

Mexico Town Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held January 9, 2023 at the Town Hall 64 S Jefferson Street Mexico
Commencing at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Eric Behling, Supervisor
Larry Barber, Councilor
Cindy Robert, Councilor
Russell Partrick, Councilor
Graham Seiter, Town Attorney
Ron Marsden, Code Enforcement Officer
Russ Marsden, Highway Superintendent
Ned Waterbury, ZBA Chairman
Diane Chepko-Sade, Friends of Mexico Point Park
Nancy Weber, Planning Board Chairwoman
Terry Grimshaw, Water Commissioner
Ian Yerdon, C2AE Engineer
Nicole Wild, Town Clerk

Absent: Judy Greenway, Councilor
Richard Diehl, Park Manager
Carrie Bond, Mexico Point Park
Jack Spriggs, Dog Control Officer

And 0 in the audience.

Supervisor Behling opened the regular Town Board meeting at 7:01 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution 2023-1 Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilor Robert and seconded by Councilor Partrick to approve the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Barber, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the minutes from the December 12, 2022 Town Board meeting.

Communications

- Oswego County Health Department Water Inspection Report
- Ag & Mkt Municipal Animal Shelter Report

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Reports

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

Park Manager- none; Councilor Robert inquired about getting an AED for the Community Park. Councilor Partrick asked if people need to be trained to use it. Supervisor Behling said that Merritt Seed made a recommendation on seed for the football field and will send him the information about it. Councilor Robert is meeting with the team representatives on Wednesday, January 18th at the Town Hall.

Mexico Point Park- Chepko-Sade said the annual fireworks and concert event will take place Sunday, July 23rd and requested the Town pay for the fireworks and trolley; she also requested law enforcement direct traffic due to the safety hazard of pedestrians mixing with cars; she also said the trolley service may not agree to the event without some kind of traffic control.

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Barber to accept the December report 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 that the January meeting is canceled due to lack of agenda items. A motion was made by Councilor Robert and seconded by Supervisor Behling to accept the December 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 said the ZBA approved a venue on Valley Road, an interpretation on State Route 3 for permitting, and received a letter of interest in the open ZBA seat from Mr. John Sharkey.

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

Water Commissioner- none

Supervisor- A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Greenway to accept the December 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- Mr. Yerdon said that we are still in the design phase of WSA #6.

McAuslan Hall Update- Wild said prevailing wage rate has been submitted for the portico/drainage project. Supervisor Behling said the board should consider replacing some

windows and possibly an interior door. Councilor Greenway suggested assessing the building and prioritizing repairs.

Review of Accessory use/Building- Chairman Waterbury and Chairwoman Weber suggested the board appoint a committee or panel including 2 members from each of the three boards to discuss the implications of changing the law, the merits of the change, then the committee could report back to the Town Board. Councilors Partrick and Greenway volunteered to be on the board. Weber and Waterbury will each recruit another member from their respective boards. Partrick asked that Ron Marsden be included.

Resolution 2023-2 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 December payroll.

Resolution 2023-3 Appointments

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 Mexico Town Board approves the appointments as follows:

One Year Term

Budget Officer	Eric Behling
Town Historian	Judith Greenway
Fire Inspector	Charles Fortier
Zoning Officer/Building Inspector	Ronald Marsden
Dog Control Officer	Jack Spriggs
Clerk to Assessor	William Van Patten
Clerk to Zoning & Planning Boards	Nicole Wild
Chairman to the Board of Review	Marty Trey
Park Manager	Richard Diehl
Assistant Park Manager	Patty Diehl
Recreation Committee	Diane Chepko-Sade
Chairman to ZBA	Edwin Waterbury
Chairman to Planning Board	Nancy Weber
Local Newspaper	Mexico Independent
	Pall Times
Official Banks	Pathfinder Bank
	Solvay Bank
	Key Bank

Two Year Term

Town Attorney	Seiter Law Firm
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Five Year Term

Planning Board	Gary Toth
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Resolution 2023-4 Pay Rates

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, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the 2023 annual wage rates for town employees.

Resolution 2023-5 Meetings Schedule for 2023

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 approves the 2023 Town Board meeting schedule of the second Monday of every month to be held at the Town Hall on 64 S Jefferson Street at 7:00pm.

Resolution 2023-6 Approve Town Clerk's Official Undertaking

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 Nicole Wild's Official Undertaking of the office of Town Clerk.

Resolution 2023-7 Replace Water Heater in Town Hall

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 repairs to the Town Hall water heater, cabinet, and countertop by Precision Plumbing not to exceed \$2,500.

Other Business-

Supervisor Behling said he received word from the County that his request for a \$30K matching grant for a community park athletic complex feasibility study has been approved. Behling said he may try to build the feasibility study into the comprehensive plan.

Chairwoman Weber requested that C2AE consult with the Webers prior to implementation of WSA 6.

Wild explained Mrs. O'Brien's property location in relation to WSA 3 and asked what the protocol is for determining the EDU for her property. Seiter said he will check to see if a full EDU is warranted.

Councilor Partrick said he received a letter from Mr. Haynes offering to sell his property adjacent to McAuslan Hall. Partrick distributed copies of the letter to board members.

Seiter said the owner of the lot on the corner of Main and Church Streets is leasing the lot to the village provided the village maintains the lot.

Councilor Barber asked if the phone and internet service for the Museum should be discontinued. Councilor Greenway said she would work with Wild to see if disconnecting the phone service would be cost-effective.

Resolution 2023-8 Audit Claims

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 bills for Abstract 1 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General A Fund	voucher #1-19	\$	42,831.73
General B Fund	voucher #1-8	\$	7,158.40
Highway Fund	voucher #1-13	\$	59,295.91
Water Fund	voucher #	\$	0.00
Special Districts Fund	voucher #1	\$	633.95

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Partrick to adjourn at 8:24pm. 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