

Mexico Town Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held December 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
John Sharkey, Councilor
Graham Seiter, Town Attorney
Alicia Archer, Friends of Mexico Point Park
Richard Diehl, Park Manager
Ned Waterbury, ZBA Chairman
Terry Grimshaw, Water Commissioner
Nicole Wild, Town Clerk

Absent: Cindy Robert, Councilor
Ron Marsden, Code Enforcement Officer
Russ Marsden, Highway Superintendent
Nancy Weber, Planning Board Chairwoman
Karen Shaw, Assessor
Jack Spriggs, Dog Control Officer
Ian Yerdon, C2AE Engineer
Carrie Bond, Mexico Point Park

And 2 in the audience.

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

Communications

Et Cetera Newsletter
DOT Capital Program Letter

Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Reports

Town Clerk/Water Clerk

October disbursements as follows:

Supervisor for General Fund - \$874.40

NYS DEC for DECALS - \$444.10

NYS Animal Population Control for Dog Licenses - \$49.00

NYS Health Dept for Marriage Licenses - \$0

Water Payment Collection Total: \$30,140.14

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

Dog Control- Supervisor Behling read the report: Eight notices of unlicensed dogs were issued; one dog was picked up, which required veterinary care and an investigation is ongoing.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector- Supervisor Behling read the report: One building permit was issued; six violations were issued; inspections for open permits are ongoing; the office received \$225 in fees; 92 permits have been issued so far for the year. Behling said he will call Marsden to inquire about the old Fish Hook. Seiter said that the Town can decide to not re-issue another permit if progress is not being made.

Highway Superintendent- Supervisor Behling read the report: General maintenance on equipment; readying snowplows for winter; putting out snow poles; painting projects at the highway garage; patching potholes; picking up roadside trash.

Community Park Manager- Mr. Diehl said the park looks good and outside lights are turned off; dumpster is full at the park and needs emptying. Diehl said he will call to have the trash removed. Supervisor Behling inquired about closing the park off but will revisit the idea.

Mexico Point Park- Alicia Weaver-Archer said the Friends of Mexico Point Park established the Fireworks Concert rain date as August 4th. Archer said the ribbon cutting event for the new trail is May 19th and asked if a Town Board representative could attend. Archer said Raffa landscaping needs final payment and the Friends would like to submit that invoice to the Town for payment. Archer said light units should be rented for the fireworks event on the road and parking lot and presented quotes to the board. Archer said the Friends are also requesting an additional police officer and signs for temporary police order for no parking on the roadside. Supervisor Behling suggested orange cones to place on the side of the road to prevent parking and will loan some to the park for the event. Partrick said the town had already discussed the 10% contribution of \$3,900 that the grant for the trail required.

Planning Board- no report was given

Zoning Board of Appeals- Chairman Waterbury said the application for a 3D printing business on ST RT 104 has been withdrawn; the Cartier mini storage site plan has been approved for a change of location of the storage units; Co Rt 58 Solar Farm owners RIC transferred 100% interest to Dimension Renewal Energy and Oswego County IDA recently approved the transfer with the special permit for that project expiring March of 2024.

Seiter explained that the Town received a letter from Barclay and Damon describing a waivable conflict of interest where Barclay and Damon represents the Town of Mexico in an Article 7 proceeding brought by Bella Terre LLC and has been requested to represent Dimension Renewable Energy in connection with PILOT/assessment assistance regarding the solar project on CO RT 58.

Resolution 2023-100 Waive Conflict of Interest

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board waives the conflict of interest for Barclay and Damon to represent the Town of Mexico and Dimension Renewable Energy.

Water Commissioner- Commissioner Grimshaw read his report: Hydrant flushing is complete for the year; two illegal users have been located and the situations rectified with reimbursement to the town of lost revenue; a new service was installed; a request for water service on 104 at the New Haven/Mexico town line was received. The board discussed placement of the proposed water district in Palermo.

