

Mexico Town Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held September 8, 2025, at the Town Hall 64 S Jefferson Street Mexico
Commencing at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Eric Behling, Supervisor
Russell Partrick, Councilor
Chad Bigelow, Councilor
Hadwin Fravor, Councilor
Jeanne Revette, Councilor
Graham Seiter, Town Attorney
Russ Marsden, Highway Superintendent
Susan Vaughn, Town Historian
Shannon Bigelow, Park Manager
Diane Chepko-Sade, Friends of Mexico Point Park
Nancy Weber, Planning Board Chairwoman
Ned Waterbury, ZBA Chairman
Terry Grimshaw, Water Commissioner
Marcia DeLong, Comprehensive Plan Committee & Ag/Mkt Committee
Nicole Wild, Town Clerk

Absent: Jack Spriggs, Dog Control Officer
Ron Marsden, Code Enforcement Officer
Carrie Bond, Mexico Point Park
Heather Garner, Assessor
Mike Jantz, C2AE

And 4 in the audience.

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

Approval of Minutes- A motion was made by Councilor Revette and seconded by Supervisor Behling to accept the August 11, 2025, regular Town Board meeting minutes as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Fravor, Partrick, Revette, 0 nays, 1 abstention: Bigelow.

Communications

Oswego County Health Department Letter
CITI Spotlight
Et cetera News

Public Comment

Concerns were: none

Reports

Town Clerk/Water Clerk/Tax Collector

August disbursements as follows:

Supervisor for General Fund - \$2,211.50

NYS Animal Population Control for Dog Licenses - \$39.00

NYS Health Dept for Marriage Licenses - \$67.50

Water Payment Collection Total: \$25,044.40

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Revette to accept the August 2025 report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes: Behling, Partrick, Bigelow, Fravor, Revette, and 0 nays.

Dog Control- Supervisor Behling read Officer Spriggs' report: 18 notices of unlicensed dogs were issued, and no dogs were picked up in August.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector- Supervisor Behling read Officer Marsden's report: 16 building permits were issued for the month of August; 6 property violations and 1 demolition permit were also issued.

Highway Superintendent- Superintendent Marsden read his report: added that the highway garage is leaking and getting worse so it now needs to be fixed, will obtain quotes for repairs.

Community Park Manager- Superintendent Marsden read his report: added that it will be closed up the end of next month. Marsden said someone took it upon themselves to do work on the football field and Marsden informed him that insurance forms need to be filed with the town. S. Bigelow added that she doesn't want to see the leagues putting in so much work to only potentially see changes in the future as the town completes the park feasibility study. Councilor Bigelow said there is the same consistent need for field space and parking. Supervisor Behling asked for a list regarding the park for next year's budget.

Mexico Point Park- Chepko-Sade said they need a new webmaster and would like to use the town's webmaster. Councilor Partrick said we could figure something out. Partrick said another thing happening at the park is that people are holding yoga classes and other events are being conducted in the park without reservations and if they are charging a fee, it is not allowed in the contract we have with NYS Parks Department. Partrick said the park should be reserved for those things. Partrick said the contract was recently updated. Supervisor Behling will check with Park Manager C. Bond. Councilor Revette read a section of the agreement aloud. Attorney Seiter reviewed the contract.

Planning Board- Chairwoman Weber said they may have a revised application coming in but no new applications; the planning board is reviewing the zoning map as per the request of the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Zoning Board of Appeals- Chairman Waterbury said there are no new applications.

Water Commissioner- Mayor Grimshaw read his report: three new services; high lift pump in; BC&A regarding well 4; Layne Christensen to start; overhead door installed; hydrant on RT 3 damaged, will re-install. Partrick asked about funding for well 4, Grimshaw said BC&A is still working that out.

Supervisor's Report Acceptance- Motion, Second, Vote- Councilor Partrick asked about idea of what big bills were coming out of water district. Supervisor Behling said he was going to invite

any board member to come in during the process to address these questions and plan a budget workshop.

Supervisor Behling reported that August balances stand as follows:

General Expenses - \$132,631.78

Highway Expenses - \$64,205.43

General Balance - \$2,533,294.54

Highway Balance - \$1,584,786.08

A motion was made by Councilor Fravor and seconded by Councilor Bigelow to accept the Supervisor's August report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes: Behling, Partrick, Bigelow, Fravor, Revette, and 0 nays.

