

Mexico Town Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held Monday, July 8, 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
Nicole Wild, Town Clerk
Graham Seiter, Attorney
Ron Marsden, Code Enforcement Officer
Russ Marsden, Highway Superintendent
Shannon Bigelow, Park Manager
Carrie Bond, Mexico Point Park
Diane Chepko-Sade, Friends of Mexico Point Park
Nancy Weber, Planning Board Chairwoman
Terry Grimshaw, Water Commissioner

Absent: Russell Partrick, Councilor
Cindy Robert, Councilor
Jack Spriggs, Dog Control Officer
Ned Waterbury, ZBA Chairman
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 Greenway and seconded by Councilor Sharkey to amend the May Town Board meeting minutes to reflect the Comprehensive Plan Committee members as Eric Behling, Lori Burrows, Marica Delong, Alisson Perry, Terry Grimshaw, Amanda Magro, Gary Toth, and Nancy Weber with Alisson Perry as Chairperson. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

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

Communications

- AG & Markets Grant Award Letter
- Oswego County Health Nuisance Complaint
- Seiter Law Firm Letter #1 Alleged Violation

- Seiter Law Firm Letter #2 Alleged Violation

Public Comment

Concerns were: water district six timeline.

Reports

Town Clerk/Water Clerk-

June disbursements as follows:

Supervisor for General Fund - \$1,070.66

NYS DEC for DECALS - \$108.64

NYS Animal Population Control for Dog Licenses - \$34.00

NYS Health Dept. for Marriage Licenses - \$22.50

Water Payment Collection Total: \$13,333.46

A motion was made by Councilor Sharkey and seconded by Councilor Greenway to accept the May reports as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of

Dog Control- Supervisor Behling read the June report; 8 notices of unlicensed dogs were issued; one dog was taken to the Oswego shelter.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector- Marsden read the report; 4 building permits issued, 5 violations issued, and two letters to residents regarding unsafe structures were sent by the attorney; 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; mowing cemeteries, Mexico Point Park, and the Town Office, paving Emery Road and part of Pople Ridge Rd; Minckler and Dewey roads are next to be paved.

Community Park Manager- Marsden read his report; mowing, weeding, and trash pickup is ongoing at the park; a water leak was fixed; has tried to connect with Spereno regarding a new field space. Bigelow added that soccer camp starts next week with morning and afternoon sessions; new president of little league is asking if majors/minors fields can be mowed with interest in fall ball; Pavilion is booked every weekend; would like to meet to discuss management of the park.

Mexico Point Park- Bond thanked the highway department for their help with the park and asked them to brush hog for fireworks; lifeguards are having problems with the public not taking their direction seriously; there was a child pretending to drown, lifeguards said not to do that and parents chastised lifeguards. Ms. Archer said the ribbon cutting was successful and thanked the Eis House for their generosity with catering; the next planned improvement is Roop's Loop and the Friends of Mexico Point Park are requesting trimming of that area; deadline for grant application is end of August. Archer said Sunday is the fireworks event and safety first is the goal; cost was \$420 last year for one officer; that officer recommended having two officers with portable lights; The Friends of MPP are trying to borrow lights but cost is about \$525 for two lights and are requesting the Town cover that cost. Archer asked to borrow cones (25) for the roadside. Behling said he has cones to borrow and a "be prepared to stop" sign. Marsden will allow them to borrow a portable stop sign from the highway department but said that someone will need to pick it up from the highway garage. Archer said The Friends of

MPP hired five musical acts at a cost of \$1400 and the vendors usually recoup around \$400 for The Friends of MPP.

Planning Board- Chairwoman Weber said there were no applications to review but they will begin discussing revisions to the local law as related to land use in order to keep in tune with the updating of the comprehensive plan.

Zoning Board of Appeals- none

Fire Department- Behling read Meyer's report: 48 total calls in June; 187 member hours; busy getting ready for the fireman's field days.

Water Commissioner- none

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

General Expenses - \$403,936.05

Highway Expenses - \$56,609.31

General Balance - \$2,234,094.01

Highway Balance - \$2,063,020.89

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

Water District Update- Supervisor Behling said we are still waiting on approval from NYS Department of Health for approval before the Town can put the project out to bid.

McAuslan Hall Update- Wild opened and read a quote from Jason Burke for 8 windows and a man door replacement for a total of \$15,000.

Resolution 2024-49 Accept Burke Quote for McAuslan Hall Window Replacement

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 accepts the quote from Jason Burke to install 8 windows and one man door in the amount of \$15,000.

Cemetery Update- Behling asked Russ to touch base with groundskeeper and get back to him to have memorial space marked out.

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor 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 2024-50 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 June payroll.

Attorney Seiter said his office is working on an updated Town & Village Comprehensive Plan Intermunicipal Agreement. Seiter said he talked to village counsel last week and they agree to pay 1/3 cost per invoice up to their \$23,500 commitment.

Other Business

Ag & Market Report- DeLong read her report; \$25k grant awarded to the town and \$25k grant awarded to the village by NYS Ag & Market to help create an addendum to the Comprehensive Plan that will help protect farmland. DeLong said they have potential consultants and the expense of the consultant comes out of the awarded funds and is not additional. DeLong said one consultant comes very highly recommended and they will request a formal proposal. DeLong said the board needs to review materials prior to proposal and expressed a need for videoconferencing capabilities and suggests AV equipment for McAuslan Hall for the purpose of meeting remotely and sharing information during meetings. Weber said there are changes in typical temperatures throughout the year and it would benefit the town to delve into research available regarding crops; micron will be disturbing wetlands and they must be replaced elsewhere; farmers are trying to make decisions about what they are going to do with their land in the future. Toth said AV equipment was not available for the public; large screen tv's allow the IDA to present information and conduct virtual meetings; Toth suggests the town consider purchasing A/V equipment. Weber said there are two committees in motion: Comprehensive Plan and a Steering Committee for Ag Farmland Protection. Bigelow suggests a portable table microphone as well. Seiter said any camera needs to be able to be turned off during court hours. Wild will reach out to Tim Robinson for estimates and suggestions regarding A/V equipment for McAuslan Hall.

Resolution 2024-51 Accept Ag & Mkt Grant

A motion was made by Supervisor Behling 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 accepts a \$25,000 grant award from the Department of Agriculture and Markets to be used to develop an Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan.

Mexico Point Park- Behling said crowds will keep growing and the road is too narrow for roadside parking and the town wants to make the annual Fireworks display a pleasant and safe experience. Behling said he will drop cones off at the park plus a portable crosswalk sign.

Resolution 2024-52 Allowing Friends of Mexico Point Park to Hire Deputies

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 allows the Friends of Mexico Point Park to hire two sheriff deputies and obtain tower lights for the July 20th Mexico Point Park Fireworks show, not to exceed an amount of \$1,500 total.

Resolution 2024-53 Audit Claims

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 bills for Abstract 7 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General A Fund	voucher #144-166	\$	13,536.28
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General B Fund	voucher #60-68	\$	3,030.64
Highway Fund	voucher #93-113	\$	117,881.83
Water Fund	voucher #19-21	\$	36,640.90
Special Districts Fund	voucher #12	\$	425.58

A motion was made by Councilor Sharkey and seconded by Supervisor Behling to adjourn at 8:11 pm. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes: Behling, Greenway, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Wild, Town Clerk