

MAY 14, 2018

Mexico Town Board

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Held May 14, 2018 at the Town Hall Commencing at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Eric Behling, Deputy Supervisor

Judy Greenway, Councilor

Larry Barber, Councilor

Russell Partrick, Councilor

David Anderson, Supervisor

Elizabeth Dishaw, Town Clerk

Allison Nelson, Town Attorney

Russell Marsden Jr, Highway Superintendent

Jack Spriggs, Animal Control Officer

Richard Diehl, Parks Manager

Ronald Marsden, Zoning Officer

And 10 in the audience

Deputy Supervisor Behling opened the regular Town Board meeting at 7:33 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution 2018-38 Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Barber to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes, Behling, Greenway, Barber, Partrick, Anderson and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the minutes from the April 9, 2018 town board meeting.

Communications:

1. Little League Letter
2. Assoc. of Towns Certificate
3. Primitive Cemetery
4. Town Topics
5. CITI Newsletter

Public Comment and Concerns: none

Reports:

Town Clerk – A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Partrick to accept the town clerk report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes, Greenway, Behling, Barber, Partrick, Anderson and 0 nays.

Dog Control Officer– A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Greenway to accept the monthly report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes, Greenway, Behling, Barber, Partrick, Anderson and 0 nays.

Zoning Officer / Building Inspector – A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Barber to accept the monthly report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes, Greenway, Behling, Barber, Partrick, Anderson and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Barber to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes, Greenway, Behling, Barber, Partrick, Anderson and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the April payroll.

Little League– Andy Perlet said he would like to attend the Town Board meeting to keep the board up to date on the park. Little League opened last weekend. A tractor was purchases to maintain the infields and LED lights will be ordered for the scoreboard.

Water Update – Ian Yerdon said the interest rate increased by .5%. He is working with Rd to obtain more grants to offset the increase. RD is increasing the grant money for new projects and this would be a good time to look into another water district.

Resolution 2018-41 Legal Agreement WSA# 5

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Barber to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by 5 ayes; Greenway, Behling, Barber, Partrick, Anderson and 0 nays.

Resolved the legal agreement between the Town of Mexico and Nelson Law Firm for WSA#5 was approved.

Resolution 2018-42 IMA Agreement with Village for WSA# 5

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Partrick to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by 5 ayes; Greenway, Behling, Barber, Partrick, Anderson and 0 nays.

Resolved the IMA agreement between the Town of Mexico and the Village of Mexico for WSA#5 was approved with the correction on Exhibit A to read \$2.35 per one thousand gallons.

Resolution 2018-43 Comptroller Application for WSA#5

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Behling to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes, Greenway, Behling, Barber, Partrick, Anderson and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the WSA#5 Comptroller's application.

Behling said he was drafting a thank you letter to Oswego County Monuments for the vandalism cleanup of the Village Cemetery.

Resolution 2018-44- Race Junkyard License

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Barber to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes, Anderson, Greenway, Behling, Barber, Partrick and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the request for the renewal of a junkyard license by Trevor Race.

Mexico Point Park Discussion

Behling said the town and the Friends of Mexico Point Park were moving in the right direction to resolve their issues. Dick Salley, Trustee said "In the late 1980's , shortly after the state bought the west side of Mexico Point, Grace Roop organized a small group of people to try to have that property turned into a public park for the use of local residents. Her family had a residence and rental property at Mexico Point and had spent many summers there. She had gone to Mexico Point Club when it operated. She knew Dr. Casey, a professor at Columbia University in New York who had spent his summers at the Point Club. He was allowed by the previous owners to use of the old carriage house which he and his artist friend Severn Bishoff transformed into an old English Tutor style dwelling similar to the one he grew up in. There are extensive wall carvings and other art work throughout the building. It is a building and unique piece of Mexico's history. The building was named "Casey's Cottage" in his honor.

