

October 2, 2023 – 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 2, 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
Thomas J. Burns, Councilperson

Also attending:

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

Also in attendance:

Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Doyle, Public Works Commissioner
Joel Kie, Town Engineer Ron Lake and 5 guests.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT **Town Board Work Session** **October 2, 2023**

1. Tonight, we will have a 15-minute presentation by the New York Citizens Election group. I will allow for a few questions following the presentation before we move on to our work session business.
2. Site Preparation work for the walk bridge demolition project will begin tomorrow. Letters from the NYSDOT are being mailed out to nearby residents. Most of the demolition will be in the evening to early morning hours due to safety measures being taken for traffic flow on I-81.
3. We are continuing to review various steps for us to be taken regarding solar projects including actual measuring of distances from various parcels of land.
4. I may be attending a Shared Services Panel discussion held by the County. This will be an in-person panel discussion at the county office building.
5. The sale of the Boland property to SUNY Broome is at a standstill due to the property owners wanting more money for their land. I notified the group of residents from Chenango Shores that have been chosen to be on a committee.
6. Our next town board meeting is next Tuesday, October 10, 6 pm. Monday is a holiday.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

The New York Citizens Audit group attended the work session and gave a brief report asking for our board's support. They are a citizen's group organized for the purpose of performing an open-source audit of the New York State Board of Elections, to ensure our elections are valid. The link to their website is AuditNY.com for more information.

ATTORNEY

2024 BUDGET

Attorney Coughlin asked to have a resolution placed on next month's meeting agenda to schedule a Public Hearing for the **2024 Budget Vote**.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Commissioner Kie distributed several printouts of land maps to help the board be able to see the different overlays and distances of properties that they can review regarding the solar projects in helping them make their decisions. Supervisor Marinaccio would like to have another client-privilege meeting to discuss it all further.
- Commissioner Kie wanted approval for ordering the new backhoe that was previously discussed. A resolution will be approved at the next meeting.
 - New one - \$136,305.00
 - Trade in - \$36,500.00
 - Our cost - \$99,805.00
 - 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 AyeAll in favor.
- Commissioner Kie requested that at our next meeting we talk about raising our procurement policy from \$6,999 to \$9,999 as he no longer can buy a plow for that amount. It was decided that it will be added to the agenda for next week.
- Commissioner Kie reported that Supervisor Marinaccio and himself will be setting up a date to meet with the DOT regarding the concern of the traffic backing up on the circle during the Otsningo Christmas lights event.

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CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Code Officer Doyle made the board aware he was informed that there have been young adults trespassing on the solar property by the cemetery. They have been building large bonfires. He has notified the developer who is going to contact the construction crew members to have “No Trespassing” signs placed.
- Code Officer Doyle would like to look into adopting a permit for food trucks with propane cylinders. It is a major concern that was brought up in his fire marshals’ class that he recently attended. Other municipalities already have them in place. He will work with Attorney Coughlin to get a policy in place.

On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned by a motion from Councilperson Morabito and seconded by Councilperson Burns at 6:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendi Evans
Town Clerk