

## **Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**Held May 10, 2021 at the McAuslan Hall**

**Commencing at 7:00 P.M.**

Present: Eric Behling, Supervisor; Larry Barber, Councilor; Judy Greenway, Councilor; Russell Partrick, Councilor; Cindy Robert, Councilor; Elizabeth Dishaw, Town Clerk; Rebekah Prosachik, Town Attorney; Russell Marsden, Highway Superintendent; Ron Marsden, Zoning Officer; Richard Diehl, Park Manager; Nancy Weber, Planning Board Chairperson; Ned Waterbury, ZBA Chairperson; Nicole Wild, Deputy Town Clerk; Terry Grimshaw, Water Commissioner; Diane Chepko-Sade, President of Friends of Mexico Point Park; And 5 in the audience

Supervisor Behling opened the regular Town Board meeting at 7:10 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Robert to approve the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the minutes from the April 12, 2021 town board meeting.

### **Communications:**

1. Broadband Internet Access Survey
  2. Hastings Individual Water Agreement
  3. Town of Mexico Financial Audit
  4. Tiger Traditions – Budget Edition
- Public Comment and Concerns:

Concerns were: inappropriate comment from board member, water from Hastings, people squatting in vacant homes and living in campers.

### **Reports:**

Town Clerk/ Tax Collector/ Water Clerk/Tax – A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Supervisor Behling to accept the April town clerk/water clerk reports as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays.

**Dog Control Officer-** A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Robert to accept the April report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays.

**Zoning Officer / Building Inspector**–A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Robert to approve the report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays. Barber asked if he could put the corrected violations on his report. Marsden said he could print them off but it was only more paperwork.

**Highway Superintendent** – A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Supervisor Behling to approve the report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays.

**Community Park** – Diehl said the playground will be bigger. The chips are in the quote but the town would have to install. Diehl said it would cost around \$7,000 for the excavation. Marsden said the highway department is booked and could not do the work. Robert said all the fields should have dugouts. Behling said they would discuss the plans for the park. Greenway suggested having the speed limit lowered in front of the park. A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Robert to approve the report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays.

**Mexico Point Park** – Chepko-Sade said the cottage will open on Memorial Day for Saturday and Sunday and will close on Labor Day. The fee for the fireworks would be applied to next year's fireworks since this year's fireworks are cancelled. Due to Covid there will be no

reservations taken for events at the park. A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and second by Councilor Robert to approve the report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays.

Planning -Weber said the board is waiting on the DEC for the Valley Road application. She thanked Sue Ladd for assisting with the site pan for the Miller application. The draft of the Comprehensive Plan is ready to be presented to the town board. The next step is for public engagement. A motion was made by Councilor Barber and seconded by Councilor Greenway to approve the Planning report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays.

Zoning -Waterbury said the public hearing will be on June 21, 2021 for the Miller application. They heard an interpretation for a solar farm on County Route 58. A motion was made by Councilor Robert and seconded by Councilor Greenway to approve the Zoning report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays.

Water Commissioner – Grimshaw suggested purchasing a leak detector. There is a tentative agreement for a rate increase. A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Barber to accept the April report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays.

Supervisor –A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Robert to approve the April supervisor's reports as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays.

#### **Resolution 2021-29 Payrolls**

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Supervisor Behling to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber,

Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays. Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the April payroll.

**Water Update** – Yerdon said WD # 5 restoration is delayed due to the rain. The vote for WD # 6 will take place on June 9th from noon to 7:00 pm. There was a discussion about Mexico residents getting water from Hastings. Prosachik said there would need to have an IMA. A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Supervisor Behling to accept the water update. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays.

There was a discussion about C2AE handling the drainage problem for the Community Park. Yerdon presented a proposal for the survey, design and bidding for \$5,280.

**Resolution 2021-30 Community Park Drainage Improvements**

A motion was made by Councilor Barber and seconded by Councilor Greenway to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the C2AE proposal for the survey, design and bidding for \$5,280

**Resolution 2021-31 Water District #6 Election Inspector**

A motion was made by Councilor Barber and seconded by Supervisor Behling to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Volney duly adopted on March 8, 2021, a Resolution approving the establishment of Water Service Area No. 6 in the Town of Mexico, subject to a mandatory referendum to be held June 9, 2021, and setting the hours of the election; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to appoint election inspectors relative to said mandatory

referendum.

The following persons whose names are included on the list of election inspectors and ballot clerks previously designated for general election purposes pursuant to the Election Law are hereby appointed to act as Election Inspectors and Ballot Clerks at such Special Town Election and to perform all duties and undertakings in relation thereto, as prescribed by the Town Law and the Election Law:

Regan Kanaley	Election Inspectors
Patricia Crowe	and Ballot Clerks

There was a discussion about the new marijuana laws. Prosachik explained that if the town does not opt out by December 31, 2021 it will not be able to at a later date.

#### **Resolution 2021-32 Appointment to Head Lifeguard**

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Supervisor Behling to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the appointment of Julie Parker as head lifeguard.

#### **Resolution 2021-33 Court Audit**

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Barber to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the court audit.

Supervisor Behling announced the town was approved for the grant to purchase the playground equipment.

#### **Resolution 2021-34 Playground Equipment**

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Robert to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the purchase of the playground equipment.

There was a discussion about the dugouts. Marsden suggested asking for a donation from New Haven Building Supplies.

The estimates were:

Spereno Construction	\$7,500 per dugout
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Arrow Fence Co	\$7,550 per dugout
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#### **Resolution 2021-35 Dugouts**

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Supervisor Behling to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Town of Mexico approves the lowest most reasonable bid of \$7,500 from Spereno Construction.

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Robert to appoint Allison Trudell to the Planning Board. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays.

There was a discussion about the doors on the front of McAuslan Hall. Prosachik said bids are needed as per the Procurement Policy. The board asked Dishaw to put the bid in the paper.

#### **Resolution 2021-36 Audit of Claims**

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Robert to approve the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber,

Partrick, Greenway, Robert and 0 nays.

Resolved that the bills for Abstract 5 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General A Fund	voucher # 93 to 118	\$67,268.75
General B Fund	voucher # 31 to 36	\$ 3,915.12
Highway Fund	voucher # 87 to 107	\$29,551.48
Water	voucher # 7	\$ 1,200.00
Special Districts	voucher # 9	\$ 372.11

A motion was made by Councilor Barber and seconded by Councilor Greenway to adjourn at 9:09 pm. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Partrick, Greenway, Robert and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Dishaw, RMC