

**OCTOBER 14, 2019**

Present: David Anderson, Supervisor

Eric Behling, Councilor

Larry Barber, Councilor

Russell Partrick, Councilor

Judy Greenway, Councilor

Elizabeth Dishaw, Town Clerk

Rebekah Prosachik, Town Attorney

Russell Marsden Jr, Highway Superintendent

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

Ronald Marsden, Zoning Officer

Terry Grimshaw, Water Commissioner

And 5 in the audience

Absent: Carrie Bond, Mexico Point Park Manager

Jack Spriggs, Animal Control

Richard Diehl, Parks Manager

Supervisor Anderson opened the regular Town Board meeting at 7:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Resolution 2019-89 Approval of Minutes**

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the minutes from the September 9, 2019 town board meeting.

Communications:

- NYS DEC Urban Forestry Grants
- International Lake Ontario –St Lawrence Board Media Release
- NYS Agriculture- Municipal Shelter Inspection
- Leveler Newsletter
- Association of Town- 2020 Training School
- USDA Grant Approval Water District #5
- USDA –Bid Concurrence

Public Comment and Concerns were:

Special meeting held last month was not a necessary. Phone logs.

Legislator Brad Trudell said the monies available for primary homes on the lake for the flooding is available through Oswego County Tourism from October 1st to October 31st.

Anderson said any money left over would go to secondary homes.

### **Reports:**

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

Dog Control Officer- A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Barber to accept the dog control report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Anderson, Behling, Barber, Greenway and Partrick and 0 nays. Attorney Prosachik said she was finalizing the order for contempt toward the owner of the dangerous dog.

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

Highway Superintendent – A motion was made by Councilor Behling and seconded by Councilor Greenway to accept the monthly report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Anderson, Behling, Barber, Greenway and Partrick and 0 nays. Barber asked if the winter sand was purchased by the ton or yard and from

where. Marsden said by the yard and by Earl Becker.

Community Park –none

Mexico Point Park –Chepko-Sade asked how the architect was coming with the drawings for the roof at Casey’s Cottage. Barber said the architect is putting the bid package together. Chepko-Sade said the roof on the caretaker’s cottage is leaking and needs to be replaced. Barber said he would contact Maryak for the documents and put together a bid. Chepko-Sade requested a side that says the bath house is closed. The Eagle Scouts want to do a planting as a project after the rip rap is installed. There was a discussion on roots being beneficial to erosion control. A request was received for a bench. Anderson suggested waiting until the rip rap is completed. He said he didn’t know when the riprap would be installed so some of the schedules may have to be rearranged for spring. A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Behling to accept the monthly report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Anderson, Behling, Barber, Greenway and Partrick and 0 nays.

Water Commissioner –Grimshaw said the gate valves need to be located. 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 Anderson, Behling, Barber, Greenway and Partrick and 0 nays.

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 5 ayes Anderson, Behling, Barber, Greenway and Partrick and 0 nays.

#### **Resolution 2019- 90 September Payroll**

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the August payroll.

Water Update –The additional grant was received by RD. The environmental review packages were sent out for WD#6.

**Resolution 2019- 91 Water District # 6 EAF**

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, Behling, Barber, Greenway and Partrick and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the EAF for Water District #6.

**Resolution 2019- 92 Water District # 6 Legal**

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, Behling, Barber, Greenway and Partrick and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the legal contract for Water District #6.

**Resolution 2019- 93 Schedule Public Hearing for Budget and Fire**

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board scheduled a Public Hearing for November 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm for the Budget and 7:10 pm for the Fire Contract at the Town Hall, 64 South Jefferson Street, Mexico, New York 13114.

**Resolution 2019- 94 Audit Requests**

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 Anderson, Behling, Barber, Greenway and Partrick and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board authorize Supervisor Anderson to send out audit requests.

#### **Resolution 2019-95 2015 Ford Truck BAN**

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the final payment of \$5,344 plus interest for the 2015 Ford truck.

#### **Resolution 2019- 96 Operation Reindeer**

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

Whereas, Christmas is a time for our community to show a spirit of caring for all citizens, and

Whereas, Operation Reindeer has displayed this spirit of giving by distributing toys to needy children, and

Whereas, The spirit of giving by Operation Reindeer is an important part of our holiday season,

Now Therefore, I, David Anderson, Supervisor of the Town of Mexico, do hereby declare that November and December shall be proclaimed as Operation Reindeer Months in the Town of Mexico and do hereby urge all our citizens to participate in this most worthwhile endeavor by making donations to this worthy cause.

