

TOWN OF UNION  
BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK

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In the Matter of:

Work Session  
Town Board Meeting

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3111 East Main Street  
Endwell, New York 13760

APPEARANCES:

FOR THE TOWN OF UNION:

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1 (On the record)

2 MALE VOICE: Yeah, no problem.

3 MR. RICHARD MATERESE: Okay. So we're on our  
4 work session now.

5 MALE VOICE: (Indiscernible) Did she leave?

6 FEMALE VOICE: I don't know.

7 MR. MATERESE: I think she just walked out the  
8 door. I'm not sure.

9 MALE VOICE: I was going to mention to her that  
10 -- and this is just somebody that apparently looks a  
11 lot like me. We're not sure. This was what the  
12 report was today. Somebody that looked like me,  
13 dressed like me, and drove the same car that I drove  
14 actually went over the bank over that location that  
15 she was talking about. (Indiscernible) I'm not sure  
16 who it was, but they got some pictures. Nothing's in  
17 the creek gap there. And I just have to think it's  
18 one of the --

19 To make sure we're clear, if something ends up  
20 in the creek, God forbid, still not our problem. I'm  
21 looking at you, Alan, to nod your head and say you're  
22 right.

23 MR. ALAN POPE: You are.

24 MALE VOICE: It goes back to the people that own

1 the property.

2 MR. MATERESE: And it's still not you.

3 MALE VOICE: It wasn't me. If I did it, you'd  
4 know.

5 MALE VOICE: Okay, Andy (phonetic).

6 MALE VOICE: But it was, you know, I can see  
7 where eventually it's something, through another  
8 weather, that is something, it's something less loose  
9 where he actually had the snow to get it down as far  
10 as I went. But if it does get in there, I still  
11 wouldn't do anything wrong.

12 MR. POPE: Right. You don't have any liability.

13 MALE VOICE: Okay. And I know that some  
14 gentleman that you're mentioning is very upset that  
15 we haven't done anything there yet. But we can't.  
16 There's no way.

17 MALE VOICE: Yeah. Apparently he's coming  
18 today.

19 MALE VOICE: No. But it's not that we haven't  
20 done anything. We're doing what we can do.

21 MALE VOICE: Right.

22 MALE VOICE: And if you can't locate who the  
23 owner is or the owner doesn't respond or the courts  
24 aren't opened up, you can issue as many citations as  
25 you want. It's the enforcement mechanism of it or

1 the compliance portion of it, right? We just can't  
2 take ownership of that property.

3 MALE VOICE: No. And I wouldn't want that for  
4 anything.

5 MR. POPE: Yeah. And we can't go on private  
6 property.

7 MR. MATERESE: Right.

8 MR. POPE: Right. We just can't do it.

9 MALE VOICE: Yeah, you're right. They must be  
10 paying taxes as it also would have been foreclosed.  
11 So it's not county-owned. It's not town-owned.

12 MALE VOICE: It's privately-owned.

13 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

14 MALE VOICE: The one where the roof collapsed is  
15 county-owned.

16 MALE VOICE: Yes. That 1215, they had to come.

17 MALE VOICE: But he doesn't know.

18 MALE VOICE: Okay. So we cite the owners, the  
19 county.

20 MALE VOICE: Right.

21 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

22 MALE VOICE: I don't know if we can cite that.

23 MALE VOICE: Well, if there's not an evidence  
24 for this county, we can at least have a conversation.

25 MR. POPE: I mean I think we've done it. I know

1 we've done it. I know with the town of Binghamton,  
2 we did it. And just to do it, right? So if anybody  
3 from the public came in, you know, we said, yeah, we  
4 did cite the owners. It's the county. Go talk to  
5 them. But we knew we weren't going to get it, but we  
6 still cited the county.

7 MALE VOICE: I'll circle back around that one on  
8 the trail and see if that might -- at least to cover  
9 us.

10 MR. POPE: Right? Yeah, that's one reason we  
11 get it.

12 MALE VOICE: Okay.

13 MR. MATERESE: Thank you.

14 MALE VOICE: Thank you.

15 FEMALE VOICE: The person that's coming tonight  
16 is upset about which of these properties, the 1529 or  
17 the 1215?

18 MALE VOICE: 1529. But likely both.

19 MALE VOICE: Okay. It might be both. I'm not  
20 sure.

21 MALE VOICE: I mean at least there's a solution  
22 to 1215. That's it. You know, if the county owns  
23 it, the county can leave it to land bank. The land  
24 bank can tear it down.

25 FEMALE VOICE: Right.

1 MALE VOICE: And then figure out if the joint  
2 property owner is interested in purchasing it or the  
3 -- you know, it's just kept for a period of time. So  
4 that at least has a path. The other one really  
5 doesn't.

6 MR. POPE: Just so everybody knows, we got a  
7 call today from Town of Union Court. The next  
8 general (sounds like) court date, actual court date  
9 is going to be April, but Judge Grace had a conflict.  
10 So there's no April court. The earliest now is May.  
11 So you know. And people are clamoring, right. And  
12 this gentleman legitimately so is going to come in  
13 and say why don't you enforce taking them to court.  
14 We could if we could go to court. We need an order  
15 from the court.

16 MALE VOICE: Right.

17 MR. POPE: We can't force the court to do  
18 things, you know. So it's frustrating and it's  
19 frustrating for the town. I know Dee and her group  
20 are frustrated. You know, what can they do? And  
21 they're the ones that get most of the calls.

22 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Thank you. Hey, Lou.

23 MR. LOU CAFORIO: Yes.

24 MR. MATERESE: The Dog Control group. Have we  
25 had any movement on it?

1 MR. CAFORIO: Yes. I have a letter that will be  
2 going downstairs tomorrow morning. I would be second  
3 person. So we'll be fully staffed hopefully within a  
4 couple of weeks.

5 MALE VOICE: So that'll be the head person or --

6 MR. CAFORIO: Head persons have already been  
7 hired.

8 MALE VOICE: All right. So the person we hired  
9 to originally fill the second position took the head  
10 position?

11 MR. CAFORIO: Correct. And we have a second.  
12 Dee has a second candidate. She gave me the  
13 paperwork and we'll process that tomorrow.

14 MALE VOICE: Good.

15 MR. MATERESE: I'll just jump around a little  
16 bit. There's a resolution, according to Jimmy  
17 (phonetic) your resolution, a third one which is a  
18 1.6 wage increase. We need to change the wording of  
19 that. So that is to approve a 1.6 wage increase to  
20 the non-union full time exempt employees retroactive  
21 to January 1st, 2021. Because we still have to talk  
22 about part-time people and what we're doing with  
23 part-time people. If we didn't make that stipulation  
24 here, then everything would go to --

25 MALE VOICE: We still have to do what?

1 MR. MATERESE: We have to stipulate in this  
2 resolution that this is for full-time employees.  
3 then we have to go back and look at part-time  
4 employees and what we're doing for them.

