

April 10,2023 – REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Dickinson Town Board was called to order with the pledge of allegiance by Supervisor Michael A. Marinaccio at 6:00 PM on Monday, April 10, 2023 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 via Zoom
Thomas J. Burns, Councilperson**

Also in attendance:

**Nathan D. VanWhy, Esq., Town Attorney
Wendi Evans, Town Clerk
Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, Code Enforcement Kyle Doyle
Jim Love, and Tim Gourley.**

CHAIR

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

**April 2023 Town Board Meeting
Supervisor’s Report**

Before we begin our meeting, I am asking everyone to join me for a moment of silence for the March 18 passing of Olha Iwhanesko, a longtime resident and the oldest person, 105 years old, who lived in the Town of Dickinson. She is an Aunt of our Zoning Board member Lubomyr Zobniw

1. I reviewed the credit card monthly charges and found no issues.
2. Our **Town Newsletter** was completed and mailed out to our town and village residents.
3. Received a letter from Lateisha Judge, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity, requesting a letter of support from me regarding their applying for a NY State **Affordable Home Ownership Grant**. After speaking to Ms. Judge, I decided to write a letter of support.
4. A meeting was held by the county at our town hall on March 27. Some residents from Chenango Shores were invited to attend to learn more about the **Boland Property** purchase. Many county officials and members of the SUNY Broome Board of Directors as well as President Drumm were present to address our residents’ concerns. Councilman Burns, Code Officer Kyle Doyle, Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie and I were also in attendance. The meeting went very well. There were many good questions that were asked. County and SUNY Broome officials stated that there are no immediate plans to build or expand on the Boland property. I recommended that a Community Advisory Board, led by our town, be established and everyone agreed that was

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a good idea. I also received a copy of an email sent by the residents to me and the county reps thanking us for holding the meeting. Items of interest were but not limited to: creating a buffer zone, easement on John St. to allow the town to do some mitigation work, and egress and ingress to any future development on the **Boland property** to be on the SUNY Broome Campus and not through Chenango Shores.

5. I was notified by The Agency/BC IDA, that the Millennium Pipeline Pilot agreement expires in 2024. All tax bills after that year should be billed at 100% of the value. In the Town of Dickinson, there are.
6. I was re-appointed to the **Broome County Land Bank Community** Advisory Panel. Our mission is to advocate for the purpose and programs and policies of the BCLBC to the community and to inform the BCLBC of the impact of its programs and policies in the community.
7. Joel brought to my attention the very poor condition of the landscaped area at Front and Old Front St. that we maintain that was worked on during the Round About construction. I discussed this with the **NYSDOT** Director, and he agreed that this area needs to be worked on by the contractor.
8. Ron Lake completed and submitted the MSD-4 Municipal Annual Report
9. Our request to add a town fee on occupied hotel and motel rooms was submitted for review and approval by Assemblyman Joe Angelino.
10. I visited the new residents who will take ownership of the new Habitat for Humanity home at 4 Linda Dr. and welcomed them to our town.
11. Both Joel and I have brought to the attention of the **NYSDOT** of the very poor road condition on Upper Front St. near the entrance to the Gardens (Cracker Barrell, Regal, etc.). This portion of the road is in dire need of repair. and we do not want them to cold patch it as they did last year.

Code Violations/Appearance Tickets

1. 557 Old Front St., property has more than one unregistered vehicle on the property.
2. 54 Downs, Appearance Ticket, garbage on property blowing into neighbors' property, over filled garbage cans, other debris.
3. 33 Pulaski, trash and debris on the property.
4. 26 Pulaski, trash and debris in rear of property.
5. 48 Sowden, debris in rear of property
6. 843 U. Front St., vehicle registered over 10,000 g.v.w parked in driveway.
7. 50 Pulaski, trash and debris on the property
8. 515 Old Front St., several unlicensed vehicles openly stored.
9. 169 L. Stella Ireland, multiple unregistered vehicles stored on property.
10. 521 Old Front St., unsafe structure in back of property.183 L. Stella Ireland, appliances and debris on the property

Building Permits

1. 13 Pleasant Ct., new roof for garage

Dog Control Officer Reports

TOWN: 1 call, past due reminder for dog license

VILLAGE: 7 calls, barking dog issues, stray dog, missing dog but found at dog shelter

NYSEG Utility Shutoff Notices:

No notices received.

