

Mexico Town Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held April 10, 2023 at the Town Hall 64 S Jefferson Street Mexico
Commencing at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Eric Behling, Supervisor
Judy Greenway, Councilor
Russell Partrick, Councilor
Cindy Robert, Councilor
Graham Seiter, Town Attorney
Ron Marsden, Code Enforcement Officer
Russ Marsden, Highway Superintendent
Richard Diehl, Park Manager
Diane Chepko-Sade, Friends of Mexico Point Park
Carrie Bond, Mexico Point Park
Nancy Weber, Planning Board Chairwoman
Terry Grimshaw, Water Commissioner
Ian Yerdon, C2AE Engineer
Nicole Wild, Town Clerk

Absent: Larry Barber, Councilor
Ned Waterbury, ZBA Chairman
Jack Spriggs, Dog Control Officer

And 12 in the audience.

Supervisor Behling opened the regular Town Board meeting at 7:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution 2023-24 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 4 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the minutes from the March 13, 2023 Town Board meeting.

Communications

- Et Cetera Newsletter
- Letter to Youth Soccer & Little League
- Letter to Town from Soccer League
- Letter of Resignation

Public Comment

Concerns were: Accommodating children's sports leagues at the Mexico Community Park.

Councilor Partrick made a motion to withdraw Resolution 2023-22 Community Park Portable Fence and urged the clubs involved to be responsible for their own equipment for the benefit of the children involved; seconded by Councilor Greenway. Partrick said the baseball league should be responsible for moving their fence. Greenway would like to wait to rescind the resolution until after the teams have come up with a solution. Partrick said soccer should not be responsible for having to move baseball's fence. The motion failed by a vote of 1 aye: Partrick, 2 nays: Behling and Robert, and 1 abstention: Greenway. Resolution 2023-22 Community Park Portable Fence stands.

Seiter urged the teams to put an agreement or plan of use in place and present it to the board.

Resolution 2023-25 Appoint Liaison

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board appoints Shannon Bigelow as liaison to the Mexico Town Board for the purpose of working with the children's sports league organizers to create a plan for the leagues to use the park amicably.

Reports

Town Clerk/Water Clerk- A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Robert to accept the March report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Assessor- Concerns over the new senior tax exemption affecting the tax base were shared. A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Robert to accept the March report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Dog Control- A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Supervisor Behling to accept the March report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector- Marsden said a new truck can take around 9 months to arrive but anticipates being able to find something for around \$34,000-35,000. A motion was made by Councilor Robert and seconded by Councilor Greenway to accept the March report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Highway Superintendent- A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Supervisor Behling to accept the March report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Community Park Manager- Mr. Diehl said the little league scoreboard is severely damaged and needs to be removed but is owned by the league. Diehl said repairs to the shed

are not financially responsible. Diehl said he would like to begin replacing old trash cans. Councilor Robert said dirt for the baseball fields would cost about \$4,000.

Mexico Point Park- Ms. Chepko-Sade said trail construction is continuing, the cottage is opening Memorial Day weekend, and plans for the fireworks and concert are solidified. Ms. Bond said the bath house will be opening soon; baby changing tables still need to be ordered; reservation forms have been updated; can lights in the pavilion need replacing; cement blocks need to be moved to prevent cars driving down to the water; beach area has eroded and the drop-off needs leveling out. Superintendent Marsden said he cannot work on the shoreline. Partrick said the DEC needs to be contacted any time the shoreline is in question. Partrick said lifeguards are not paid enough and no lifeguards are returning this year. Partrick urged the board to consider raising the lifeguard pay.

A motion was made by Councilor Robert and seconded by Supervisor Behling to accept the March report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Planning Board- Chairwoman Weber reported that the Tug Hill training has some fantastic training opportunities.

Zoning Board of Appeals- none

Water Commissioner- Grimshaw said new village water rates will take effect June 1st; parts for WSA 5 will be delivered soon; WSA 1 meter replacements are coming up.

