

July 14, 2025 – WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING

The Work Session and Regular Meetings of the Town of Dickinson Town Board were called to order with the pledge of allegiance by Supervisor Michael A. Marinaccio at 5:00 PM on Monday, July 14, 2025, at the Town Hall, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, New York

This is the first of the regular meetings which begins the summer schedule of July, August, and September, combining our Work Session with the Regular Meeting on the second Monday of those months with a start time of 5:30 P.M.

The members of the Town Board present were:

**Michael A. Marinaccio, Supervisor
Stephen M. Gardner, Councilperson
Thomas J. Burns, Councilperson
Danny F. Morabito, Councilperson - Absent
Sharon M. Exley, Councilperson**

Also attending:

**Keegan Coughlin Esq., Attorney for the Town
Linda Lee, Deputy Town Clerk
Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, Kyle Doyle Code Enforcer and 3 guests**

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Supervisor's Report

Before we get started, please join me in a moment of silence for the passing of our Zoning Board Chairman, Nazar Logvis who passed away suddenly and for Pattie Burchill, former member of the Zoning Board who recently passed away after a very long illness.

1. As everyone is aware, our town and other municipalities in Broome County and elsewhere experienced a very strong storm that hit us on Thursday, July 3. Strong winds, large hail and rain created a great deal of damage to homes, vehicles, and hundreds of trees. Our Village was especially hit hard, and the mayor called a State of Emergency there. Our public works crew, led by our Public Works Commissioner, started working the moment the storm subsided. Cleaning up will be ongoing. State and County have assisted us. No injuries reported. Power was off in areas of our town for over 24 hours. Prospect Terrace was apparently not in the path of the storm, which was a blessing. Lots of tree damage and some structure damage in the Terrace. Chenango Shores experienced the same but not quite as much as the Terrace. Brush and tree debris will continue until further notice.
2. reviewed the monthly town credit card statement and did not find any issues
3. I received our final State Equalization Rate, and it is 48.25. This is the lowest rate that I can remember. Our homes continue to sell at a much higher rate than they are assessed for.

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4. In regard to the proposed solar project in the Town of Chenango, our engineering firm is reviewing the scope of the project to determine if it poses drainage issues to our residents and will it add additional volume to our already burdened storm drains. I wrote to the Chenango Planning Board Chairman and voiced our serious concerns about this project.
5. There is a Planning Board meeting on July 28, 6:00 PM, to review a proposal for an addition at 532 Old Front St.
6. There is a Zoning Board meeting on July 22, 5:30, regarding the proposed camp site.
7. In the near future, Darrell, Steve and I will be meeting with NYAOT Executive Direct, Chris Koetzle and a representative from KPM Financial, to discuss the possibility of our town participating in an interest-bearing account to place some of our funds in. More on this when I have additional information. This is a NYAOT program and all towns throughout New York will have the opportunity to join.

Town of Dickinson Code Enforcement Office

Report for June 2025

Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Doyle

To: Supervisor Marinaccio

Violations:

A total of 19 violations for tall weeds & grass

6 violations for trash and debris

4 violations for unregistered vehicles

1 safety violation, pot holes and collapsed catch basin

1 for no permit for addition/alteration

Appearance Tickets

0

Permits Issued

33 Hickory Rd – Bathroom Renovation

7 N Ely St – House Renovations

6 Stearns Rd – Fence Permit

4 Linda Dr – Fence Permit

346 Prospect St – Roof Permit

39 N Louisa St – Roof Permit

51 Sunset Dr – Deck Permit

49 Forest Hills Blvd. – Addition/Alteration Permit

Inspections/Site Visits/Communications

31 Inspections, site visits were completed by our Code officer

2 FOIL Requests

Training Completed

8 hours of yearly training completed for the month.

NYSEG Notifications of Discontinuation of Services:

No notices received

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Town Of Dickinson/Port Dickinson Dog Control Meeting Summary

11	Stray Dog Calls.
3	Dogs transported to the shelter.
42	Miles on Fenton DCO Van
3	Calls pertaining to “other” animals.
18	Calls for other towns to be redirected.
43	Phone calls Received.
120	Phone calls Made (including past due Reminder calls)
12	E-mails Received.
12	E-mails Sent.
7	Tickets issued.
8	Written warnings issued

Next Town Board Meeting August 18, 5:30 PM. Work Session & Regular Board Meeting,

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **HIGHWAY**

No comments were made as Councilperson Morabito was not in attendance

- **WATER/SEWER**

- The board is concerned with the shortage regarding the water bill, and they are considering raising the water rate by \$6.00 from \$4.75 in order to cover the shortage. After a discussion a decision was made to have a public hearing which will be held in August to discuss it in order to have it in place by the next billing cycle. Supervisor Marinaccio explained that it is a fact that our water bills are lower than most towns and villages in our area. The town is getting charged a lot more than what we are charging our residents.
- Councilperson Exley explained that there is a sewer pump from Linda Dr. waiting to get replaced or repaired.
- The jails muncher that was clogged, in order to get it fixed we had to hire someone as it was in a confined space and wanted to make sure it got done right. The bills have been sent to Akshar as requested so I am waiting to see the outcome of that.

