

Mexico Town Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held Monday, January 13, 2025 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
Nancy Weber, Planning Board Chairwoman
Ned Waterbury, ZBA Chairman
Shannon Bigelow, Park Manager
Marcia DeLong, Comprehensive Plan and Ag/Market Steering Committees
Nicole Wild, Town Clerk

Absent: vacant, Councilor
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Jack Spriggs, Dog Control Officer
Ron Marsden, Code Enforcement Officer
Alicia Archer, Friends of Mexico Point Park
Carrie Bond, Mexico Point Park
Terry Grimshaw, Water Commissioner
Barry Viggiano, C2AE Engineer
Heather Garner, Assessor

And 2 in the audience.

Supervisor Behling opened the regular Town Board meeting at 7:03 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Communications

- CiTi Spotlight
- Oswego County Health Department Letter- Sewage
- Oswego County Health Department Letter- Trash
- Ag & Mkt Dog Shelter Inspection Report

Public Comment

Concerns were: none

Reports

Town Clerk/Water Clerk/Tax Collector

December disbursements are as follows:

Supervisor for General Fund - \$339.50

NYS Animal Population Control for Dog Licenses - \$43.00

NYS Health Dept for Marriage Licenses - \$22.50

Water Payment Collection Total: \$15,224.78

Tax Collection Trial Balance - \$592,238.17

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

Dog Control- Supervisor Behling read Officer Spriggs's report: 12 notices of unlicensed dogs were picked up and no dogs were picked up in December.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector- Supervisor Behling read Officer Marsden's report: 0 building permits, 1 violation issued; trainings are scheduled; inspections are ongoing for 89 open building permits.

Highway Superintendent- Supervisor Behling read Superintendent Marsden's report: general maintenance on equipment; picking up roadside trash; patching potholes, installing snow poles, plowing roads, received CHIPS, PAVE NY

Community Park Manager- Bigelow communicating with sports teams regarding upcoming season; booking pavilion.

Mexico Point Park- none

Planning Board- Chairwoman Weber reported active discussion regarding local zoning law and how it relates to the comprehensive plan; steering committee and comprehensive plan are interfacing with village and if a board member is available to attend a Planning Board or ZBA meeting down the road, it would be helpful to the town board to have a member present; in addition to annual training at Turning Stone, there is the NYS Planning Federation conference and she would like to be able to attend again April 6-8 in Cooperstown.

Zoning Board of Appeals- Chairman Waterbury said there are no applications upcoming but will meet on 1/20.

Water Commissioner- none

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

General Expenses - \$112,801.31

Highway Expenses - \$122,514.65

General Balance - \$1,897,447.03

Highway Balance - \$1,510,106.00

Partrick said that WSA 1 and 2 are pretty well funded with extra funds but 3 and 5 are running low and we need to look at those in order to fund a reserve account in the future.

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

Fire Department Update- Chief Edwards reported 565 calls for 2024, 21 calls for 2025, 1356 hours on calls alone in 2024; OSHA is updating a standard on fire brigades; they were awarded a NYS grant for over \$4k for an addition onto the front of the station and breaking ground hopefully by summer but they have 3 years to complete the project; current replacement time is 20 years for equipment but they may allow use until no longer serviceable; wait time on a ladder truck is 3 years.

Water District Update- none

McAuslan Hall Update- none

Co Rt 64 Cemetery Update- none

Assessor- none

Ag/Mkt Committee- DeLong said they're working on putting a survey and postcards out to the public.

Comprehensive Plan Committee- DeLong said meetings will be the 4th Thursday of the month at McAuslan Hall at 1:30pm, voucher submitted for Nan Stolzenberg's work on the plan; they met with the Planning Board and ZBA chair to discuss zoning map and future plans for the town; workshops will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5pm. DeLong said pro-housing certification looks to be such that we can proceed with certification process and will need a letter of intent. DeLong said the equipment at McAuslan Hall works very well and has come in very useful.

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 2025-01 Payroll

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 approves the December payroll.

Resolution 2025-02 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: Behling, Partrick, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Resolved the bills for Abstract 1 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General A Fund	voucher #1-24	\$50,902.37
General B Fund	voucher #1-6	\$5,168.73
Highway Fund	voucher #1-17	\$80,062.42
Water Fund	voucher #1-3	\$2,379.72
Special Districts Fund	voucher #1	\$678.00

A motion was made by Councilor Sharkey and seconded by Supervisor Behling to adjourn at 7:38 pm. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes: Behling, Partrick, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Wild, Town Clerk