

Mexico Town Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held September 12, 2022 at the Town Hall 64 S Jefferson Street Mexico
Commencing at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Eric Behling, Supervisor
Larry Barber, Councilor
Judy Greenway, Councilor
Cindy Robert, Councilor
Graham Seiter, Town Attorney
Ned Waterbury, ZBA Chairman
Terry Grimshaw, Water Commissioner
Carrie Bond, Mexico Point Park
Diane Chepko-Sade, Friends of Mexico Point Park
Nicole Wild, Town Clerk
Russell Partrick, Councilor
Richard Diehl, Park Manager
Nancy Weber, Planning Board Chairwoman
Ron Marsden, Code Enforcement Officer

Absent: Jack Spriggs, Dog Control Officer
Russ Marsden, Highway Superintendent
Ian Yerdon, C2AE Engineer
Tanner DeWolf, C2AE Engineer

And 4 in the audience.

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

Resolution 2022-78 Approval of Minutes

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, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the minutes from the August 8, 2022 Town Board meeting.

Communications

- NYS Comptroller ARPA Monies Received
- National Grid Street Light LED Conversion
- NYSDEC Harbor View Square Contamination Clean-Up
- Tobacco Free CNY
- Friends of Mexico Point Park Newsletter

Public Comment

Concerns were unlicensed dogs on LaCasse Road.

Reports

Town Clerk/Water Clerk- A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Greenway to accept the August reports as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes: Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

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

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

Parks Manager- Diehl said soccer and football are underway. Diehl said he needs more time between league games in order to clean the pavilion and fields. Diehl said the floor in the mower shed needs to be replaced. Councilor Barber said he would meet with Diehl to determine if the entire shed should be replaced or just the floor. A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Barber to accept the August report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes: Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Mr. Bigelow read and distributed a statement to the board to thank them for use of the park, recognize Diehl's dedication to the park, and raise concerns regarding park capacity, use of the fields, and cooperation between three different sports leagues. Mr. Bigelow asked for clarification regarding their point of contact. Supervisor Behling said that Richard Diehl maintains the park and facilities and Cindy Robert coordinates sports teams. Mr. Bigelow requested the town plan to create more field space and asked the fence for softball be taken down by the softball league Thursday evenings so that soccer may use the field in softball's absence. Diehl said the west side of the park could be considered for a football field. Mr. Smith echoed Mr. Bigelow's sentiments adding that it is very difficult for all three leagues to share the available space at the park. Councilor Partrick said that the park manager has a job description and that the board members have no authority to act without board approval and that Councilor Robert has no authority to direct sports teams. Supervisor Behling stated that Diehl is the park manager and Councilor Robert is to work with coaches to solve problems that may arise.

Mexico Point Park- Bond said winterizing the bathhouse will occur late September or mid-October depending on when the weather turns. Bond said trees need to be removed by the caretaker cottage, at pavilion entrance near the foundation, and branches on a tree in the parking lot and has quotes by Gates and Mannise. Bond said the current drinking fountain leaks and would like a new one in addition to a foot wash, diaper changing station, and buoy for the beach. Bond said the park has a hard time keeping lifeguards on staff and cited NYS paying \$22/hour whereas the park pays \$15-18/hour. Bond said the parking lot needs maintenance. Supervisor Behling commented that the park beach is small with far fewer patrons than other

state parks. Councilor Partrick said that the responsibility of the lifeguards is large regardless of number of patrons. Toth said that open-water certified lifeguard pay generally starts at \$20 or \$22/hour depending on experience. Supervisor Behling said to order a changing station and buoy; the tree behind the cottage is an immediate need.

Chepk-Sade said Casey's cottage is now closed but not yet winterized. The park received the first installment of the Parks & Trails grant but is waiting on DEC approval to begin work on the trail. Chekpo-Sade said the DEC sent a map of the park showing wetlands but the 100' stipulation would encompass nearly the entire park. She explained the materials being used for the trail and said that signs are being designed in cooperation with a professional botanist that will include QR codes. Chepk-Sade said the park has a living chestnut tree and a healthy hemlock forest.

