

**JANUARY 11, 2021**

Present: Eric Behling, Councilor; Larry Barber, Councilor; Russell Partrick, Councilor; Elizabeth Dishaw, Town Clerk; Rebekah Prosachik, Town Attorney; Terry Grimshaw, Water Commissioner; Nancy Weber, Chairman Planning Board; Russell Marsden Jr, Highway Superintendent; Edwin Waterbury, Chairman Zoning Board; Ian Yerdon, Engineer

Absent: Judy Greenway, Councilor; Ronald Marsden, Zoning Officer; Carrie Bond, Mexico Point Park Manager; Richard Diehl, Parks Manager

And 8 in the audience

Deputy Supervisor Behling opened the regular Town Board meeting at 7:35.

**Resolution 2021-1 Approval of Minutes**

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the minutes from the December 14 and 28, 2021 town board meeting.

Communications:

- LaBerge Group – Grant Alert, CDBG-CV Funding
- Oswego County Shared Services Report
- NYS Ag & Mkt- Dog Control Inspection Report
- Oswego County Human Resources Dept- World Trade Center Sick Leave
- CITI Spotlight

Public Comment and Concerns:

**Reports:**

Town Clerk/ Tax Collector/ Water Clerk- A motion was made by Councilor Barber and seconded by Councilor Behling to accept the December town clerk/water clerk reports as

presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Behling, Barber, Partrick and 0 nays.

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

**Zoning Officer / Building Inspector**—A motion was made by Councilor Behling and seconded by Councilor Barber to approve the report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Behling, Barber, Partrick and 0 nays. Barber asked questions about item 20-0037.

**Highway Superintendent** – A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Behling to approve the report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Behling, Barber, Partrick and 0 nays. Barber asked questions about paving roads.

Community Park – none.

**Mexico Point Park** –The hot water tank at the caretaker’s cottage needed repair. Partrick discussed the fencing.

**Planning and Zoning** Weber said the Comprehensive Plan committee is meeting on January 27th and a workshop on January 25th. The planning board is waiting on applications from the ZBA. Waterbury said the ZBA has applications to deem complete. He was contacted by Nexamp about the solar farm on Parish Woods Road. He said the Comprehensive Plan is clear about the M2 area. There are other areas that support solar farms. They do not have an active application. Prosachik said Nexamp is still trying to get the board to change the zoning or energy laws to allow solar farms in the M2 area. Barber asked if the proposed area is at the intersection. Waterbury said yes. Weber said there is interest in County Route 58 for a solar farm and it is allowed in the area. A motion was made by Councilor Barber and seconded by Councilor Behling to approve the Planning and Zoning reports as

presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Behling, Barber, Partrick and 0 nays.

Water Commissioner – Grimshaw said there were 228 UFPOs in 2020. Most of them were for WD#5. There was a leak at the Holliday property, the problem was the pipe was covered with large rocks. This is the third issue in the last few years. The insurance is no longer in affect. A motion was made by Councilor Partrick, and seconded by Councilor Behling to accept the December report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Behling, Barber, Partrick and 0 nays.

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

#### **Resolution 2020- 2 Payrolls**

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 4 ayes Behling, Barber, Partrick and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the December payroll.

**Water Update** – Yerdon said the public hearing for WD#6 can be held virtually. Prosachik said people can submit questions to be answered at the hearing. Yerdon said people can be allowed to speak at the hearing. If the hearing is held in February the vote could be held in May. Yerdon suggested scheduling the hearing tonight for February. Barber asked if Yerdon could look into the price of pipes, hydrants and other material. Yerdon said the price of material is only going to go up, but he will look into it. Grimshaw asked if Yerdon had the “as builts” yet. Yerdon said he didn’t have them yet. Grimshaw asked what the lag time was for meters so they don’t run into the same problem with WD #6 that they had in WD # 5. Behling said they could have the public hearing before the town board meeting. Prosachik said there are 266 parcels. Yerdon said he would set up the Zoom meeting. If

the public hearing is in February the vote would be between 90 to 120 days after. Prosachik suggested having at a separate day than the town board meeting. Behling said they could have a special meeting to appoint the supervisor and will schedule the public hearing then. Yerdon said he would look into the Zoom meeting.

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Behling to approve the water report. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Behling, Barber, Partrick and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Behling to accept David Anderson's retirement. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Behling, Barber, Partrick and 0 nays.

**Clock Update** – Barber said the electrician was there today. The clock will be done in 7 to 10 days. Someone will have to be trained on how to program the clock. The board will have to decide if it should chime on the hour or half hour and hour. Partrick suggested not to ring during the night.

The 4th Quarterly report was given to the board to review.

#### **Resolution 2021-3 Ban**

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the final payment of 2015 Dump Truck BAN for \$ 39,469 plus interest. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Behling, Barber, Partrick and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Councilor Behling and seconded by Councilor Barber to table the decision to appoint the Supervisor of the Town of Mexico. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Behling, Barber, Partrick and 0 nays.

There was a discussion about filling the vacancy on the town board. Behling nominated Barber and Partrick as the interviewing committee.

**Resolution 2021-4 Part-time Employee Raises**

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the raise for the part-time employees as 2%.

**Resolution 2021-5 Appointment**

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the appointments as follows:

One Year Term

Budget Officer	Eric Behling
Town Historian	Judith Greenway
Fire Inspector	Charles Fortier
Zoning Officer/Building Inspector	Ronald Marsden
Dog Control Officer	Jack Spriggs
Clerk to Assessor	William Van Patten
Clerk to Zoning & Planning Boards	Elizabeth Dishaw
Chairman to the Board of Review	Marty Trey
Park Manager	Richard Diehl
Recreation Committee	Diane Chepko-Sade
Chairman to ZBA	Edwin Waterbury
Chairman to Planning Board	Nancy Weber

Local Newspaper                      Pall Times

Mexico Independent

Official Banks

Pathfinder Bank

Solvay Bank

Key Bank

Two Year Term

Town Attorney

Prosachik Law Firm 2021-23

Four Year Term

Planning Board

Steve Salatti

Zoning Board

Ned Waterbury

Five Year Term

Board of Review

vacant

### **Resolution 2021-6 Schedule Special Meeting**

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board schedule a special meeting for January 20th at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

Weber asked if the town board would consider advertising for an alternate board member for the planning board.

### **Resolution 2021-7 Change Time for Town Board Meetings**

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick seconded by Councilor Barber to approve the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Behling, Barber, Partrick

and 0 nays.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the time for town board meeting as 7:00 pm.

**Resolution 2021-8 Audit of Claims**

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

Resolved that the bills for Abstract 1 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General A Fund	voucher # 1 to 19	\$ 62,385.88	General B
Fund	voucher # 1 to 6	\$ 4,102.04	
Highway Fund	voucher # 1 to 18	\$ 72,837.44	
Water	voucher # 1	\$ 60,510.00	
Special Districts	voucher # 1 to 3	\$ 303,130.72	
Capital	voucher # 1	\$ 4,900.00	

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Partrick to adjourn at 9:10 pm. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 ayes Behling, Barber, Partrick and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Dishaw, RMC