 PM

5:50 PM: PUBLIC HEARING ON ‘OPEN FIRES’

Supervisor Marinaccio opened the Public Hearings at 5:50 PM noting 1 member of the public present.

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Dated: May 15, 2025

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Public Hearing Closed at 5:53 PM

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DISCUSSION: Attorney Coughlin commented regarding the FOIL request from Mr. Danko. The FOIL request was denied because it is a record that the town does not have in our possession. Mr. Danko has appealed that denial, so the board needs to make a decision on that appeal to be able to report it to Mr. Danko as well as to the committee on open government. His request is for verbiage that accompanied the pictures of the visual impact study that was submitted to the planning board for the approved solar farm that has been built. The planning boards records have been searched as well as speaking with the developer and there was no verbiage done with the study submitted. They orally presented the visual impact study along with the pictures that we do have to the planning board and the planning board felt satisfied that was enough to meet the town boards requirements, so Attorney Coughlin's recommendation is that we deny Mr. Danko's appeal but still reprove him with the pictures that he has already received and also the name of the engineering firm that submitted that study. The planning board did not require a written submission, and they accepted an oral presentation of the impact study.

A motion to deny Mr. Danko's appeal but reprove him the pictures of the visual impact study and let him know who the engineering company was that did it and let him know that the planning board waived the requirement from a written study after hearing an oral presentation. All in favor. Vote-4 Ayes, Nays-0, Absent-1.

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

All in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS

- **Water/Sewer**
 - As a requirement from the EPA that the town water be tested. Random homes have been chosen throughout the town; water will be tested for lead and copper.
- **Highway**
 - Clean-up day went very well.
 - John St project is about ½ way completed and is going well.
 - Started sweeping roads and doing the regular summer outdoor maintenance

CODE

- BOCES project is going well and fast with the construction.
- The second solar project is moving along very well.

ZONING

- Zoning board meeting will be held on June 23rd @ 6:00 PM.

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On a motion by Councilperson Gardner and Seconded by Councilperson Burns to adjourn at 6:10 PM. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendi Evans
Deputy Town Clerk