

Mexico Town Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held Monday, March 10, 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
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Graham Seiter, Town Attorney
Ron Marsden, Code Enforcement Officer
Russell Marsden, Highway Superintendent
Nancy Weber, Planning Board Chairwoman
Diane Chepko-Sade, Friends of Mexico Point Park
Carrie Bond, Mexico Point Park
Terry Grimshaw, Water Commissioner
Barry Viggiano, C2AE Engineer
Bill Kimball, C2AE
Marcia DeLong, Ag & Market Steering/Comprehensive Plan Committees
Nicole Wild, Town Clerk

Absent: Heather Garner, Assessor
Ned Waterbury, ZBA Chairman
Shannon Bigelow, Community Park Manager
Jack Spriggs, Dog Control Officer

And 2 in the audience.

Supervisor Behling opened the regular Town Board meeting at 7:01 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

No minutes were presented.

Communications

- Kelly Morrisette NYS Parks Email Hazardous Trees MPP
- Department of Labor New Certificate Law as of Dec 30, 2024

Public Comment

Concerns were: Nancy Weber thanked the Highway Department for an outstanding job during the storms; she said there is a form available for people to be able to report damages to be able to declare Oswego county a disaster area during the February storms; she would like the town to consider waiving building permits/fees for those who have lost buildings due to the storms. Code Enforcement Officer Marsden said he has a list of properties that have collapsed

due to the February storms and will work directly with those property owners to issue demolition and building permits at whatever fee the town would like.

Reports

Assessor- none

Town Clerk/Water Clerk/Tax Collector

February disbursements were as follows:

Supervisor for General Fund	\$851.50
NYS Animal Population Control for Dog Licenses	\$42.00
NYS Health Department for Marriage Licenses	\$22.50
Water Payment Collection Total	\$19,377.81

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

Dog Control- none

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector- Officer Marsden read his report; 45 collapsed structures approximately throughout the town as of early last week. Grimshaw said he knows of about 5-7 building collapses within village limits. Marsden said the back room in the town hall had a leak that caused damage.

Highway Superintendent- Superintendent Marsden read his report; he reminded the board about an incident last summer on Munger Hill Road where damage was sustained to the town road as a result of improper heavy equipment on the road through no fault of the town. Marsden said the town received a check from the company's insurance for damages. Marsden asks the public to be patient with the roads; the Town of Mexico has their allotment of salt so we are not in danger of running out; he said the town used a lot of sand this year and suggests increasing the salt tonnage request for next year. Marsden said he would like to meet with the board at budget time to discuss this.

Community Park Manager- Superintendent Marsden said the football field is close to level but sand needs to be brought in and then the field needs to be hydroseeded, but the weather is the determining factor.

Mexico Point Park- Chepko-Sade said background plans are happening for this season at the park. Bond said she wanted to thank the highway crew for plowing the parking lot. Bond said the bath house windows aren't locking well, and one is missing a screen in the men's room. Partrick asked about insulation. Bond said the extra crawlspace on the lakeside wasn't taken into consideration, but it was warmer in all the areas they did insulate. Bond said the furnace isn't working correctly during high winds.

Planning Board- Chairwoman Weber said she would like to thank John Sharkey for attending their meetings; their regular meeting time has been used to start a zoning law review and comprehensive plan committee updates. Weber said she is communicating with the county for some overlay maps of the town for definitions of zone boundaries; the Planning Board will be meeting early to discuss the comprehensive plan and zoning law issues; she invites the town board and public to all of their meetings; the April meeting will not have a quorum so they may reschedule for the following Wednesday or they may cancel their April meeting. Weber said

there is an urgent need for alternates for the planning and zoning boards and would like to advertise for an alternate.

Zoning Board of Appeals- none

Water Commissioner- Grimshaw said there is a failure at Well # 4; the main concern is being down to two wells; NYMIR insurance was consulted and a claims adjuster sent; Lane Christensen was the well driller and said there was a breach detected and a proposal for repair is forthcoming. Grimshaw said Hydrosource was involved in the drilling of the well and they feel the town should repair it. Grimshaw said Hydrosource said the town could install a new well in that location but you'd close the current one; wells need to be 350 feet apart; Hydrosource will consult the town; Hydrosource thinks the failure was caused by a faulty check-valve but there is no way to know definitively. Grimshaw explained that the claims adjuster won't have an answer until the professional well company tells them what they think happened. Grimshaw said every 2-3 years to pull the pump. Grimshaw said intermunicipal agreements need to be updated. Partrick said the town needs to consider how big projects are funded. Grimshaw said the house next door to the Town Hall has been demolished after it collapsed due to the snow. Legislator Bombardo confirmed that the county had not taken possession of the property yet but that the village is responsible for taking it down as of right now.

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

General Expenses	\$882,269.35
Highway Expenses	\$417,542.08
General Balance	\$2,876,573.62
Highway Balance	\$1,980,710.23

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

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

Fire Department Update- Halsey requested on behalf of the Fire Department that the town encourage the installation of Emergency Key Boxes, like Knox Boxes. Partrick asked if the department could verify that they have correct keys for the complexes he manages in the village.

Water District Update- Viggiano summarized his report; the town continues to work on easements and Prior to Bid requested items for USDA-Rural Development. Kimball said there is an exemption available that allows the town to go to bid without easements in place. Viggiano said C2AE would like to discuss amending the contract.

McAuslan Hall Update- none; Supervisor Behling asked Ron Marsden to give Jake a call regarding windows.

Co Rt 64 Cemetery Update- none

Comprehensive Plan Committee Update- Ms. DeLong said it is a busy upcoming month. Viggiano and Kimball left the meeting at 8:00pm. DeLong said she has a zoom link for anyone interested in attending the meetings virtually.

Ag & Market Steering Committee Update- Ms. DeLong asked people to fill out the online survey. Supervisor Behling thanked DeLong for her work on the agricultural exemptions for our local farmers.

Resolution 2025-07 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 February payroll.

MPP Agreement w/ NYS Parks

Councilor Partrick and Councilor Sharkey would like time to review the proposed contract. Seiter said it looks helpful for getting some financial assistance for the town to maintain trees. Partrick asked if the four-wheeler is stored indoors. Partrick said flammable materials cannot be stored in any buildings. Bond said she will remove all flammable liquids.

Resolution 2025-08 Appoint Town Board Member Revette

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 appoints Jeannie Revette to the Mexico Town Board effective immediately.

Resolution 2025-09 Appoint Town Board Member Fravor

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 appoints Had Fravor to the Mexico Town Board effective immediately.

Other Business

Resolution 2025-10 Waive Permit Fees for Collapsed Buildings During Snow Emergency

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. Marsden said he will make a list of structures that collapsed as a result of the February snow storms and the board can offer reduced fees to those property owners for demolition and/or rebuilding of collapsed structures.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board agrees to waive demolition and building permit fees for property owners who experienced a building collapse due to heavy snowfall during the February 2025 storms provided they apply for said permits within one year.

Behling and Marsden clarified that the waiver of fee only applies to collapses that are documented as due to the heavy snowfall accumulation in February of 2025.

Resolution 2025-11 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 3 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General A Fund	voucher #54-74	\$	23,738.59
General B Fund	voucher #16-21	\$	3,140.18
Highway Fund	voucher #44-57	\$	28,707.73
Water Fund	voucher #9-12	\$	33,366.54
Special Districts Fund	voucher #4-6	\$	53,016.42

A motion was made by Councilor Sharkey and seconded by Supervisor Behling to adjourn at 8:39 pm. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Wild, Town Clerk