

December 6, 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, December 6, 2021 at the Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, New York and via Zoom.

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, Public Works Commissioner
Joel Kie, Zoning Board Chair Jeanne Compton, Planning Board Chair
Jerry Ford via Zoom, and one member of the public.**

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Meeting ID: 811 1044 8135

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Supervisor Marinaccio opened the Public Hearing at 5:30 PM. He stated that we have two Public Hearings tonight, one for water rates and the other for sewer rates. We are switching the water and sewer rates so that we can balance our line items for both sewer and water billing.

PUBLIC HEARING #1:

**LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF THE YEAR 2021: A LOCAL LAW AMENDING
CHAPTER 557 OF THE TOWN CODE ENTITLED “WATER”**

Resident Jim Love asked if this Local Law would have any negative effect on his situation where he pays water but not sewer. Supervisor Marinaccio replied that Mr. Love’s water rates will actually be reduced. There are just a handful of residences in the town that are not on the sewer.

PUBLIC HEARING #2:

**LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF THE YEAR 2021: A LOCAL LAW AMENDING
CHAPTER 447 OF THE TOWN CODE ENTITLED “SEWERS”**

With no further comments being heard the Public Hearings were closed at 5:34 PM.

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SELF HELP BID OPENING

Two bids were submitted for the **Self -Help** projects.

The bids were opened at 10:30 AM, December 6th, 2021 by Town Clerk Cerretani and Public Works Commissioner Kie and witnessed by Deputy Clerk Wendi Evans and Executive Assistant Beverly Kie.

Four contractors requested the bid packets. Two bids were submitted.

R. DeVincentis Construction INC: \$1,229.00

G. DeVincentis & Son: \$1,290.00

The bid will be awarded at next week's Regular Board Meeting.

Town Board Work Session Supervisor's Report

1. Tonight, we have two Public Hearings: both related to our water and sewer billing. We are simply switching the water and sewer rates so that we can balance our line items for both sewer and water billing. This equates to no increase in your water/sewer billing.
2. The door replacement and security project for both our entrances to the town hall remains in progress. I have notified **DASNY** representative Tammy Knotts that we will soon be submitting copies of the invoices form this project plus proof of payments made for the project. Also, the \$2K grant that the court staff received will go towards this project.
3. Still waiting for the completion of the security system for **Sunrise Terrace Park** but much progress has been made thanks to Joel for overseeing this project as well as the door replacement project.
4. Town Historian, Kathy Groover, unearthed the **1917 Militia Enrollment Lists** in the Historian Office. One has been professionally archived and framed and will be place on display in the town hall. Location to be determined.
5. The Planning Board will not be meeting this month due to no pending business for this board.
6. We are currently working on the 2022 Organization Meeting. Two reappointments are due, one for the Planning Board, Deb Morello and one for the Zoning Board, Jeanne Compton. I have contacted both and both and they would like to be reappointed. All other appointed positions such as attorney, constable, court clerks, etc. will be reappointed as we do on an annual basis. All Chair positions will remain the same for 2022. Deputy Supervisor will remain the same.

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7. Supervisor Marinaccio stated that the **State Education Department** made a ruling regarding the six Front Street properties who had an issue with their school taxes being switched from Binghamton to Chenango Valley. These properties will remain in the Binghamton School District. They will pay Chenango Valley School taxes this year and Binghamton school taxes next year. **Binghamton School District** taxes are less than **Chenango Valley School District** taxes. Morabito stated that these residents should not be penalized for someone else’s mistake this year. Mr. Marinaccio stated that there were a lot of phone calls to come to a solution to this problem and he thinks that everyone is going to be happy. They went through the State Education Department, Broome County Real Property, and their attorneys.

ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION 2021-33

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 A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 557 OF THE TOWN CODE ENTITLED “WATER”.

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 –5, Nays – 0, Absent-0.

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

All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2021-34

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: ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF THE YEAR 2021: A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 447 OF THE TOWN CODE ENTITLED “SEWERS”.

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 –5, Nays – 0, Absent-0.

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

All in favor.

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PARKING ON ORCHARD ROAD

Public Works Commissioner Kie is requesting no parking restrictions on the cul-de-sac at the end of Orchard Road to prevent issues in the future. It is the only cul-de-sac within the town that does not have parking restrictions in place. When cars park on that area of the road, especially in the winter, it prohibits the snowplows, trucks, and cars from turning around.

Requesting to schedule a public hearing for the January 3, 2022 work session meeting at 5:30 on local law regarding parking on Orchard Rd. next week.

Attorney VanWhy stated that we are working on a fence permit process and will be asking for a public hearing soon.

The **SELF HELP BID** will be awarded at next week's regular meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that leaf pick-up is just about done. He commented that there was a lot of confusion with the residents this year despite our efforts to inform them. Supervisor Marinaccio suggested that we post a public service announcement next year.
- The Village of Port Dickinson is down a truck.
- The trucks that were ordered have not come in yet.
- No parking on Town streets from November 16-April 16 when two inches or more of snow are predicted.
- Waiting for the alarm company for final installation. They have to re-program the area code 607 update. Once that is completed, those with key FOBs will be able to unlock the door and disarm the alarm.

ZONING

- Zoning Board Chair Compton reported there is one pending and one application.

On a motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned by a motion from Councilperson Morabito and seconded by Councilperson Burns at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani
Town Clerk