- **FINANCE**

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COURT CLERK REPORT

Councilperson Gardner made a motion to accept the **May 2025 Monthly Financial Report** for the **Court Clerk** in the amount of **\$18,673.00**. Seconded by Councilperson Exley. All in favor.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Councilperson Gardner made a motion to accept the **June 2025 Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Supervisor** in the amount of **\$2,370,894.48** seconded by Councilperson Exley. All in favor.

TOWN CLERK MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilperson Gardner made a motion to accept the **June 2025 Monthly Financial Report** for the **Town Clerk in the amount of \$1621.10**. seconded by Councilperson Burns. All in favor.

ABSTRACTS FOR APPROVAL

On a motion from Councilperson Gardner, seconded by Councilperson Burns to approve **abstract #7**, dated July 14, 2025, in the amount of **\$454,019.54**. Vote Ayes-4, Nay -0, Absent-1.

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

Unanimously passed and noted as duly adopted.

Abstract Summary of Audited Vouchers for Funds respectively in the amount(s) of \$454,019.54.

Voucher #7 for July 2025 in the amount of \$454,019.54:

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$111,905.78</u>
<u>Part Town</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
<u>Highway</u>	<u>\$134,011.21</u>
<u>Fire District</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
<u>Light Districts</u>	<u>\$5,296.82</u>
<u>Sewer Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$155,491.46</u>
<u>Water Operating Dist.</u>	<u>\$46,814.27</u>

PERSONNEL

No comments

PLANNING/ZONING

Planning board meeting – July 28, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

Zoning board meeting – July 22, 2025 @ 5:30 P

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilperson Gardner seconded by Councilperson Exley to accept the June 2, 2025 Work Session Minutes & the June 9, Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

Vote Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1.

ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION 2025-18

The following Resolution was offered by Councilperson Burns, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilperson Gardner to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Dickinson, Broome County, New York as follows:

RESOLUTION: TO REAPPOINT JACK CAHILL AS THE TOWN ASSESSOR

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 Absent
Councilperson Burns voting Aye

All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2025-19

The following Resolution was offered by Councilperson Exley, 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: TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR AUGUST 18 @ 5:30 PM REGARDING THE INCREASE OF WATER RATES AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6.00 PER 100 CUBIC FT.

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 Absent
Councilperson Burns voting Aye

All in favor.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE**
 - Commissioner Kie commented that the paving is complete in the town as well as the drainage project on John St.
 - No parking signs need to be put on a section of Adams St. Attorney Coughlin explained that a Local Law will need to be done.
 - Met with John Mastronardi from the Solar Co. and suggested that we let the 2 residents that will be affected with the drainage know and show them ahead of time. Attorney Coughlin recommended we ask the solar co. to do that meeting.
 - 3 more weeks of weed & tree pick up till it is all completed.

- **CODE ENFORCEMENT**
 - Officer Doyle commented that he had a fire/code meeting on June 18th that went very well.
 - 165 Bevier St will be demolished at some point soon.
 - Software went live with the violations section
 - Solar project on Glenwood is a little behind but very good with communication.
 - Did a final walk through with the other Solar project. The road leading to it will need to be fixed as they were spinning with a 4-wheel drive so Officer Doyle made it clear to them it will need to fix in order for a emergency vehicle to be able get to the location in the event of an emergency. Also advised them to put an address out on the road for the same reason.
 - A letter has been drafted regarding having the permit fees waived for any storm damage for roof, fence, siding, for 90 days. We will be asking the residents for a copy of their insurance claim and that will be attached to the application.
 - Contractors are going door to door. An application needs to be filled out to get a permit in order to go door to door. Officer Doyle is strictly enforcing this with storm damage.

On Motion from Councilperson Gardner, seconded by Councilperson Exley to authorize **TO WAVE A PERMIT FEE FOR 90 DAYS DUE TO STORM DAMAGE WITH A COPY OF INSURANCE WITH A CLAIM NUMBER**

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

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

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DISCUSSION:

Supervisor Marinaccio commented that a firework display tent was set up in the theater parking lot and they had not been given permission to do so by the property owner. A permit was issued by the town for them to be there, but the property owner wanted them to be evicted. Officer Doyle had them resolve it between the two of them and the firework display did leave the property a short time after. In the future we are going to have a local law in place to avoid the selling of fireworks in the town.

On a motion by Councilperson Gardner and Seconded by Councilperson Burns to adjourn at 6:20 PM. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendi Evans
Town Clerk