

TOWN BOARD MEETING
UNION, NEW YORK

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In the Matter of:

CDBG FUNDING PARTICIPATION PLAN
PUBLIC HEARINGS
BIDS
COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING
COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION

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May 7, 2020
3111E. Main Street
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1 (On the record)

2 MR. RICHARD MATERESE: Let's have the Pledge of
3 Allegiance.

4 ALL: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the
5 United States of America and to the Republic for which it
6 stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty
7 and justice for all.

8 MR. MATERESE: We have public hearings tonight.
9 And I ask our town clerk to kindly read the first Notice
10 of Public Hearing.

11 MR. LEONARD PERFETTI: A public hearing was
12 called for on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. to
13 solicit public input and propose CDBG Citizen
14 Participation Plan Amendments. Published and posted on
15 May 1, 2020.

16 MR. MATERESE: You've heard this Notice of
17 Public Hearing. At this time, we invite comments relative
18 to this particular hearing. Note that there are two
19 places on our agenda where we will have a hearing of
20 visitors. During which time, we encourage comment on
21 anything related to the Town of Union. At this time,
22 however, we would appreciate if you would confine your
23 comments to this particular public hearing. If you wish
24 to comment, we ask that you speak clearly into your
25 microphone and clearly state your name and address for the
26 record. So is there anyone who wishes to speak at this

1 particular hearing? Speak up. If two of you speak at
2 once, we'll ask one to stop.

3 MR. GREG DEEMIE: Hey, Rick. This is Greg
4 Deemie. Do you hear me?

5 MR. MATERESE: Yes.

6 MR. DEEMIE: How are you doing?

7 MR. MATERESE: Good.

8 MR. DEEMIE: This is in regards to the funding,
9 correct, if I caught that correctly?

10 MR. MATERESE: Yes.

11 MR. DEEMIE: You got cut up a little bit. I did
12 send a note in to Sara in regards to this so it's on the
13 record. And in regards to possible health and in regards
14 to that with the village. And you know, some of that
15 (indiscernible) with this whole process and what it's
16 going to take sanitize, clean, replace things if we have
17 to. We're looking forward into the future when we can
18 have public meetings again. So I did send a note. She
19 didn't get back to me on that.

20 MR. MATERESE: Yes. We did get that, Greg.

21 MR. DEEMIE: Okay.

22 MR. MATERESE: Thank you for that. And if I
23 might say for other people out there, at the present time,
24 we are unsure of this extra money that we're getting.
25 Actually, that's the second public hearing. The first
26 public hearing is the citizen's participation. So that's

1 the second one, Greg.

2 MR. DEEMIE: Okay.

3 MR. MATERESE: So we'll get to that in a bit.

4 MR. DEEMIE: I heard funding in there and that's
5 all I caught.

6 MR. MATERESE: Yeah. So this is just our
7 regular CDBG funding participation plan.

8 MR. DEEMIE: Okay.

9 MR. MATERESE: So is there anyone who would like
10 to speak to that. Okay. Hearing none, we'll call this
11 public hearing to a close. Mr. Perfetti, our second
12 public hearing.

13 MR. PERFETTI: A public hearing was called for
14 on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. to solicit public
15 input for the use of the CDBG CV Funds. Published and
16 posted May 1, 2020.

17 MR. MATERESE: You've heard the notice of this
18 public hearing. At this time, we invite comments relative
19 to this particular hearing. Please note that there are
20 two places in our agenda, as I said before, where you can
21 comment on anything that's relating to the Town of Union.
22 But at this time, we're just taking comments on the CDBG
23 funds, COVID-19 extra funds that we have. If you wish to
24 speak, again, please speak clearly in your microphone.
25 Clearly state your name and address for the record.

26 If there's anyone who wish to speak, let me just

1 add this, at this time, we have conflicting reports on how
2 this money can be spent. Our planning director, Sara
3 Zubalsky-Peer, is trying to figure out if this is all has
4 to be COVID-related spending or if it can be used for some
5 other CDBG areas. So we're not sure. We are going to try
6 and figure that out. Mayor Deemie, if you just want us to
7 use your comments from the last meeting to this, you don't
8 have to speak again. If you'd like to speak again, feel
9 free.

10 One of the letters that we did get and I'll
11 clarify this that the Town of Union should bring back yard
12 waste removal. That's got nothing to do with this
13 funding. That's just the matter of the problem is we have
14 the 50 percent reduction in workforce so we can't do that
15 at this time. We're hoping that May 15th we'll be
16 relieved of that restriction. And we can go back after
17 that to our regular refuse, recycling, and yard waste
18 recycling program. Go ahead. Anybody wish to speak?

