

Mexico Town Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held June 12, 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
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: Jack Spriggs, Dog Control Officer
Carrie Bond, Mexico Point Park

And 3 in the audience.

Supervisor Behling opened the regular Town Board meeting at 7:04 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and thanked the VFW for their work on their annual Car Show over the weekend.

Communications

- Agriculture & Markets- Shelter Inspection Report
- Water Interest Letter- Lotito
- FEMA- Flood Insurance Study
- Town of Huntington Voter's Identification Resolution
- Oswego County Health Department Letter

Public Comment

Concerns were: Baseball fields at Community Park are locked and residents want to use them with their dogs; how to obtain access is unclear and the public was not informed beforehand.

Reports

Town Clerk/Water Clerk- 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 5 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, Robert, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Dog Control- Superintendent Behling read the report.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector- Councilor Robert asked about the status of a replacement truck. Marsden said he got a price on one but is still collecting estimates.

Highway Superintendent- Marsden said an auto-flagger would be beneficial for the Town as a safety mechanism for highway department employees and would save financially because the flagger only requires one operator instead of two flagmen. Marsden would like this piece of equipment added to the town's 2024 highway equipment budget.

Community Park Manager- Mr. Diehl said the village found a leak causing standing water and it has been fixed. Diehl said there are 23 current reservations for pavilion use. Diehl said damaged trees need to be removed. Councilor Robert said the football league has cleared one area and are going to bring in fill for that area and asked if the Diehls could mow that section as well. Robert suggested having the town purchase equipment for concession stand use by the public. Partrick said the town should not purchase that kind of equipment for groups who are profiting off of it unless we want to make the equipment available for use by the entire town. Behling said groups need to work it out. Diehl said the town owns the stove, fridge, and freezer and suggests leaving the rest up to individual groups. Greenway said that because they make money off the concessions and do not pay a fee to the town for use of the park, the town needs to consider having the town or chamber of commerce run the concession stand. Diehl said that little league did not have concession stand when he started in 1990; the bathroom facility was installed in 1998. Diehl said the town receives nothing for use of the fridge or stove; the leagues do not pay a fee for use of the town park. Robert asked about restoring the seniors field. Behling said Rich needed to be consulted. Diehl said it's a 90-foot field on the end closest to the village. Partrick said volunteers are welcome but it needs to run through the park manager. Marsden asked how many children play spring soccer. Diehl said 436 if he remembers correctly. Robert said little league has 180 at most. Behling said tournaments general local revenue.

Mexico Point Park- Chepko-Sade said the trail will be installed this week. Chepko-Sade said she would like the town to consider adding funds to the 2024 budget to resurface the parking lot. Partrick said the fireworks are next month.

Planning Board- Chairwoman Weber said there is no new business to report.

Zoning Board of Appeals- Chairman Waterbury said the ZBA approved the mini-storage facility in Maple View; the board meets next Wednesday on a new application for a Special Use Permit for a horse barn.

Water Commissioner-

Supervisor- 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 5 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, Robert, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Water District Update- Mr. Yerdon introduced Barry Viggiano as project manager and read his report.

McAuslan Hall Update- Supervisor Behling would like to look at the back windows of McAuslan Hall with Mr. Marsden so they can figure out what to do with the rest of the building;

accessible parking would need to be configured considering an entrance at the back door; the parking lot leased by the village would need to be considered.

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 5 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, Robert, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolution 2023-44 Payrolls

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Robert to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, Robert, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the May payroll.

Resolution 2023-45 Local Law 1 of 2023- NYS Fire, Building & Energy Codes

A motion was made by Councilor Sharkey and seconded by Councilor Partrick to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, Robert, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves Local Law 1 of 2023: NYS Uniform Fire, Building & Energy Code.

Resolution 2023-46 Mexico Point Park Lifeguards

A motion was made by Supervisor Behling and seconded by Councilor Greenway to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Robert, Sharkey, and 1 nay: Partrick.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the hiring of five lifeguards barring any concerns regarding the recommended lifeguards.

Other Business

Partrick asked who would help Ms. Bond install changing tables at the Mexico Point Park bathhouse. Behling said he would advise her to hire someone.

Greenway asked if an intern could help at the museum; there is no fee for the town; Greenway offered to mentor the intern. Seiter said no action needs to be taken.

Behling said EDF solar has reached out to the town again regarding a potential solar farm covering 2,000 acres in the town; they renewed their application but not much has happened; the area of interest is east of the village. Seiter said the small farm on Co Rt 58 by RIC has hired contractors.

Resolution 2023-47 Tree Removal at Community Park

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 5 ayes: Behling, Greenway, 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 \$1,000.

Resolution 2023-48 Share Cost of Assessor Class

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, Greenway, Partrick, Robert, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board agrees to pay for one-third the cost of the Assessor's class.

Resolution 2023-49 Approve Northeast Specialized Drilling

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Sharkey to approve the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, Robert, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves budgeted funds to allow C2AE to hire Northeast Specialized Drilling's proposal for geotechnical exploration services for Water Service Area 6.

Resolution 2023-50 Audit Claims

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 5 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, Robert, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolved 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 #137-168	\$	76,735.02
General B Fund	voucher #48-53	\$	2,726.64
Highway Fund	voucher #92-104	\$	65,373.56
Water Fund	voucher #9-10	\$	157,500.00
Special Districts Fund	voucher #8-10	\$	53,976.16

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Greenway to adjourn at 8:33 pm. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, Robert, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Wild
Town Clerk