

Mexico Town Board  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Held May 8, 2023 at the Town Hall 64 S Jefferson Street Mexico  
Commencing at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Eric Behling, Supervisor  
Russell Partrick, Councilor  
Cindy Robert, Councilor  
John Sharkey, 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  
Nancy Weber, Planning Board Chairwoman  
Ned Waterbury, ZBA Chairman  
Terry Grimshaw, Water Commissioner  
Ian Yerdon, C2AE Engineer  
Nicole Wild, Town Clerk

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

And x in the audience.

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

**Resolution 2023-36 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 3 ayes: Behling, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the minutes from the April 10, 2023 Town Board meeting.

**Resolution 2023-37 ZBA Resignation**

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 3 ayes: Behling, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board accepts the resignation of John Sharkey from the Mexico Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Resolution 2023-38 Appointment of Town Board Member**

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 3 ayes: Behling, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board appoints John Sharkey to Town Board Member effective immediately.

Supervisor Behling invited Mr. Sharkey to participate in the Town Board Meeting and take a seat with the rest of the board members.

#### Communications

none

#### Public Comment

Concerns were: Pople Ridge Road gravel bed changed hands and special permit questioned.

Chepko-Sade entered at 7:06pm.

#### 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.

**Dog Control-** Superintendent Behling read the report.

**Zoning Officer/Building Inspector**

**Highway Superintendent**

**Community Park Manager-** Mr. Diehl said the park is open and baseball and soccer are underway; more fence topper needs to be ordered; he thanked Councilor Robert's husband for brush-hog work. Diehl said there are some trees and stumps that need to be removed at an estimated cost of \$1,300. Councilor Robert said that two baseball fields are full of dog droppings. Robert will get locks for the fields and give Diehl and little league keys. Behling said that if the mess continues, the town's next step will be to not allow dogs at the Community Park.

**Mexico Point Park-** Chepko-Sade said the Earth Day cleanup went well; Casey's Cottage is open; requested someone install the changing tables in the bathhouse.

**Planning Board-** Chairwoman Weber remarked that the reports should be given verbally. Weber said the Planning Board heard the Cartier Application for a mini-storage facility and has passed it to the ZBA. Weber said the process/procedures that the boards go through to issue permits can be cumbersome and that a review of that law could help streamline the process for both boards and community members seeking special permits and variances. Weber said the Comprehensive Plan is in its draft form but that the town and village are hiring professionals to carry out the second phase of the plan, which includes surveys and analysis.

**Zoning Board of Appeals-** Chairman Waterbury said the meeting for the month has been moved to Wednesday and the public hearing for the Cartier application will take place the same time.

**Water Commissioner-** none

**Supervisor-** Behling said a solar company wanting to install a 1k acre farm to the East of the village has seemed to have withdrawn their interest.

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

**Water District Update-** none

**McAuslan Hall Update-** Behling said work has stopped for the time being.

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Robert to accept all other reports as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Partrick, Robert, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

#### **Resolution 2023-39 Payrolls**

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the April payroll.

#### **Resolution 2023-40 Schedule Public Hearing for LL 1 of 2023**

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board schedules a public hearing for Monday, June 12 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall on 64 S Jefferson Street regarding LL1 of 2023: NYS Uniform Fire, Building & Energy Code.

#### **Other Business**

Behling said there is cost-share opportunity for the Assessor's certification and will add this to next month's agenda.

Seiter said that if a lawn mower is already in the town's highway budget, the board doesn't need to approve it again.

Brad Trudell said he has been appointed to the Village Zoning Board of Appeals and will be helping with the town's appeal for McAuslan Hall.

#### **Resolution 2023-41 Tree Removal at Community Park**

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the removal of trees and stumps at the Mexico Community Park not to exceed \$1,300.

#### **Resolution 2023-42 Increase Lifeguard Pay**

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, Partrick, Robert, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the increase of lifeguard pay at Mexico Point Park to \$18 per hour for lifeguards and \$20 per hour for the head lifeguard.

**Resolution 2023-43 Audit Claims**

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, Partrick, Robert, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolved the bills for Abstract 5 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General A Fund	voucher #97-136	\$	68,426.01
General B Fund	voucher #33-47	\$	41,563.51
Highway Fund	voucher #71-91	\$	41,505.10
Water Fund	voucher #7-8	\$	9,411.94
Special Districts Fund	voucher #7	\$	469.57

A motion was made by Councilor Sharkey and seconded by Councilor Robert to enter executive session to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale of exchange of securities. The motion was approved by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Partrick, Robert, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

The board entered executive session at 7:49pm.

The board exited executive session at 8:14pm.

A motion was made by Councilor Robert and seconded by Councilor Partrick to adjourn at 8:19 pm. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Partrick, Robert, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Wild  
Town Clerk