

Mexico Town Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held Monday, February 12, 2024 at the Town Hall 64 S Jefferson Street Mexico
Commencing at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Eric Behling, Supervisor
Russell Partrick, Deputy Supervisor
Judy Greenway, Councilor
John Sharkey, Councilor
Graham Seiter, Town Attorney
Ron Marsden, Code Enforcement Officer
Russ Marsden, Highway Superintendent
Nancy Weber, Planning Board Chairwoman
Ned Waterbury, ZBA Chairman
Ian Yerdon, C2AE Engineer
Nicole Wild, Town Clerk

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

And 4 in the audience.

Special guest, Mr. Anderson, opened the regular Town Board meeting at 7:01 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Communications

- Et Cetera Newsletter
- Oswego County Health Dept. Report
- Oswego County Health Dept. Complaint
- Attorney Mowry Letters
- Oswego County Broadband Letter
- Court Audit Letter

Public Comment

Concerns were: field space at the Community Park
Supervisor Behling entered at 7:14pm and presented a plaque to Mr. Anderson, commending him for his 19 years of service to the town. Mr. Anderson thanked the audience and board for inviting him to start the meeting. Supervisor Behling began presiding over the meeting at 7:17pm.

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Greenway to recess the meeting in order to conduct a previously scheduled Public Hearing regarding Local Law 1 of 2024. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Partrick, Greenway, Sharky, and 0 nays. The board recessed at 7:17pm.

Supervisor Behling reconvened the regular meeting at 7:22pm.

Reports

Town Clerk/Water Clerk

January disbursements as follows:

Supervisor for General Fund - \$639.50

NYS DEC for DECALS - \$0

NYS Animal Population Control for Dog Licenses - \$36.00

NYS Health Dept for Marriage Licenses - \$45.00

Water Payment Collection Total: \$1,106.50

Tax Collection Trial Balance - \$4,214,923.49

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Supervisor Behling to accept the January 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 December report: 12 notices of unlicensed dogs were issued; two dogs were picked up and taken to the Oswego shelter; the annual USDA inspection was completed in December and the inspector noted that our dog crate is in disrepair and should be replaced. Behling read the January report: 6 notices of unlicensed dogs were issued and no dogs were picked up.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector- Mr. Marsden read the report: 2 building permits were issued; no violations were issued; inspections are ongoing for open permits; yearly code training is in progress; year-end reports for NYS and census are complete; 95 building permits were issued in 2023 with a project valuation of \$3,097,950; the office received \$100 in fees.

Highway Superintendent- Superintendent Marsden read his report: general maintenance on equipment; cleaning up roadside trash; patching potholes; painting projects at highway garage; plowing and sanding town roads; plowing, sanding, and salting the town offices, courthouse, and Mexico Point Park.

Community Park Manager- Supervisor Behling said he received a letter of interest in the Community Park Manager position from Shannon Bigelow. Behling said he will work with Bigelow and Superintendent Marsden to manage the needs of the Community Park.

Mexico Point Park- Karen Ringwald representing the Friends of Mexico Point Park said everything is on schedule for the concert and fireworks on July 14th with a rain date of August 4th. Ringwald said the park needs two police officers conducting traffic for the event. Ringwald said the opening ceremony for the new trail will be May 19th. Councilor Partrick said there are more limbs and tree damage than volunteers can handle and a service should be called.

Planning Board- Chairwoman Weber said the board met in February for an update on the comprehensive plan and steering committee.

Zoning Board of Appeals- Chairman Waterbury said there was nothing new to report.

Water Commissioner- no report given

Supervisor- Supervisor Behling reported that January balances stand as follows:
General Expenses - \$121,951.69
Highway Expenses - \$113,412.32
General Balance - \$1,657,960.85
Highway Balance - \$1,388,667.15

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

Water District Update- none. Councilor Partrick asked about a C2AE invoice for over \$17,000 and would like to know what "additional services" that encompasses. Supervisor Behling said he will reach out to Mr. Yerdon.

McAuslan Hall Update- none

Co Rt 64 Cemetery Update- none

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 2024-07 Payrolls

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 January payroll.

Resolution 2024-08 Appoint Community Park Manager

A motion was made by Councilor Sharkey 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 appoints Shannon Bigelow to the position of Community Park Manager.

Resolution 2024-09 Local Law 1 of 2024- Senior Tax Exemption

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 adopts Local Law 1 of 2024 regarding the Senior Property Tax Exemption.

Dimension Energy Solar Project

Attorney Seiter said there are two different approaches to tax assessment for a property that is now vacant but will have a solar farm. Seiter said one option is a PILOT agreement. Seiter said the other option is a new formula for assessment called a standard assessment through New York State. Seiter said Dimension Energy needs and answer from the Town as to which agreement we prefer. Seiter said the third option is for the farm to be tax exempt for 15 years, which would not benefit the town. Seiter said he would reach out to Dimension Energy for more information and to arrange a time for them to answer the board's questions.

Resolution 2024-10 Approve New Haven Highway Dept IMA

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 New Haven Highway Department IMA.

Resolution 2024-11 Approve Internet Upgrades

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 approves internet upgrades for the Community Park, Town Offices, McAuslan Hall, and Highway Garage.

Resolution 2024-12 Approve Copy Machine for McAuslan Hall

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 approves the purchase of a copy machine for McAuslan Hall for purchase price of \$1,993.75 with an annual service agreement in the amount of \$316.80.

Resolution 2024-13 Approve USDA Loan Payment for WSA 3

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 payment to the Town's USDA Loan in the amount of \$25,000 in principle and \$18,356.25 interest for Water Service Area #3.

Resolution 2024-14 Approve USDA Loan Payment for WSA 5

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 payment to the Town's USDA Loan in the amount of \$25,000 in principle and \$11,390.62 interest for Water Service Area #5.

Other Business

Resolution 2024-15 Approve Supervisor to Sign Scope of Work Agreement

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 approves Supervisor Behling to sign the scope of work agreement with the CNY Planning Board.

Resolution 2024-16 Court Audit

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 appoints Counselor Robert to conduct the 2023 Court Audit.

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Partrick to enter executive session at 8:56pm 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 9:08pm.

Resolution 2024-17 Community Park Manager Salary

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 a yearly salary of \$8,500 for the community park manager.

Resolution 2024-18 Audit Claims

A motion was made by Councilor Sharkey and seconded by Councilor Greenway 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 2 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General A Fund	voucher #21-50	\$	179,293.25
General B Fund	voucher #9-18	\$	27,189.75
Highway Fund	voucher #7-24	\$	65,215.27
Water Fund	voucher #3-6	\$	387,013.87
Special Districts Fund	voucher #2-4	\$	276,520.83

A motion was made by Councilor Sharkey and seconded by Supervisor Behling to adjourn at 9:09pm. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Wild, Town Clerk