Fire Department Update- none

Water District Update- The Town Clerk read the C2AE update from Mike Jantz; the WIIA grant application is due mid-September; they would like to put the project bid out end of September and collect sealed bids until November 11th; the town is asking for bids to be held for 90 days in order to make time for notification of grant awards.

McAuslan Hall Update- none

Comprehensive Plan- Delong said a public meeting will be held 9/24/25 at 5pm at Mexico High School Auditorium regarding the comprehensive plan; next meeting is Wed, 9/10/25 at 5pm; public outreach is 9/11/25 for Oswego County Comprehensive Plan; outlined a grant writer proposal; addressed resolution for climate smart community. Delong requests a temporary 1-year moratorium for renewable energy so the town can re-evaluate the law.

Ag/Mkt Committee- Delong said an open house will be Oct 16th from 3-5pm as a public session, and 6-8pm to discuss agricultural uses. Delong said the Farmer's Market committee said the market was successful and would like to suggest Erin Salatti to be a market manager for the 2026 season; Delong created a document outlining budget requests for next year, stressing that most of the requests will be covered by the fees the market collects. Delong said the B&L meeting for the park feasibility study went well and new documents have been received for review. Grimshaw said the Village Board also supports Erin Salatti as their choice for market manager. Delong suggested a 10% bonus; Supervisor Behling said a job description and appointment would be needed.

Behling asked who would be doing all the paperwork for a climate smart committee; Delong said that Erin Salatti is familiar with grant administration. Delong said the town could hire Morgan as a grant administrator and the grants themselves pay her, but she would have to check for the climate smart. Councilor Bigelow clarified that not administering the program would mean nothing. Attorney Seiter said there is no update on the Sheriff's hub. Supervisor Behling asked Bombardo if he could investigate the hub agreement for the Sheriff's hub.

Historian – Town Historian Vaughn read her report: museum painting is tentatively scheduled to begin September 11, depending on weather; power washing, painting and repairs should only take a few days. Vaughn said the cemetery censuses for all town public cemeteries has been updated on the town website and are now as up to date as possible from early 1800's to 2024. Historian Vaughn opened the museum on August 13, 20, and 27 and had several visitors during those dates. Vaughn reported that 9 people attended the monument cleaning workshop with the Historical Society on August 16 at the Mexico Village Cemetery. Vaughn reported

approximately 20 hours of work in office, museum, and home, still sorting and cleaning, and responded to seven inquiries from the public.

Resolution 2025-47 Payroll

A motion was made by Councilor Revette and seconded by Councilor Partrick to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes: Behling, Partrick, Bigelow, Fravor, Revette, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the August payroll.

East Stone Rd Floating Zone Mine Permit

Supervisor Behling said he has some questions about the information the town received; Seiter said he has not seen the letter.

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Supervisor Behling to table the matter until the regular October meeting. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes: Behling, Partrick, Bigelow, Fravor, Revette, and 0 nays.

Assessor's Update

Supervisor Behling said he will take the information into consideration during the budget process.

Notification of Liquor License

The Town Clerk notified the Town Board of Liberty Bell liquor license; there was no discussion.

Resolution 2025-48 Reschedule Regular October Meeting

A motion was made by Councilor Revette and seconded by Councilor Bigelow to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes: Behling, Partrick, Bigelow, Fravor, Revette, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board schedules their regular October board meeting for Wednesday, October 15th at 7:00pm at McAuslan Hall, 3245 Main Street in the Village of Mexico in order to observe the Columbus Day holiday and to accommodate a potentially larger attendance due to a public hearing on the same evening.

