

April 3, 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, April 3, 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:

**Nathan D. VanWhy, Esq., Attorney for the Town
Wendi Evans, Town Clerk**

Also in attendance:

Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Doyle, Town Engineer Ron Lake, 1 resident and 1 student.

CHAIR

SUPERVISOR'S WORK SESSION REPORT

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Submitted by Supervisor Michael Marinaccio

1. 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 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.
2. The 2023 Town Newsletter was quite a challenge this year, but it was finally completed by the printer and sent to the US Post office to be mailed last week.

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ATTORNEY

Attorney Nate VanWhy discussed the possibility of having a Battery storage moratorium. There has been some inquiries on whether or not any parcels of land in the town can be used for battery storage. The code can be interpreted in different ways as to possibly allowing battery storage so would like to get ahead of things and discuss adopting a battery storage moratorium. Several years ago it was discussed but it was never finalized. If Nyseg was to do it, it would be allowed, because it is a public utility. We have no control over that. Attorney Nate VanWhy recommended doing a local law to prevent it. Kyle was going to review the code to see if the town has anything in place at this time to confirm. The board decided to move forward with it at the next Regular meeting with a draft of Local Law to prohibit any Battery Storage, that will be reviewed by the board for a final decision.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Commissioner Kie reported:

- Electronic Municipal Day will not be held due to the County deciding that it will have a regional drop-off point in place of it. The designated place and time will be announced at a later date.
- Nyseg will be coming in to replace gas lines on the top of Terrace. It is all in coordination with replacing the road on Sunrise Dr. The work has been started and will not be completed till August.
- Yard waste pick-up has started for the season.

CODE

Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Doyle explained that we will now be using a new format for building permits. Green cards will no longer be used.

ZONING BOARD

Nothing to report.

On a motion by Councilperson Morabito and seconded by Councilperson Burns to adjourn at 6:11 PM. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendi Evans
Town Clerk