#### **Resolution 2019- 97 Court Cell Phone**

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, Behling, Barber, Greenway and Partrick and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the purchase of a cell phone for the court

#### **Resolution 2019- 98 Vacuum Cleaner**

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the purchase of a vacuum cleaner not to exceed \$500.

#### **Resolution 2019- 99 Wellwood Cemetery Sign**

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the purchase of a sign for Wellwood Cemetery.

#### **Resolution 2019- 100 Increase the Maximum Amount to be Expended onWater**

##### **District #5**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Mexico established Town of Mexico Water Service Area No. 5 at a maximum project cost of ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,780,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the construction of the proposed water service area was put out for bid and the bids were higher than the maximum amount to be expended for the project. Based upon the increase in the construction and associated administrative costs, the maximum amount proposed to be expended for the formation of the water service area is **TWO MILLION SIXTY THOUSAND (\$2,060,000.00) DOLLARS**; and

**WHEREAS**, the boundaries of the Town of Mexico Water Service Area No. 5 are unchanged and will contain an area located along parts of State Route 69, U.S. Route 11, County Route 58, County Route 58A, Halladay Road, Rowe Road, and Grand View Avenue in the Town of

Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board has reviewed the Map, Plan and Report, and held a public hearing regarding the possible increase in the maximum amount to be expended for the construction of Town of Mexico Water Service Area No. 5 pursuant to Article 12-C of the Town Law of the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS**, the improvements proposed, are unchanged and will be a new water distribution system to include meter pits, remote read meters and service lines to the curb box. Fire hydrants will also be installed as part of the project. All property owners who connect to the water main will be required to disconnect their private supply; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated annual cost to the typical property/typical home or dwelling unit ("EDU") has not changed and will be \$795.00 per year. Said amount includes the typical annual water costs estimated at 180 gallons per day. The EDU charge will be borne by those parcels that benefit from the project which are the parcels located in the water service area; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board has received the Letter of Conditions issued by USDA Rural Development dated September 20, 2019, wherein Rural Development has agreed to provide an additional grant to the water service area in the amount of TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$280,000.00) which will cover the increase in the maximum amount to be expended; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed method to be employed for financing such system is **Federal funding options: The Town of Mexico has applied for and obtained a grant of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) from USDA Rural Development, a loan of ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,280,000.00) at 3.125 percent interest for thirty-eight (38) years from USDA Rural Development, and a grant of TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$280,000.00) DOLLARS from USDA Rural Development; and**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1) That the Notice of the Public Hearing was published and posted as required by law and was otherwise sufficient.

2) That all of the property and property owners within the proposed district are benefited thereby.

3) That all of the property and property owners benefited by the proposed district are included within the limits of the proposed district.

4) That the formation of the proposed district is in the public interest.

That based upon 1 through 4 above, this Board does hereby approve the increase in the maximum amount to be expended for the formation of the Town of Mexico Water Service Area No. 5 to **TWO MILLION SIXTY THOUSAND (\$2,060,000.00) DOLLARS**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is **SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM** and the Town Clerk and Attorney to the Town Board are hereby directed to prepare necessary notices and publish same as required by law.

Councilor Greenway asked if there was any information as to when the town clock will be repaired. Councilor Barber said he would call Syracuse Time and Alarm.

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Council Behling to go into executive session to discuss ongoing litigation at 8:30. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Anderson, Behling, Barber, Greenway and Partrick and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Councilor Behling and seconded by Council Partrick to end the executive session at 9:20. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Anderson, Behling, Barber, Greenway and Partrick and 0 nays.

**Resolution 2019-101 Audit of Claims**

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

Resolved that the bills for Abstract 10 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General A Fund	voucher # 228 to 251	\$ 34,497.31
General B Fund	voucher # 71 to 78	\$ 8,395.49
Highway Fund	voucher # 231 to 251	\$ 35,106.82
Water	voucher # 16 to 19	\$ 31,643.49
Special Districts	voucher # 15	\$ 374.75
Capital	voucher # 14 to 15	\$ 1,376.18

Councilor Partrick said he supplied the financial statements for Parkview Manor in response to the question asked in public comment.

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Behling at 9:22 to adjourn. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Anderson, Behling, Barber, Greenway and Partrick and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Dishaw, RMC