Resolution 2025-49 Schedule Public Hearing for LL 1 of 2025: Renewables Moratorium

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Mexico is considering adopting a Local Law No. 1 of 2025 to establish and impose a one (1) year moratorium on Commercial Renewable Energy Systems with the Town of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Commercial Renewable Energy Systems include the following components:

1. Solar panels for harnessing sunlight and converting it into electricity.
2. Wind turbines for generating power from wind energy.
3. Biomass systems that convert organic materials into usable energy.
4. Hydroelectric systems that utilize flowing water to produce electricity.
5. Geothermal systems that tap into the Earth's heat for energy generation.
6. Energy storage solutions, like batteries, to store generated energy for later use; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Mexico, under laws of New York State, desires to maintain its long tradition of protecting the health, safety, general welfare, property and environment within its borders; and

WHEREAS, New York Statutes are not sufficient to protect the health, safety and well-being of Town residents, and over decades, starting with the New York Constitution, and continuing with the State of Local Governments and the Municipal Home Rule Law, New York has recognized that New York is a geographically and geologically diverse state, such that local regulations of local environments and land use and development is a hallmark of New York State Law; and

WHEREAS, New York State Home Rule Law grants the Town broad powers to adopt procedures and local laws to promote and protect the public health, safety, general welfare, property and environment in the Town in order to protect against adverse risks and impacts of development; and

WHEREAS, moratoria are "Type II Actions" under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) regulations (6NYCRR sections 617.5(c)(30)), and it is hereby determined that this proposed action, the adoption of a land use moratorium concerning certain alternative energy facilities, does not require further environmental impact review, a determination of significance, or the preparation of any other SEQRA documents; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to consider such a local law to establish and impose a one (1) year Moratorium on Commercial Renewable Energy Systems within the Town of Mexico; and

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion made by J. Revette, and seconded by C. Bigelow, **BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

1. That the Town Board shall consider Local Law No. 1 of the year 2025 to establish and impose a one (1) year moratorium on Commercial Renewable Energy Systems within the Town of Mexico; and
2. That the Town Board shall hold a public hearing on said proposed Local Law to be held the 15th day of October, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible.
3. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to advertise said public hearing and to post notice of said public hearing as required by law.

MOTION adopted as follows:

Eric Behling, Supervisor
Russell Partrick, Councilman
Chad Bigelow, Councilman
Had Fravor, Councilman
Jeannie Revette, Councilwoman

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Dated: September 8, 2025

Nicole Wild
Nicole Wild, Town Clerk

Resolution 2025-50 Climate Smart Community Pledge

A motion was made by Councilor Bigelow and seconded by Councilor Partrick to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes: Behling, Partrick, Bigelow, Fravor, Revette, and 0 nays.

WHEREAS, the Town of Mexico (hereinafter “local government”) believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change may endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

WHEREAS, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Town of Mexico, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:

- 1) Build a climate-smart community.
- 2) Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action.
- 3) Decrease energy use.
- 4) Shift to clean, renewable energy.
- 5) Use climate-smart materials management.
- 6) Implement climate-smart land use.
- 7) Enhance community resilience to climate change.
- 8) Support a green innovation economy.
- 9) Inform and inspire the public.
- 10) Engage in an evolving process of climate action.

Councilor Partrick said there is a lot of plate spinning and to take on another initiative may be a problem. Supervisor Behling said if it doesn’t get done then it just sits there, and nothing happens. Mayor Grimshaw said they are happy with their grant writer, but the clerks are still bombarded with paperwork.

Resolution 2025-51 Authorize Town Clerk to Advertise Bids for WSA#6

The Town Clerk explained that C2AE is currently preparing the bid for Water Service Area #6 but that it would not be ready to publish until later in the month.

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 5 ayes: Behling, Partrick, Bigelow, Fravor, Revette, and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise bids for Water Service Area #6.

Supervisor Behling said he would consider a grant writer for the 2026 budget. Seiter told the board approval of a grant writer now depends on whether you feel like you should look at your budget first.

Resolution 2025-52 Audit Claims

Councilor Partrick asked about internet/cell bills; Partrick will take on the task.

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 5 ayes: Behling, Partrick, Bigelow, Fravor, Revette, and 0 nays.

Resolved the bills for Abstract 9 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General A Fund	voucher # 221-245	\$38,368.35
General B Fund	voucher # 71-77	\$2,350.20
Highway Fund	voucher # 163-184	\$233,403.07
Water Fund	voucher # 33-40	\$19,989.68
Special Districts Fund	voucher # 14-15	\$2,804.16

A motion was made by Councilor Bigelow and seconded by Councilor Revette to adjourn at 8:14pm. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes: Behling, Partrick, Bigelow, Fravor, Revette, and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Wild, Town Clerk