5 MALE VOICE: For the full-time, that we reach  
6 out? Is that what you said, Bob?

7 MR. MATERESE: Yes. Let me see. So effective  
8 date on the payroll, as of this meeting retroactive  
9 to January 1st. Is that accurate? Yes?

10 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

11 MR. MATERESE: Okay. And then will that should  
12 not, do we have to stipulate what we should not  
13 include? So it shouldn't include Joe, who just took  
14 a job, on that wage you guys agreed to down in the  
15 clerk's office. So how do we do that?

16 FEMALE VOICE: Are we putting another date in  
17 there? You say effective today or no? Or we're just  
18 saying retroactive to January.

19 MR. POPE: Just do it retroactive.

20 FEMALE VOICE: Okay. So the only thing I'm  
21 inserting is the full-time right now. Correct?

22 MR. POPE: For right now, yeah.

23 FEMALE VOICE: Okay. Thank you.

24 MR. MATERESE: And then also Sheila. Will that  
25 1.6 include Sheila who we gave the increase to in

1 January?

2 MR. POPE: I remember that one.

3 MALE VOICE: Yeah. I mean I would say no.

4 MR. MATERESE: We increased Sheila's --

5 MALE VOICE: Sure. We got her a raise.

6 MR. MATERESE: -- to \$5,000, her pay group

7 salary, in January. Sheila down in personnel.

8 MR. POPE: It probably made her happy. Well,  
9 it's up to you. But it seems like she's already kind  
10 of permanent.

11 MR. MATERESE: Right.

12 MR. POPE: So can we just add a sentence that  
13 says this will not include -- without naming names.

14 MALE VOICE: Anybody hired as of January 1st.

15 MR. POPE: But Sheila was here as of January  
16 1st.

17 MR. MATERESE: Oh.

18 MALE VOICE: I think we just want to say except,  
19 then the title. Right?

20 MR. POPE: Right. This will not include, and  
21 then just named the two titles.

22 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

23 MR. POPE: So you're not putting her name out  
24 there and everybody asking why you're discriminating  
25 against those two people.

1 MALE VOICE: Well, there are two titles my  
2 officers say.

3 MALE VOICE: What is John's title?

4 MR. POPE: Same as Becky's.

5 MALE VOICE: Oh, it is.

6 MALE VOICE: So you say the least -- well, is  
7 she deputy town clerk?

8 MALE VOICE: Both of them are.

9 MALE VOICE: So you would say the least senior  
10 deputy town clerk.

11 MR. MATERESE: And then Sheila is payroll  
12 specialist?

13 MALE VOICE: Is that her title?

14 MALE VOICE: Would you know if that's her title?

15 MALE VOICE: It would maybe be in your minutes  
16 from the investiture.

17 MS. LAURA LINDSLEY: When was that? In January?

18 MALE VOICE: Can we ask her?

19 MALE VOICE: Hey, Laura, (inaudible).

20 MS. LINDSLEY: Do you know how many hours Karen  
21 is going to be here with Frank?

22 MALE VOICE: About 10 a week.

23 MS. LINDSLEY: Pardon?

24 MALE VOICE: About 10 a week. Ten hours a week.

25 MS. LINDSLEY: Oh, ten hours a week? For what?

1 As needed or --?

2 MALE VOICE: Well, I think at least it's going  
3 to be probably for the month of March.

4 MS. LINDSLEY: Okay.

5 MALE VOICE: And then Becky might have to be out  
6 for a couple weeks. Then she'll fill in for as long  
7 as she's off.

8 MS. LINDSLEY: Okay. So rather temporary?

9 MALE VOICE: Yeah. But she's pretty good.

10 MS. LINDSLEY: Okay. Thank you.

11 MALE VOICE: We will get the right titles, but  
12 we say or add the sentence this increase does not  
13 involve the least senior deputy clerk and the payroll  
14 account specialist?

15 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

16 FEMALE VOICE: Yeah.

17 MR. POPE: Okay. Do you want my wording?

18 MS. LINDSLEY: I'm just putting the sentence  
19 this pay increase does not include the least senior  
20 deputy town -- or just clerk?

21 MR. POPE: Just deputy clerk.

22 MS. LINDSLEY: Deputy clerk and?

23 MR. POPE: I think it's payroll account  
24 specialist.

25 MS. LINDSLEY: And payroll account specialist.

1 MR. POPE: But we'll get it checked.

2 MS. LINDSLEY: Yeah. Yeah. I'm fine. Have we  
3 forgotten anybody else or these are the only people  
4 they got?

5 MALE VOICE: Personnel, slash -- the personnel  
6 specialists/payroll.

7 MR. MATERESE: That's complete. That should  
8 settle it.

9 MS. LINDSLEY: Personnel?

10 MALE VOICE: Personnel specialist/payroll.

11 MS. LINDSLEY: Specialist. Personnel  
12 specialist/payroll.

13 MR. MATERESE: Yeah.

14 MALE VOICE: Then we'll say newly hired deputy  
15 clerk.

16 MR. MATERESE: And then there's one other.

17 MS. LINDSLEY: We hear you want the newly hired.  
18 Which one do you like the title?

19 MALE VOICE: (Indiscernible)

20 MR. MATERESE: Hold on. Okay, so do you have  
21 that one now?

22 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

23 MR. MATERESE: Karen, she retired at 02/26. She  
24 will receive 1.6 from January 1st to February 26?

25 MR. POPE: 26th. I don't know. What have we

1 done during the past president? Have we -- I don't  
2 know the answer to that. Have you given raises to  
3 people who are no longer here?

4 MALE VOICE: Yeah. It goes back on  
5 (indiscernible) as of January 1st. Was that a  
6 typical worry?

7 MR. POPE: Yeah.

8 MALE VOICE: So they are covered for that period  
9 of time.

10 MR. POPE: Okay.

11 MALE VOICE: They left, right? Does that make  
12 sense to you?

13 MALE VOICE: It does.

14 MR. MATERESE: It does to me. So she should get  
15 that raise for those two months.

16 MALE VOICE: For the time she is here.

17 MR. MATERESE: Yeah.

18 MALE VOICE: June 26th.

19 MALE VOICE: But that's all. It's the same  
20 amount in general (indiscernible) or no?

21 MALE VOICE: No. She says retroactive to  
22 January 1st. At payroll. So if somebody left  
23 afterwards, after that, then they wouldn't be  
24 entitled to it. You know what I'm saying?

25 MR. POPE: Yeah.

1 MALE VOICE: I'm going to make sure I am clear.  
2 So that's clear.

3 MALE VOICE: Yeah. If we vote on this January  
4 1st, right, there would be no retroactive being  
5 carried. Only that.

6 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

7 MR. MATERESE: Okay. So is that all  
8 straightened out for members' reading? Is that you,  
9 Sandy?

10 FEMALE VOICE: Yes.

11 MS. LINDSLEY: so it's going to be a resolution  
12 to approve the 1.6 wage increase to the full-time  
13 non-union exempt employees retroactive to January 1,  
14 2021. This pay increase does not include the least  
15 senior deputy clerk and the personnel  
16 specialist/payroll. Is that it or you want more than  
17 that?

