

JUNE 14, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Held 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; 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; Susan Gentile, Assessor

Absent: Rebekah Prosachik, Town Attorney; Jack Spriggs, Dog Control; Carrie Bond, Mexico Point Park Caretaker

And 5 in the audience

Supervisor Behling opened the regular Town Board meeting at 7:02 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Councilor Robert and seconded by Supervisor Behling 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 May 10, 2021 town board meeting.

Communications:

- a.CITI Spotlight
- b.Rose Mining Permit Renewal
- c.BAR Letter- Susan Gentile
- d.Equalization Rate
- e.Community Park- Playground Purchase Order
- f.Complaint

Public Comment and Concerns:

Concerns were: the status of the lawsuit with the county, new Marijuana laws, water rate increase and water to all residents.

Reports:

Town Clerk/ Tax Collector/ Water Clerk/Tax – A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Barber to accept the May 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- Behling said there was an anonymous complaint about dogs on Fravor Rd. The dog owners have all required licenses and permits.

Zoning Officer / Building Inspector–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. Barber asked about footers for an addition that was on his report. Marsden said the footers are 6×6 and are up to building code.

Highway Superintendent – A motion was made by Councilor Robert and seconded by Councilor Greenway to approve the report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays. Behling told Marsden that he needs to put an emblem on the town truck. Marsden said he has one. Behling said a bigger emblem. Marsden didn't know what size was required so he printed one out on the computer. Behling said the standard size. Partrick said the same size that is on the other trucks. Marsden said to give him the size and he would put it on the truck.

Community Park – Diehl said the playground equipment will be in the middle of July. Little league playoffs are next week. Behling asked if the highway could help with the playground equipment. Marsden said yes they could pull them out but asked what to do with them.

Diehl said there are only a few that are good. Behling asked if they could be donated.

Dishaw said no. Greenway said to put them on Auctions International. A motion was made by Councilor Partrick 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.

Mexico Point Park – Chepko-Sade said the park is opened for picnics. No reservations are being accepted. The pavilion is open for 20 or less. Casey's Cottage is opened for those that are vaccinated, all other must wear masks. Food is to be in sealed containers for the Holistic Fair. A motion was made by Councilor Partrick 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 there was nothing to report.

Zoning -Waterbury said the public hearing will be on June 21, 2021 for the Miller application. RIC is putting in an application for the 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 said he is flushing the hydrants. The wells are doing well, the water levels are good. There was a leak in the village tank and needs to be replaced. The replacement is scheduled for 2022. The punch list for water district #5 is complete. Grimshaw suggested getting a leak detection done on water district #1. Greenway asked if the village has a leak detection done. Grimshaw said yes, yearly. Greenway asked if it was a man from Parish. Grimshaw said he could do WD# 1 and the village at the same time. Grimshaw said the residents won't be happy with OCWA. Partrick asked if the old tank would be taken down. Grimshaw said the new tank would be built next to the old one.

Once completed the old tank would come down. A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Supervisor Behling to accept the May report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays.

Assessor Susan Gentile discussed the equalization rate and the cause of the drop. She explained what she takes into consideration when assessing properties. A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Robert to approve the assessor's reports as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays. Partrick asked if the information was accurate using automatic updating data. Gentile said yes, she confirms all information prior to making any changes. Behling asked if property is sold for higher than it is assessed does she reassess it. Gentile said she looks at the pictures and then reassesses it.

Supervisor –A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Barber to approve the May supervisor's reports as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays. Behling said the town would be putting money into the capital reserve account.

Resolution 2020-37 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 May payroll.

Water Update – Yerdon said OCWA has no legal right to serve Mexico and Palermo. Yerdon recommended including LaRobardiere Road in WD#7. Greenway asked if Palermo was going to tie into the water. Yerdon said they will tie into State Route 3 then go towards the school and branching off to different areas. Palermo is looking into putting a new tank on the school property. 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.

The Richland Comprehensive Plan is for informational purposes.

Resolution 2021-38 WD# 1, 2 and 3 Maintenance Fee

A motion was made by Supervisor Behling and seconded by Councilor Partrick 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 increase in the EDU charge of \$20.00 per year for WD#1, 2 and 3 to be paid to the village as a maintenance fee.

McAuslan Hall Update

Marcia DeLong is working on the ice and snow problem at McAuslan Hall. She submitted pictures of a proposed solution. Drainage is also an issue during the winter. The ceiling is coming down in the main room upstairs. Barber said there is a leak in the transition room. The front room has no heat and should be insulated. Behling said the door repairs should be covered under emergency repairs. Due to the time frame it would not have to be bid. Barber said Joe Maryak is familiar with the building. He will call him to see if he could assist the town.

Resolution 2021-39 Water Leak Detection

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Partrick 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 leak detection services for WD#1 in the amount of \$3,000 or less to be done to concurrent with the village.

Museum Update

Greenway said the back window needs to be replaced, the roof leaks and the foundation is deteriorating due to the snow plow pushing snow against it. Behling told Marsden to repair the window. Greenway the building is on the historical registry so it has to be a custom window.

Resolution 2021-40 Payment Form E #5 for WD#5

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the payment Form E #6 for WD #5 in the amount of \$51,500.

Resolution 2021-41 Engineering Contract WD#6

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 contract with C2AE for WD#6 in the amount of \$830,520.

Supervisor Behling said the town will discuss the new marijuana laws next month.

Resolution 2021- 42 Audit of Claims

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Barber 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 6 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General A Fund	voucher # 119 to 146	\$ 22,794.65
General B Fund	voucher # 37 to 44	\$ 2,285.46

Highway Fund	voucher # 108 to 132	\$ 55,439.30
Water	voucher # 8 to 9	\$178,712.30
Special Districts	voucher # 10 to11	\$ 2,503.08
WD#5	voucher # 6	\$ 732.00

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Supervisor Behling to adjourn at 8:47 pm. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Partrick, Greenway, Robert and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Dishaw, RMC