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

Planning Board- Chairwoman Weber said the agenda items for the October meeting include a subdivision with public hearing, review of a site plan for a bait shop on Route 3, and finalization of a checklist for special permit applications. Weber said the first part of the Comprehensive Plan is nearly complete and the board will be ready to begin part two, which will require implementation of a survey to get the pulse of the community. Weber recommended communicating with the Town of Scriba regarding the printing, mailing, and collecting of data that is hired out to a third party. Weber said the Village of Mexico may be involved because the Comprehensive Plan is a joint project. Weber said the survey is generally followed by public meetings and that State funding for the part two survey may be available. Behling said he would like to meet with Chairwoman Weber and Ms. Wild to discuss the needs for the Comprehensive Plan. Weber also said that, for an application to move quickly the applicant has to be prepared; many Comprehensive Plans deal with infrastructure like electricity, water, waste, septic, etc. Planning Board Member Toth said that the CNY Regional Planning Authority will work with the town on the plan but there is a cost involved; application to CFA next year could give the town up to 90% of the cost, which is approximately \$70,000-\$80,000.

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

Zoning Board of Appeals- Chairman Waterbury listed the agenda items for the September meeting including a public hearing for a bait shop on Route 3 and an application for an interpretation in Little Texas.

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

Water Commissioner- Grimshaw said pipes are in need of replacement and the Village will dig to check other locations as time allows. Supervisor Behling asked about ongoing negotiations with Parish. Grimshaw said the Town of Mexico would have to put an agreement in place in order to sell water to the Town of Parish but would advise that Mexico has the capacity to serve the village area only and not the entire town. Grimshaw said that Palermo is

moving forward with their project but that the village commitment is to Palermo first, then possibly Parish. Grimshaw said the capacity is 650,000 gallons per day and we are currently at 300,000-325,000 gallons per day. Seiter said he can prepare an IMA when the time comes.

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

Supervisor- A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Barber to accept the August 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- none

McAuslan Hall Update- Councilor Barber said that a bid has been prepared and posted to the public; doors for the front entrance have been ordered and will likely take two months to arrive and be installed.

Assessor Search Committee Update- Councilor Partrick said that the Town has received three interested candidates and will be scheduling interviews soon.

Review of Accessory use/Building- Councilor Partrick would like the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals to consider changing the accessory use/building regulation; he would like the Comprehensive Plan to address the concept of accessory use, public opinion regarding the concept, and data associated with it. Partrick said he finds the accessory use regulation antiquated and the regulations allowing single- and double-wide manufactured homes only on certain roads to be discriminatory. Councilor Greenway asked if the timeframe for addressing this with the Comprehensive Plan is too long and asked if the town could do something sooner. Seiter said that local law amendments can be drafted and offered to put together drafts to present to the Zoning and Planning Boards for review.

Resolution 2022-79 Payrolls

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway 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 the August payroll.

Resolution 2022-80 Munger Hill Rd. Bridge Repair

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick 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 accepts professional consulting services regarding bridge repairs of the Munger Hill Road Bridge from C&S Engineers not to exceed \$1,500.

Resolution 2022-81 Reschedule October Town Board Meeting

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick 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.

WHEREAS, the regular October Town Board Meeting falls on a holiday,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED the Mexico Town Board authorizes the rescheduling of the regular October meeting to Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall.

Resolution 2022-82 Public Hearing for LL 5 of 2022

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway 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 sets a Public Hearing to be held Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 7:00pm, or as soon thereafter as possible, at the Town Hall regarding Local Law 5 of 2022, providing for a partial tax exemption for certain real property owned by persons 65 years of age or over pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 467 as enacted by the Oswego County Legislature.

Resolution 2022-83 Public Hearing for LL 6 of 2022

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway 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 sets a Public Hearing to be held Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 7:00pm, or as soon thereafter as possible, at the Town Hall regarding Local Law 6 of 2022, providing for a partial tax exemption for qualifying persons with disabilities under Real Property Tax Law Section 459-C as enacted by the Oswego County Legislature.

Resolution 2022-84 Tree Removal

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick 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 authorizes Mid State Tree Service to remove trees and dead limbs at Mexico Point Park.

Resolution 2022-85 Audit Claims

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, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Resolved the bills for Abstract 9 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General A Fund	voucher #226-254	\$	104,601.01
General B Fund	voucher #75-83	\$	13,312.05
Highway Fund	voucher #154-170	\$	63,661.66
Water Fund	voucher #16-17	\$	38,080.49
Special Districts Fund	voucher #13-14	\$	2,716.35

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Robert to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes: Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Wild
Town Clerk