19 MS. HEATHER STALEY: Yes.

20 MR. DEEMIE: You can use my comments from
21 before. Thank you.

22 MR. MATERESE: Thank you. Thank you, Mayor
23 Deemie.

24 MS. STALEY: Rick, I have comments here from two
25 residents that couldn't be on the call but they asked me
26 if I could read them for you.

1 MR. MATERESE: Sure.

2 MS. STALEY: Okay. The first one is from Fire
3 Commissioner Jack Hawthorne, West Endicott Fire
4 Department. The Fire Department is about 100 years old
5 and it's in need of repairs. They were supposed to be
6 getting some funding to achieve these repairs. But due to
7 the COVID emergency, this funding fell through or it's
8 going to be delayed. And he's asking that it be
9 considered, if it is possible, to extend assistance to the
10 West Endicott Fire Department.

11 The second statement I have and I'll read this
12 one. It's a little bit longer. It's from a local small
13 business owner. And I'm just going to read this off my
14 computer screen. He sent this to me.

15 "Hello, Board. My name is Jeff Bird from
16 Defiant Designs. And I've owned my tattoo business in
17 Broome County for 15 years. Thirteen years of that time,
18 I was operating in the Town of Union. Almost three years
19 ago, I purchased a building in the center of Johnson
20 City's revitalization project hoping to be a part of
21 something great in the community. This was an extremely
22 difficult feat for a business to accomplish in Broome
23 County, especially a tattoo studio. Tattoo artists make a
24 range of income. But some in Broome County can make in
25 the \$100,000 to \$200,000 a year range. That's just one
26 artist. There are roughly 25 well-known artists in this

1 area at any given time."

2 For 2019, he states that, "My income tax, I
3 personally claimed over \$100,000 in profits, which had
4 been my highest pay here to date. Keep in mind, about 40
5 percent of that is just the cost to operate. Total
6 throughout the area, there's over a \$1 million in revenue
7 just for tattoo studios in our small town. During this
8 crisis, so many small businesses of all skillsets have
9 been suffering not knowing when their bills would be able
10 to be paid. We were promised our bills would be deferred
11 or at least some hope of assistance to stay afloat. For
12 most of us, this hasn't been the case. We haven't seen
13 stimulus checks, unemployment, or much help from most
14 local and federal agencies. I've had a small set of help
15 from the SBA. But for most of the program, the funding is
16 dried up or is unavailable for my type of business."

17 Excuse me. He goes on to state that he's
18 affiliated with many local hair salons, barber shops,
19 private construction companies, and plumbers. And he's
20 been in touch with many of them throughout this pandemic.
21 And their answers have almost all been the same. They
22 said they've received no money, no log (sounds like), and
23 they have no hope.

24 "And this is the reality of what normal life is
25 when owning a small business in New York. There's always
26 money but not for you or any of the businesses you know.

1 For the majority of us, we work hard and forge our own way
2 just to be recognized as legitimate businesses. And we
3 accomplish this by having little to no help because we
4 care about what we do. Small businesses in Broome County
5 deserve a fighting chance and we deserve to have someone
6 who finally cares about us. We are the backbone of our
7 community and we still believe in this area."

8 And that's from Jeff Bird from Defiant Designs
9 in Johnson City. Thank you.

10 MR. MATERESE: Thank you, Heather.

11 MR. PERFETTI: Hey, Rick?

12 MR. MATERESE: Yes?

13 MR. PERFETTI: I just want to make sure the
14 residents are able to chime in. So if one of the
15 residents could just let us know if you can talk so we can
16 hear you and make sure you're able to unmute yourself.

17 MR. MATERESE: All right. I see Kathy Nichols
18 (phonetic) waving her hand. She's new to Broome Town.

19 MR. PERFETTI: Yeah. Are you muted, Kathy, on
20 your own?

21 MR. MATERESE: We can't hear you, Kath.

22 MATT FELLOWS: Hey, Lenny. It's Matt Fellows
23 (phonetic). I unmuted myself. I don't know if you can
24 hear me.

25 MR. PERFETTI: Okay. I want to make sure that
26 anybody that wants to speak could speak. And Ms. Nichols,

1 we could not hear you.

2 MR. FRANK BERTONI: The phone's off.

3 MR. MATERESE: Yeah. She's muted. Yeah.

4 Kathy, for some reason, we can't hear you. Right.

5 Nothing. Can you write down a comment, Kath?

6 MR. BERTONI: The microphone has a line through
7 it.

8 MR. MATERESE: Yeah, I know. But even when they
9 take that off, she's speaking and we're not hearing
10 anything.

11 MR. PERFETTI: How about Dorothy? Can you
12 speak, Dorothy, to see if we can hear you?

13 DOROTHY: I can.

14 MR. PERFETTI: Okay. Thank you.

15 MR. MATERESE: I can hear Dorothy. Yeah. She's
16 good.

17 MR. PERFETTI: All right. I just wanted to
18 check.

19 MR. MATERESE: How about McKenzie (phonetic)?

20 MR. BERTONI: There's a place in the screen
21 where she has to touch to unmute it.

22 MR. MATERESE: Well, right now it says it's
23 unmuted. But when she's still talking and we can't hear
24 her.

25 MR. BERTONI: She has to do it on hers. She
26 did. Okay.

1 MR. PERFETTI: So being that we can't hear Ms.
2 Nichols. If she wants to send us an email tomorrow, we
3 can add that to the information.

