

Mexico Town Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held May 12, 2025, at the Town Hall 64 S Jefferson Street Mexico
Commencing at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Eric Behling, Supervisor
Hadwin Fravor, Councilor
Russell Partrick, Councilor
Jeanne Revette, Councilor
Vacant, Councilor
Graham Seiter, Town 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
Marcia DeLong, Ag/Mkt Committee
Gary Toth, Comprehensive Plan Committee
Matt Halsey, Mexico Volunteer Fire Department
Nicole Wild, Town Clerk
Noelle LaFlamm, Deputy Town Clerk

Absent: Jack Spriggs, Dog Control Officer
Heather Garner, Assessor
Ned Waterbury, ZBA Chairman
Bill Kimball, C2AE

And 4 in the audience.

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

Communications

Oswego County Health Letter
State Assembly Leader William Barclay Letter
Underground Railroad Consortium
Flashing Beacon, DOT Update

Public Comment

Concerns were: none

Reports

Town Clerk/Water Clerk-

Ms. Wild asked the Town Board for permission to use budgeted funds to attend the June Tax Collector's conference this year instead of the Town Clerk conference.

A motion was made by Revette and seconded by Fravor to approve the Town Clerk's request to attend the June Tax Collector's conference and use available budgeted funds. The motion was approved by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Fravor, Partrick, Revette, and 0 nays.

April disbursements were as follows:

Supervisor for General Fund - \$2,361.00

NYS Animal Population Control for Dog Licenses - \$37.00

NYS Health Dept. for Marriage Licenses - \$0

Water Payment Collection Total- \$4,339.84

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

Dog Control- none

Code Enforcement Officer- Officer Marsden read his report: 9 building permits, 19 violations, 6 demolition permits were issued; building inspections are ongoing for open permits; Jacob Burke Construction has resumed replacing the windows at McAuslan Hall. Marsden said there is a RT 3 junk truck and owner has not responded to several letters.

Highway Superintendent- Superintendent Marsden read his report: The highway crew is performing general maintenance on equipment, changing trucks over for the summer season, cutting trees in the right-of-way, patching potholes, fixing road signs and delineators, and cleaning up winter debris throughout the town. Behling asked if they can put a stop sign at the George and Potter Road intersection because he has received a lot of complaints and the intersection is dangerous. Marsden said yes and they will put a "stop ahead" sign up as well.

Community Park Manager- Superintendent Marsden read his report: the water at the park has been turned on; park mowers have been serviced; trash has been collected, and he met with Atlas Fence for a quote to repair damage from trucks plowing and dumping snow during the winter snowstorms. Marsden said he has a part-time worker cleaning up the snowbank refuse; it includes trash with hypodermic needles and human feces and children were sledding on the hill. Marsden said that the resulting trash from the snowmelt is a health hazard and that the park where families play is not an appropriate place to dump excess snow. Marsden said he has not yet heard back from Atlas. Grimshaw said they received a bid for fence repair from Arrow Fence for \$4,900 w/o gate and he said he will get the town a copy. Behling said the county asked the town to get them some bids on fence repair. Grimshaw said the county is not particularly receptive to paying for the damage; the guy pushing snow didn't know where the fence was. Behling said the town will reconsider letting other municipalities dump snow at the park moving forward. Behling would like to replace more garbage cans. Wild will get a quote on additional trash receptacles, the same as what was ordered for Richard Diehl in the past.

Park Manager Bigelow said it's been a slow start due to rain but a full house otherwise; soccer will now go after graduation because they missed their first two weeks due to weather, as has baseball. Partrick asked to meet with Mike Stanton to review which buildings and facilities are being used and which are not. Partrick said the old dugouts need to be removed. Behling agreed. Marsden said he could remove them. Revette is hesitant to get rid of them

without a plan to replace them. Partrick feels they are unsafe and should be removed. Behling said there are volunteers that may help after the season, but the town will have to figure something out if they don't put new ones in.

