

Mexico Town Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held June 13, 2022 at the Town Hall 64 S. Jefferson St. Mexico
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
Richard Diehl, Park Manager
Diane Chepko-Sade, Friends of Mexico Point Park
Terry Grimshaw, Water Commissioner
Nicole Wild, Town Clerk
Ron Marsden, Code Enforcement Officer
Ian Yerdon, C2AE Engineer

Absent: Jack Spriggs, Dog Control Officer
Tanner DeWolf, C2AE Engineer
Carrie Bond, Mexico Point Park

And 9 in the audience.

Supervisor Behling opened the regular Town Board meeting at 7:04 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution 2022-50 Approval of Minutes

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, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the minutes from the May 9, 2022 Town Board meeting.

Communications

- Planning Board Letter of Interest
- County IDA Letter re: Solar Farm
- Susan Gentile Letter re: Retirement

Public Comment

Concerns were:

Water Service Area 6 relating to funding, taxes, and timeline. Yerdon said there are contingency plans build into the projects with opportunities to obtain additional funding if necessary. Yerdon said he is not aware of any funding cap and that grants are issued based on the cost of the project.

Parish water project relating to cost or benefit to Mexico. Yerdon said the project is in the preliminary discussion phase only but that the cost of the new well would be covered by Parish through their project and would include new towers or any other infrastructure.

Community Park usage as it relates to Pop Warner and Youth Soccer using the park simultaneously, citing scheduling conflicts, damage to fields and grounds, lack of room to accommodate everyone. Councilor Robert said she is meeting with football and soccer associations Wednesday night and said anyone with questions or concerns can contact her. The board discussed school district fees for outside sports teams to use fields and will look into the fee schedule. Supervisor Behling said the Town is working with Oswego County to receive funding for a feasibility study to explore possible expansions to the Community Park.

There was a noise complaint relating to wood splitter and dogs barking. Weber said there is no permitting process for wood splitters. Behling said the Dog Control Officer is aware of the dogs and is addressing the issue.

Reports

Town Clerk- A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Robert 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.

Dog Control- A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Barber 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.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector- A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Robert 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. Partrick asked if the fee schedule is not based on square footage as opposed to estimated cost of the project. Behling said he would touch base with Marsden for an update at the next meeting.

Highway Superintendent- A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Robert 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.

Parks Manager- Diehl said the park passed the Health Department inspection. Diehl thanked the highway department for mowing the back field. Diehl said the playground is almost complete but that the timbers for the playground perimeter are on order. Yerdon said the timbers for the playground are under contract and that he would contact Diehl regarding the matter. Diehl said woodchips will be delivered soon but benches are still on backorder; there is some standing water after heavy rains but the new drainage system is working as expected.

A motion was made by Councilor Robert and seconded by Councilor Partrick 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.

Mexico Point Park- Chepko-Sade said Casey's Cottage is open, fireworks are scheduled for July 10th, and the park has been awarded a grant from NYS Parks and Trails for an accessible

trail from the parking lot to the lakefront with spurs for the pavilion and bathhouse, plus an informational kiosk at the end of the parking lot for signage as it pertains to the history of the park and surrounding nature. Chepko-Sade said the Friends of Mexico Point Park have applied for insurance but DEC approval is needed. Chepko-Sade requested the Town install changing stations and waste baskets in the bathhouses, citing plumbing problems related to trash and sand ending up in toilets and sinks. Councilor Partrick said the park is and has been a carry-in/carry-out park. Supervisor Behling said the board could consider changing stations. Councilor Partrick said he would like the park manager to be present during special events or to have an alternate that is paid to attend or manage the event.

A motion was made by Councilor Robert and seconded by Councilor Greenway 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.

Councilor Greenway asked if there is field space at Mexico Point Park for playing sports. The Town Clerk will locate the survey of the park for Councilors Partrick and Robert.

Planning Board- Chairwoman Weber said the Planning Board does not have any new applications on the agenda. Weber said the Planning Board reviewed the letter of interest the Town received from Karen Davies-Buckley and recommends her appointment to the Planning Board. Weber said communications with the Zoning Board of Appeals is ongoing regarding the new special use permit application and sawmill checklist document, which institutes a numbering system.

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Barber 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.

Zoning Board of Appeals- Chairman Waterbury said the ZBA has one pending application for a sporting goods/bait shop store.

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Partrick 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.

Water Commissioner- A motion was made by Councilor Barber and seconded by Councilor Robert 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.

Supervisor- A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Barber 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.

Water District Update- Seiter said the comptroller application for Water Service Area #6 is very close to being sent onto their legal department. 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.

McAuslan Hall Update- Wild said White's Clock and Carillon Northeast has completed the work on the bell, which included replacing the head bolt.

Museum Roof Update- Wild said Anthony M. Pauldine General Contractors Inc. completed the work replacing the museum roof.

Resolution 2022-51 Payrolls

A motion was made by Councilor Robert and seconded by Councilor Greenway 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 May payroll.

Resolution 2022-52 MVFD Truck Purchase

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, Robert, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the purchase, financing, and housing of a new truck by the Mexico Volunteer Fire Department.

Resolution 2022-53 Planning Board Appointment

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway 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 the Mexico Town Board appoints Karen Davies-Buckley to the Planning Board.

Resolution 2022-54 Appoint Assessor Search Committee

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 appoints Councilor Partrick and Councilor Robert to the Assessor Search Committee. Partrick said they will include Bill Van Patten as well.

Resolution 2022-55 McAuslan Hall Bid Services

Councilor Barber said the portico portion of the project should be a bid alternate due to the anticipated cost of the entire project. A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by councilor Robert to accept bid services from JCM Architectural for McAuslan Hall drainage project part A to develop public bidding specifications in the amount of \$3,500.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board accepts part A of the JCM Architectural proposal to develop public bidding specifications for the McAuslan Hall portico/drainage project for \$3,500.

Resolution 2022-56 Trolley for MPP Fireworks

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick 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 purchase of trolley services for the July 10th fireworks show and Mexico Point Park not to exceed \$1,050.

Councilor Partrick asked for a budget status for the park. Supervisor Behling requested a Friends of Mexico Point Park finance report, citing that the Town usually receives the report in January for the previous year.

Resolution 2022-57 TCM Banking Authorization

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 that the Town of Mexico apply for and obtain a business credit card account.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that each account obtained be issued one card embossed with the name of the designated Business Officer or employee that sales drafts, and other instruments for charges, be signed by the designated Officer or employee shall be valid and binding upon this the Town of Mexico.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any of the following officers of this organization are empowered to authorize TCM Bank, N.A. to make any type of changes to this business account, Nicole Wild, Town Clerk and Kathy Barber, Clerk to the Supervisor.

Resolution 2022-58 Audit Claims

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, Robert, and 0 nays.

Resolved 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 #140 to 174	\$	106,665.22
General B Fund	voucher #48 to 57	\$	8,475.53
Highway Fund	voucher #101 to 119	\$	23,064.11
Water Fund	voucher #11-12	\$	188,858.69
Special Districts Fund	voucher #9-10	\$	2,704.24

A motion was made by Councilor Barber and seconded by Supervisor Behling to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes: Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert, and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Wild
Town Clerk