Grace spent a lot of time researching, talking to politicians, The NYS Parks Department, DEC and other state agencies. Anyone she could get to. She convinced the Town of Mexico to join in the effort. Finally on May 28, 1992 a long term lease was signed by Mexico and the State. The Friends group, a strictly volunteer, not-for-profit corporation, were entrusted with the development, preservation, maintenance and protection of the property in keeping with an understanding with the town board and keeping with the guidelines established by the NYS Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation Department and within the signed lease.

The original goal of Grace's group, which became known as Friends of Mexico Point Park, was to preserve Casey's Cottage. Over the last 25 years it has evolved into having events like music concerts, art shows, nature programs and the annual fireworks display. The park is rented out to groups and individuals for private events. All the money, as well as the fundraising and donations received by the Friends go back into the park improvements. Over the last 25 years the Friends have been instrumental in clearing park land, filling in the hotel foundation, obtaining grants for the bathhouse, the pavilion and the bridge going to Spy Island, establishing the bathing beach, restoring Casey's Cottage and making the park what it is today. In fact, it's safe to say if it had not been for the Friends group there would not be a Mexico Point Park today.

Anderson said he has known Dick Salley for over 50 years. Salley and Anderson had a conversation the other day. There has been a lack of communication. The employees are town employees. Betty Green was on the town board for several years so the park was under the purview of the town. The town has a contract with all the other organizations ie: fire department and ambulance service. The town must pay unemployment benefits and worker's compensation. The other issue is health department permits being done in a timely fashion and displayed properly. The Friends have done an excellent job with the park. With Betty being on the board the board could get away with several items. There

has been a lack of communications between the town and the Friends. The town has had to put out fires that are unbelievable. The Friends are an organization and should be contracted to run the park.

Green said she agreed with most of what was say. There has been a lack of communications. She said she was at a loss for what the Friends are to do. The first event is on Friday and she is hesitant to clean and prep for the upcoming event.

Anderson said in order to stay in compliance with Emergency Management the town needs a set of keys to all building at the park. Green asked why the keys were not requested prior to now. Anderson said Salley and himself could work out the issues in 20 minutes.

Anderson said he would attend the annual meeting if the Friends would like. Green said she didn't want to put him under any pressure.

Museum Update – Behling said there is progress with the issues. He is having a meeting with Allison Nelson, Jack and Allie Proud.

The spraying was done at the park. The cost is about \$900. He requested a copy of the permit for our files.

Parkview Manor's assessment meeting is scheduled.

Resolution 2018-45 Local Law for Alternate Zoning and Planning Board Member

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Behling to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes, Greenway, Behling, Barber, Partrick, Anderson and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board schedules the public hearing for Local Law #3 of 2018 for Alternate Zoning and Planning Board Member for June 11, at 7:15 pm at the Mexico Town Hall, 64 South Jefferson Street, Mexico, New York 13114.

Resolution 2018-46 Local law #4 State Fire Prevention and Building Codes

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Greenway to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes, Greenway, Behling, Barber, Partrick, Anderson and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board authorizes Nelson Law Firm to prepare the SEQRA for the local law regulating fire and building codes.

There was a discussion about lending table and chairs for a graduation party in July.

Resolution 2018-47 Caretaker's Lease

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Partrick to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by 5 ayes, Greenway, Behling, Barber, Partrick, Anderson and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the caretaker's lease with the amendments as follows: thirty days' notice to vacate property, pet provisions and a refundable security deposit.

Cemetery Software Discussion. The board would like to have someone from CemSite give a presentation at the next meeting.

Barber suggested doing the repairs to the siding and roof on Casey's Cottage. Partrick suggested waiting until there is a better working relationship with the Friends.

Resolution 2018 48 Audit of Claims

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Council Behling to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes, Greenway, Behling, Barber, Partrick, Anderson and 0 nays.

Resolved that 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 # 104 to 140	\$ 31,747.88
General B Fund	voucher # 42 to 47	\$ 3,128.00
Highway Fund	voucher # 87 to 104	\$ 28,758.57
Water	voucher # 10	\$ 90.00
Special Districts	voucher # 8	\$ 382.61

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Barber at 9: 17 to adjourn. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes, Greenway, Behling, Barber, Partrick, Anderson and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Dishaw, RMC