

**Mexico Town Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held October 11, 2021 at the McAuslan Hall
Commencing at 7:00 P.M.**

Present: Eric Behling, Supervisor
Larry Barber, Councilor
Judy Greenway, Councilor
Russell Partrick, Councilor
Cindy Robert, Councilor
Graham Seiter, Town Attorney
Elizabeth Dishaw, Town Clerk
Nicole Wild, Deputy Town Clerk
Richard Diehl, Park Manager
Ned Waterbury, ZBA Chairperson
Nancy Weber, Planning Board Chairman
Ron Marsden, Zoning Officer
Terry Grimshaw, Water Commissioner
Diane Chepko-Sade, President of Friends of Mexico Point Park
Ian Yerdon, Engineer

Absent: Carrie Bond, Mexico Point Park Caretaker
Jack Spriggs, Dog Control
Russell Marsden, Highway Superintendent

And 15 in the audience

Supervisor Behling opened the regular Town Board meeting at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the minutes from the September 13, 2021 town board meeting.

Communications:

- a) Chime Master – Request Letter of Recommendation
- b) Department of Public Service- Broadband Survey

Public Comment and Concerns:

Concerns were: the status of the lawsuit with the county, water district 6, extending water to LaRobardier Road, Pop Warner football requesting use of the community park, and the village water tower status.

Reports:

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

Dog Control Officer- none

Zoning Officer / Building Inspector –A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Supervisor Behling to approve the report as presented. The motion was

adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays. Partrick asked if there was a building permit for the barn on Kranz Rd. Marsden said yes, the owner is eventually going to build a house.

Highway Superintendent – A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Robert to approve the report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays. Barber asked if Munger Hill Rd. would be marked. Partrick said that none of the town roads are marked.

Community Park – A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Supervisor Behling to approve the report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays. Greenway asked if the maple tree would be taken down. Yerdon said yes. There was a discussion about Pop Warner using the park.

Mexico Point Park – Casey’s Cottage is closed for the season. The Friends of Mexico Point Park are applying for a grant but to qualify, they need both a 501c3 and a memorandum of agreement from the state. The Friends have a 501c3 and are in the process of applying for a memorandum of agreement. The grant would be either for a wheelchair accessible trail from the parking lot to the waterfront or to enhance Roop’s Loop trail.

Behling relayed information from Bond regarding dead trees and limbs that need to be removed and that the street light is still broken. The bath house will remain open for as long as weather permits. Partrick said that he received a quote from Midstate Lawn & Tree Service for the removal of the broken limbs, dead trees, and grinding of the stumps. Partrick asked about storage of a camper on park property.

A motion was made by Councilor Robert and second by Councilor Partrick to approve the report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays.

Planning – A motion was made by Councilor Barber and second by Councilor Greenway to approve the report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays.

Zoning – A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and second by Supervisor Behling to approve the report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays.

Water Commissioner – A motion was made by Councilor Barber and seconded by Councilor Robert to accept the September report as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays.

Water District #1	65% hookups
Water District #2	72% hookups
Water District #3	53% hookups
Water District #5	32% hookups

Supervisor – A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Councilor Robert to approve the September supervisor’s reports as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays.

Resolution 2021-64 Payrolls

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the September payroll.

Community Park Update

The ballfield designs are complete. The bid for the ballfield will go out approximately October 26th.

Water District #5

In order to use the grant in its entirety, a parts list request has been sent to Rural Development for their review.

Water District #6

The town needs to apply for a BAN and the comptroller agreement needs to be approved.

