

Mexico Town Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held December 21, 2022 at the Town Hall 64 S Jefferson Street Mexico
Commencing at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Eric Behling, Supervisor
Larry Barber, Councilor
Cindy Robert, Councilor
Russell Partrick, Councilor
Graham Seiter, Town Attorney
Ron Marsden, Code Enforcement Officer
Russ Marsden, Highway Superintendent
Ned Waterbury, ZBA Chairman
Diane Chepko-Sade, Friends of Mexico Point Park
Nancy Weber, Planning Board Chairwoman
Terry Grimshaw, Water Commissioner
Ian Yerdon, C2AE Engineer
Nicole Wild, Town Clerk

Absent: Judy Greenway, Councilor
Richard Diehl, Park Manager
Carrie Bond, Mexico Point Park
Jack Spriggs, Dog Control Officer

And 13 in the audience.

Supervisor Behling opened the regular Town Board meeting at 7:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution 2022-115 Approval of Minutes

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the minutes from the November 21, 2022 Town Board meeting.

Communications

- National Grid Letter
- Weaver Mining Permit Renewal

Public Comment

Concerns were: Smoke from wood burning adjacent to State Route 3.

Commendations were: Christmas in Mexico was a great community event. Councilor Barber asked that a key to McAuslan Hall be given to the operator of the train show for the

duration of the event. Supervisor Behling said no but that town employees with keys can assist in locking and unlocking the doors during the event.

Recognition of Service

Supervisor Behling presented Allen Rose from the Highway Department with a plaque that reads: The Town of Mexico recognizes Allen D Rose for 30 years of dedicates service to the Town of Mexico, November 1, 2022. Dave Hall also offered appreciation and congratulations to Mr. Rose for his dedication and longevity of service.

Reports

Town Clerk/Water Clerk- The Clerk said that, due to a technical issue, a water report could not be generated in time for the meeting but will be available at the year-end meeting. A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Supervisor Behling to accept the November report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Barber, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Dog Control- A motion was made by Councilor Robert and seconded by Councilor Barber to accept the November report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Barber, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector- Officer Marsden reported that a home previously occupied by squatters has burned down. Seiter said that in New York State, squatters occupying a space for more than 30 days have rights; police have to be immediately notified when people move into vacant places.

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Robert to accept the November report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Barber, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Highway Superintendent- A motion was made by Councilor Robert and seconded by Supervisor Behling to accept the November report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Barber, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Park Manager- none; Councilor Robert said she is working on a parks use agreement for the sports leagues. Councilor Barber suggested that the football team use a different grass seed mixture that is heartier and will last longer; it may be available through Merritt Seed.

Mexico Point Park- none

Planning Board- Chairwoman Weber said that the Rosato Event Center application and site plan have been approved by the Planning Board and sent onto the Zoning Board of Appeals. Weber said it was an impressive application. Weber said there has been a change in ownership of the RIC Solar Farm on Co Rt 58 and the IDA has been notified of the change.

A motion was made by Councilor Robert and seconded by Councilor Partrick to accept the November report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Barber, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Zoning Board of Appeals- Chairman Waterbury said the ZBA had a special meeting regarding the transfer of an area variance and special permit from RIC to the new owner, C2Energy Development. Waterbury said the ZBA approved the transfer. Waterbury said upcoming agenda items include the Rosato Event Center on Valley road and a use variance request for a residential property on St Rt 3.

A motion was made by Councilor Robert and seconded by Councilor Partrick to accept the November report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Barber, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Weber explained a situation regarding transfer of ownership of windmills. Seiter said the zoning law would need to specify a cost on transfer of ownership to cover legal fees incurred by the town as a result of such transfer. Seiter said that another town in the county requires a \$500 fee with a solar farm application in order to cover such costs. Weber would like to know if the county planning board keeps track of solar farm data for the county. Weber said that the town can hire an expert in the field and the company/applicant has to pay the expert's fee. Seiter said that other towns do require a half cash bond but Mexico would need to amend their local law first.

Water Commissioner- A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Supervisor Behling to accept the November report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Barber, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Supervisor A motion was made by Councilor Robert and seconded by Councilor Partrick to accept the November report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Barber, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Water District Update- Mr. Yerdon recommended holding of as long as possible, or until the Water Service Area 6 is bid, to take out the BAN. Yerdon said there are some residents in Palermo who prefer OCWA as their water service provider in order to prepare for future expansions whereas the Village of Mexico may not have the capacity to expand. Supervisor Behling said that other towns will have a surcharge and rates should be discussed again with a possible three-year agreement. Yerdon said land for the water tower is purchased.

A motion was made by Councilor Robert and seconded by Councilor Partrick to accept the November report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Barber, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

McAuslan Hall Update- Councilor Barber said the front doors are almost finished. Supervisor Behling said the grant for the generator is not feasible at this time due to lack of a comprehensive building plan for use as a shelter but that the town is working with an emergency preparedness funding agency from the state.

Review of Accessory use/Building- Councilor Partrick distributed notes regarding the topic. Supervisor Behling asked if the Planning and Zoning boards were involved. Partrick said only just this evening but it will be discussed in January. Mayor Grimshaw said the village allows one accessory use without a dwelling. Grimshaw said that even though the accessory use building is not to be lived-in, people do anyway.

Resolution 2022-116 Payrolls

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the November payroll.

Resolution 2022-117 Authorize Clerk to Supervisor to Transfer Funds

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board authorizes the Clerk to the Supervisor to transfer money with the approval of the Town Supervisor.

Resolution 2022-118 Schedule Year-End Meeting

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board schedules the end-of-year board meeting for Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at 4:30pm at the Town Hall, 64 South Jefferson Street, Mexico.

Other Business- none

Resolution 2022-119 Audit Claims

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

Resolved the bills for Abstract 12 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General A Fund	voucher #310-332	\$	38,263.25
General B Fund	voucher #99-105	\$	22,775.31
Highway Fund	voucher #209-226	\$	69,252.67
Water Fund	voucher #20	\$	34,246.32
Special Districts Fund	voucher #17-18	\$	2,874.72

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Supervisor Behling to recess at 8:08pm. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Barber, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Wild
Town Clerk