

Mexico Town Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held April 14, 2025, at the Town Hall 64 S Jefferson Street Mexico
Commencing at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Eric Behling, Supervisor
John Sharkey, Councilor
Jeanne Revette, Councilor
Hadwin Fravor, Councilor
Graham Seiter, Town Attorney
Ron Marsden, Code Enforcement Officer
Russ Marsden, Highway Superintendent
Shannon Bigelow, Park Manager
Ned Waterbury, ZBA Chairman
Terry Grimshaw, Water Commissioner
Bill Kimball, C2AE
Marcia DeLong, Comprehensive Plan Committee & Ag/Mkt Committee
Nicole Wild, Town Clerk

Absent: Russell Partrick, Councilor
Jack Spriggs, Dog Control Officer
Carrie Bond, Mexico Point Park
Diane Chepko-Sade, Friends of Mexico Point Park
Nancy Weber, Planning Board Chairwoman
Barry Viggiano, C2AE Engineer
Heather Garner, Assessor

And 6 in the audience.

Supervisor Behling opened the regular Town Board meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Communications

Citi – The Spotlight

Eric Perth – Complimenting the Highway Department

Assessor – Heather Garner Recognition for Helping an Elderly Marine Veteran

Nuggets & Nibbles

Public Comment

Concerns were: Community Park dugouts, league rules, community park sports complex feasibility study, and community volunteers. Mike Stanton, President Mexico Little League, handed a folder to board members and read a prepared statement regarding employing volunteers to help revitalize the park. Councilor Revette said the board needs to see a plan

before work would be allowed. Attorney Seiter said volunteers should sign an indemnification clause.

Reports

Assessor- none

Town Clerk/Water Clerk/Tax Collector

March disbursements were as follows:

Supervisor for General Fund	\$5,367.00
NYS Animal Population Control for Dog Licenses	\$49.00
NYS Health Department for Marriage Licenses	\$0.00
Water Payment Collection Total	\$14,991.74

A motion was made by Councilor Sharkey and seconded by Supervisor Behling to accept the March reports as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Fravor, Revette, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Dog Control- Supervisor Behling read DCO Sprigg's report: January-March report shows a total of 36 notices of unlicensed dogs; one dog was picked up in March.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector- Officer Marsden read his report: Eight building permits issued; eight violations issued; building inspections are ongoing for open permits; pest control has been called for McAuslan Hall.

Highway Superintendent- Superintendent Marsden read his report: General maintenance, plowing and sanding as needed; plowing and salting town offices, museum, library, courthouse, and Mexico Point Park as needed; patching potholes, fixing road signs and delineators throughout the town.

Community Park Manager- none

Mexico Point Park- Diane Chepko-Sade said Carrie Bond is planning to turn water on shortly and Casey's Cottage will be opened on Memorial Day; cleanup is May 4th-6th; electrical inspection was good but looking into LED lighting to eliminate some of the extension cords.

Planning Board- Chairman Waterbury reported on Nancy Weber's behalf; the planning board reviewed and approved two new applications; one is a mini storage expansion, and the other is a frame kit manufacturer. Waterbury said the purchase contract for the Countryman Road property where the frame kit manufacturer wants to operate was contingent upon successfully navigating the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Waterbury said the public hearings will be this month prior to ZBA meeting on 4/21/25.

Zoning Board of Appeals- Chairman Waterbury said there is no new business to report.

Water Commissioner- Mayor Grimshaw said wells are doing okay; parts for Well #4 are ordered and should take less than a week once materials arrive and they'll begin; the Red Lion interface unit for daily readings needs to be updated and there is no software for it anymore; it will take three weeks and there realistically is no choice. Grimshaw said the village will split the cost with the town. Grimshaw said a cell phone unit will be installed to notify them of issues; power was lost this week for a minute; the transformer was lost from 5:00 to 9:45 but generator worked as intended. Grimshaw said the generator has 617 hours on it, which is not a lot; the generator is exercised every week and permanent maintenance performed twice yearly; overall, the generator is in great shape. Grimshaw said once it gets to have a lot of hours, it should be replaced but it's not time for that yet.

