

Mexico Town Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held Monday, March 11, 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
Shannon Bigelow, Park Manager
Nancy Weber, Planning Board Chairwoman
Terry Grimshaw, Water Commissioner
Ian Yerdon, C2AE Engineer
Nicole Wild, Town Clerk

Absent: Jack Spriggs, Dog Control Officer
Cindy Robert, Councilor
Alicia Archer, Friends of Mexico Point Park
Carrie Bond, Mexico Point Park
Ned Waterbury, ZBA Chairman

And 6 in the audience.

Supervisor Behling opened the regular Town Board meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Communications

- Cornell Local Roads Program Infographics
- David Turner – Broadband (Fiber) Services Letter

Public Comment

Concerns were: Illegal immigrants, creating additional fields at the Community Park.

Reports

Town Clerk/Water Clerk

February disbursements as follows:

Supervisor for General Fund - \$600.45

NYS DEC for DECALS - \$538.55

NYS Animal Population Control for Dog Licenses - \$49.00

NYS Health Dept for Marriage Licenses - \$45.00

Water Payment Collection Total: \$29,948.99

Tax Collection Trial Balance - \$4,543,038.58

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Partrick to accept the February 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: Eighteen notices of unlicensed dogs were issued; one dog was picked up and taken to the Oswego shelter.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector- Mr. Marsden read the report: Three building permits issued; one violation; inspections ongoing; violations for junk/code violations ongoing; one permit was issued accidentally in New Haven but it will show up on next month's report. The board discussed a building permit fee schedule for solar farms.

Highway Superintendent- Superintendent Marsden read his report: General maintenance on equipment, picking up roadside trash, patching potholes, plowing and sanding roads, picking up debris from wind damage.

Community Park Manager- Mrs. Bigelow is working with leagues regarding registration; would like to revamp community park section of the website and consider a pavilion rental agreement with fee. Weber said that if land near the creek is disturbed during potential field creation, she would like the soil tested because her livestock waters out of the creek.

Mexico Point Park- Bathroom toilet paper dispensers need to be replaced. Supervisor Behling said Ms. Bond can order and replace them. The accessible trail ribbon cutting will be May 19th. Councilor Partrick said he has a quote from Kevin Gates for park tree maintenance and cutting for \$3,500.

Resolution 2024-19 Park Tree Maintenance

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, and Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the proposal by Kevin Gates for park tree maintenance and cutting for \$3,500.

Planning Board- Chairwoman Weber said there were no applications to review but there will be a meeting at the Village Hall on Wednesday evening to discuss the next steps for the second phase of the comprehensive plan.

Zoning Board of Appeals- none

Water Commissioner- Commissioner Grimshaw said the town has 381 properties with curb boxes without active water accounts; leaks and water theft have been caught; a property putting out raw sewage was found and reported; a resident on 104B in New Haven wants Mexico water; the Village begins their water project April 1st and are hoping it's completed by the end of the year. Grimshaw said water usage average is normal. Grimshaw would like to meet with the town to update water contracts in April.

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

General Expenses - \$906,267.61

Highway Expenses - \$158,512.37

General Balance - \$2,675,551.30

Highway Balance - \$2,240,741.87

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Greenway to accept the Supervisor's February report 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 which outlined agency approvals still needed from NYSDOG, NYSEFC, and Village of Mexico. Yerdon said bidding is expected as soon as approvals are obtained; 12 permanent and 2 temporary easements have been submitted to Seiter. Yerdon noted that there was a billing error from December 2023 that is being refunded and invoice re-issued. Yerdon explained the Lead Service Line Inventory for the NYSDOH that is due on October 16th. Yerdon said C2AE can help the town with this new requirement. Seiter asked him to send a proposed contract.

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 2024-20 Payrolls

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 February payroll.

Resolution 2024-21 Assessor Resignation

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 accepts the resignation of Karen Shaw from the position of Assessor effective March 31, 2024.

Resolution 2024-22 Assessor Appointment

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 appoints William Van Patten as interim Assessor. Councilor Partrick said the vacancy of Assessor should be advertised. Supervisor Behling asked the town clerk to advertise the vacancy on the town website and the NYS Assessor Association website.

Resolution 2024-23 Authorizing Supervisor to Sign for WSA6

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.

WHEREAS, the Town desires to commence with design, development, and construction of Town of Mexico, Water Service Area #6 in the township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board shall authorize the Supervisor to sign all necessary applications, permits, and all other documents, agreements and instruments

necessary to effectuate funding, including contractor pay applications, for project development and construction of the Town of Mexico, Water Service Area #6.

Other Business

Resolution 2024-24 Dimension Energy Building Permit Fee

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 3 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Sharkey, and 1 nay: Partrick.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the amount of \$7,500 for a building permit fee for Dimension Energy based on the total estimated cost of the building project.

Councilor Partrick said that Councilor Robert will have the court audit completed by April 1st.

Resolution 2024-25 Approve Town & Village IMA for Joint Comprehensive Plan

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 Comprehensive Plan IMA with the Village of Mexico.

Resolution 2024-26 Audit Claims

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 bills for Abstract 3 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General A Fund	voucher #51-71	\$	19,232.98
General B Fund	voucher #19-27	\$	3,542.00
Highway Fund	voucher #25-38	\$	30,197.70
Water Fund	voucher #7-11	\$	45,479.34
Special Districts Fund	voucher #5-7	\$	54,884.43

A motion was made by Councilor Sharkey and seconded by Supervisor Behling to adjourn at 8:26 pm. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Partrick, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Wild, Town Clerk