

**MARCH 4, 2026
REGULAR MEETING – 4:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Grimshaw, Trustees: Emery, Linerode, and Hotchkiss, John Power, Marcia Delong, Erin Salatti, Nancy Weber, William Hamacher and Matt Halsey
Absent: Trustee Harter

Mayor Grimshaw opened the Public Hearing at 4:00 PM on proposed Local Law #2 of 2026 “Establishing a Vacant Building Registration”. After a brief discussion Mayor Grimshaw opened the comments to the floor. Marcia Delong stated that this was a really good thing that the village was putting in place. On motion of Trustee Hotchkiss, seconded Trustee Emery, all aye, the public hearing was closed at 4:02 PM

Mayor Grimshaw called the regular meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 4, 2026 were approved by Trustee Hotchkiss, seconded Trustee Linerode, all aye.

The following claims were approved for payment on motion of Trustee Emery seconded by Trustee Linerode, all aye:

General Fund Abstract:	9C: \$14,824.54
	10A: \$7,418.84
	10B: \$27,777.87
Water Fund Abstract:	9C:\$17,623.09
	10A \$9,946.91
	10B:\$28,246.35
Sewer Fund Abstract:	9C:\$30,559.46
	10A:\$9,946.92
	10B:\$4,767.48

Reports were given by William Hamacher/Zoning/Code Enforcement and John Power/Village Administrator

On motion of Trustee Hotchkiss, seconded Trustee Linerode, all aye, the board approved Local Law #2 of 2026 with the modification of the fee schedule being eliminated.

On motion of Trustee Emery, seconded Trustee Hotchkiss, all aye, the board Filed and Verified the **FINAL** assessment roll.

The Village Clerk provided a copy of the tentative 2026 – 2027 Village Budget to the Village Board.

On motion of Trustee Hotchkiss, seconded Trustee Linerode, all aye, the Public Hearing on the proposed 2026 – 2027 Village Budget will be held on April 1, 2026 at 4:00 PM at the Village Hall, 3236 Main Street, Mexico NY.

On motion of Trustee Hotchkiss, seconded Trustee Emery, all aye, the following resolution was passed:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED AID TO MUNICIPALITIES AND STRENGTHENING NEW YORK’S STATE-LOCAL PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul released her 30-day amendments to the Executive Budget, which include an additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance (TMA) to be allocated in the same manner as in the past two years; and

WHEREAS, these additional investments reflect a recognition that New York’s strength begins in its cities, villages, and towns, and that a strong state-local partnership is essential to delivering the services, infrastructure, public safety, and quality of life that residents expect and deserve; and

WHEREAS, local governments across New York continue to face mounting fiscal pressures driven by inflation, increased service demands, infrastructure needs, and rising operational costs, while striving to provide relief to taxpayers amid a rising cost of living; and

WHEREAS, NYCOM Executive Director Barbara Van Epps, along with mayors from across the State, testified at the Local Government Joint Budget Hearing in Albany, advocating for increased unrestricted aid and a strengthened state-local partnership; and

WHEREAS, the additional \$100 million in TMA will offer meaningful assistance to many municipalities statewide, helping to address fiscal challenges and maintain essential services for residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Mexico applauds Governor Hochul for recognizing the importance of investing in local governments and for reaffirming her commitment to strengthening New York's cities and villages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Mexico urges the New York State Legislature to include, at a minimum, this additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance in the adopted state budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Mexico calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to develop a more permanent and predictable solution for unrestricted municipal aid to ensure long-term fiscal stability for New York's local governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Temporary President of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the members of the State Legislature representing the Village of Mexico.

On motion of Trustee Hotchkiss, seconded Trustee Linerode, all aye, the following resolution was passed:

A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Application to the New York State Department of Transportation for the Main Street (NY Route 104) Sidewalk Reconstruction Project

Introduced by: Mayor Grimshaw

WHEREAS,

The Village of Mexico proposes to repair and replace sidewalks along both sides of Main Street (New York State Route 104), from Lincoln Avenue to County Route 64; and

WHEREAS,

Main Street (NY Route 104) is a State-owned highway and the Village's primary downtown corridor, serving as a critical pedestrian route connecting Mexico Academy Middle School (3430 Main Street), Mexico Academy High School (3338 Main Street), municipal facilities, commercial establishments, and the Village Park; and

WHEREAS,

Existing sidewalk conditions include ADA deficiencies, surface deterioration, and gaps in accessibility that limit safe pedestrian mobility along this heavily traveled State route; and