Supervisor's Report Acceptance-

Supervisor Behling reported that March balances stand as follows:

General Expenses - \$139,903.68

Highway Expenses - \$78,833.48

General Balance - \$2,774,523.63

Highway Balance - \$2,007,240.44

A motion was made by Councilor Fravor and seconded by Councilor Revette to accept the Supervisor's March and First Quarter reports as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Fravor, Revette, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Fire Department Update- Shawn Edwards for MFVD said there were 43 calls in March, 100 man-hours in calls, and the new ATV unit is in service.

Water District Update- Mr. Kimble said Mr. Jantz is now the project manager for WSA #6; we are waiting on bond council items, budget form, and a few easements; plans and specs are ready to go, and they would like to put the project out to bid as soon as possible. Mayor Grimshaw asked Kimble for a hard copy of the map for WSA5 and an updated map for WSA6.

McAuslan Hall Update- Supervisor Behling said he talked to the contractor who will move the McAuslan Hall window job to the top of his list; windows are in and waiting to be picked up; pest control has been hired.

Co Rt 64 Cemetery Update- Superintendent Marsden is waiting for the weather to clear. Supervisor Behling wants to have everything finalized as soon as possible.

Assessor- none

Comprehensive Plan- Mr. Toth said they have new facilitators from CNYRPB; they're using Richland/Pulaski's four-part plan as a reference for Mexico's plan. Toth said they want to be inclusive enough to support grant applications for the town and village; Maria Hudson, Director of Communications at Constellation and CEO of IDA gave presentation regarding pushing for re-licensing for the power plants because they are looking at citing another plant in the area; the committee is working on a community profile and regional influences; next month will be a tour of the town and village; public engagement meetings are coming up; regular meetings are 2nd Wednesdays of the month from 5-7:30, workshops are the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 5-7:30.

Ag/Mkt Committee- Ms. DeLong said the survey is open for one more month and will close April 24th. DeLong said they are working on mapping, data collection, and reviewing local laws. DeLong said the farmer's market subcommittee formed with Gary Toth and Marcia DeLong as advisors, and Corey DeLong as chairperson; guest speakers from neighboring farmer's markets have visited; market managers have been extremely helpful. DeLong said the committee is seeking permission to develop an application and rules for vendors that follow town and school rules. DeLong would like the board to approve the procedure after the attorney's final approval. DeLong said that all vendor applications will come to town of Mexico with payment. DeLong said she has a pro-housing letter of intent for the board to send in.

Resolution 2025-12 Payrolls

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the March payroll.

Resolution 2025-13 Approve 2024 Court Audit

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the 2024 Court Audit.

Resolution 2025-14 Correction to 2025 Mexico Fire Dept Contract

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the 2025 Mexico Fire Department Contract with the clerical correction of the actual budgeted contractual amount due of \$280,023.00.

Fiscal Advisor for WSA 6- Seiter said Schroepfel hired Ben Maslona with Financial Advisors. Seiter said he is happy to help set up a meeting. Sharkey said he feels it's important; Grimshaw would like to attend.

Other Business

Memorial Day Parade- Behling said the Memorial Day celebration is around the corner; Behling will call the sheriff for the parade and plan for the parade.

Resolution 2025-15 Audit Claims

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

Resolved the bills for Abstract 4 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General A Fund	voucher #75-97	\$	14,138.17
General B Fund	voucher #22-32	\$	18,141.82
Highway Fund	voucher #58-88	\$	33,126.22
Water Fund	voucher #13-14	\$	5,593.64
Special Districts Fund	voucher #7	\$	565.56

A motion was made by Councilor Sharkey and seconded by Councilor Revette to adjourn at 8:16 pm. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Fravor, Revette, Sharkey, and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Wild, Town Clerk