

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, March 4, 2024 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, Town Engineer Ron Lake, Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, Jim Love

CHAIR

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

March 4, 2024 Town Board Work Session

1. Please join me in a moment of silence in remembering David Smith, one of our volunteer firemen for the Prospect Terrace Fire Company. David passed away on February 19 after a courageous battle with cancer. David was a US Army Veteran who served in the Vietnam War.
2. I would like to proclaim March 9, 2024, as Dave Smith Day in the Town of Dickinson. Is there a motion, second, all in favor.... I will be presenting a proclamation to Mrs. Smith at the 2024 Prospect Terrace Fire Company Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers that will take place on March 9.
3. In regard to our town court operations, our judge has been able to assign interns to assist our town court clerk now that we have an opening for a second court clerk. Our judge will be requesting a temporary salary increase for our present court clerk which will require board approval.
4. I would recommend that the board members and other town staff go online to the Broome County website and review the recent County Housing Needs Assessment. It has very important information which includes all of the municipalities with facts and figures.
5. The New York State No Open Burning law goes into effect starting on March 16 through May 14. This could be extended pending weather conditions.
6. Today we have guests from the Tobacco Free Broome and Tioga County who will give us a brief presentation.

PRESENTATION

A presentation was given by the Tobacco Control Program presenting information regarding the local licensing laws, retailer cap, and zoning laws with tobacco retailers that municipalities should review and consider. Supervisor Marinaccio and the town board agreed and will be discussing it for further consideration.

DISCUSSION

- Supervisor Marinaccio requested that he would like to proclaim that March 9th be set as “David Smith day”. He will present the proclamation to Mrs. Smith at the annual Fireman’s dinner.

On a motion by Councilperson Gardner seconded by Councilperson Exley to proclaim **March 9th, 2024 as “David Smith Day” in the Town Of Dickinson**. All in favor. Vote- Ayes-5, Nays-0, Absent-0.

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

All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2024 - 6

The following Resolution was offered by Councilperson Morabito, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilperson Burns to wit:
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson, Broome County, New York as follows:

RESOLUTION: APPOINTING EVA RANDALL FOR THE JUDGE POSITION IN THE JUDICIAL COURT.

The question of adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows: All in favor. Vote Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1.

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

All in favor.

BOND DISCUSSION:

Councilperson Gardner explained that the Sunrise Terrace Road project bond interest is due on April 24th. It was \$900,000 with a 10-year term/ 5% interest rate. At the time we have the opportunity to rewrite the bond. We would have to pay \$90,000 principal so we would rewrite the bond for \$810,000. We have 2 options:

1. If we paid the \$90,000 principal and rewrote the bond for \$810,000, we could lock in to a 9 yr. serial bond @ 4.5% with the Bank of Greene County.
2. We also have the option to renew it for a 1 yr. renewable bond for \$810,000 @ 4.15%. This is the one suggested because we don't know if rates will be going up or down. We would have the option after 1 year to look at the rates and renew again with a lower interest rate. The closing would be April 24th.

The board agreed that option 2 would be best and will move forward with that.

ATTORNEY

- Attorney Coughlin explained that the Solar Law is officially on file as of February 26th, 2024.
- An Executive Session meeting is needed directly after due to an employee matter.
- A discussion regarding proposed Local Laws:
 1. **Zoning codes** – currently in the residential district there is an accessory height limitation of 18 feet and a maximum lot coverage for buildings on lots of 30%. An issue around the town is that residents are building accessory structures that are massive or eliminating green space altogether. He encouraged to think about a zoning change with setting a maximum square footage for accessory structures or require a certain percentage of green space and that would avoid someone from paving their entire yard or putting crushed stone through their entire front yard etc. The board was in agreement of 800 sq. ft. for accessory and 60% of green space.
 2. **Fire Alarm** - Next meeting we will have the resolution introducing the fire alarm local law regarding if someone is altering with the turning offs. We will set up a public hearing for April.
 3. **Outdoor Lighting** - Next meeting a resolution for the outdoor lighting regulation. Protects the neighborhoods from somebody having light spillage on another property.
 4. **Food Trucks** - Next meeting a regulation regarding Food Trucks licenses – 2 logical places to place these are the Peddlers Regulation and the Transient retail businesses and vendors. A Food Truck for a local charity there will be no fee but a permit will still be needed.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Municipal Cleanup Day is May 18th. No electronics.
- The bid Opening for the water van replacement took place today, March 4th. We had one bid from Chenango Sales Inc. for \$51, 472.00. A reward letter will be sent out this week. The old one will be put up for auction.
- Yard waste pick up starts April 1st.

CODE

- 2023 code reports have all been submitted to the state.
- Emergency Services are replacing and adding 6 new antennas by AT&T.
- Citizen Solar is in a holding pattern as they are working with the county to get the 36 parcels into 1 parcel prior to a permit being issued.

On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned into **Executive Session** to discuss a personal issue on a motion from Councilperson Morabito and seconded by Councilperson Exley at 6:45 PM. All in favor.

On a motion by Councilperson Gardner and seconded by Councilperson Exley to return to regular session at 7:14 PM. All in favor.

On a motion by Councilperson Morabito and Seconded by Councilperson Burns to adjourn at 7:15 PM. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendi Evans
Town Clerk