Next Town Board Meeting

Our next Town Board meeting is scheduled for May 1, **5:30 PM work session.**

STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS

- Robin Laabs, Director of Purchasing presented to the board the State of County update.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Tim Gourley inquired about the Solar status and Supervisor Marinaccio replied that the committee has not yet reported. Jim Love, that is a part of the committee, commented that they would be meeting next month. Tim Gourley asked if it could be discussed with him before anything was finalized. Attorney VanWhy explained that would be the committee’s decision to have him be a part of that. Supervisor Marinaccio explained that any questions Tim has regarding it should be referred to Attorney VanWhy.
- A resident was concerned about the road conditions on Front St., the signs that have fallen down and also the landscaping in the center of the roundabouts. Supervisor Marinaccio explained that he has talked to the DOT regarding both issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

● **PUBLIC WORKS**

- Councilperson Morabito explained that **NYSEG** will be doing work on Terrace Dr. and Sunrise Dr. with the gas lines lasting 2 weeks. May need to close the road at some point and redirect traffic. Sunrise Dr. project will begin late April, early May.
- Councilperson Morabito reported the Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie’s 2012 truck is in need of a box. The cost will be \$11,350.00.

● **FINANCE**

○ **SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

Councilperson Gardner made a motion to accept the **March 2023 Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Supervisor in the amount of \$2,276,595.12.** On a motion by Councilperson Gardner seconded by Councilperson Exley. All in favor.

- **TOWN CLERK MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**
Councilperson Gardner made a motion to accept the **March 2023 Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Clerk** in the amount of **\$987.00** seconded by Councilperson Morabito. All in favor.

- **JUSTICE COURT REPORT**
Councilperson Gardner made a motion to accept the **February 2023 Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Court** in the amount of **\$18,924.01** seconded by Councilperson Exley. State \$13,855.00.00 County \$240.00 Town \$4829.01 All in favor.

- **ABSTRACTS FOR APPROVAL**

On Motion from Councilperson Gardner, seconded by Councilperson Exley to approve **Abstract #04** dated **April 10, 2023** in the amount of **\$388,432.77**.

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

Unanimously passed and noted as duly adopted.

Abstract Summary of Audited Vouchers for Funds respectively in the amount(s) of \$388,432.77.

Voucher #04 for April 10, 2023 year in the amount of \$388,432.77.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$32,988.43</u>
<u>Part Town</u>	<u>\$920.00</u>
<u>Highway</u>	<u>\$12,787.38</u>
<u>Fire Districts</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Light Districts</u>	<u>\$3,235.51</u>
<u>Sewer Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$250,299.71</u>
<u>Water Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$88,201.74</u>

- **PERSONNEL**
Councilman Gardner reported that the Town Clerk Wendi Evans was sworn in on March 3, 2023 and we have a new Deputy Town Clerk Linda Lee.

- **PLANNING**
No Planning Board meeting this month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilperson Exley seconded by Councilperson Gardner to approve the **March 6, 2023 Work Session Minutes, the March 13, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.**

All in favor.

Vote-5 Ayes, Nays-0, Absent-0.

ATTORNEY

On a motion made by Councilperson Morabito and seconded by Councilperson Exley to schedule a public hearing on May 1, 2023 regarding “**A Local Law Amending the Town Zoning Code to Prohibit Commercial Battery Energy Storage Systems in the Town.**” All in favor. Vote-5 Ayes, Nays-0, Absent-0.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

- Bids were opened for the demolishing of **36 Pulaski** on April 10, 2023 at 10:05 a.m. by Town Clerk Wendi Evans, Deputy Town Clerk Linda Lee and Assessor Assistant Dan Scoville. 6 bids were passed out and we had 2 returned.
 - Gorick Construction - \$28,890.00
 - LCP Group - \$26,500.00

The town is reviewing and checking with the Land Bank and will reward it to the contractor at a later date.

- On a motion made by Councilperson Morabito and seconded by Councilperson Burns to purchase a new box for Public Commissioner Kie’s 2012 truck in the amount of \$11,350.00. All in favor. Vote-5 Ayes, Nays-0, Absent-0

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

ZONING

Nothing to report.

CODE

Violations continue to be steady and building permits are slowly increasing as summer approaches.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tim Gourley questioned if any decision would be made regarding the solar status at the public meeting. Attorney Vanwhy responded that nothing would be decided at that point. It will be up to the town board after public comment.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Councilperson Morabito and seconded by Councilperson Burns at 7:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendi Evans
Town Clerk