

Mexico Town Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held March 14, 2022 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
Graham Seiter, Town Attorney
Nancy Weber, Planning Board Chairwoman
Ned Waterbury, ZBA Chairman
Russ Marsden, Highway Superintendent
Ron Marsden, Code Enforcement Officer
Richard Diehl, Park Manager
Nicole Wild, Town Clerk

Absent: Carrie Bond, Mexico Point Park
Diane Chepko-Sade, Friends of Mexico Point Park
Terry Grimshaw, Water Commissioner
Jack Spriggs, Dog Control Officer
Ian Yerdon, C2AE Engineer
Tanner DeWolf, C2AE Engineer

And 5 in the audience.

Supervisor Behling opened the regular Town Board meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution 2022-18 Approval of Minutes

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the minutes from the February 14, 2022 Town Board meeting.

Communications:

- Citi Spotlight
- EFC 2022 Clean Watersheds Survey
- Oswego County Opportunities
- Note from Liz Dishaw

Public Comment and Concerns: none

Reports:

Hon. John Moretti – could not be in attendance

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

Dog Control – Supervisor Behling read the report. A motion was made by Councilor Robert and seconded by Councilor Partrick to accept the report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes: Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, and 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, and Robert, and 0 nays. Behling asked for an update on the status of a County Route 64 property with violations. Marsden said a notice was issued from Seiter's Law Office and the timeframe to make improvements is almost expired so appearance ticket will be issued next if the violations remain.

Highway Superintendent – A motion was made by Councilor Partrick 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, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Parks Manager – Mr. Diehl said he had nothing new to report. 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, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Mexico Point Park- Supervisor Behling read Bond's emailed report stating that fireworks payment to Young Explosives is due for this summer's show. Bond said a trolley may have been paid upfront already but that needs to be confirmed. Partrick asked if the county needs a permit for the fireworks show. Partrick said Julie Parker is head lifeguard and this summer will be her last summer at the park and that she would like to recommend Retha von Holtz to become head lifeguard and would like to train her and offer her appropriate payment. Partrick said the lifeguards are being paid a minimal amount for their responsibilities and authority. Partrick said he would like to discuss lifeguard pay rates at April's Town Board meeting.

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

Planning Board- Weber and Waterbury distributed information regarding the accessory use information to all board members. Weber said the Planning Board had a very productive meeting on the commercial sawmill ordinance; that it was well attended with lively and helpful discussion. Weber said the next planning board meeting will continue the discussion on creating the ordinance. Weber said she feels 90 days is adequate. Greenway asked what current applications are being based upon now. Waterbury said there is no specific document for sawmills but that a more specific application checklist may be created in addition to the regular application. Greenway asked the board about complaints that community members might have and is concerned that the ordinance will be too restrictive. Waterbury said he does not feel the ZBA and Planning Board are not being too restrictive and that safety concerns are a top priority.

Weber said the training for board members is coming up next month by the Tug Hill Commission. Seiter said a refined draft could be completed by the next Town Board meeting and could possibly schedule a public hearing. Weber said an updated application and checklist will be included for the Town Board's review. Partrick said the ZBA and Planning should present to the Town Board and then the Town Board will address the information. Seiter said the law being created is establishing basic regulations that will not discourage business or be too restrictive. Partrick asked who the expert on safety would be. Seiter said the Town Board needs to look at what the ZBA and Planning Board offers and decide how they feel about it.

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

Zoning Board- Waterbury said the ZBA is continuing to process the County Route 58 RIC solar application and making good progress gathering facts and getting close to being able to apply the local law.

A motion was made by Councilor Barber 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, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Water Commissioner – Mr. Grimshaw could not be present.

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

Water District Update – Yerdon nor DeWolf could be present but Supervisor Behling said that Yerdon is contacting contractors to begin construction on the drainage project next month.

Resolution 2022-19 Payrolls

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, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the February payroll.

Resolution 2022-20 Assistant Park Manager

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board appoints Patty Diehl to Assistant Park Manager of the Mexico Community Park at a pay rate of \$14 per hour. Greenway would like to change the job description of the assistant park manager to read "monitor" rather than "enforce."

Resolution 2022-21 Approve Court Audit

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the 2021 Judicial Court Audit.

Resolution 2022-22 Young Explosives Fireworks

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves payment to Young Explosives for the 2022 firework show subject to approval by Oswego County.

A motion was made by Councilor Barber and seconded by Councilor Partrick to table the matter of the museum roof repair until the regular April meeting in order to create specs for a bid. The motion was adopted by a vote of five ayes: Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Other Business

Resolution 2022-23 Clerk/ZBA Member Resignation

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

Resolved the Town of Mexico accepts Marcia DeLong's resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals and Deputy Clerk to the Supervisor's Assistant, effective March 31, 2022.

Resolution 2022-24 Highway Part-time Pay Raise

A motion was made by Supervisor Behling and seconded by Councilor Greenway to approve the pay rate of \$15/hour for part-time highway employees. Councilor Partrick asked what the current pay is for part-time highway employees. Marsden said he believed it to currently be \$13.50/hour. The board discussed pay rates. Supervisor Behling withdrew the motion.

A motion was made by Supervisor Behling and seconded by Councilor Robert to approve the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Robert, and 2 nays: Barber, Partrick.

Resolved the Town of Mexico approves a pay rate of \$14.50 for part-time highway employees.

The Town Clerk asked the board to consider collaborating with the village to make improvements to the design and functionality of the town's website.

Councilor Robert said that all dugouts at the community park need attention. Robert said that drainage to the right of the road where stumps are located is a problem and that it is causing flooding. Supervisor Behling asked if the flooding is resulting from seasonal snow melt. Robert said flooding occurs any time there is rain and that a ditch along the park drive down to the storm drain by the road could help. Spereno asked about football fields. Behling said grants and applications are in the process. Spereno said his bid was for 7 dugouts. Robert said a team can use the field so it needs to be resurrected. Spereno asked how all three sports can use the fields at the same time. Robert said sports teams may have to jockey. Spereno said he thought his bid was \$7,500 per dugout for 7 dugouts. Behling asked if Spereno is willing to entertain putting posts in concrete. Spereno said roofs will be on dugouts. Behling said the town will check the bid submitted by Spereno for the dugouts at the community park.

Councilor Robert said football has permission to play in the fall she anticipates not having a football field in for that season. Robert said all soccer can move to baseball fields in the fall to give football enough room to play. Behling said the board will look at drainage for the far side of the park drive.

Resolution 2022-25 Audit of Claims

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

Resolved that the bills for Abstract 3 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General A Fund	voucher #53 to 82	\$ 20,575.17
General B Fund	voucher #20 to 26	\$ 35,431.85
Highway Fund	voucher #33 to 52	\$ 25,987.77
Water Fund	voucher #8	\$ 55,638.66
Special Districts Fund	voucher #5 to 6	\$ 2,662.72

Resolution 2022-26 Approve Town Board Meeting Location Change

A motion was made 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 Town of Mexico approves the meeting location of the Town Hall at 64 S. Jefferson Street, Mexico for all Town Board meetings for the remainder of 2022.

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Barber to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes: Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Wild
Town Clerk