

JULY 8, 2019

**Mexico Town Board**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**Held July 8, 2019 at the Town Hall Commencing at 7:30 P.M.**

Present: David Anderson, Supervisor

Eric Behling, Councilor

Larry Barber, Councilor

Elizabeth Dishaw, Town Clerk

Rebekah Prosachik, Town Attorney

Russell Marsden Jr, Highway Superintendent

Jack Spriggs, Animal Control

Richard Diehl, Parks Manager

Diane Chepko-Sade, President of Friends of Mexico Point Park

Carrie Bond, Mexico Point Park Manager

Absent: Russell Partrick, Councilor

Judy Greenway, Councilor

Ronald Marsden, Zoning Officer

Terry Grimshaw, Water Commissioner

And 4 in the audience

Supervisor Anderson opened the regular Town Board meeting at 7:32 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Resolution 2019-59 Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Councilor Behling and seconded by Councilor Barber to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Anderson, Behling, Barber and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the minutes from the June 10, 2019 town board meeting.

**Communications:**

- ReLeaf Conference
- Copy of DEC Permit
- Leveler Newsletter
- Mercy Flight – Thank You Letter
- Breakfast Invitation to Guard and Reserve
- Unum Commission Statement
- Mexico Point Park Inspection
- Governor Cuomo Letter
- Oswego County Town Supervisor Assoc. – Sales Tax Letter
- Mexico Point Park Request for Grills

Public Comment and Concerns: Excessive AT&T bill from the highway, interviewing for assessor and selective assessment.

Nancy Weber, Mexico Planning Board Chairman recommended the Comprehensive Plan be updated every 5 (five) years.

**Reports:**

Town Clerk/ Tax Collector- A motion was made by Councilor Behling and seconded by Councilor Barber to accept the town clerk/tax collector report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Anderson, Behling, Barber and 0 nays.

Dog Control Officer- A motion was made by Councilor Barber and seconded by Councilor Behling to accept the dog control report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Anderson, Behling, Barber and 0 nays.

Zoning Officer / Building Inspector- A motion was made by Councilor Behling and seconded by Councilor Barber to accept the monthly report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Anderson, Behling, Barber and 0 nays. Barber asked if engineered drawing were submitted with septic tank permits. Anderson said he believed they were but would verify with Marsden. Barber commented that violations never have the corrected date filled in the appropriate area. Barber asked what happens when a violation is not

corrected. Attorney Prosachik said the zoning officer contacts her and she writes a letter informing them they are in violation and if not corrected the case goes to court. Anderson said the violation on the top of the page has been a problem since the 1990's.

Highway Superintendent – A motion was made by Councilor Barber and seconded by Councilor Behling to accept the monthly report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Anderson, Behling, Barber and 0 nays. Barber asked who repaves the roads. Marsden said Midstate. Barber asked how the potholes were repaired. Marsden said mostly the issue is culverts heaving in winter.

Community Park –Diehl said the park has dried up enough to mow. Anderson said he received a wish list from Little League. Barber said he went to the park with Pat Robert from Little League to review the requested changes. Diehl said the football shed owned by Pop Warner is in need of repair. Barber said the dugouts need to be demolished. A motion was made by Councilor Behling and seconded by Councilor Barber to accept the monthly report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Anderson, Behling, Barber and 0 nays.

Mexico Point Park –Bond said the fireworks are on July 14th. She has been busy repairing picnic tables putting up signs and other preparations. The east side needs to be mowed for the overflow parking. Marsden said he would have the highway employees mow it. The lifeguards need some first aid supplies. Anderson said to purchase what is needed. Marsden said he would purchase the needed items. A motion was made by Councilor Behling and seconded by Councilor Barber to accept the monthly report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Anderson, Behling, Barber and 0 nays.

Water Commissioner – none

Supervisor –A motion was made by Councilor Behling and seconded by Councilor Barber to approve the supervisor's report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Anderson, Behling, Barber and 0 nays.

### **Resolution 2019- 60 June Payroll**

A motion was made by Councilor Behling and seconded by Councilor Barber to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Anderson, Behling, Barber and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the June payroll.

Water Update –The bidding for Water Service Area #5 will go out this Friday. The bid opening will be August 2, 2019 at 11:00 am at the Mexico Town Office, 64 South Jefferson Street, Mexico, N.Y. Water District #6 would be approximately \$4,000,000. The EDU and usage would be around \$819. The contract with C2AE for the preliminary engineering services would be \$11,000. A motion was made by Councilor Barber and seconded by Councilor Behling to accept the report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Anderson, Behling, Barber and 0 nays.