18 MR. MATERESE: Does that cover everything?

19 MS. LINDSLEY: Yeah. That was hit. I think we  
20 want a hit.

21 MR. MATERESE: Right.

22 FEMALE VOICE: Just slash payroll or payroll  
23 clerk?

24 MS. LINDSLEY: For this person?

25 FEMALE VOICE: A clerk also in accounting.

1 FEMALE VOICE: Okay. I hope so.

2 MR. MATERESE: Okay. And then in another time  
3 fairly soon we should discuss the part-time positions  
4 and if they're getting an increase.

5 MS. LINDSLEY: Just real quick. Who's on  
6 payroll January 1st? Karen?

7 MR. MATERESE: Karen will go from January 1st to  
8 February 26th.

9 MS. LINDSLEY: So it has retroactive and on  
10 payroll, employees on payroll as of January 1st?

11 FEMALE VOICE: Oh. So include retroactive and  
12 on payroll.

13 MS. LINDSLEY: Yes.

14 FEMALE VOICE: Okay.

15 MS. LINDSLEY: Otherwise, it's that they pass a  
16 resolution.

17 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

18 FEMALE VOICE: Right. Thank you.

19 MR. MATERESE: Is everybody clear on that?  
20 Everybody good on that? Okay. Great. I got to run.

21 MALE VOICE: Just a thing. I was looking on  
22 your agenda. You could probably take off -- under  
23 new business would be the updates to the phone  
24 system.

25 MALE VOICE: Oh, yeah. I'm sorry. I crossed it

1 out on mine, but then you do --

2 MALE VOICE: Yes. We're all set.

3 MR. MATERESE: Yes, those are all set to go.

4 MALE VOICE: Thank you.

5 FEMALE VOICE: Thank you.

6 FEMALE VOICE: I have a question?

7 MALE VOICE: Last thing. The elevator is still  
8 good?

9 MALE VOICE: The elevator's been spot on. No  
10 problems. No issues.

11 MALE VOICE: I was thinking about that.

12 MR. MATERESE: Go use it. Yes, Frank.

13 MR. FRANK BERTONI: I have a question, Rick.

14 MR. MATERESE: Yeah.

15 MR. BERTONI: Was the 1.6 percent for the non-  
16 union employees, was that put in the budget before we  
17 -- I mean when we passed the budget?

18 MR. MATERESE: Yes. Yes.

19 MR. BERTONI: All right. I would also like to  
20 add, I don't know how important this is, but several  
21 years ago the board asked all employees to have in  
22 their file a job description that included important  
23 phone numbers, contact people that their office deals  
24 with a lot, job responsibilities, target dates. You  
25 know, like if certain reports are due. So that if

1 anything ever happened to someone suddenly and they  
2 have to leave the office, someone could come in and  
3 at least have a semblance of how to organize that  
4 office. You know what I mean? Instead of having to  
5 look up every phone number to try to figure out who  
6 do I contact for this or who do I contact for that.  
7 So we'd ask all employees to have something like that  
8 in their file.

9 And I think we always assume that when people  
10 leave, they leave on good terms. But you know some  
11 of these offices, like this job for example, has a  
12 lot of contacts. A lot of target dates. A lot of  
13 phone numbers of people she has to contact. For the  
14 same reason that she's got up and spoke to us about  
15 some concerns, I think during the transition, that  
16 information should be available for the new person in  
17 some form. I don't know who would oversee that other  
18 than maybe Lou or somebody, but there should be  
19 something for the new person to kind of get them  
20 started, you know, because we may very well have  
21 somebody that doesn't have the experience.

22 You know, when Dee came on board, she knew  
23 everybody. She had contacts in the community. She  
24 had been doing this for years. She'd worked in the  
25 town. We may not get that kind of person, you know.

1 So I think it's important that we at least make sure  
2 someone is overseeing the transition.

3 MR. MATERESE: I would think that the board is  
4 doing this.

5 MR. BERTONI: I just want to make sure. I  
6 brought it up that the board did ask the employees to  
7 all have that in their file. So that if they did  
8 have to leave for some reason, that we would not be  
9 caught empty-handed. So I just thought it was worth  
10 mentioning because we have three board members who  
11 are not here at that time.

12 MR. MATERESE: Okay. But the policy still  
13 exists.

14 MR. BERTONI: Yes.

15 MR. MATERESE: Is it your thought that maybe we  
16 should send a reminder out, an update on those  
17 things?

18 MR. BERTONI: It would certainly seem logical  
19 that we remind them what the right transition should  
20 look like. You know what I mean? Like some people  
21 are willing to stay or come back in and help the  
22 person with the transition. What if they're not?  
23 Like what about in Lenny's office? What if Karen  
24 wasn't willing to come back? You know what I mean?  
25 Now these persons, they're on their own. So we

1 really need to have something there for that person  
2 to kind of refer to, you know.

3 MR. MATERESE: Right.

4 MR. BERTONI: I mean it's the way. I think that  
5 would be the way it would be done in most places, you  
6 know.

7 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Anybody have a comment on  
8 that?

9 MR. THOMAS AUGOSTINI: No. I think just a  
10 reminder to assemble the information.

11 MR. BERTONI: The what, Tom?

12 MR. AUGOSTINI: Probably a reminder to assemble  
13 the information and put it someplace where it's  
14 readily accessible.

15 MR. BERTONI: Yeah, yeah.

16 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

17 MALE VOICE: I know we talked about Dee, when  
18 she leaves and replacing her. but --

19 MALE VOICE: More when it's due.

20 FEMALE VOICE: And now, with everything that  
21 goes on, I'm going to defer my retirement.

22 MALE VOICE: Gotcha. When is that?

23 FEMALE VOICE: I'll know probably March 24th for  
24 sure, but I'm looking around May. May 14th.

25 MALE VOICE: The whole of May now?

1 FEMALE VOICE: Probably.

2 MALE VOICE: Oh.

3 FEMALE VOICE: You'll have my letter by April  
4 7th. I think that's the next best thing that comes  
5 after I work through some numbers for that thing.

6 MALE VOICE: So Dee's the end of May?

7 MR. MATERESE: Dee's the 28th I think.

8 MALE VOICE: Okay. Those are two big positions.  
9 Maybe we divide the board up. Some take Dee's  
10 positions. Some take Laura's position. So that all  
11 of us aren't doing both which will be time consuming.

12 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

13 FEMALE VOICE: I guess better than  
14 (indiscernible) before the budget cycle starts.

15 MR. MATERESE: Yeah.

16 FEMALE VOICE: So it's going to be the idea  
17 that, if there's something to be done, it's going to  
18 be done and start with. Either they talk to me --

19 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Thanks for the help.  
20 Okay. Anybody else on that? All right. Since I was  
21 not privy to the Parks' meeting, is everything moving  
22 forward? We said to Dr. Lee (phonetic) and said to  
23 our staff to set it up?

