

Mexico Town Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held September 11, 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
Russ Marsden, Highway Superintendent
Richard Diehl, Park Manager
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
Diane Chepko-Sade, Friends of Mexico Point Park
Ron Marsden, Code Enforcement Officer
Carrie Bond, Mexico Point Park

And 2 in the audience.

Supervisor Behling opened the regular Town Board meeting at 7:010 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence in honor of Patriot's Day.

Communications

Oswego County Health Department Letter

Public Comment

Comments were: Mexico Point Park volunteer gardener, Terry Clarcq, introduced himself and described the butterfly garden project at the park.

Reports

Town Clerk/Water Clerk

August disbursements as follows:

Supervisor for General Fund - \$3,924.72

NYS DEC for DECALS - \$1,776.03

NYS Animal Population Control for Dog Licenses - \$56.00

NYS Health Dept for Marriage Licenses - \$112.50

Water Payment Collection Total: \$34,032.58

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

Dog Control- Supervisor Behling read the report: Fourteen notices of unlicensed dogs were issued; no dogs were picked up.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector- Supervisor Behling read the report: Fifteen building permits and five violations were issued; one special use application was received; violations are being corrected.

Highway Superintendent- Superintendent Marsden read his report: General maintenance on equipment, hauling winter sand, paving, ditch work, mowing town properties and roadsides.

Community Park Manager- Mr. Diehl said the main focus has been park maintenance with no other updates.

Mexico Point Park- No report given. Councilor Partrick said the beach had to close one weekend due to a lack of lifeguards to staff the beach but the rest of the summer went very well with the lifeguard staff.

Planning Board- Chairwoman Weber said the one agenda item, a site plan change for a self-storage unit on the corner of ST RT 104 and US RT 11, was approved at their September meeting. Weber said the NYS Planning Federation announced a pro-housing community certification application is available and would have funding available; she offered to facilitate the process if the town agrees and urged the board members to consider pursuing the certification.

Zoning Board of Appeals- Chairman Waterbury said their August meeting had two agenda items: a special use permit for a print shop on CO RT 64 and transfer of ownership of the Co Rt 58 solar farm from RIC to a new company. Waterbury said the next meeting has one agenda item, a 3D printing business on ST RT 104.

Water Commissioner- Commissioner Grimshaw read his report that included hydrant flushing, UFPOs, new services installed, leaks repaired, and information about a service found without a meter.

Supervisor- Supervisor Behling reported that August balances stand as follows:

General Expenses - \$195,507.74

Highway Expenses - \$119,000.34

General Balance - \$2,185,256.22

Highway Balance - \$1,694,392.20

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Robert to accept the Supervisor's August 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 read his report which detailed that design for Water Service Area 6 is ongoing; easement maps are being finalized and will be submitted to Attorney Seiter's office soon; bidding the project is estimated this Fall/Winter with construction to begin Spring/Summer of 2024 depending on material availability; WIIA funding application has been submitted and could earn an additional \$2.5 million grant for the project. Mr. Yerdon said he will touch base with Councilor Partrick to discuss funding that may be available to residents

through Oswego Housing Development Council that would help low-income WSA 6 residents finish the connection to the municipal water.

McAuslan Hall Update- Wild said the new door will be delivered this week and is expected to be installed next week. Supervisor Behling said approximately 7 windows and a door need replacing at the back of the building. Behling said there are doors available in the back for access to the building.

A motion was made by Supervisor Behling to put the window/door replacement job out for bid. Supervisor Behling withdrew his motion to put the window/door replacement job out for bid. Behling said he will meet with Mr. Marsden, the Code Enforcement Officer, to determine specifications for the bid.

Co Rt 64 Cemetery Update- Councilor Sharkey said they are moving forward with getting the cemetery marked.

A motion was made by Councilor Sharkey and seconded by Councilor Patrick 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 2023-69 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 5 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, Robert, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the August payroll.

Resolution 2023-70 Approve LL 2 of 2023: Flood Damage Prevention

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Sharkey 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 adopts Local Law 2 of 2023: Flood Damage Prevention.

The Town Clerk received no bids for the Munger Hill Road Bridge project so the clerk will re-post the job and include Syracuse Bidder's Exchange.

Resolution 2023-71 Approve NYS Ag & Mkt Grant Proposal

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway 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 the proposal to accept a \$25,000 grant from the NYS Department of Ag & Market and the Town will contribute \$1,700.

Resolution 2023-72 Steering Committee for Ag & Mkt Grant

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the formation of a Steering Committee including Councilor Robert, Councilor Sharkey, and other Town stakeholders to discuss use of the NYS Ag & Mkt grant.

Resolution 2023-73 Transfer Funds to Capital Reserve

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the transfer \$90,000 into the Town's Capital Reserve fund.

Resolution 2023-74 Town Hall Security Upgrades

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the Volney Multiplex Inc proposal for security updates to the Town Hall not to exceed \$4,850.00.

Other Business

Resolution 2023-75 Change October Meeting Date

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board will move their regularly scheduled October meeting to Wednesday, October 11, 2023 AT 7:00pm at the Town Hall on 64 S Jefferson Street to accommodate the Columbus Day holiday.

Councilor Greenway asked for a budget workshop. Commissioner Grimshaw left at 8:55pm. Supervisor Behling said he would notify the Town Board members when he would be meeting to work on the budget.

Resolution 2023-76 Audit Claims

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway 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 bills for Abstract 9 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General A Fund	voucher #221-252	\$	66,830.11
General B Fund	voucher #72-80	\$	86,525.62
Highway Fund	voucher #152-169	\$	261,401.84
Water Fund	voucher #15	\$	43,238.76
Special Districts Fund	voucher #13-14	\$	2,777.71

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Sharkey to adjourn at 8:55 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