### **Resolution 2019-61 Contract with C2AE for Water District #6**

A motion was made by Councilor Barber and seconded by Councilor Behling to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Anderson, Behling, Barber and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the contract from C2AE for Water District #6 Preliminary Engineering Services not to exceed \$11,000.

FYI- Anderson said he met with the Palermo Town Supervisor along with the Mexico Mayor and C2AE representatives to discuss supplying Palermo with water.

### **Resolution 2019-62 Resolution to Recind Plan 2014**

A motion was made by Supervisor Anderson and seconded by Councilor Barber to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Anderson, Behling, Barber and 0 nays.

**WHEREAS**, Lake Ontario is a valuable regional, national and international resource; and

**WHEREAS**, federal governments of the United States and Canada and the International Joint

Commission have, in partnership with the States and Provinces, a joint interest in the management of Lake Ontario; and

**WHEREAS**, the management of the lake levels falls within this joint interest, and

**WHEREAS**, the flooding experienced by shoreline residents, by shoreline businesses and within public waterfront spaces has threatened life and safety while causing severe property damage, significant environmental damage, substantial economic loss and protracted mental health trauma; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities across Ontario have expanded significant staffing and financial resources in flooding mitigation, flood protections and emergency responses; and

**WHEREAS**, the flooding experienced threatens regional and municipal infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, it is conceivable and reasonable to anticipate future flooding as was experienced in the spring of 2017 and is being experienced now in 2019;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Canadian representatives of the International Joint Commission (IJC) and the Federal Government immediately suspend Plan 2014 and establish a plan that better protects the interests of municipalities, emergency responders and riparians;

The Provincial government review and increase the funding provided to municipalities as the first line in flood prevention, preparation, mitigation, response and recovery commensurate to the anticipated increases in flooding, erosion and damages;

The Canadian Provincial and Federal governments be requested to create a committee to review mitigation and safety plans for the communities fronting the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway, and that our municipality be invited to participate.

#### **Resolution 2019-63 Purchase of Kayak**

A motion was made by Councilor Behling and seconded by Councilor Barber to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Anderson, Behling, Barber and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the purchase for Mexico Point Park to purchase a kayak for the use of the lifeguards not to exceed \$665.00.

#### **Resolution 2019-64 Western Star Truck BAN**

A motion was made by Councilor Behling and seconded by Councilor Barber to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Anderson, Behling, Barber and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the payment of \$37,735.00 plus interest for the Western Star Truck BAN due on August 9, 2019 and to BAN for the balance.

#### **Resolution 2019-65 Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund**

A motion was made by Councilor Behling and seconded by Councilor Barber to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Anderson, Behling, Barber and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the transfer of \$90,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund.

#### **Resolution 2019-66 Purchase of Grills**

A motion was made by Councilor Barber and seconded by Councilor Behling to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Anderson, Behling, Barber and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the purchase of 4 (four) grills for the Mexico Point Park not to exceed \$900.

#### **Resolution 2019-67 Update Comprehensive Plan**

A motion was made by Supervisor Anderson and seconded by Councilor Barber to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by 3 ayes Anderson, Behling, Barber and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board appoints Eric Behling to the committee with the Mexico

Planning Board to update the Comprehensive Plan and submit it to the Mexico Town Board for review.

Barber said he contacted Syracuse Time and Alarm about the repairs to the clock at McAuslan Hall.

#### **Resolution 2019-68 Audit of Claims**

A motion was made by Councilor Behling and seconded by Council Barber to accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Anderson, Behling, Barber and 0 nays.

Resolved that the bills for Abstract 7 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General A Fund	voucher # 141 to 171	\$ 77,057.86
General B Fund	voucher # 50 to 56	\$ 3,958.44
Highway Fund	voucher # 146 to 175	\$ 55,966.20
Water	voucher # 13 to 14	\$ 20,531.25
Special Districts	voucher # 11	\$ 312.46
Capital	voucher# 8 to 9	\$ 5,976.81

A motion was made by Councilor Barber and seconded by Councilor Behling at 8:55 to adjourn. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Anderson, Behling, Barber and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Dishaw, RMC