Supervisor- A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Greenway to accept the February, March, and Quarterly reports as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Water District Update- Mr. Yerdon said WSA 5 parts will be delivered soon; the lead time for PVC is less than what it was 6 months ago but iron is 9-12 months; he met with a concerned citizen to discuss her property as it relates to WSA 6. Councilor Partrick asked Yerdon to bring information back to the board about a DBDG community development grant for low-income residents to connect to water mains. Yerdon said he will follow-up next month. Yerdon said he spoke with the Palermo Town Supervisor and their goal was to secure financing for their water project by the end of March but that property for the tower has been secured. Yerdon said Parish adopted a resolution to move forward with obtaining water from OCWA for the village.

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Greenway to accept the March report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

McAuslan Hall Update- Wild said the contractors are proceeding with drainage work that does not affect the variance in question. Supervisor Behling asked Marsden to look at what is underneath the window bricks.

Grimshaw left at 8:46pm.

Review of Accessory use/Building- Chairwoman Weber shared the conclusion of the committee's review of the Accessory Use/Building section of the current zoning law. Weber said that the committee feels that it is not prudent to make changes to the Local Law until the Comprehensive Plan is finalized; property owners can continue to use the Zoning category "other" when applying for a special permit.

Resolution 2023-26 Payrolls

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the March payroll.

Resolution 2023-27 Approve Junkyard License Renewal

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the 2023-2024 Junkyard License Renewal for Mr. Race on St Rt 69 in the Town of Mexico.

Resolution 2023-28 Schedule Public Hearing for LL 1 of 2023: NYS Fire & Building Code

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 4 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board schedules a Public Hearing regarding Local Law 1 of 2023: NYS Fire & Building Code for Monday, May 8th at 7:00pm at the Town Hall on 64 S. Jefferson Street.

Resolution 2023-29 Approve AED 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 4 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the purchase of an AED for the Community Park not to exceed \$2,200.

Resolution 2023-30 Approve Trash Can Purchase

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 4 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the purchase of trash cans for the Community Park not to exceed \$4,000 plus shipping and handling costs.

Resolution 2023-31 Approve Dirt Purchase

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 4 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the purchase of 30 tons of infield dirt for the Community Park not to exceed \$4,100.

Resolution 2023-32 Consider Feasibility Study Services for Comprehensive Plan

A motion was made by Supervisor Behling and seconded by Councilor Greenway to approve the following resolution. Toth said the Comprehensive Plan needs to be completed in order for the Town to apply for certain grants and Downtown Revitalization Initiatives. Weber said the Comprehensive Plan involves taking inventory of the town and village as well as establishing a vision. Weber said this involves public forums and surveys and the collection of information which will comprise the feasibility study. Behling said the rough cost of the study will be approximately \$70,000. Behling said the Town and Village have come to an agreement

that the village will pay for 1/3 the cost of the study and the Town will pay for 2/3 the cost of the study. Weber said the feasibility study includes the writing and data collecting. Behling said ARPA funds can be used. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board agrees to pay for 2/3 the cost of the Feasibility Study for the Comprehensive Plan.

Resolution 2023-33 Consider Community Park Sports Facility Feasibility Study

Supervisor Behling said Oswego County has pledged \$30,000 to the Town of Mexico for the Community Park Feasibility Study. 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 4 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the Scope of Services by Jeanie Gleisner with the Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board in the amount of \$60,000.

Resolution 2023-34 Accept Resignation

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 4 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board regretfully accepts the resignation of Larry Barber from the Mexico Town Board.

Other Business-

Councilor Robert said that a league organizer would like to have a community movie night in the Community Park. Mr. Diehl said that he should contact Mrs. Diehl to make a reservation.

Resolution 2023-35 Audit Claims

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 4 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Resolved the bills for Abstract 4 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General A Fund	voucher #72-96	\$	23,457.53
General B Fund	voucher #26-32	\$	2,942.24
Highway Fund	voucher #53-70	\$	37,304.44
Water Fund	voucher	\$	
Special Districts Fund	voucher #6	\$	565.32

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Greenway to adjourn at 9:18 pm. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Wild, Town Clerk