

Mexico Town Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held Monday, December 9, 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
Graham Seiter, Town Attorney
Russ Marsden, Highway Superintendent
Diane Chepko-Sade, Friends of Mexico Point Park
Ned Waterbury, ZBA Chairman
Marcia Delong, Comprehensive Plan Committee, Ag & Market Steering
Nicole Wild, Town Clerk
Noelle LaFlamm, Deputy Town Clerk

Absent: Judy Greenway, Councilor
Cindy Robert, Councilor
Jack Spriggs, Dog Control Officer
Ron Marsden, Code Enforcement Officer
Alicia Archer, Friends of Mexico Point Park
Carrie Bond, Mexico Point Park
Shannon Bigelow, Park Manager
Nancy Weber, Planning Board Chairwoman
Heather Garner, Assessor
Barry Viggiano, C2AE Engineer
Melissa Snavlin, C2AE Business Developer

And 8 in the audience.

Supervisor Behling opened the regular Town Board meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Behling announced the passing of Counselor Cindy Robert and recognized the work she has done for the town; he asked for a moment of silence in her honor.

Communications

- Letter from Michael J. Mowry, Esq.

Public Comment

Concerns were: Length of WSA 6 loan; Grant funding for WSA 6. Supervisor Behling said WSA 1 fund balance has to be used for WSA 1; Behling said he will look into the length of the WSA 6 loan; the town received grant money from WIIA but it offsets the cost to the town as prices have risen since the project started.

Reports

Town Clerk/Water Clerk/Tax Collector- Motion, Second, Vote- Sharkey, Partrick, 3 ayes.

November disbursements as follows

Supervisor for General Fund	\$1,084.50
NYS Animal Population Control for Dog Licenses	\$12.00
NYS Health Department for Marriage Licenses	\$22.50
Water Payment Collection Total	\$21,206.86

Dog Control- Supervisor Behling read the report; 8 notices of unlicensed dogs were issued; no dogs were picked up.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector- Supervisor Behling read the report; 7 building permits issued, 7 violations, violations are being corrected; inspections are ongoing for open building permits; sending out building permit renewals and closing our permits; starting 2025 code training at the first of the year.

Highway Superintendent- Superintendent Marsden read his report; general maintenance on equipment, picking up roadside trash, patching potholes, getting snow removal equipment ready and putting out snowplows. Chepko-Sade said the Mexico Point Park is open dawn to dusk daily but Casey's Cottage is closed. Regarding snow removal at Mexico Point Park, Supervisor Behling said that there are more pertinent places to plow first. Chepko-Sade said she tells the public it's low priority. Marsden said they will clean it out when they can.

Community Park Manager-none

Mexico Point Park- Chepko-Sade said they're working on planning summer events and grant applications.

Planning Board- none

Zoning Board of Appeals- Chairman Waterbury read his report; there were no applications in November but the Board used their time to discuss the progress of the Comprehensive Plan Committee and Ag & Market Steering Committee.

Water Commissioner-none

Supervisor's Report- Supervisor Behling reported that November balances stand as follows:

General Expenses	\$86,627.52
Highway Expenses	\$123,317.57
General Balance	\$1,974,772.21
Highway Balance	\$1,203,992.52

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Sharkey to approve the November 2024 Supervisor's Report. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes: Behling, Partrick, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Fire Department Update- Matt Halsey, Assistant Chief, read his report; there were 47 total calls in November, 188 man hours of training, 1 new probationary member, 1 new member nearing completion of training. Supervisor Behling asked about new equipment the fire department is

looking at purchasing. Justin Herrington said the fire department is looking to purchase new equipment. Behling asked to keep him updated on their efforts to acquire new machinery. Herrington said he would.

Water District Update- Supervisor Behling summarized the C2AE report; compiling information for USDA-RD; completing easements; will begin outside user agreements.

McAuslan Hall Update- Supervisor Behling read a message from Ron Marsden, the contractor needed to re-order windows and wants to work weather-dependent over the winter. Marcia DeLong said the double doors upstairs need to stay open in order to ensure the building is properly heated. Behling said they're hoping the new windows will help with heat-loss.

Councilor Partrick asked if they're insulating the plumbing upstairs; Behling will ask Ron Marsden. Russ Marsden said to budget for new furnaces for the building; they were fixed last winter but they no longer make parts for those furnaces.

Co Rt 64 Cemetery Update- none

Assessor- none

Comprehensive Plan Committee-Marcia DeLong said the December meeting is postponed to December 18th at McAuslan Hall.

Ag & Market Steering Committee- Marcia DeLong said the December meeting on the 26th was cancelled. DeLong said a survey will be released regarding the farmland protection plan and she urges everyone to hand out information cards to the public.

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

Resolution 2024-93 Payrolls

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Sharkey 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 November payroll.

Resolution 2024-94 Appoint Deputy Town Clerk

A motion was made by Councilor Sharkey and seconded by Councilor Partrick to appoint Noelle LaFlamm as Deputy Town Clerk. The motion was passed by a vote of 3 ayes: Behling, Partrick, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolution 2024-95 2024 Western Star Resolution

2024 Western Star Resolution- Sharkey, Behling, 3 ayes,

Resolution 2024-96 Annual Appointments

Annual Appointments- Sharkey, Partrick, 3 ayes

Schedule Year-End meeting- 1/30/24, 4:00pm, Town Hall

Resolution 2024-97 Authorize Supervisor's Clerk to Transfer Funds

Authorize Supervisor's Clerk to Transfer Funds- Sharkey, Partrick, Partrick wants to know more about this resolution and suggests adjusting the amount of money moved into the capital reserve. 3 ayes

Other Business- Motion, Second, Vote-

Resolution 2024-98 Increase in Dog Licensing Fees

Raising dog licensing Fees- Nicky explained the reason for requesting the fees be raised.

Sharkey, Behling, 3 ayes.

Behling asked about WSA 1. Partrick said he has some opinion but he would like to meet with Dave Anderson before the next meeting so that he can verify Russell's thinking to create reserve accounts; the money for each district has to be used by each district but would like a way to begin setting reserves aside for each district. Behling questioned the yearly interest rates for their water districts.

Audit & Approve Abstract- Motion, Second, Vote- Partrick, Sharkey, 3 ayes

Resolution 2024-xx Audit Claims

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

Resolved the bills for Abstract 12 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General A Fund	voucher #266-288	\$	25,643.08
General B Fund	voucher #97-103	\$	9,674.23
Highway Fund	voucher #192-203	\$	61,851.85
Water Fund	voucher #29	\$	350.00
Special Districts Fund	voucher #18-19	\$	2,992.53

A motion was made by Supervisor Behling and seconded by Councilor Partrick to recess at 7:46 pm. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes: Behling, Partrick, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

The Board will reconvene Monday, December 30th, 2024, 4:00 pm at the Town Hall at 64 South Jefferson Street in the Village of Mexico.