24 FEMALE VOICE: Well, what happened on February  
25 24th, when I went to the meeting, they decided to --

1 we're basically going to wait. We're going to meet  
2 in another month and see what happens with the county  
3 and numbers, you know, COVID numbers and public  
4 gatherings and so forth.

5 The way it stands now, the Fire Department will  
6 definitely have the chicken barbecue. That'll be a  
7 go on Sunday. We're looking at the possibility of  
8 fireworks possibly on Sunday also, but we're looking  
9 for some sponsors. So certain individuals were  
10 contacting some businesses in the area that they  
11 thought might help us out.

12 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

13 FEMALE VOICE: The fireworks are roughly \$19,900  
14 and some. So \$20,000.

15 MR. MATERESE: No, you can't say that. It is  
16 \$19,999.

17 FEMALE VOICE: Right, 99. So we're not saying  
18 no, but in the meantime you know we're going to wait  
19 until like the last possible minute that we can get  
20 everything up and running before we --

21 MR. MATERESE: Is that the same with planning  
22 the Summer Fun and all of that?

23 FEMALE VOICE: No. With the summer fun, Julie  
24 is already going to get all the mailings out for  
25 that. That I think is going to be a go. There's no

1 problem with that right now. But it's just with the  
2 public gathering at the park on July 4th. That's a  
3 lot of people and how would we, you know. That we  
4 talked about. And basically, you know, how are we  
5 going to please people and get them in here and make  
6 sure that people are wearing masks or not wearing  
7 masks, wearing masks and social distancing and  
8 whatever. I mean with Summer Fun you'll have people  
9 with the kids that will be able to do those kinds of  
10 things and watch over them.

11 But it's a nightmare. It's a nightmare and we  
12 don't have enough. Between the ambulance and the  
13 fire department, we'd just have the state police.  
14 They'd be there that day too. Like we just don't  
15 have enough personnel to tackle something like that.  
16 And we're not even sure if we have enough personnel  
17 to tackle the fireworks and where people will gather  
18 to watch the fireworks if we decided to have them.  
19 So they thought that they might even delay them and  
20 have them a little later in the year possibly if we  
21 get a sponsor. But right now we don't have the  
22 \$19,999 or whatever. So they're going to meet again  
23 on March 24th.

24 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

25 FEMALE VOICE: I will attend that meeting. I

1 asked today if they have any good news from any of  
2 the people that they are talking to about fireworks.  
3 Calls were out but nobody had any, you know, nobody  
4 was jumping over. No check. So no check has been  
5 received yet.

6 MR. MATERESE: Okay. So we're on hold.

7 FEMALE VOICE: It's basically on hold and that's  
8 because we just don't know, you know, what public  
9 gatherings are -- you know, how many people we're  
10 going to be able to have and how are we going to do  
11 that. Have people buy a ticket from up here to the  
12 park? So we only have so many people. I mean we  
13 just don't see how we could logistically do it. We  
14 either do it whole hog or we won't I guess.

15 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

16 FEMALE VOICE: All right?

17 MR. MATERESE: Yeah.

18 FEMALE VOICE: So I will attend the next meeting  
19 and --

20 FEMALE VOICE: Let us know I guess.

21 FEMALE VOICE: And, you know, tell you what's  
22 happening.

23 MR. MATERESE: Heather, do you want to say  
24 anything about the trees and Ray?

25 MS. HEATHER STALEY: Oh, okay. They were hoping

1 the board would be present on Arbor Day to help plant  
2 the tree. I guess Ray has trees picked out and when  
3 the money comes he'll pick it up. He'll dig the hole  
4 and they would just like us to be there.

5 MR. MATERESE: Do you know what day exactly?

6 MS. STALEY: Gosh. I believe it's one of the  
7 last days in April. And I guess in the schools, the  
8 schools are going to have some poster contest for  
9 Arbor Day. So this will tie in with those events.

10 MR. MATERESE: Right.

11 MS. SANDRA BAUMAN: But they want board members  
12 to be there or just somebody --

13 MS. STALEY: Yes, board members to be there.  
14 They'd like us to help plant the tree. I guess Ray  
15 will dig the hole and we can shovel the dirt in on it

16 MS. BAUMAN: Right. So do we have some  
17 ceremonial shovels, Rick, to do that?

18 MS. STALEY: I don't know. Do we?

19 MR. MATERESE: We just have some shovels.

20 MS. STALEY: We have some shovels. Okay.

21 MALE VOICE: They have lots at the Dollar Store.

22 MS. BAUMAN: The Dollar Store? Okay.

23 MS. STALEY: We'll clean them off and make sure  
24 they look nice.

25 MR. BAUMAN: Okay.

1 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

2 MS. BAUMAN: Yes. I guess we just have to  
3 figure out the date. I thought maybe it was in this  
4 proposal, but I don't see it.

5 MS. STALEY: Yeah. I believe Arbor Day. Arbor  
6 Day is -- I want to say it's one of the last days in  
7 April. But some municipalities that do things for  
8 Arbor Day, they don't actually do it on Arbor Day  
9 itself.

10 MS. BAUMAN: Okay.

11 MS. STALEY: They may have not picked that out  
12 yet.

13 MS. BAUMAN: Okay. Yeah. So it does not have  
14 to be on the official Arbor Day, which is the last  
15 Friday in April. April 30th for 2021.

16 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

17 MS. BAUMAN: So it could be Friday, April 30th,  
18 or whatever day they deem ourselves to do.

19 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

20 MS. BAUMAN: So we just need to make a reminder  
21 of that.

22 MS. STALEY: And who else is coming so we have  
23 enough shovels.

24 MR. MATERESE: Right. Thank you.

25 MR. BERTONI: As a gardener, I would suggest

1 that you consider filling the hole with water before  
2 you plant the tree.

3 MR. MATERESE: Yeah. I think Ray will probably  
4 have that taken care of. That's what he did with the  
5 Christmas tree that we planted last year.

6 MR. BERTONI: Yeah. Usually a day before you  
7 fill the hole with water when you plant a tree.

8 MS. STALEY: Oh, okay. Thanks for mentioning  
9 that.

10 MS. BAUMAN: Thank you, Frank.

11 MS. STALEY: That I didn't know. I've never  
12 planted a tree.

13 MS. BAUMAN: Oh. Then take them up.

14 MR. MATERESE: Back to you, Alan. Any news on  
15 the -- Jason planning through?

16 MR. POPE: No.

17 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

18 MR. POPE: No. Just one second. Let me  
19 (indiscernible). No. No update.

20 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Endicott. Have we heard  
21 anything about their cell tower?

22 MR. POPE: Yes. So Bob Mckertich says that they  
23 are still working on it. There was a little bit of a  
24 cooling off by Verizon. So theirs isn't finalize yet.  
25 We're still kind of letting them be the lead. Bob

1 indicated they wouldn't finalize everything without  
2 bringing it back to us for us to take a look at it.

