

Mexico Town Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held Monday, June 10, 2024 at the Town Hall 64 S Jefferson Street Mexico
Commencing at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Eric Behling, Supervisor
Russell Partrick, Councilor
John Sharkey, Councilor
Nicole Wild, Town Clerk
Russ Marsden, Highway Superintendent
Carrie Bond, Mexico Point Park
Diane Chepko-Sade, Friends of Mexico Point Park
Nancy Weber, Planning Board Chairwoman
Ned Waterbury, ZBA Chairman
Terry Grimshaw, Water Commissioner

Absent: Cindy Robert, Councilor
Judy Greenway, Councilor
Graham Seiter, Attorney
Jack Spriggs, Dog Control Officer
Ron Marsden, Code Enforcement Officer
Shannon Bigelow, Park Manager
Ian Yerdon, C2AE Engineer
Alicia Archer, Friends of Mexico Point Park

And 5 in the audience.

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

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Sharkey to approve the May Town Board meeting minutes. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes: Behling, Partrick, and Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Communications

- Et Cetera
- Office of the Aging Letter
- Assessor Resume

Public Comment

Comments were: good turnout at Mexico Point Park for accessible trail grand opening on Sunday, June 9th; congratulations to the Friends of Mexico Point Park for all their hard work on the new trail.

Reports

Town Clerk/Water Clerk-

May disbursements as follows:

Supervisor for General Fund - \$1,706.16

NYS DEC for DECALS - \$165.34

NYS Animal Population Control for Dog Licenses - \$47.00

NYS Health Dept. for Marriage Licenses - \$22.50

Water Payment Collection Total: \$20,748.31

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

Dog Control- Supervisor Behling read the May report; 14 notices of unlicensed dogs were issued, no dogs were picked up.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector- Behling read the report; 8 building permits, 6 violations, one demolition permits were issued; one interpretation application was sent to the ZBA; building inspections are ongoing for open permits.

Highway Superintendent- Superintendent Marsden read his report; general maintenance, picking up trash, patching potholes, mowing, ditching and cutting trees in the right-of-way are ongoing throughout the town.

Community Park Manager- Marsden read his report; mowing, weeding, and trash pickup is ongoing at the park. Behling read Bigelow's report; athletics and pavilion reservations are ongoing; Bigelow would like to review the season at its close and work on revamping the reservation process.

Mexico Point Park- Chepko-Sade said the grand opening of the new trail was well attended. Bond said the park is ready for the season; she thanks everyone for their help in readying the park. Bond and Chepko-Sade noted people swimming without lifeguards on duty; it seems to be happening more and more despite signs. Partrick suggests considering a timed gate to close and open the park.

Planning Board- Chairwoman Weber said she thanks Wild for coming back to the clerk position and the board for allowing the planning board to change their start time to 6:30pm; June meeting reviewed use of comprehensive plan to inform the local zoning law; Weber cited contradictions in the current land use law and cited language around home business as an example; Weber said the board discussed buyer beware idea when purchasing property for specific uses.

Zoning Board of Appeals- Chairman Waterbury said the board had a special use permit application and deemed that it was incomplete; the applicant has engaged services of professionals and will revisit the ZBA in June or July; the interpretation was for a manufactured home in the town and NYS signed an executive order allowing the placement of manufactured homes in areas that were perhaps previously not allowed. Behling said the town already has areas that allow single- and double-wide homes. Waterbury said that his understanding is that manufactured homes are allowed anywhere in the town of Mexico now due to the NYS executive order overriding our local law; manufactured home and factory manufactured homes are now defined with different definitions; the ZBA is also moving their meeting start times to 6:30pm. Grimshaw left the meeting at 7:33pm. Weber said either the planning board or zoning

board of appeals can call a public hearing to solicit public input and there are some situations that require a public hearing.

Fire Department- Edwards reported that the MVFD had 45 calls total in the month of May; members put in 724 hours for drills and calls plus additional hours for other tasks not counted as drills or calls; the department is getting ready for their fireman's field days.

Water Commissioner- Grimshaw gave his report; 2 new services (1 short and 1 long); no town flushing yet as the village water department is currently shorthanded.

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

General Expenses - \$107,394.00

Highway Expenses - \$69,036.55

General Balance - \$2,511,135.37

Highway Balance - \$2,119,066.23

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

Water District Update- Behling has been in contact with C2AE; Ian Yerdon has left the company for another job; the town is still waiting on NYSDOH for approval in order to bid the Water Service Area 6 project.

McAuslan Hall Update- Supervisor Behling said an estimate has been submitted by one contractor for work to replace rear windows but it will remain unopened until the board receives more estimates.

Cemetery Update- Supervisor Behling said he will attend a meeting this week to discuss the cemetery at CiTi BOCES.

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

Resolution 2024-42 Payrolls

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, Partrick, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the May payroll.

Resolution 2024-43 Discontinue DECALS Hunting/Fishing License Agreement

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, Partrick, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolved, the Mexico Town Board requests termination of their agreement with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to sell hunting and fishing licenses.

Resolution 2024-44 Transfer \$90,000 to Capital Reserve Fund

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Sharkey to accept the following resolution. Behling said the funds did not get transferred at the end of 2023 and now needs to be moved into the reserve fund. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes: Behling, Partrick, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolved, the Mexico Town Board authorizes the Clerk to the Supervisor to transfer \$90,000 into the Capital Reserve Fund.

Resolution 2024-45 Appoint Community Park Assistant

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board appoints Lynn Bigelow to Community Park Assistant.

Other Business

Memorial Parade- Behling said he thought the parade went well and was glad we had nice weather for the morning. Behling appreciated Russell Marsden Sr being present at the ceremony at the village cemetery to provide guidance and said that Mayor Grimshaw did a very nice job as MC.

Assessor Candidate- Supervisor Behling asked if the board would like to interview or contact her for more information. Partrick volunteered to contact the candidate. Sharkey said a conversation about her availability and commitment to office hours needs to take place. Sharkey will reach out to her to set up a meeting and Partrick will sit in at the meeting.

Reserve Funds- Partrick said the town may want to consider a reserve fund for large equipment purchases and that Laird Petrie may also be suggesting a reserve fund for water districts.

Resolution 2024-46 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 3 ayes: Behling, Partrick, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolved the bills for Abstract 6 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General A Fund	voucher #116-143	\$	115,437.21
General B Fund	voucher #48-59	\$	3,320.40
Highway Fund	voucher #75-92	\$	20,275.33
Water Fund	voucher #17-18	\$	160,250.00
Special Districts Fund	voucher #10-11	\$	2,773.15

A motion was made by Councilor Sharkey and seconded by Supervisor Behling to adjourn at 7:52 pm. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes: Behling, Partrick, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Wild, Town Clerk