4 MR. MATERESE: Thank you, Kath. All right. So
5 Matt, did you want to go next.

6 MR. FELLOWS: Yeah. I was just wondering --
7 Matt Fellows, 308 South Loder in Endicott. I'm just
8 wondering if you could provide just a summary of what the
9 CDBG COVID funds are intended. I know you said there are
10 some questions. But I mean just any information on it all
11 would be helpful.

12 MR. MATERESE: I'm going to let Sara take that.

13 MS. SARA ZUBALSKY-PEER: Hi, Matt. So yeah,
14 it's a little unclear right now just because, you know,
15 they are still trying to merge stuff (indiscernible) and
16 different people are getting conflicting answers. But
17 primarily what they're looking to do is fund any activity
18 that's normally CDBG eligible so benefitting persons of
19 low and moderate income. And they're looking to do things
20 that help prevent the spread of COVID-19, respond to the
21 virus. I know they have a list of certain eligible
22 activities that might include things like economic
23 development and things like maybe emergency relief for
24 people who need help paying bills. So those are the types
25 of activities (audio glitch) are doing that had been
26 considered eligible. We just don't have total

1 clarification right now on the full range of what
2 activities are going to be eligible and what will (audio
3 glitch).

4 MR. MATERESE: Thank you.

5 MS. ZUBALSKY-PEER: Yeah.

6 MR. MATERESE: Did someone else like to speak?
7 No? All right. Did anybody else want to speak? All
8 right. Since I'm not getting any other responses, I'll
9 call this public hearing to a close. Bids, Mr. Augostini.

10 MR. AUGOSTINI: Bids were called for on Monday,
11 May 4, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. for Scribner Driveway
12 Reconstruction. Bids were received as follows: De Ninis
13 Construction, \$319,380; G. De Vincentis & Son
14 Construction, \$328,000; Siteworx Excavating & Paving,
15 \$328,209; Chicago Construction Company, \$344,000; Albert
16 Torto Construction Company, \$361,797. Make a motion to
17 receive and file the bid for Scribner Drive
18 Reconstruction.

19 MR. BERTONI: Second.

20 MR. MATERESE: You've heard the motion as
21 presented by Mr. Augostini and seconded by Mr. Bertoni.
22 Are there any comments? Hearing none, we'll call for a
23 vote. All those in favor say aye.

24 ALL: Aye.

25 MR. MATERESE: The motion is approved. Approval
26 of minutes, Mr. Augostini.

1 MR. AUGOSTINI: Motion to approve the Minutes of
2 the Regular Town of Union Board Meeting held on Wednesday,
3 April 15, 2020 and the Special County Union Board Meeting
4 held on Wednesday, April 29, 2020.

5 MR. BERTONI: Second.

6 MR. MATERESE: You've heard the motion made by
7 Mr. Augostini and seconded by Mr. Bertoni to approve the
8 minutes of the Regular Town Union Board Meeting and the
9 Special Meeting. Are there any addition, deletions, or
10 corrections? Hearing none, we'll call for a vote.
11 Please, all those in favor say aye.

12 ALL: Aye.

13 MR. MATERESE: Any opposed? None. The minutes
14 are approved. Okay. Now, we're at our first public
15 hearing -- excuse me, first hearing of visitors. We've
16 come to the part of our agenda where we have our first of
17 two hearings of visitors. We ask that you limit your
18 comments to three minutes. Speak only once, please.
19 Please, do not repeat information that has already been
20 presented. Most importantly, please remember that this
21 time is not set aside to debate with the Town Board. But
22 rather, we are offering you an opportunity to respectfully
23 share your concerns with us. With that being said, we
24 encourage anyone wishing to speak regarding the Town of
25 Union to please come forward. State your name and address
26 for the record. Is there anyone who wishes to speak at

1 this meeting or this hearing of visitors? Anyone?
2 Anyone? Muller (phonetic)? I couldn't resist. All
3 right. Hearing none, we'll call for a closing of this
4 hearing of visitors. Communications for Filing, Mr.
5 Augostini.