Mexico Point Park- Park Manager Bond said the park is late opening due to weather; park maintenance is ongoing, and she would accept community service help from students; three trees may need to be contracted out for removal; 16 trees were removed by NYS Parks Dept; NYS will not do stump removal. Partrick said he walked the trail this evening and it is not put back the way it was prior to the tree work; it needs to be raked off, and the beginning of the trail at the driveway has landscape fabric that needs to be re-covered/limestone added; should do before they remove the skid steer. Bond said there are a couple small stumps that can't be seen very well, she will order cones for the park. Partrick said we will need estimates on stumps. Bond said the septic tanks need to be pumped; Behling said to call Klebs and have it done, order a flag if it needs to be replaced, and get estimates on stump grinding. Marsden said he would bring some stone down for the parking lot.

Diane Chepko-Sade said Casey's Cottage is ready for opening.

Planning Board-none

Zoning Board of Appeals- none

Water Commissioner- Mayor Grimshaw said they finished redeveloping well #4 and more settling was noticed; nobody knows why but we have had a lot of rain so it may be the final settling. Grimshaw said town water readings were sent out last month and they found a high reading of 1,700 for 3 months; they discovered it was a rental with a flooded basement; they couldn't turn the water off at the curb stop because it ripped off during winter snow plowing. Grimshaw said there is a new service on Pumphouse Road. Grimshaw said they are flushing at dead ends and had 4-5 calls regarding dirty water, which was the result of high chlorine on the ends and had to flush it; cloudy water at CITI cleared up; yearly hydrant flushing has begun. Grimshaw said the well at pump #1 (small 25 HP in since 2008) is down between 75-80% efficiency in the pump and the village is getting bids on it and using pump #2. Partrick said he has been visiting the well #4 site and it may be wise to begin considering drilling a new well and applying for permits, etc. Behling agreed. Grimshaw said they would like to see what happens with #4 first because that infrastructure could be used for a new well if the current well #4 is not viable. Behling said to revisit the topic next month. Grimshaw said it was producing closer to 400k gallons prior to the damage.

Supervisor's Report Acceptance-

Supervisor Behling reported that April balances stand as follows:

General Expenses - \$74,880.37

Highway Expenses - \$73,966.56

General Balance - \$3,013,219.32

Highway Balance - \$1,933,886.26

A motion was made by Councilor Fravor and seconded by Councilor Partrick to accept the Supervisor's April report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Fravor, Partrick, Revette, and 0 nays.

Fire Department Update- Matt Halsey for the MFVD said the department received 33 calls for April, and the average on-scene time was 12 minutes.

Water District Update- none

McAuslan Hall Update- Wild said Jacob Burke contacted her regarding the NYS Wage Rate and informed her that he is working on the window installation; Wild said that Judge Gracey informed her that the pest at McAuslan Hall is a female raccoon, not squirrels as originally thought, and she has not been caught yet because they are worried she has babies in the building.

Co Rt 64 Cemetery Update- Superintendent Marsden said he will get in touch with CiTi and see if they can get over next week to mow.

Assessor- none

Comprehensive Plan- Mr. Gary Toth said the county comprehensive plan has just kicked off and he is on that steering committee; the completion date is March of 2026. Toth said the town and village comprehensive plan is back on track; Dave Bottar assigned two people to help write our plan, which will be similar to those of Richland and Lacona; the committee is hoping for a final draft December 2025. Toth said the Micron steering committee and SWAT analysis was completed last year. Ms. Marcia DeLong added that the Sheriff's Department is looking to establish a hub in Mexico and are seeking space with internet access.

Ag/Mkt Committee- Ms. Marcia DeLong said preliminary survey results are being reviewed; public meetings will begin hopefully in September and Nan will do a press release for the Farmer's Market. Ms. DeLong said the Farmer's Market committee is seeking to purchase four banners; a quote for banners is approximately \$200-300; the committee wants to know if the town can order them for the committee and the committee can later reimburse the town out of the application fees collected. Ms. DeLong said they would like the Farmer's Market Manager to be paid a stipend of 10% of monies brought in by vendor fees. DeLong said a logo is selected and the town attorney has approved the vendor application.

Resolution 2025-16 Payrolls

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the April payroll.

Resolution 2025-17 Accept Town Board Resignation

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board accepts John Sharkey's resignation from the Mexico Town Board effective May 12, 2025.

Resolution 2025-17 Accept BAR Resignation

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board accepts Mary Mowry's resignation from the Board of Review effective December 31, 2025.

