

## June 5, 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, June 5, 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, Deputy Town Clerk**

**Also in attendance:**

**Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Doyle, Town Engineer Ron Lake, and 2 guests from the General Public**

### PUBLIC HEARING

**5:30 PM: PUBLIC HEARING “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 497 OF THE TOWN CODE ENACTING A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 466-a OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW.”**

Supervisor Marinaccio opened the Public Hearing at 5:32 P.M.

Discussion: Supervisor Marinaccio pointed out some highlights:

- 10% deduction – Town taxes only
- 2 years of service in the Town of Dickinson
- Fixed or filed annually.
- Doesn't apply to school taxes.
- Any un-remarried spouse of a volunteer would be entitled to the continued exemption if their spouse passes away in the line of duty if they have met the necessary years of service.
- Fire Station will provide a list of qualified applicants once a year.

Public Hearing closed at 5:34

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### CHAIR

#### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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1. I am asking the board members to approve changing our August meeting date from August 14<sup>th</sup> to August 21<sup>st</sup>. This would be our combined work session and regular meeting.
2. We will have a brief discussion/update regarding the demolition of **36 Pulaski** so that we are aware of the progress that is being made.
3. Sunrise Terrace Community Association held their annual community yard sale this past Saturday. There was a large sale of goods, mostly new items, that were being sold in front of the **Eco-No Lodge** by a group that does this as a business. We will discuss this later tonight with input from our code officer and attorney.
4. At his request, I will be meeting with Harry Weis, representative for Governor Kathy Hochul is Friday following the bond signing here at our town hall.
5. Joel and I met with Ron Lake last week. Ron will no longer be handling the Annual MS-4 report. We will begin to search for someone to do this report and we have a lead and will be talking to Dan Griffiths, an engineer, who does this for other towns and is interested in doing this for us. I will report back to the town board following any discussions we have with Dan.

### ATTORNEY

- Bond Closing on Friday June 9th @ 10:00 for the additional financing for sewer repairs and improvements on **Sunrise Drive**.

### PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Kie gave an update on the demolition of 36 Pulaski. The demolition is set for bids that were awarded. Waiting on **NYSEG** to get all the utilities off, the meter for the electric and the gas. The neighbors will be notified that this will be taking place.

The **Sunrise Dr** project is continuing. Underdrains were totally rotted out. Sewer laterals were never tied from the homeowners to the new sewer that's in the street making the original sewer go underneath the street, so it all needed to be corrected before laying down the new road. The clamps were also rotted out as well so had to replace all of those as well. They were unable to get the parts right away, making it delay the project for a little bit of time. Milling the street will be taking place and the residents will be notified 2 weeks in advance of that happening.

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### CODE

Code Officer Doyle met with the owner Mr. Patel at the **Econo Lodge** regarding the Flea Market that was set up on 6-3-2023 (Community Garage Sale). Mr. Patel explained that he was out of town at that point. His manager Rudy was managing that day and the gentleman who is the owner of the pop-up Flea Market called and asked if he could set up in the **Econo Lodge** parking lot. He told Rudy that he was part of the Sunrise Terrace Association and was here to help them with garage sales, but he did not have a place to set up and would like to use their parking lot. Rudy gave them permission to do so, with the thought that he was benefiting the Town. Officer Doyle proceeded with giving the **Econo Lodge** a Code Violation and to document that they have had a conversation. Mr. Patel apologized and felt bad about the whole situation and to his knowledge he thought he was doing something good. An agreement was made that in the future Officer Doyle will be notified before anything is set up in their parking lot. We have no information on the owner of the business that was set up.

Permit Fee Schedules – Officer Doyle would like to adjust our permit prices to be comparable to the other towns in our area. The board will review and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Officer Doyle will be meeting with other town fire chiefs and other town code officers quarterly on code issues, questions, or concerns that they may have to keep the communication open.

### ZONING

Public Hearing on June 20<sup>th</sup> for N. Broad Ave.

On a motion by Councilperson Morabito and seconded by Councilperson Burns, the work session was adjourned at 6:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendi Evans  
Deputy Town Clerk