6 MR. AUGOSTINI: I'll make a motion that
7 Communications for Filing one through five be accepted and
8 placed on file.

9 MR. BERTONI: Second.

10 MR. MATERESE: A motion has been made by Mr.
11 Augostini and seconded by Mr. Bertoni to receive and file
12 Communication one through five. Are there any comments?
13 Hearing none, we'll call for a vote. All those in favor
14 say aye.

15 ALL: Aye.

16 MR. MATERESE: Opposed? None. The
17 Communications for Filing have been received and filed.
18 Communications for Action, Mr. Augostini.

19 MR. AUGOSTINI: Motion that Communications for
20 Action Number one be referred to the Town Planning
21 Director and the Town Attorney.

22 MR. BERTONI: Second.

23 MR. MATERESE: A motion has been made by Mr.
24 Augostini and seconded by Mr. Bertoni to refer Action
25 Number one. Are there any comments?

26 MR. AUGOSTINI: Is the Mayor of Johnson City

1 still on.

2 MR. MATERESE: The Mayor of Johnson City is
3 still on. Do you need him?

4 MR. AUGOSTINI: Do they have any interest in
5 that property?

6 MR. MATERESE: It's in the village.

7 MR. DEEMIE: Which property, I didn't hear what
8 the address was.

9 MR. MATERESE: Sorry. 515 Fernwood.

10 MR. DEEMIE: 515 Fernwood. Is that a lot?
11 That's an empty lot, isn't it?

12 MR. MATERESE: It is. Yeah.

13 MR. DEEMIE: It's way up at the top.

14 MR. MATERESE: Yeah. I think Bob Decker
15 (phonetic) owns all around it. So that's why I'm assuming
16 -- the real estate agent, Trish Mulrooney, I'm assuming
17 that's who she's referring to when she's asking for a
18 client if the town would consider selling the vacant lot.
19 That was a property that went to the Sheriff's sale back
20 in 2007. And then probably that was later part of 2010,
21 the county asked us if we wanted it and we took it.

22 MR. DEEMIE: Okay.

23 MR. MATERESE: But unless the village has a
24 purpose for it, I don't know -- I'll let Alan and Sara,
25 maybe, do a little more digging. I don't know why we
26 would, at least, entertain selling it. I'm not sure --

1 MR. DEEMIE: I don't see why not either. If I
2 know -- I think I know exactly which one it is. It's on a
3 hill and it's way up top of Fernwood. And it's not
4 actually (indiscernible). It's going to be a tough lot to
5 build on it if they do want to build on it. I think it's
6 got some trees and stuff on it. It's pretty angled. It's
7 a slope.

8 MR. MATERESE: Yeah. It's (cross-talking).

9 MR. DEEMIE: Yeah. It's a steep lot. So the
10 village really has no interest in it if there's somebody
11 who wants to buy it. You have it on a tax hold, we won't
12 so that's good. I'm good with that.

13 MR. BERTONI: Should we refer it also to Luke
14 (indiscernible) to see if there's any right of way things
15 or access points or something like that that he might know
16 about?

17 MR. AUGOSTINI: Well, Bob, that would be a
18 better choice than [indiscernible] that.

19 MR. MATERESE: Yeah. I mean they both not just
20 yet -- yeah. I mean, I don't think we have anything
21 there.

22 MR. AUGOSTINI: No. It's an empty lot I
23 believe. I don't even know if there's utilities to it.

24 MR. MATERESE: Good question. Yeah, I'd set
25 with Bob better on that. He'd know for sure what's going
26 on with it.

1 MR. PERFETTI: So Tom, we're going to refer it
2 to -- what are the three folks again?

3 MR. AUGOSTINI: I think refer to -- I think for
4 Lou's purposes refer it to the town planning director
5 because I think it came through that office originally ten
6 years ago roughly. (Then) the town attorney and then the
7 commissioner of Public Works, just so the commissioner of
8 Public Works can reach out to Bob Bennett (phonetic), and
9 maybe Bob Bennett has some additional insight into that
10 piece of property.

11 MR. PERFETTI: Thank you.

12 MR. BERTONI: And then, Tom, do we need to hear
13 back from them and then if none of them have any issues
14 then we can talk to Allan about selling it to him?

15 MR. AUGOSTINI: So I think what we've done in
16 the past with properties like that that we don't have a
17 use for, we do an RFP. Someone responds to it stating
18 their intention, what would they like to do with it, and
19 as long as it configures to village code. This one is a
20 little different because they could tell us they're going
21 to do something with it but we don't have jurisdiction
22 over that. I don't -- which is the thing I'm a little
23 confused on is when the county gave it to us, I don't know
24 if they asked the village first and they probably should
25 have asked the village first.

26 MR. BERTONI: Alan, do we need to bid on that or

1 anything? I think one time we had a property where we had
2 to take sealed bids, didn't we?

