

Mexico Town Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held Monday, April 08, 2024 at the Town Hall 64 S Jefferson Street Mexico
Commencing at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Eric Behling, Supervisor
Judy Greenway, Councilor
John Sharkey, Councilor
Graham Seiter, Town Attorney
Russ Marsden, Highway Superintendent
Shannon Bigelow, Park Manager
Ned Waterbury, ZBA Chairman
Ian Yerdon, C2AE Engineer
Nicole Wild, Town Clerk

Absent: Jack Spriggs, Dog Control Officer
Russell Partrick, Councilor
Cindy Robert, Councilor
Ron Marsden, Code Enforcement Officer
Nancy Weber, Planning Board Chairwoman
Alicia Archer, Friends of Mexico Point Park
Carrie Bond, Mexico Point Park
Terry Grimshaw, Water Commissioner

And 6 in the audience.

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

Communications

- none

Public Comment

Concerns were: traffic on Ladd Rd is too fast and dangerous; little league fence at community park; new traffic infraction legislation.

Reports

Town Clerk/Water Clerk/Tax Collector

March disbursements as follows:

Supervisor for General Fund - \$9,448.86

NYS DEC for DECALS - \$9.44

NYS Animal Population Control for Dog Licenses - \$57.00

NYS Health Dept for Marriage Licenses - \$0

Water Payment Collection Total: \$12,451.26

Tax Collection Total: \$5,185,049.72

A motion was made by Councilor Sharkey and seconded by Councilor Greenway to accept the March reports as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes: Behling, Greenway, and Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Dog Control- Supervisor Behling read the report: 10 notices of unlicensed dogs were issued; one dog was picked up and taken to the Oswego shelter; 10 dogs were removed from a residence on LaCasse Road on March 30th after being voluntarily surrendered to a local non-profit rescue.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector- Mr. Marsden read the report: 12 building permits were issued; 25 property violations were issued; inspections are ongoing for open permits.

Highway Superintendent- Superintendent Marsden read his report: general maintenance on equipment is ongoing; roadside trash pickup; patching potholes; plowing and sanding of roads; clean-up of debris and trees from wind damage.

Community Park Manager- Mrs. Bigelow explained logistical issues related to her decision regarding the little league fence; she decided that each league is to be responsible for their own equipment, including set-up and take-down. Supervisor Behling deferred to Mrs. Bigelow and asked that sports league leaders follow her direction regarding equipment. Mrs. Bigelow said she is obtaining a bluebowl and dirt for the park.

Mexico Point Park- none

Planning Board- none

Zoning Board of Appeals- Chairman Waterbury stressed the need for a clerk to the Zoning and Planning Boards, citing the importance of accurate minutes. Waterbury introduced Matt Bryant, and recommended him for approval to be a member on the ZBA.

Water Commissioner- none

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

General Expenses - \$153,298.39

Highway Expenses - \$95,093.93

General Balance - \$2,556,497.65

Highway Balance - \$2,251,899.95

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Sharkey to accept the Supervisor's March and First Quarter report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Sharkey and 0 nays.

Water District Update- none

McAuslan Hall Update- Superintendent Marsden said the flag pole needs to be replaced.

Co Rt 64 Cemetery Update- Supervisor Behling said he will contact Chris Todd and meet with Councilor Greenway.

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 3 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Sharkey and 0 nays.

Resolution 2024-27 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 3 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the March payroll.

Ag & Mkt Committee Update-

Marcia DeLong said that the committee is applying for a \$50,000 grant that will help incorporate language into the comprehensive plan to protect farmland. DeLong said the committee is nearly ready to send the application.

Memorial Day Parade Update-

Supervisor Behling said that he and Mayor Grimshaw are trying to coordinate the parade. Mrs. Bigelow volunteered her services.

Resolution 2024-28 Water Consulting Service

A motion was made by Councilor Sharkey and seconded by Supervisor Behling to approve the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

WHEREAS, to ensure the Town's current water rates and other financing sources are sufficient to support current and future water operational needs

RESOLVED the Mexico Town Board approves Laird Petrie Consulting to analyze and report the Town's water district operations at a cost not to exceed \$700.

Resolution 2024-29 Annual Court Audit

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 3 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the 2023 Court Audit as conducted by Councilor Robert.

Flag Pole Purchase

Superintendent Marsden will look into the cost of a new flag pole at McAuslan Hall. A motion was made by Councilor Sharkey and seconded by Supervisor Behling to table the matter until the May 13 board meeting. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

ARPA Fund Update

Supervisor Behling said that \$47,455.54 needs to be allocated by the end of the year.

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Sharkey to enter executive session at 8:19pm to discuss matters relating to appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or removal of a particular person. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes: Behling, Robert, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

The board exited executive session at 8:48pm.

Other Business

Resolution 2024-30 Appoint Park Maintenance Coordinator

A motion was made by Councilor Sharkey and seconded by Supervisor Behling to approve the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board appoints Russel Marsden Jr. as Park Maintenance Coordinator at a salary of \$12,000 per year.

Resolution 2024-31 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 3 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolved the bills for Abstract 4 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General A Fund	voucher #72-87	\$	12,029.48
General B Fund	voucher #28-38	\$	14,323.93
Highway Fund	voucher #39-57	\$	25,560.77
Water Fund	voucher #12	\$	700.00
Special Districts Fund	voucher #8	\$	507.12

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Sharkey to adjourn at 8:49 pm. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Wild, Town Clerk