3 MR. MATERESE: All right. Thank you. And then  
4 where are we with our solar wind stuff? Do we have to  
5 pass a lawsuit?

6 MR. POPE: Pretty soon.

7 MALE VOICE: No. I think we've done all that.

8 So on --

9 MR. MATERESE: So the moratorium is over then?

10 MALE VOICE: I think the moratorium is over.

11 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

12 MALE VOICE: The local law is in place.

13 There's, you know, a question over the entire (sounds  
14 like) of it. So I know it's not really solar, but it  
15 falls into the same category. Exactly what he said,  
16 right? Then we just sent the notice out to them that  
17 they're going to have to negotiate the pilot through  
18 Delcom (phonetic).

19 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

20 MALE VOICE: So we sent that notice out. Rose  
21 prepared that letter. She sent a copy of that letter to  
22 the school district in Tioga County so that they could do  
23 -- I mean they could just do what's on the letter. I know  
24 the school district immediately word for word -- they  
25 close this letter and immediately sent out the same thing.  
26 I can't remember how we came to get (indiscernible) or

1 not.

2 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

3 MALE VOICE: And so I think, with the solar  
4 coming in, it would be the same thing. Once we know how  
5 to get through the application, then we'd get to send our  
6 letters out.

7 MR. MATERESE: All right. Thank you. And was  
8 there a Zoom meeting with the account executive and  
9 several of the municipal leaders.

10 MALE VOICE: Yes.

11 MR. MATERESE: And the account executive is  
12 proposing a, yeah, for a prescription program to put it in  
13 a super bank with counties and towns from all around the  
14 state so we can get lower pricing. They have to pass the  
15 specific information on that, hopefully, by tomorrow so I  
16 can send it to you. But I believe we have to pass  
17 something by March 15th that says that we're interested in  
18 looking at it. Not interested in participating. Just  
19 interested in looking at it.

20 It goes back to like a (indiscernible) town  
21 where they just want to get a bunch of municipalities.  
22 (Indiscernible) said they'd be involved so they can go out  
23 and shop. And then they'll look. Excuse me. There will  
24 be an (indiscernible) so that, if we decide once we see it  
25 we don't like, we don't have to participate. But I want  
26 to get that information out. I'll get it to you tomorrow.

1 Hopefully tomorrow. Then we'll just have to have a quick  
2 meeting and pass that resolution so we can opt in to  
3 looking at that. And then we'll have six weeks from that  
4 period to decide whether we want to get it or not. He  
5 wants, you know, by May 15th. I think that's exactly --

6 MR. BERTONI: Rick, can you say that again?  
7 Just the part about what is it we're going to look at?

8 MR. MATERESE: A better prescription program,  
9 Frank, for our retirees. And it's supposed to save  
10 millions of dollars.

11 MALE VOICE: (Indiscernible) information on it.

12 MR. BERTONI: Yeah. I'm sorry. It's just  
13 you're breaking up just a little bit.

14 MALE VOICE: Oh. Right, right. So I was  
15 forwarded some information on it and some of it just  
16 doesn't make any sense.

17 MR. MATERESE: That's why, you know, I want -- I  
18 didn't read it anything. We need some more information.

19 MALE VOICE: Yeah. So one of the things that  
20 was said was you just need like numbers. That's what  
21 drives the cost, is just numbers.

22 MR. MATERESE: Correct.

23 MALE VOICE: But then he says you've got to give  
24 me your census information. Why? If you just need  
25 numbers, why do you need census information? Because  
26 that's what drives the number, is the census. Not the

1 number.

2 MR. MATERESE: I'm confused. What's the  
3 difference between the census and the numbers?

4 MALE VOICE: Census says whether male or female,  
5 where you live, what's your date of birth.

6 MR. MATERESE: Oh, yeah. They said today they  
7 didn't want -- all they wanted was a person and there  
8 wasn't -- there was no specific information. So again I  
9 want to check and see what the official rules are.

10 MALE VOICE: It just seemed very cloudy in terms  
11 of this is how we're going to achieve it. But it doesn't  
12 make sense. Like, well, why do you need this information?

13 MR. MATERESE: Apparently, (indiscernible)  
14 cities here have done it and saved \$20 million to do this  
15 just now.

16 FEMALE VOICE: Just the retirees. So we're not  
17 talking --

18 MR. MATERESE: Yes. And supposedly it's not  
19 supposed to affect any of our collective bargaining  
20 agreement. And again we'll have to look at that. It  
21 doesn't, but obviously you have to. Okay? So I just want  
22 you to be able to look out for that so that you can see  
23 it. And then we can decide to vote yea or nay. We'll  
24 look at it, okay?

25 MS. BAUMAN: Okay.

26 MR. MATERESE: Speaking of also yeas or nays, I

1 think ON March 9th Megan is going to come out with new  
2 numbers for this year because she wants to renew -- I  
3 don't know. You don't have to renew by March 19th or do  
4 you?

5 MALE VOICE: No.

6 MR. MATERESE: They're going to backdate the  
7 numbers and we can take a look and see if we do want to  
8 bring that agreement to Megan. Okay?

9 MR. BERTONI: The last time they did that, we  
10 did a webinar or something with her so she could outline  
11 the different prices that came in and how they compared.  
12 Remember?

13 MR. MATERESE: Right.

14 MR. BERTONI: Will we do that again?

15 MALE VOICE: I don't know. All I know is that  
16 something's coming on March 9th. I'm not exactly sure how  
17 they're going to present information on it.

18 MALE VOICE: They gave a review on the Community  
19 Choice Aggregation right now. And just to say it exactly,  
20 before Community Choice Aggregation was an option. It was  
21 you could be with NYSEG and you would pay a variable  
22 really for however long you want to be there. You could  
23 join a third party supplier and you would pay a fix rate,  
24 but you had to lock in for a certain period of time. And  
25 there was a penalty if you left. So there is an exit fee  
26 or exit penalty.

1                   And then, with Community Choice Aggregation, it  
2 was you could get a fixed amount and you could leave  
3 without penalty. So it added to your options that are  
4 available. They looked at the data, the cost and  
5 everything and said, okay, we're going to look at a 12-  
6 month period. And it was so how would you have done it if  
7 you had stayed with NYSEG. I think the difference was  
8 like 30 cents a month or something like that.

9                   MALE VOICE: So it was very close then if you  
10 had just stayed with NYSEG.

11                   MALE VOICE: They're going to do that again, say  
12 we have a threshold that we want to beat. If we beat it,  
13 then they'll recommend going forward. If they don't beat  
14 it, then they'll say they'll probably not going to go  
15 forward.

16                   MR. MATERESE: Okay. So that should be coming  
17 next week.

18                   MALE VOICE: Yes.

19                   MR. MATERESE: Okay. Before I get into the  
20 agenda, do you guys want me to do this proclamation  
21 tonight or do you want to invite him to the next meeting  
22 and do the proclamation with him present for this?