3 MR. POPE: That's exactly the process Thomas is
4 talking about. We would, you know, do an RFP and they
5 would put in their bids. And then we would analyze the
6 bids from anybody that's interested as to what they're
7 intentions are just to make sure that it fits in with what
8 the town is thinking and the village is thinking.

9 MR. BERTONI: Okay. Thank you.

10 MS. STALEY: If I could just chime in real
11 quick, actually, I looked through the records because I
12 remember when I first (indiscernible) at the town, Paul
13 had brought it up. I could confirm it; we had done an RFP
14 with all of our surplus properties that were able to be
15 sold. And that was including there but at the time in
16 2018, we did not get any responses for it. So I don't see
17 why we couldn't look into selling it again. But I have to
18 check what funds were actually used to purchase it because
19 I believe if there was anything to do with CDBG in it,
20 we'll have to go through that surplus property auction
21 type of setup again. And then someone would just, like
22 you said Tom, send us a proposal and we'd set to make sure
23 that it conforms to everything.

24 MR. AUGOSTINI: Right. Because we had
25 properties on sale in Piper, that that was the process
26 that was used.

1 MR. MATERESE: Yeah. I don't know if that would
2 be CDBG funding for that thesis (sounds like). Maybe, but
3 we think so if possibly.

4 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah. I don't --

5 MR. BERTONI: We can buy it. We usually buy
6 those for a dollar or something.

7 MR. MATERESE: No. I think this one was just
8 transferred.

9 MS. STALEY: It might have been -- I think I'm
10 looking (cross-talking). I think we might have done a
11 demolition there with CDBG funds. (Cross-talking)

12 Male Voice: I don't know.

13 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Are there any other
14 comments? Do we have to change the motion to add Bob
15 Bennett's name on that, or could we just go with that?
16 Alan?

17 MR. POPE: No. I'm not adding Bob Bennett. I
18 just wanted it to go to Lou Kaforio (phonetic) so that Lou
19 can reach out for Bob Bennett.

20 MR. MATERESE: Well, okay. Well then, to add
21 Lou, do we have a change of motion? So I'll rescind the
22 motion. The motion that communications for action number
23 one be referred to the Commissioner of Public Works, the
24 Town Attorney, and the Town Planning Director.

25 MS. STALEY: I second.

26 MR. MATERESE: Okay. And Frank, I'm assuming

1 that you're withdrawing your second from the other motion
2 so that we can do this.

3 MR. BERTONI: Let me think about it.

4 MR. MATERESE: Okay. So a motion has been made
5 by Mr. Augostini, seconded by Mr. Bertoni, to refer Action
6 Number 1 to the Commissioner of Public Works and Town
7 Attorney and -- what was the other one?

8 MR. AUGOSTINI: The Town Planning Director.

9 MR. MATERESE: The Town Planning Director. Are
10 there any comments now? Hearing none, we'll call for a
11 vote please. Please, all those in favor say aye.

12 ALL: Aye.

13 MR. MATERESE: All those opposed. None. It is
14 referred. Okay, Committee Reports, Recommendations, and
15 Resolutions, the following committees' guidance referenced
16 a motion and resolution and are simply potential items
17 after due consideration. Finance Capital Projects and
18 Public Works Committee, Ms. Staley.

19 MR. BERTONI: I think the Safety is first, I
20 think.

21 MR. MATERESE: Well, but we don't have it. Oh
22 you want me to say it.

23 MR. BERTONI: Nothing tonight. Go ahead.

24 MR. AUGOSTINI: Hold on. I'll do it officially.

25 MR. BERTONI: No, that's all right.

26 MR. MATERESE: Mr. Bertoni.

1 MR. BERTONI: Nothing tonight.

2 MR. MATERESE: Thank you, Mr. Bertoni.
3 Finance/Capital Projects and Public Works Committee, Ms.
4 Staley.

5 MS. STALEY: Okay. I have a resolution to
6 approve the following year-end 12/31/19 interfund loans:
7 the water fund due to Part Town, \$445,000; sewer fund due
8 to Part Town, \$478,600.

9 MR. AUGOSTINI: Second.

10 MR. MATERESE: You've heard the proposed
11 resolution as presented by Ms. Staley and seconded by Mr.
12 Augostini. Are there any comments? Hearing none, we'll
13 call for a vote. All those in favor say aye.

14 MR. PERFETTI: That's a resolution.

15 MR. MATERESE: Sorry. It's a resolution. Roll
16 call vote, please, Mr. Perfetti.

17 MR. PERFETTI: Staley?

18 MS. STALEY: Aye.

19 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman?

20 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

21 MR. PERFETTI: Bertoni?

22 MR. BERTONI: Aye.

23 MR. PERFETTI: Augostini?

24 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye.

