

JUNE 12, 2017

Mexico Town Board

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Held June 12, 2017 at the Town Hall Commencing at 7:30 P.M.

Present:

David Anderson, Supervisor

Judy Greenway, Councilor

Eric Behling, Councilor

Larry Barber, Councilor

Russell Partrick, Councilor

Elizabeth Dishaw, Town Clerk

Allison Nelson, Town Attorney

Ronald Marsden, Zoning Officer

Absent:

Jack Spriggs, Animal Control Officer

Russell Marsden Jr, Highway Superintendent

Richard Diehl, Parks Manager

And 4 in the audience

Supervisor Anderson opened the regular Town Board meeting at 7:35 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution 2017-45 Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Behling to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes, Anderson, Greenway, Behling, Barber, Partrick and 0 nays. Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the minutes from the May 8, 2017 town board meetings.

Communications:

- a) Allen Edwards Resignation
- b) Congresswoman Tenney's Visit
- c) CITI (BOCES) Newsletter
- d) Notice of Franchise Assessment Changes
- e) NYS Releaf Conference
- f) National Grid Tree Information
- g) NYS Tax Department – Tentative Equalization Rate

Public Comment and Concerns:

Millie Murray expressed concerns about the high levels of the lake and if assessments would be reduced if due to the damage to lakefront property.

Reports:

Town Clerk – A motion was made by Councilor Behling and seconded by Councilor Partrick to accept the town clerk report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes, Anderson, Greenway, Behling, Barber, Partrick and 0 nays.

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

Zoning Officer / Building Inspector – A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Barber to accept the monthly report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes, Anderson, Greenway, Behling, Barber, Partrick and 0 nays.

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

Mexico Point Park – A motion was made by Behling and seconded by Greenway to accept the monthly report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes, Anderson,

Greenway, Behling, Barber, Partrick and 0 nays.

Partrick asked who would be doing the riprap at the park. Anderson said the state owns the park and the town would like them to absorb the cost. Partrick asked if the town board voted on employees. Betty Green said there is not anything about who manages the park. The Friends of Mexico have managed the park for the past ten years. She asked if the Friends could hire and fire with the town board's approval. Attorney Nelson said she would check on it. Anderson said the Friends have done a great job at the park. Everything has been working fine at the park and he sees no reason to change things.

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

Resolution 2017-46– WD#3 Change Order for Completion Date

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Behling to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes, Anderson, Greenway, Behling, Barber, Partrick and 0 nays. Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the completion date of June 14, 2017 for water district #3.

Resolution 2017-47 WD#3 Change Order for Engineer Services

A motion was made by Councilor Behling and seconded by Councilor Greenway to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes, Anderson, Greenway, Behling, Barber, Partrick and 0 nays. Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the change order to increase the engineering services by \$12,200.

Resolution 2017-48 WD#3 Audit Quotes

A motion was made by Supervisor Anderson and seconded by Councilor Partrick to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes, Anderson, Greenway, Behling, Barber, Partrick and 0 nays. Resolved the Mexico Town Board authorizes Bob Guminiak of C2AE to get quotes for the WD#3 audit.

Resolution 2017-49 Payroll

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Behling to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes, Anderson, Greenway, Behling, Barber, Partrick and 0 nays. Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the May payroll.

Supervisor Anderson asked Councilor Partrick to conduct the 2016 Court Audit.

Resolution 2017-50 Increase the Lifeguard Wages

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Behling to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes, Anderson, Greenway, Behling, Barber, Partrick and 0 nays. Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the wage increase for lifeguards to \$10 per hour for starting lifeguards and an additional 50¢ per hour for returning lifeguards. The head lifeguard wages will be \$13 per hour starting with an additional 50¢ per hour for the returning head lifeguard.

A motion was made by Councilor Behling and seconded by Councilor Greenway to table hiring a court clerk trainee until the July meeting. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes, Anderson, Greenway, Behling, Barber, Partrick and 0 nays. Partrick asked if the board had to advertise for the position. Anderson said no, the judges choose the clerk as does the supervisor. Judge Gracey said the salary also needs to be discussed.

Resolution 2017-51 Legal Action Lake Ontario Levels

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

WHEREAS, the water level of Lake Ontario is at its highest point in recorded history; and
WHEREAS, the Town of Mexico, its residents and local businesses are incurring substantial damage to properties along Lake Ontario and the lakeshore and businesses are incurring substantial losses in revenue because of the flooding conditions caused by the late level;

and

WHEREAS, the adoption of Plan 2014 by the International Joint Commission (IJC) has substantially contributed to the damage being caused along the lakeshore, and

WHEREAS, all previous efforts at stopping the implementation of Plan 2014 have failed along with all efforts to request redress after the implementation of Plan 2014; and

WHEREAS, damage to lakeshore property is being incurred to many properties across all the towns along the lake in Oswego County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mexico is of the belief that appropriate legal action is necessary to protect the Town of Mexico, its residents and businesses along with other affected property owners and businesses along the lakeshore of Oswego County, it is

On motion made by David Anderson and seconded by Russell Partrick, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Mexico Board of the Town of Mexico hereby request that the County of Oswego immediately retain legal counsel and take the appropriate legal action against the United States of America and the International Joint Commission and any other entities as may be necessary in order to prevent further damage to the lakeshore and bays, the property and business owners along the lakeshore and bays and that until such time as a further study of the effects on the environment caused by Plan 2014 can be procured, that any litigation request an injunction against the continued implementation of Plan 2014 and that any such injunction request that the International Joint Commission revert to Plan 58DD for the regulation of the water level of Lake Ontario.

Anderson said if the high water levels are allowed to continue this could be a yearly occurrence.

Resolution 2017-52 Loader BAN

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

Behling, Barber, Partrick and 0 nays. Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the payment of \$17,094 for the loader due on July 11, 2017 and to BAN for the balance.

A motion was made by Councilor Barber and seconded by Councilor Behling to table the repairs to the building at Community Park until specs are drawn up. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes, Anderson, Greenway, Behling, Barber, Partrick and 0 nays.

Resolution 2017 53 Audit of Claims

A motion was made by Councilor Behling and seconded by Council Greenway to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes, Anderson, Greenway, Behling, Barber, Partrick 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 # 127to 160 \$ 21,875.83

General B Fund voucher # 34 to 40 \$ 3,782.06

Highway Fund voucher # 91 to 112 \$ 45,290.79

Water voucher # 8 to 9 \$ 142,898.51

Capital voucher # 6 to 9 \$ 157,542.13

Special Districts voucher 10 to 11 \$ 1,967.05

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Greenway to adjourn at 9:17. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes, Anderson, Greenway, Behling, Barber, Partrick and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Dishaw, RMC