

SEPTEMBER 3, 2025
REGULAR MEETING – 4:00 PM

Present: Mayor Grimshaw, Trustees: Emery, Linerode, Harter and Hotchkiss, John Power, Marcia Delong, Cory Delong, Erin Salatti, Matt Halsey and Mike Martin

Mayor Grimshaw called the regular meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 6, 2025 were approved by Trustee Harter, seconded Trustee Hotchkiss, all aye.

The following claims were approved for payment on motion of Trustee Hotchkiss seconded by Trustee Harter, all aye:

General Fund Abstract:	3C: \$13,741.01
	4A: \$8,449.41
	4B: \$22,629.88
Water Fund Abstract:	3C: \$72,943.67
	4A: \$10,312.38
	4B: \$275,576.46
Sewer Fund Abstract:	3C: \$21,317.81
	4A: \$10,312.38
	4B: \$7,129.19

Reports were given by John Power/Village Administrator

On motion of Trustee Linerode, seconded Trustee Emery, all aye, the board set the date of October 1, 2025 at 4:00 pm to hold a public hearing in regards to a proposed local law for a Constable in the Village of Mexico.

On motion of Trustee Hotchkiss, seconded Trustee Linerode the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS, the Village of Mexico believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change will 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 Village 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.**

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion made by Trustee Hotchkiss, and seconded by Trustee Linerode, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

MOTION adopted as follows:

Terry Grimshaw, Mayor
James Hotchkiss, Trustee
James Emery, Trustee
Robert Harter, Trustee
Susan Linerode, Trustee

On motion of Trustee Harter, seconded Trustee Hotchkiss, all aye the following resolution was passed:

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL FOR NYS ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION GRANT ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, the Village of Mexico, New York intends to apply for funding through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC) for the Village of Mexico Water System Improvements – Phase II Project; and

WHEREAS, NYSEFC requires that an Authorized Official be formally designated by the applicant’s governing body to execute all documents related to the application, acceptance, and administration of NYSEFC funds; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Mexico recognizes the importance of this project in advancing public infrastructure and environmental resilience in the community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that **Mayor Terry Grimshaw** is hereby designated as the Authorized Official for the Village of Mexico with the authority to sign, submit, and execute all documents required by NYSEFC for purposes of applying for, accepting, and managing NYSEFC funds related to the Water System Improvements – Phase II Project.

Introduced by: Trustee Harter

Seconded by: Trustee Hotchkiss

Passed and adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Mexico, this 3rd day of September, 2025.

On motion of Trustee Hotchkiss, seconded Trustee Emery the following resolution was passed:

DECLARING INTENT TO SERVE AS LEAD AGENCY AND INITIATING SEQRA REVIEW FOR BECK’S HOTEL PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Beck’s Hotel Renovation Project is subject to review under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), 6 NYCRR Part 617, and has been determined to constitute an Unlisted Action, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with SEQRA, a Lead Agency must be established to conduct a coordinated environmental review of the proposed Unlisted Action, and

WHEREAS, through pass-through funding, the Restore New York Grant award is made to the Village of Mexico for the Beck’s Hotel Renovation Project, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Mexico intends to assume the role of Lead Agency for the purposes of SEQRA review for the Project, and

WHEREAS, the Village will notify all involved and interested agencies of its intent to act as Lead Agency and will provide them with the completed Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) and any other required documentation in accordance with 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(3) for coordinated review,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Mexico hereby declares its intent to serve as Lead Agency for the environmental review of the Beck’s Hotel Project under SEQRA, and the Project is classified as an Unlisted Action, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board directs MSPEN Consulting to circulate the Lead Agency coordination letter, Part 1 of the Full EAF, and any supporting documents to all involved and interested agencies for the purpose of Lead Agency designation and coordinated review, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion made by Trustee Hotchkiss, and seconded by Trustee Emery, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

MOTION adopted as follows:

- Terry Grimshaw, Mayor
- James Hotchkiss, Trustee
- James Emery, Trustee
- Robert Harter, Trustee
- Susan Linerode, Trustee

Marcia Delong introduced Cory Delong and Erin Salatti to the Village Board. Both Cory and Erin were instrumental in getting the Farmer’s Market up and running. Marcia also updated the board on the committees that she is on and is encouraging everyone to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 4:41 pm on motion of Trustee Emery, seconded Trustee Hotchkiss, all aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Wallace
Village Clerk