25 MR. PERFETTI: Materese?

26 MR. MATERESE: Aye. The resolution is adopted.

1 Ms. Staley?

2 MS. STALEY: I have a resolution to declare B78,
3 which is a 2006 Ford Van as surplus van to be sold at
4 auction at a later date.

5 MR. AUGOSTINI: Second.

6 MR. MATERESE: You've heard the proposed
7 resolution as presented by Ms. Staley and seconded by Mr.
8 Augostini. Are there any comments? Hearing none, we'll
9 have a roll call vote. Please, Mr. Perfetti.

10 MR. PERFETTI: Staley?

11 MS. STALEY: Aye.

12 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman?

13 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

14 MR. PERFETTI: Bertoni?

15 MR. BERTONI: Aye.

16 MR. PERFETTI: Augostini?

17 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye.

18 MR. PERFETTI: Materese?

19 MR. MATERESE: Aye. The resolution is adopted.

20 Ms. Staley.

21 MS. STALEY: I have a resolution requesting that
22 the purchase price of the 2019 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 HD
23 CK36403 Four Wheel Drive Regular Cab Dual Rear Wheel Drive
24 with purchase price of \$31,810.37 from National Auto Fleet
25 Group through Sourcewell, formerly known as NJPA120716-
26 NAF, previously awarded on October 3, 2018 be changed to

1 \$33,036.30. The price change is due to a strike and the
2 price was increased on July 25, 2019. And the truck is
3 now a 2020 Chevrolet Silverado.

4 MR. AUGOSTINI: Second.

5 MR. MATERESE: You've heard the proposed
6 resolution as presented by Ms. Staley and seconded by Mr.
7 Augostini. Are there any comments? Hearing none, we'll
8 have a roll call vote. Please, Mr. Perfetti.

9 MR. PERFETTI: Staley?

10 MS. STALEY: Aye.

11 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman?

12 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

13 MR. PERFETTI: Bertoni?

14 MR. BERTONI: Aye.

15 MR. PERFETTI: Augostini?

16 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye.

17 MR. PERFETTI: Materese?

18 MR. MATERESE: Aye. The resolution is adopted.
19 Ms. Staley.

20 MS. STALEY: I have a resolution to enter into
21 an agreement with Arcadis of New York, Inc. for
22 engineering services for sewer system flow metering and
23 data analysis at eight locations for an eight-week
24 duration in the Town of Union at a cost of \$81,200 and
25 authorizing Supervisor Richard A. Materese to execute the
26 agreement. The flow metering is required as part of the

1 flow management plan submitted to the New York State
2 Department of Environmental Conservation by the Village of
3 Endicott Waste Water Treatment Facility.

4 MR. AUGOSTINI: Second.

5 MR. MATERESE: You've heard the resolution as
6 presented by Ms. Staley and seconded by Mr. Augostini.
7 Are there any comments? Hearing none, we'll have a roll
8 call vote. Please, Mr. Perfetti.

9 MR. PERFETTI: Staley?

10 MS. STALEY: Aye.

11 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman?

12 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

13 MR. PERFETTI: Bertoni?

14 MR. BERTONI: Aye.

15 MR. PERFETTI: Augostini?

16 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye.

17 MR. PERFETTI: Materese?

18 MR. MATERESE: Aye. The resolution is adopted.
19 Ms. Staley.

20 MS. STALEY: I have a motion to authorize the
21 advertisement of bids for intersection improvements,
22 PIN9754.55 Cooper Road at Watson Boulevard, Town of Union,
23 Broome County at a date and time to be determined by the
24 Commissioner of Public Works.

25 MR. AUGOSTINI: Second.

26 MR. MATERESE: You've heard the motion as

1 presented by Ms. Staley and seconded by Mr. Augustini.
2 Are there any comments? Hearing none, we'll call for a
3 vote. All those in favor, say aye.

4 ALL: Aye.

5 MR. MATERESE: Opposed? None. The motion is
6 approved. Ms. Staley.

7 MS. STALEY: I have a resolution to award the
8 bid for the Squibner Drive Reconstruction to De Ninis
9 Construction Company, Inc., 138 Burr Avenue, Binghamton,
10 New York for their low bid price of \$319,380.

11 MR. AUGOSTINI: Second.

12 MR. MATERESE: You've heard the resolution as
13 presented by Ms. Staley and seconded by Mr. Augustini.
14 Are there any comments? Hearing none, we'll have a roll
15 call vote. Please, Mr. Perfetti.

16 MR. PERFETTI: Staley?

17 MS. STALEY: Aye.

18 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman?

19 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

20 MR. PERFETTI: Bertoni?

21 MR. BERTONI: Aye.

22 MR. PERFETTI: Augustini?

23 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye.