23                   MALE VOICE: Yeah.

24                   FEMALE VOICE: I think that'd be nice.

25                   MALE VOICE: If he is here, yeah.

26                   MR. MATERESE: Right. So we'll do that at the

1 next meeting. It's all right. We'll hold that. Okay.  
2 Now the agenda.

3 FEMALE VOICE: I'm sorry.

4 MR. MATERESE: I'm sorry.

5 FEMALE VOICE: Before you go to the agenda, did  
6 everybody get the email from Mike Tallon about what we  
7 asked him to do with the softball league?

8 MALE VOICE: I saw the tag.

9 FEMALE VOICE: I made copies for everybody. I  
10 thought I could do that. Would you like one?

11 FEMALE VOICE: Yes, please. Thank you.

12 MR. MATERESE: Yeah. I got it and I can see it.  
13 I'd look at it here.

14 FEMALE VOICE: Okay.

15 FEMALE VOICE: (Indiscernible)

16 FEMALE VOICE: What I did was I put it up, the  
17 landscape, because he didn't have it in that. It came out  
18 on two slips of paper and part of it was missing. So I  
19 reconfigured the Excel spreadsheet. I hope he doesn't  
20 mind. I didn't change any of the numbers, but I did --  
21 and he asked me at the Parks' meeting if there are any  
22 suggestions for him. I told him we needed to see  
23 something in some kind of a spreadsheet that will show us  
24 that we have this many teams, what are the entry fees,  
25 what can our profit be if we have this many teams and so  
26 on and so forth. And that's basically what he gave us.

1 MR. MATERESE: Right. So does he -- you know,  
2 it says 50 teams. What are his thoughts about how to get  
3 50 teams to play? Do we have the fields for 50 teams to  
4 be playing in competition? Frank, do you know that?

5 MR. BERTONI: Yeah, I hear you.

6 MR. MATERESE: What's that?

7 MR. BERTONI: Yes, I heard you. Is that what  
8 you said?

9 MR. MATERESE: Well, I asked you do we have the  
10 fields for 50 team competition?

11 MR. BERTONI: Well, I know where we have fields.  
12 Is that what you're asking me?

13 MR. MATERESE: Well, yeah. Do you think we have  
14 enough fields to cover that many team?

15 MR. BERTONI: Yeah. I think so.

16 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

17 FEMALE VOICE: Yeah. He made a comment. If  
18 anyone question the numbers, he'll figure the lighting of  
19 the 17-seat (indiscernible).

20 MR. MATERESE: Really? Only 17 seats?

21 FEMALE VOICE: Only 17 seats. That's all we're  
22 talking about. I don't know how we're going to get 50  
23 teams. First we're talking about how many days a week and  
24 spread off during the day too. But I think the 50 could,  
25 you know, it just could be like hypothetically to show us  
26 that this is what 10 teams would profit, 20, 30. Because,

1 you know, I basically asked him to make a spreadsheet.  
2 Make some things that we could compare apples with apples.  
3 So we know what we are looking at.

4 MR. MATERESE: Thank you.

5 FEMALE VOICE: Okay? So there he said, if you  
6 have any questions, just email him or call him.

7 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Frank?

8 MR. BERTONI: The biggest issue always seem to  
9 be, when the fields are not available, did we have backup  
10 fields. And supposedly, I haven't checked on this  
11 personally, but supposedly at Billy Hill, we have modified  
12 a field so that they can play there. Then I believe we  
13 have a girls' softball field up at Struble and I believe  
14 there's supposed to be a playable field at Highland. So  
15 in addition to the fields that we already have both at  
16 Glendale and 17 C, there are three other fields that are  
17 usable.

18 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

19 MR. BERTONI: I guess it just depends on if  
20 you're having a league where they want to skin the field.  
21 And then maybe we have a field that's not skinned or we  
22 have a grass field. You know what I mean? So I guess  
23 that's up to Mike just to figure that out as to whether  
24 people are willing to play on a different kind of surface.  
25 But we certainly seem to have at least, I think, seven  
26 fields. That should be more than enough to handle it.

1 MR. MATERESE: I agree.

2 MR. BERTONI: There are other leagues that play  
3 in there but, with COVID, a lot of that changed. But, you  
4 know, like we have a girls' softball field and then  
5 there's a softball field at Glendale. I think we have  
6 fields to use. It's just a matter of scheduling and  
7 figuring that out.

8 MR. MATERESE: All right. Thank you.

9 MR. BERTONI: Yeah.

10 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Anything on tonight's  
11 agenda?

12 MALE VOICE: Can we talk about (indiscernible).

13 MR. MATERESE: We talked about that. We talked  
14 about that in the executive session.

15 MALE VOICE: Oh. Are we going on with it or  
16 refer it?

17 MR. MATERESE: I'll refer it to Dee. He's then  
18 going to do a memo to us or recommendation on how to  
19 proceed with it.

20 MALE VOICE: Okay. Yeah. Thank you.

21 MR. MATERESE: Okay? Anybody else have anything  
22 on the agenda? Going once, going twice. We have a couple  
23 of minutes before we start our meeting.

24 MS. BAUMAN: Oh. You know what I wanted to ask?  
25 At the end of the meeting, when we have comments --

26 MR. MATERESE: Yes?

1 MS. BAUMAN: I cut out this obituary on a fellow  
2 that just passed away here, but I don't know him.

3 MR. MATERESE: Fred Durfee.

4 MS. BAUMAN: Yeah. Were you going to say  
5 something, Tom? Or, Rick, were you going to say something  
6 to them?

7 MR. MATERESE: Well, I mean I can. But, Tom, do  
8 you want to because you've been here longer?

9 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah. Yeah.

10 MS. BAUMAN: I mean I cut out it but I don't  
11 know -- I just really feel we should say something.

12 MR. MATERESE: Yeah. Unfortunately, I don't  
13 think we got to enjoy one day of free time.

14 MS. BAUMAN: No.

15 MR. AUGOSTINI: I think we can ask them the next  
16 day we pass by.

17 MR. MATERESE: Yeah.

18 MS. BAUMAN: Isn't that horrible?

19 MR. AUGOSTINI: If this is okay, maybe just a  
20 moment of silence before --

21 MR. MATERESE: Yeah. At the council comments or  
22 before the meeting?

23 MR. AUGOSTINI: No. Before the meeting.

24 MR. MATERESE: That's fine.

25 MS. BAUMAN: That's an excellent idea. I just  
26 cut it out to bring it to the committee's attention.

1 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah. I mean I --

2 MS. BAUMAN: Feel bad about the --

3 MR. AUGOSTINI: I don't think he was here a long  
4 time. Just before he retired I was -- Frank, how long  
5 have you been here.