Resolution 2021- 65 Resolution Setting Status Under SEQR and Assuming Lead Agency Status

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the following resolution:

RESOLUTION SETTING STATUS UNDER SEQR AND ASSUMING LEAD AGENCY STATUS

Town of Mexico Community Park Drainage & Upgrades Project

WHEREAS, the Town of Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Town", is proposing to cause to be constructed a community park drainage and upgrade project to serve town residents, businesses, and institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mexico Town Board must evaluate all proposed actions submitted for its consideration that may affect the environment in light of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the involved agencies [as that term is defined in 6(A-2) NYCRR 617.2(t)] include the New York State Department of Health and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and the required environmental review will be conducted solely by the Town of Mexico Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mexico Town Board desires to serve and act as the lead agency for the purposes of SEQR; and

WHEREAS, to aid the Town of Mexico Town Board in determining whether the Action may have a significant impact on the environment, a Short Environmental Assessment Form dated 10/11/21 has been prepared by the Town and a copy of which has been filed with the Town Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Mexico Town Board that:

The Town of Mexico Town Board makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the proposed project:

The project constitutes an "**Unlisted Action**" as that term is defined in Section 6(A-2) NYCRR Section 617.2(kk) and 617.11;

The Town of Mexico Town Board desires to serve as lead agency for the purposes of SEQR.

The Town Clerk shall cause the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and NYS Department of Health, as the other "involved agency" to be notified of this resolution.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

McAuslan Hall Update

Barber said the design for the portico is in the packet. There will be stops on the roof to help with falling ice. The cost could be \$80,000.

Resolution 2021-66 McAuslan Hall Portico

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board authorizes Joe Maryak to proceed with the blueprints for the portico.

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Resolution 2021- 67 Schedule Public Hearing for Budget

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board scheduled a Public Hearing for November 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm for the Budget at McAuslan Hall, Main Street, Mexico, New York 13114.

Resolution 2021- 68 Schedule Public Hearing for Fire

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board scheduled a Public Hearing for November 4, 2021 at 7:10 pm for the Fire Contract at McAuslan Hall, Main Street, Mexico, New York 13114.

Resolution 2021- 69 Schedule Public Hearing for Ambulance

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board scheduled a Public Hearing for November 4, 2021 at 7:15 for the Ambulance Contract at McAuslan Hall, Main Street, Mexico, New York 13114.

Resolution 2021-70 Operation Reindeer Proclamation

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the following proclamation:

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, Eric Behling, 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.

Dishaw opened the bids for the sale of the Mexico Community Park playground equipment. The bids were:

Denyel Busch \$150

Resolution 2021-71 Playground Equipment Bid

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the bid for the purchase of the playground equipment by Denyel Busch for \$150.

There was a discussion about replacing the bulletin boards on the exterior of the Town Office.

Resolution 2021- 72 Purchase Copy Machine

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves the purchase of a Kyocera copy machine not to exceed \$3,613.64 as per state bid with an annual service contract of \$312.

Resolution 2021- 73 Audit Claims

A motion was made by Councilor Barber and seconded by Councilor Partrick to approve the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes Behling, Barber, Partrick, Robert, 0 nays, and 1 abstain Greenway.

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 # 218 to 237	\$ 13,575.28
General B Fund	voucher # 63 to 71	\$ 3,143.74
Highway Fund	voucher # 199 to 220	\$ 28,712.93
Water	voucher # 14 to 15	\$ 4,950.00
Special Districts	voucher # 16	\$ 407.41

There was a discussion about the repairs to the window and storm door at the museum. Greenway asked Marsden to measure the storm door and she would order it.

Resolution 2021- 74 Museum Roof Repair

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Robert accept the following resolution. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes Behling, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 1 nay Barber.

Resolved the Mexico Town Board approves C2AE to evaluate the roof at the museum and to create the specifications for bid.

Resolution 2021- 75 Mexico Point Park Maintenance

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

Resolved the Mexico Town Board authorizes Partrick to contact Rombough Electric and Scriba Electric to submit bids for the street lamp repair. To accept the bid from Midstate Lawn & Tree Service to remove the cherry tree and trim the limbs near the caretaker's cottage not to exceed \$1,650.

There was a discussion about a committee for the community park.

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Supervisor Behling to appoint Cindy Robert to spearhead the committee. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Councilor Barber to adjourn at 9:06 pm. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, Robert and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Dishaw, RMC