

October 3, 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, October 3, 2022, at the Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, New York and via Zoom.

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Meeting ID: 867 7447 8459

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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 M. Cerretani, Town Clerk

Also in attendance:

Code Enforcement Officer Stephen Rafferty, Public Works
Commissioner Joel Kie, Zoning Board Chair Jeanne Compton,
Engineer for the Town Ron Lake, Town of Dickinson employee Kyle
Doyle, resident Jim Love, resident Ed Katusha, and his son Joe
Katusha.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT
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1. There continues to be many police calls to the **EconoLodge**. The latest was last week with multiple police agencies there including the **FBI**. I reached out to the Sheriff's Department, but they were not able to make any arrests. I hope to get a report soon.
2. Also, there have been a number of level one sex offenders being housed at the hotel. I have voiced my concern with the **Broome County Executive** since we have a children's playground directly across the street. Please keep in mind that NY State has made these moves legal.
3. Joel and I continue to work with the two emergency services coordinators on the development of a **Town Emergency Plan**.
4. I am working with Lt. Ben Harding from the Broome County Sheriff's Department to have the sheriff officers come to our town hall to go over safety protocol. Dates and times are a bit of a challenge. Board members will be invited to attend once a date is scheduled.
5. We completed our **2023 Preliminary Budget**, and it can be reviewed on our website or review a copy at the town hall.
6. Our next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, at 6 pm. The County will be sending a representative here to go over an abbreviated **2023 County Budget**. It does have a small tax cut.

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Supervisor Marinaccio welcomed Mr. Ed Katusha and his son Joe who spoke on his father's behalf. Mr. Katusha resides at 3 Marion Street in the Town of Dickinson. Joe explained that his father's property is located next to two creek beds, Poe Creek and Choconut Creek, and stated that there has been terrible erosion on the Poe Creek side of the property to the extent that they have lost forty to fifty feet of the property because of it. He stated that there is a one-hundred-foot line on the edge of property that is made up of a permanent easement that the Town of Dickinson is supposed to maintain for a drainage pipe that was put in years ago to divert water into Poe Creek. Joe gave an overview of the history relating to the creek bed and his father's property noting that in years past a bridge and a culvert pipe were removed. Joe stated that he obtained an estimate of \$13,500 from a contractor to divert the creek by using the material and debris that is there to prevent the erosion from getting worse. He feels that the Town of Dickinson is responsible for two thirds of the cost: \$9,000 – one third for the Town's easement, one third for the Town property, and one third for the property owner. He thinks the Town of Dickinson failed in its responsibility to maintain the easement and maintain the mouth of the creek once the bridge was removed. He suggested that the Town should consider a long-term solution by installing significant riprap to solve the problem. Mr. Katusha provided photos and an engineer's report. Supervisor Marinaccio stated that we have been dealing with this for a few years now and stated that there is a lot that the board has to consider especially under advisement from the attorney and information from Public Works Commissioner Kie and Town Engineer Lake. He continued on to say that we will review this, and the board members will make a site visit to the property. Joe Katusha stated that he will wait to hear back from Public Works Commissioner Kie.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None being heard.

ATTORNEY

2023 BUDGET

Attorney VanWhy asked to have a resolution placed on next week's meeting agenda to schedule a Public Hearing for the **2023 Budget Vote** for November 7, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

PARKING NEAR FIRE HYDRANTS

Attorney VanWhy asked to have a resolution placed on next week's meeting agenda to schedule a public hearing amending **Chapter 528 of the Town Code entitled "Vehicles and Traffic"** to prohibit parking near fire hydrants for November 7, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Public Works Commissioner Kie reported we had four participants at the **Electronics Recycling Event** on Saturday, October 1st. Mr. Kie stated that Deborah Smith, the **Director of the Broome County Landfill** was concerned that people might be discarding their electronics in the trash and not properly recycling them. The **Broome County Landfill** has a plan in place to hire a full-time security person to check that electronics are being disposed of properly.
- Mr. Kie has received a recommendation from Darrell Dennison to consider increasing the **Glenwood Cemetery** rates. Mr. Kie stated that we have approximately seven social service graves available and that there is a great deal of area left in the cemetery for private and veteran grave sites.

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- Mr. Kie reported that the Public Works Department is ready for fall leaf pickup. The leaves are not falling yet.
- Mr. Kie stated that he is concerned about the condition of the property at 606 Old Front Street.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Kyle Doyle has finished his Code training classes that he participated in from June through September.

Town personnel received a **Risk Management Bulletin** entitled Avoiding Risk from “**First Amendment Audits**” from NYMIR.

On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned by a motion from Councilperson Morabito and seconded by Councilperson Exley at 6:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani
Town Clerk