Resolution 2025-18 Barton & Loguidice Feasibility Study Services Agreement

A motion was made by Supervisor Behling and seconded by Councilor Partrick to approve the following resolution. Behling explained a brief overview of the Community Park Sports Complex Feasibility Study project. Behling said the project will take about a year. Partrick said the town could stop at any point in time and not proceed with next phases. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Fravor, Partrick, Revette, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the agreement.

Resolution 2025-19 Appoint Historian

Behling asked the board how they would like to proceed with a recommendation for historian; letter received from Sue Vaughn. Behling invited her to say a few words. Vaughn explained her interest in the position. Grimshaw said their historian is on hold as well and would be more than comfortable with Sue as historian. DeLong said she thought Judy was interested in helping a new historian and would like her donated items removed before a new person takes over. A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Fravor to approve the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Fravor, Partrick, Revette, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board appoints Sue Vaught to the position of Historian.

Water Service Area #6 Review of Procedures for Review of Bids and information regarding additional funding sources CDBG distributed to board members. Bigelow left the meeting at 8:22pm.

Valley Locksmith for McAuslan Hall & Town Hall

Table via Behling for clearer estimate but fix supervisor's door. Table the McAuslan Hall door. A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor to approve the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Fravor, Partrick, Revette, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the.

Resolution 2025-20 Establish Farmer's Market Vendor Stall Fee

WHEREAS, The Town of Mexico will charge fees for vendors at the seasonal Farm Market, **NOW, THEREFORE**, on motion made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Supervisor Behling, be it:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Mexico hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to charge a fee of \$15.00 (fifteen dollars) per event and a fee of \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) for the full season for a vending stall at the Town of Mexico Farmer's Market. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Fravor, Partrick, Revette, and 0 nays.

Toth said they kept vendor price low to get the market started and because they are just beginning. Grimshaw said the village can pay for three banners.

Other Business

Memorial Day Parade Update- LaFlamm & Wild gave an update. Supervisor Behling said he reached out to the Sheriff's Department for traffic control.

Resolution 2025-21 Junkyard License Renewal

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 4 ayes: Behling, Fravor, Partrick, Revette, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the junkyard license renewal application for Trevor Race.

Resolution 2025-22 NYS Parks Agreement

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Revette to approve the following resolution. Partrick said it's a 20-year agreement that can be renewed for another 20 years; we need to have an employee housing agreement because the town hasn't had one in years. Revette found some clerical errors. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Fravor, Partrick, Revette, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the agreement between the NYS Parks Department and the Town of Mexico regarding the management of Mexico Point Park.

Utility Truck BAN

Behling said he is not in favor of financing the purchase at this time. Behling said if the town needed the money for something else, we could pursue financing, but if not, the town could just leave it as fully paid.

A motion was made by Revette and seconded by Fravor to enter into executive session citing potential litigation at 8:36pm. The motion was approved by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Fravor, Partrick, Revette, and 0 nays.

The town board entered executive session at 8:36pm.

A motion was made by Fravor and seconded by Revette to exit executive session at 8:40pm. The motion was approved by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Fravor, Partrick, Revette, and 0 nays.

The town board exited executive session at 8:40.

Resolution 2025-23 Remove Junk Vehicle

WHEREAS, The Town of Mexico Code Enforcement Officer has issued several violations for an abandoned junk vehicle located on ST RT 3 North of Fort Leazier Rd,

WHEREAS, the property owner has not removed the abandoned junk vehicle, and the board feels it is dangerously close to the road,

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion made by Councilor Revette and seconded by Supervisor Behling, be it:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Mexico hereby authorizes the Code Enforcement to hire services to remove the abandoned junk vehicle. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Fravor, Partrick, Revette, and 0 nays.

Resolution 2025-24 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 4 ayes: Behling, Fravor, Partrick, Revette, and 0 nays.

Resolved the bills for Abstract 5 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General A Fund	voucher #98-125	\$	18,435.95
General B Fund	voucher #33-44	\$	4,079.82
Highway Fund	voucher #89-104	\$	32,947.58

Water Fund	voucher #15-20	\$	13,628.70
Special Districts Fund	voucher #8	\$	547.92

Councilor Partrick informed the board that he will not be in attendance at the June Town Board meeting.

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Fravor to adjourn at 8:44 pm. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Fravor, Partrick, Revette, and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Wild, Town Clerk