Supervisor- Supervisor Behling reported that November balances stand as follows:
General Expenses - \$118,016.06
Highway Expenses - \$150,441.61
General Balance - \$1,911,790.72
Highway Balance - \$1,250,513.25

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

Water District Update- no report given

McAuslan Hall Update- no report given

Co Rt 64 Cemetery Update- Councilor Greenway said previous sonar ground survey found no graves at a specific site on the property but that records show it as a place of burial. Superintendent Behling said that CiTi Superintendent, Chris Todd, was willing to work with the town and had met with Counselor Sharkey and Superintendent Marsden to mark off an area. Greenway said the brush hogging wasn't done in the correct area. Behling asked if the plan is still to install a monument. Greenway said a sign was ordered but we won't be able to put it there. Behling asked why. Behling said a monument or stone is a good way to recognize the burials even if the exact location of the burials remains unclear. Greenway said 43 people are recorded as being buried somewhere in the vicinity. Counselor Partrick suggested proceeding with the agreement to acknowledge the cemetery and people buried there regardless of whether or not it is in the exact location of the cemetery. Sharkey said he worked with CiTi to mark off the area and CiTi staff mowed it. Seiter said CiTi was working with the town and we don't necessarily need an agreement with them. Greenway would like to see the sonar report. Behling said he would call Chris Todd and head of buildings and grounds.

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

Resolution 2023-101 Payrolls

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the November payroll.

Resolution 2023-102 Approve Trail Contribution

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board pledges the amount of not more than \$3,900 towards the completion of the Accessible Trail at Mexico Point Park through the Friends of Mexico Point Park.

Resolution 2023-103 Approve Official Undertaking

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the 2024 Official Undertaking of the Municipal Officers.

Resolution 2023-104 Approve Appointments

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, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the list of appointments as follows:

One Year Terms

Budget Officer	Eric Behling
Town Historian	Judy Greenway
Fire Inspector	Charles Fortier
Zoning Officer/Building Inspector	Ronald Marsden
Dog Control Officer	Jack Spriggs, Jr.
Clerk to the Assessor	William Van Patten
Clerk to Zoning & Planning Boards	-
Chairman to the Board of Review	Marty Trey
Community Park Manager	-
Assistant Park Manager	-
Recreation Committee	Diane Chepko-Sade
Chairman to the ZBA	Edwin Waterbury
Chairman to the Planning Board	Nancy Weber
Official Newspapers	Pall Times
Official Banks	Pathfinder Bank
	Solvay Bank
	Key Bank

Four Year Terms

PT Clerk to the Supervisor	Kathy Barber
Deputy Town Clerk	Debra Hunsberger
Registrar	Nicole Wild
Tax Collector	Nicole Wild
Court Clerk	Heather Gracey

Five Year Terms

Bonnie Loforte	Planning Board
Nancy Weber	Planning Board
Lori Behling	Zoning Board
Mary Mowry	Board of Review

Resolution 2023-105 Schedule Year-End Meeting

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, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board schedules the year-end meeting for Thursday, December 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall on 64 S Jefferson Street.

Other Business

Councilor Partrick said the assessor's conference needs to be reimbursed and questioned the amount; Partrick said he would like the assessor to request prior approval. Supervisor Behling said the assessor's other two towns paid for part of the conference but we do not have an IMA with the other towns. Behling said we paid for a previous class and this one was signed up for without prior approval.

Councilor Partrick said the ASCAP bill is a license for music to be performed in public and businesses pay a fee for the music. Partrick said neither the Village of Mexico nor the Mexico School District pay this fee. Partrick said the fee has to do with copyright. Patrick suggests that the town not pay this fee, citing that individual performers pay fees when they perform and purchase music/sheet music.

Resolution 2023-99 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, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolved the bills for Abstract 12 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts after having removed the ASCAP voucher:

General A Fund	voucher #299-321	\$	23,493.40
General B Fund	voucher #99-104	\$	9,786.27
Highway Fund	voucher #222-244	\$	82,019.88
Special Districts Fund	voucher #17-18	\$	2,954.25

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Sharkey to recess at 8:18 pm. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Wild, Town Clerk