6 MR. BERTONI: Thirty-five years it looks like.  
7 Now I'm 44.

8 MS. BAUMAN: (Interposing) knows a couple of  
9 people who had that happen to them. It's not nice.

10 MR. MATERESE: Anybody have anything else?  
11 Laura, did you have anything? Thank you, Laura.

12 LAURA LINDSLEY: I'm good. Thank you.

13 (Pause in the proceeding)

14 MR. MATERESE: All right. Let's start our  
15 meeting. Let's do Pledge of Allegiance first.

16 ALL: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the  
17 United States of America and to the Republic for which it  
18 stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty  
19 and justice for all.

20 MR. MATERESE: I'd like to take a moment of  
21 silence for one of our employees, 44 years of service to  
22 the Town. Mr. Fred Durfee passed away just after  
23 retiring. Let's take a moment of silence for him please.

24 (Pause)

25 MR. MATERESE: Thank you. I would like to  
26 welcome everyone to this regular meeting of the Town of

1 Union on March 3, 2021. Copies of our agenda should have  
2 been on your website to look at so you could follow on.  
3 Mr. Perfetti will read the statement. And take a roll  
4 call please.

5 MR. LEONARD PERFEETTI: Please take notice that,  
6 in accordance with the emergency order of the Governor in  
7 the State of New York, notice is hereby given that the  
8 Town board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 3,  
9 2021, at 7:00 or thereafter. The in-person attendance  
10 shall not exceed 50 percent capacity of the Town boardroom  
11 less Town board members and Town employees. It is  
12 anticipated the maximum number of the public who can be in  
13 attendance at the Town Hall on this Town board meeting  
14 would be 17 persons.

15 All persons in attendance must wear a face mask  
16 covering to include their mouth and nose region. They  
17 must hand sanitize upon entry at the meeting at the hand  
18 sanitizing stations provided by the Town. They must  
19 adhere to social distancing guidelines or remain six feet  
20 apart at all times.

21 Alternatively, or in the event that the persons  
22 or public attendance has met the maximum capacity for the  
23 public hearing, they would also be acceptable via the Zoom  
24 virtual meeting software. Any member of the public  
25 wishing to observe that meeting remotely are advised.

26 I'll take the roll call. Staley.

1 MS. STALEY: Present.

2 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman.

3 MS. BAUMAN: Present.

4 MR. PERFETTI: Bertoni.

5 MR. BERTONI: Present.

6 MR. PERFETTI: Augostini?

7 MR. AUGOSTINI: Present.

8 MR. PERFETTI: Materese.

9 MR. MATERESE: Present. Okay. We have no  
10 public hearings tonight. Mr. Augostini, bids?

11 MR. AUGOSTINI: No bids tonight.

12 MR. MATERESE: No bids tonight. Approval of  
13 minutes.

14 MR. AUGOSTINI: Motion to approve the minutes of  
15 the Regular Town of Union Board Meeting held on Wednesday,  
16 February 17, 2021.

17 MR. BERTONI: I second.

18 MR. MATERESE: A motion has been made by Mr.  
19 Augostini and seconded by Mr. Bertoni to approve the  
20 minutes of the Regular Town of Union Board Meeting held on  
21 Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Are there any additions,  
22 deletions or corrections? Hearing none, we'll call for a  
23 vote. All those in favor say aye.

24 VOICES: Aye.

25 MR. MATERESE: All those opposed? None? The  
26 minutes are approved. I'd also like to welcome, we have

1 him in our gallery, County Legislator Jason Shaw. Thanks  
2 for stopping in, Jason. And we're going to welcome  
3 somebody for the last time as deputy county executive,  
4 who'll give the State of the County Address, Mr. Kevin  
5 McManus. Congratulations, Kevin, on your retirement.  
6 Good luck on whatever happens next.

7 MR. KEVIN MCMANUS: Thank you, Supervisor, and  
8 thank you to the board for having us come in tonight and  
9 give you the State of the County. I want to give a nice  
10 hello and shout out to my colleague, Jason Shaw, who is my  
11 legislator. He's tuning in tonight. Jason and I worked  
12 very closely together on a lot of things that matter to  
13 our community. So with that, at any point in time, if  
14 Jason feels the need to step in and fill in some gaps for  
15 me, feel free.

16 I think Lenny told me about 25, 30 minutes I  
17 should go. Right, Lenny?

18 MALE VOICE: Two or three.

19 MR. PERFETTI: Five.

20 MR. MCMANUS: Oh. Okay, 5, 10. All right. I  
21 thought you said 25.

22 MALE VOICE: Two or three.

23 MR. MCMANUS: We're recognizing all the heroes  
24 that we have at the County who performed admirably during  
25 the pandemic. Everybody of course knows the great job  
26 that the health department did under Rebecca Kaufman and

1 the Office of the Emergency Services with Mike Panicello.  
2 But some of our departments whizzed very creatively during  
3 the pandemic to utilize personnel. Like the Office for  
4 Aging was making phone calls to people over 65 to get them  
5 vaccinations. At Parks and Rec, we were using the folks  
6 who were working at the arena and put them into contact  
7 tracing. So instead of working in the parks and  
8 transferring over to the arena where there were no events,  
9 they went straight to contract tracing along with some  
10 folks from the library, et cetera. So we did find some  
11 creative ways to fight the pandemic.

12 Just a couple of things that we were able to  
13 point out. We did have some PPE procurement donations  
14 dropped off over a million pieces just in our community.  
15 On contact tracing, we started with three in our health  
16 department and then expanded that at one point in time to  
17 over 75 people going through contacting everybody and  
18 tracing all their whereabouts.

19 We've had unprecedented luck and a great  
20 cooperation and working relationship with the schools'  
21 superintendents and a lot of businesses. Just one of the  
22 more creative ideas that came up. We had tasked our  
23 emergency services to come up with a way to deliver  
24 testing. They came up with an idea of a mobile testing  
25 site. Within two days we had a Broome transit bus down,  
26 ripped it apart and made it into a mobile testing site,

1       which we think will probably transition possibly into a  
2       mobile vaccination site. We're sitting in about 20  
3       percent at the time this report was produced. Those  
4       vaccinated then stayed average. Right now it's about 15  
5       percent. We're getting more each week. And we opened up  
6       a mass vaccination site at Broome Community College. We  
7       think that's going to be going very well.

8               Our local economy is coming back, we're happy to  
9       say that. We'd like to think that we collectively, with  
10      the legislature, played a small part in that. We have a  
11      great working relationship with the legislature. It could  
12      not have made it easier to manage a pandemic. At a time  
13      when you really could dig in on certain things in  
14      operations, they've been a great partner. It's been hand  
15      in glove and I'm proud to say that. People can question  
16      whether it works at the state or works at the federal  
17      government, but we have made it work in Broome County  
18      working together across party lines to make the county  
19      government work. And to make sure that we tackle this  
20      pandemic, it's in the response.

