

Mexico Town Board
Minutes of the Special Meeting
Held Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at the Town Hall 64 S Jefferson Street Mexico
Commencing at 1:00 P.M.

Present: Eric Behling, Supervisor
Judy Greenway, Councilor
Cindy Robert, Councilor
John Sharkey, Councilor
Nicole Wild, Town Clerk
Russ Marsden, Highway Superintendent

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

And 0 in the audience.

Supervisor Behling opened the special Town Board meeting at 1:00 pm.

Behling acknowledged all the hard work Bill Van Patten has done for the Town over his years as Assessor and Assessor Clerk and said he appreciates Bill's willingness to help the town.

Resolution 2024-47 Accept Assessor Resignation- Van Patten

A motion was made by Councilor Sharkey and seconded by Councilor Robert to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Robert, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board accepts the resignation of Bill Van Patten from the Sole Assessor position, effective June 30, 2024.

Councilor Sharkey said Heather Garner has applied and interviewed for the Sole Assessor position. Sharkey said the candidate seems very knowledgeable and accessible and offered to maintain some sort of social media in order to be accessible to residents. Sharkey said the candidate is certified, has been practicing for 20 years, and has experience with revaluations and grievance. Sharkey said the applicant does serve other towns/villages but is committed to keeping local office hours for Mexico. Sharkey recommends that the town

appoint Heather Garner as Sole Assessor. Supervisor Behling asked the board members if they would like to discuss raising the salary for the remainder of the year; the current salary is \$17,736. Greenway said the town should consider raising it slowly over time. Behling suggested raising the salary to \$22,000.

Resolution 2024-48 Appoint Sole Assessor- Garner

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, Robert, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board appoints Heather Garner to the position of Sole Assessor for a salary of \$22,000.

A motion was made by Councilor Sharkey and seconded by Councilor Greenway to adjourn at 1:24 pm. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Robert, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Wild, Town Clerk