24 MR. PERFETTI: Materese?

25 MR. MATERESE: Aye. The resolution is adopted.

26 Okay. Employees, Parks, Recreation, and Environmental

1 Committee, Ms. Bauman.

2 MS. BAUMAN: I have nothing tonight, Mr.
3 Materese.

4 MR. MATERESE: Thank you, Ms. Bauman. Planning,
5 Economic Development Committee, Mr. Augostini.

6 MR. AUGOSTINI: I have a resolution to approve
7 the referral agreement as revised by Fairmount Park
8 Apartments Limited Partnership and to authorize the
9 planning director to execute the same.

10 MR. BERTONI: Second.

11 MR. MATERESE: You've heard the proposed
12 resolution as presented by Mr. Augostini, seconded by Mr.
13 Bertoni. Are there any comments? Hearing none, we'll
14 have a roll call vote. Please, Mr. Perfetti.

15 MR. PERFETTI: Staley?

16 MS. STALEY: Aye.

17 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman?

18 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

19 MR. PERFETTI: Bertoni?

20 MR. BERTONI: Aye.

21 MR. PERFETTI: Augostini?

22 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye.

23 MR. PERFETTI: Materese?

24 MR. MATERESE: Aye. The resolution is approved.

25 Okay. All right, let me see. Sorry. We come to the
26 point of our meeting where we have the second Hearing of

1 Visitors. Again, same rules apply as before. You can
2 speak for three minutes or less. State your name and
3 address for the record. Please don't repeat anything that
4 you've already stated. Is there anyone wishing to speak?
5 Hearing none, we'll call for this Hearing of Visitors to
6 come to a close. All right, Department reports on File in
7 the Town Clerk's Office. Mr. Augostini.

8 MR. AUGOSTINI: Make a motion that Department
9 Reports one, two, three be accepted and placed on file at
10 the Town Clerk's Office.

11 MR. BERTONI: Second.

12 MR. MATERESE: You've head a motion by Mr.
13 Augostini and seconded by Mr. Bertoni to file Department
14 Reports in the Town Clerks Office one, two, and three.
15 Are there any comments? Hearing none, all those in favor
16 say aye.

17 ALL: Aye.

18 MR. MATERESE: Opposed? None. The reports have
19 been put on file.

20 MR. BERTONI: Can I ask a question?

21 MR. MATERESE: Sure.

22 MR. BERTONI: Are the permits from the Clerk's
23 Office or are those permits from Code Enforcement? Are
24 those building permits or are those permits issued by the
25 clerk?

26 MR. PERFETTI: Those are the permit office.

1 Ours is the first one. It's the monthly report. The
2 permits are from this organization.

3 MR. BERTONI: The second one?

4 MR. PERFETTI: Yes.

5 MR. MATERESE: The second one is -- yeah, those
6 are the ones that Tina sent us.

7 MR. BERTONI: You got those in an email?

8 MR. MATERESE: Yes.

9 MS. STALEY: Yes.

10 MR. BERTONI: I didn't see that come through.
11 Was it recently or was it a long time ago?

12 MR. PERFETTI: This week.

13 MR. AUGOSTINI: I think Tina sent them.

14 MR. MATERESE: Yeah. It was from Tina. Was it
15 last week or was it early this week or last week?

16 MR. AUGOSTINI: I think it was last week.

17 MR. PERFETTI: Maybe it was Friday.

18 MR. MATERESE: Yeah.

19 MR. BERTONI: Okay. I'll check.

20 MR. MATERESE: Okay. I can send it to you,
21 Frank.

22 MR. BERTONI: Thank you. I appreciate it. I
23 think it's possible my phone doesn't take -- if there are
24 too many, it reads it as a spam or something. You know
25 what I mean?

26 MR. MATERESE: Yeah.

1 MR. BERTONI: Because anytime something comes in
2 a group, I see there's trouble getting it. Okay, next
3 time.

4 MR. MATERESE: Okay. We have Legislator
5 Comments.

6 MR. AUGOSTINI: Can I go first?

7 MR. MATERESE: Yes, you may.

8 MR. AUGOSTINI: So several people passed away, I
9 just like to recognize them. The first one, Amy Toner
10 (phonetic), originally a Johnson City resident. Her
11 daughter, Caroline, works up at the school district but
12 Amy then moved to Endwell. She just had a bad fall, went
13 to the hospital, and just couldn't recover, so condolences
14 to her family. My good friend, Dan Goodrich (phonetic), a
15 long time Johnson City police officer, known as Goody. He
16 passed away. Rose Arcodia (phonetic), her family owned
17 Pino's Restaurant on the south side of Binghamton for a
18 long time. Condolences to her family, a big family in
19 Endicott.

