

Mexico Town Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held January 8, 2024 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
Ron Marsden, Code Enforcement Officer
Russ Marsden, Highway Superintendent
Ned Waterbury, ZBA Chairman
Ian Yerdon, C2AE Engineer
Nicole Wild, Town Clerk

Absent: Cindy Robert, Councilor
Alicia Archer, Friends of Mexico Point Park
Terry Grimshaw, Water Commissioner
Nancy Weber, Planning Board Chairwoman
Karen Shaw, Assessor
Jack Spriggs, Dog Control Officer
Carrie Bond, Mexico Point Park

And 3 in the audience.

Supervisor Behling opened the regular board meeting at 7:01pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by councilor Greenway to approve the November 13, 2023 and December 11, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Partrick, Greenway, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Communications

- CiTi Spotlight
- AG & Market Report
- Oswego County Health Dept. Letter

Public Comment

Concerns were: Water Service Area 6 delays; EDU charges on tax bills.

Reports

Town Clerk/Water Clerk

January disbursements as follows:

Supervisor for General Fund - \$632.38

NYS DEC for DECALS - \$14.62

NYS Animal Population Control for Dog Licenses - \$24.00

NYS Health Dept for Marriage Licenses - \$0

Water Payment Collection Total: \$12,167.31

Tax Collection Trial Balance - \$406,644.99

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

Dog Control- none

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector- Mr. Marsden read his report: 4 building permits were issued; 2 violations were issued; inspections are ongoing for open permits; the office received \$653 in fees for the month.

Highway Superintendent- Superintendent Marsden read his report: general maintenance on equipment; new furnace installed at highway garage; new entrance doors installed; painting projects and patching potholes throughout the town.

Community Park Manager- Supervisor Behling said he is handling park reservations for the time being and hopes to have something to report regarding a manager candidate next month.

Mexico Point Park- none

Planning Board- none

Zoning Board of Appeals- none

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

General Expenses - \$176,475.43

Highway Expenses - \$141,641.34

General Balance - \$1,773,035.72

Highway Balance - \$1,501,460.31

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

Water District Update- Mr. Yerdon read his report: the town is receiving \$2,529,000 in grant funding through NYSEFC Water Infrastructure Improvements Act (WIIA), which brings the total in grant funding for the project to nearly \$3.8M. Yerdon read that bidding will be delayed approximately another two months due to agency review by NYSEFC. Yerdon read that easement drawings have been drafted and there are approximately 13.

McAuslan Hall Update- Supervisor Behling said a contractor will look at back windows and door and speak with Mr. Marsden.

Co Rt 64 Cemetery Update- Supervisor Behling said they will wait until Spring to proceed with the memorial.

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 2024-01 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, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the December payroll.

Resolution 2024-01 Approve Orwell & Amboy Highway Department IMA's

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the Highway Department Intermunicipal Agreements with the towns of Orwell and Amboy.

Resolution 2024-03 Renew Code Enforcement IMA with New Haven

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, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the Intermunicipal Agreement regarding Code Enforcement services with the Town of New Haven.

Resolution 2024-04 Schedule Public Hearing for LL 1 of 2024

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, Greenway, Partrick, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board schedules a public hearing for February 12, 2024 at 7:00pm or as soon thereafter as possible regarding Local Law 1 of 2024 amending income qualifications for the senior citizen tax exemption.

Other Business

Resolution 2024-05 Accept WIIA Grant

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Sharkey 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 accepts the WIIA grant for Water Service Area 6 in the amount of \$2,529,000.

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Sharkey to enter executive session at 7:46pm to discuss matters relating to appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or removal of a particular person. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Partrick, Greenway, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

The board exited executive session at 8:02pm.

Resolution 2024-06 Audit Claims

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 bills for Abstract 1 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General A Fund	voucher #1-20	\$	50,800.59
General B Fund	voucher #1-8	\$	5,016.91
Highway Fund	voucher #1-6	\$	56,274.49
Water Fund	voucher #1-2	\$	41,024.72
Special Districts Fund	voucher #1	\$	657.10

A motion was made by Councilor Sharkey and seconded by Councilor Partrick to adjourn at 8:03pm. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Wild, Town Clerk