WHEREAS,

The proposed project advances NYSDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) objectives by improving pedestrian safety, strengthening Safe Routes to School connectivity, supporting Complete Streets principles, and enhancing multimodal access within the Village's downtown core; and

WHEREAS,

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding requires a twenty percent (20%) local share and operates on a reimbursement basis through the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mexico hereby authorizes submission of a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) application to NYSDOT for the Main Street (NY Route 104) Sidewalk Reconstruction Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Village of Mexico shall serve as project sponsor and agrees to execute the project in full compliance with all applicable NYSDOT requirements, including but not limited to design approval, environmental review (as applicable), right-of-way certification, and reporting obligations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Village of Mexico commits to providing the required twenty percent (20%) local share and to funding any non-participating costs, right-of-way expenses, or project cost overruns not covered by TAP funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all documents and agreements necessary to apply for, accept, and administer TAP funding in accordance with NYSDOT regulations.

Mayor, Terry Grimshaw	AYE
Trustee, James Hotchkiss	AYE
Trustee, Robert Harter	ABSENT
Trustee, James Emery	AYE
Trustee, Susan Linerode	AYE

On motion of Trustee Emery, seconded Trustee Hotchkiss, all aye, the cost of water meters has increased to \$400.00.

On motion of Trustee Emery, seconded Trustee Linerode, all aye, the board approved the following resolutions with modifications noted:

RESOLUTION REGARDING CO-LEAD AGENCY STATUS UNDER THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT AND DECLARATION OF A TYPE I, UNCOORDINATED ACTION

WHEREAS, both the Town and Village Boards authorized an application to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for a grant for the development of an agricultural and farmland protection plan; and

WHEREAS, Town and Village of Mexico were awarded a New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets grant; and

WHEREAS, the Town and Village of Mexico approved a contract with Community Planning and Environmental Associates, of Berne, New York, to provide consultant services to develop this joint Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Mexico Agricultural and Farmland Protection Steering Committee have completed work in conjunction with consultant services to develop the Town and Village of Mexico Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan designed to enhance agriculture in the Town and Village; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York has enacted the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and Part 617 of Title 7, New York Code, Rules and Regulations (6 NYCRR) to incorporate consideration of environmental factors into existing planning, review and decision-making processes of local governmental agencies. To be sent to all appropriate agencies for their review and consideration; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is a joint plan, and only the Town and Village are eligible to be lead agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board and Village Board of Trustees hereby declare themselves the co-lead agency in carrying out the environmental review of the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and, be it further

RESOLVED that the proposed action is deemed a Type I Action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the proposed action shall be considered an uncoordinated review process, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor and Village Mayor are authorized to sign any documents related to this process.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TOWN AND VILLAGE OF MEXICO FARMLAND AGRICULTURE AND PROTECTION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town and Village of Mexico was awarded a New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets grant to develop a Town and Village of Mexico Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town and Village of Mexico Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan contains updated census information, new ag-economic data, up-to-date maps and an analysis of the strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for agriculture, long-term vision and goals, and a series of recommended strategies to enhance agriculture in the Town and Village and an action Plan to guide implementation of programs; and

WHEREAS, the Town and Village of Mexico Agriculture and Farmland Steering Committee received significant public input in its development of the Town and Village of Mexico Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town and Village of Mexico Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board held a joint public hearing on the Plan on March 23rd, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board and Village Board of Trustees have completed SEQRA review and determined that the proposed action of adopting the Town and Village Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan is a Type 1 Action and will not have a significant adverse environmental impact;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the adoption of the Town and Village of Mexico Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan will not have a significant adverse environmental impact pursuant to SEQRA and that an environmental impact statement will not be required; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board and Village Board of Trustees hereby adopt the Town and Village of Mexico Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town and Village of Mexico Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan shall be incorporated in whole, into the new Town and Village joint Comprehensive plan to be a completely integrated element pursuant to Town Law 272-a and Village Law 7-722, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town and Village authorize submittal of said plan to the Commission of the Oswego County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board for its review and approval, and subsequent to the County Board's decision, the Plan shall be submitted to the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for their final approval; and, be it further

On motion of Trustee Hotchkiss, seconded Trustee Linerode, all aye, the board set the date of Monday, March 23, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Mexico Middle School Auditorium for a Public Hearing on the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan.

Marcia Delong updated the board on the status of the committees that she is part of.

Erin Salatti updated the board on the progress of the Farmers Market.

On motion of Trustee Emery, seconded Trustee Linerode, all aye, the meeting adjourned at 4:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Wallace
Village Clerk