20 MR. BERTONI: Her husband used to sing to us
21 when we had dinner.

22 MR. AUGOSTINI: Pascual Arcodia, yeah. Doris
23 Spring (phonetic), Doris lived on the south side of
24 Johnson City. A longtime volunteer in the Johnson City
25 Senior Center. So condolences to her daughter, Barbara.
26 Doris Spring's son-in-law, maybe some people remember, Don

1 Freed (phonetic), who worked at the Town of Union back in
2 the '70s and worked for the City of Binghamton and Broome
3 County. So condolences to Doris's daughter, Barbara.
4 Steve Pavlovich (phonetic), longtime resident, good friend
5 of a lot of people, he passed away last week after turning
6 92 years old, so condolences to his wife, Betty, and sons,
7 Gary, Chris, Champ, and Rick. And then Frank's aunt, Anne
8 Bertoni (phonetic), Nini, passed away. And happy birthday
9 to her as well. Because, Frank, am I correct, she would
10 have been 97 today?

11 MR. BERTONI: Yeah, today.

12 MR. AUGOSTINI: So condolences to all the
13 Bertonis on her passing.

14 MR. PERFETTI: How about Gale's mom, Tom.

15 MR. AUGOSTINI: Oh, yeah. Gale Springer
16 (phonetic), former Town Clerk, her mother, Mrs. Rinsco
17 (phonetic), passed away. Lenny, was it about six weeks
18 ago?

19 MR. PERFETTI: I believe so.

20 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah. So condolences to that
21 large family. Yeah. Thanks for bringing that one up,
22 Lenny.

23 MR. MATERESE: Anyone else?

24 MR. BERTONI: You know, I know we're not too
25 involved in this but I am getting an awful lot of calls
26 about this recycling facility in Endicott. The whole

1 process seems to be there are two types to this. And I'm
2 getting -- I mean, I don't know why I'm getting calls.
3 But I think Heather was at the meeting the other day.
4 There's just an awful lot of animosity out there for how
5 the process is working. It's too bad that, at least in my
6 opinion, when we wanted to consolidate with the Village of
7 Endicott, they had an opportunity to put some of those
8 processes in place and they didn't. Now, I think there's
9 difficulty going on there. And maybe, actually, what
10 Kevin Nichols wanted to speak about. I'm not sure.
11 That's my guess.

12 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Frank?

13 MR. BERTONI: Yes?

14 MR. MATERESE: Are you done?

15 MR. BERTONI: Yes.

16 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Sorry. Anyone else?

17 MS. STALEY: Yes. I have something. Just to
18 follow up with what Councilman Bertoni said, you know, I'm
19 getting a lot of calls and emails, too, about the
20 situation in the village. I think the main issue is it's
21 happening right now where there's no public forum. The
22 public would just like to be able to get together in a
23 room and raise their hand and ask questions. They just
24 have so many questions and that seems to be one of the
25 main issues is they're not able to get their questions
26 answered. So that's what I took from the calls and emails

1 I've received on it.

2 MR. PERFETTI: Is there another meeting coming
3 up, Heather?

4 MS. STALEY: Tomorrow night, the village is
5 meeting again.

6 MR. PERFETTI: Zoom?

7 MS. STALEY: Yeah, Zoom. They had about 200
8 people, I believe, on a call. And well over 100 people
9 gave a comment during the previous meeting.

10 MS. BAUMAN: I believe they're meeting at 6:00
11 tomorrow.

12 MR. MATERESE: All right. Sandy, are you done?

13 MS. BAUMAN: I was just commenting that I
14 believe they're having another follow up meeting at 6:00
15 tomorrow, a Zoom meeting.

16 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Heather, you're done?

17 MS. STALEY: Yes, I am. Thank you.

18 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Just to be fair, and again
19 it is a confusing process. Apparently, they did have D.C.
20 They had Comment Pro (sounds like) stuff back in November.
21 And then this was all carried over. That's why there's a
22 lot of confusion because a lot of people didn't hear about
23 it back in December or November or December. And then it
24 was carried over. That's not saying one is right or one
25 is wrong. I'm just saying, to be fair, that issue has
26 been going on for a while.

1 But the other thing I wanted to comment on is,
2 first of all, thank you. This is Nurses Week and I want
3 to thank all the nurses out there for all their
4 dedication, both male and female nurses. And then also,
5 let's not forget our first responders, our doctors, our
6 frontline workers who have been here in this pandemic to
7 help us all. And then also, our employees who are doing
8 their job, particularly our refuse people who are out
9 there picking up the garbage from everybody's houses and
10 whatever. And they have to be careful of their own
11 health. So I just want to thank everybody for that. And
12 I wish everybody good health. Mr. Augustini?

13 MR. AUGOSTINI: Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

14 MR. BERTONI: Second.

15 MR. MATERESE: You've heard the motion to
16 adjourn by Mr. Augustini, seconded by Mr. Bertoni. Any
17 comments? Hearing none, this meeting is adjourned.

18 (Off the record)

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