21             Our unemployment rate is coming down. Our sales  
22      tax is coming back. Median housing prices are up almost  
23      30 percent. The funding from the state, that was to be  
24      cut 20 percent. They're now bringing that down to 5  
25      percent. That's a very creative way, to get a 5 percent  
26      cut, I would imagine.

1           We've had our third straight tax cut. Our fund  
2 balance was up to \$14 million before the pandemic. We  
3 never took any money from the municipalities from 2011 to  
4 2016. Apparently there were negotiations that went back  
5 and forth. We take pride that we worked together to not  
6 do that.

7           There are exciting new projects that are coming  
8 down the pike in Broome County government. We can email  
9 you a breakdown. Jason has this ball of federal stimulus  
10 money that is coming into the community. The Town of  
11 Union is looking possibly at \$29 million. That's an  
12 unofficial target. I'm sure you all know that. If you  
13 didn't, maybe you learned something tonight. Let's hope  
14 some type of stimulus pass this because we think it's  
15 important to getting back to where we were. No one in  
16 emergency services or health department dreamed that they  
17 would have the cost that they've incurred just battling  
18 this pandemic.

19           So that's about five minutes, just about what  
20 Lenny asked me to bring out to you. I would like to ask  
21 Jason if he's got anything to add. Or go right to  
22 questions and answers.

23           MR. JASON SHAW: In keeping it simple, I think  
24 that when Jesse (phonetic) gave the full speech, he of  
25 course went a little deeper into these things. But when  
26 it comes to the town here, that number you gave is really

1 the thing that makes the biggest difference. I hope  
2 there's anything we can do to help make it happen so that  
3 you guys can fill your budget holes because we certainly  
4 will have them too.

5 MR. MCMANUS: Do you have any questions that  
6 Jason and I can answer?

7 MR. MATERESE: Kevin, the \$29 million, you  
8 know, whatever that figure actually ends up being, are  
9 there stipulations for its use? Does it come with strings  
10 attached or is it for us to take care of problems that we  
11 had during the pandemic?

12 MR. MCMANUS: I'm not aware of any stipulations  
13 at this point because the federal, the House Bill, and the  
14 Senate Bill keep changing. That's just the allotment we  
15 were told. We're set to receive a little bit more. We  
16 had some short term borrowing, so that will minimize that  
17 amount drastically. When you listen to our finance  
18 director talk about how cash management works, I get lost  
19 after about two minutes of it. You know, \$36 million that  
20 we believe that we'd see at the county goes very fast.

21 I'm not aware of any stipulations at this point.  
22 I haven't followed it too closely because it keeps  
23 changing all the time. Jason, anything to add?

24 MR. SHAW: Only that this last round, when we  
25 got CARES Act money, a number of those things were tagged  
26 to certain departments for certain uses. But all

1 indications I have so far is that that is not the case  
2 here. But like you said, anything could change at any  
3 time.

4 MR. MCMANUS: Right.

5 MR. MATERESE: Thank you. Anyone else have  
6 questions? Heather?

7 MS. STALEY: No. No questions.

8 MR. MATERESE: Sandy?

9 MS. BAUMAN: No questions.

10 MR. MATARESE: Tom? You got anything?

11 MR. AUGOSTINI: No, I don't.

12 MR. MATERESE: All right. Well, thank you very  
13 much for your presentation. We appreciate it. Again good  
14 luck at what comes next.

15 MR. MCMANUS: You could tell Tom Augostini that  
16 Seton Hall's beating Connecticut by one right now.

17 MR. AUGOSTINI: Still early.

18 MR. MCMANUS: Have a great evening everybody.

19 MR. MATERESE: Thank you. Okay. Now we can get  
20 on.

21 MALE VOICE: Porretta's son, Dave, is on here.

22 MR. MATERESE: Oh, Dave. Okay.

23 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

24 MR. MATERESE: Why don't we do that now?

25 MR. BERTONI: Rick, can you hear me?

26 MR. DAVE PORRETTA: Yes, I can.

1 MR. BERTONI: Okay. Because my phone said, I  
2 mean my tablet said that I was muted.

3 MR. MATERESE: Not now.

4 MR. BERTONI: Okay.

5 MR. MATERESE: All right. Mr. Porretta, we have  
6 a proclamation for your father. We didn't know if we  
7 should do it tonight or try to wait to get him on the Zoom  
8 meeting next meeting? What would you prefer?

9 MR. PORRETTA: My gut feeling is to do it now.

10 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

11 MR. PORRETTA: My dad doesn't do real good in  
12 the evening and my mom is just recovering from a little  
13 surgery. So my suggestion is to do it now if you don't  
14 mind.

15 MR. MATERESE: No. That's fine. We can do it  
16 right now. You're right here in front of us. I will read  
17 this.

18 *In Celebration of Dominic Perretta*

19 WHEREAS, Dominic Perretta, born and raised in  
20 Pofi, Italy, with his four siblings, immigrated to America  
21 through Ellis Island with his mother and twin siblings at  
22 the age of 16, and,

23 WHEREAS, Dominic married his wife Pauline,  
24 raised three children, built his own home and continued to  
25 keep his Italian tradition alive through regularly  
26 preparing homemade cannoli shells, wine and pasta; and,

1           WHEREAS, Dominic became an active member of this  
2           community working at UE High School's ticket booth,  
3           volunteering at the Italian Feast days and other church  
4           events, joining the Knights of Columbus and meeting his  
5           fellow retirees for a morning cup of coffee; and,

6           WHEREAS, Dominic continued to drive, keep up his  
7           lawn care and housework with Pauline and is always looking  
8           forward to visits from his children, grandchildren, and  
9           great grandchildren who live out of town.

10           Now, therefore, the Town of Union Board wishes  
11           to join family, friends, and fellow citizens in  
12           celebrating Mr. Dominic Porretta on his 100th birthday.

13           Congratulations.

14           MR. PORRETTA: Thank you so much for  
15           acknowledging my dad. I know he'll be really touched  
16           about this. And thanks again for the board for doing  
17           this. I really appreciate it. My sisters appreciate it.  
18           And so thank you very much.

19           MR. MATERESE: We will get this out in the mail  
20           to you. I know your mom and dad. Please tell them I said  
21           hello and wish them well.

22           MR. PORRETTA: I will. I will.

23           MR. BERTONI: Thanks, Dave.

24           MR. PORRETTA: Well, thank you. Thank you,  
25           Frank.

26           MR. MATERESE: Okay. Let's move on the meeting.

1 So now we're at our Hearing of Visitors. We come to the  
2 part of our agenda now. It's the first two Hearings of  
3 Visitors. We ask that you limit your comments to three  
4 minutes. Speak only once at each hearing and please do  
5 not repeat information that has already been presented.  
6 Most importantly please remember that this time is not set  
7 aside to debate with the Town Board, but rather we are  
8 offering you an opportunity to respectfully share your  
9 concerns with us.

10 That said, we encourage anyone wishing to speak  
11 regarding the Town of Union to please come forward and  
12 clearly state your name and address for the record. Is  
13 there anyone wishing to speak? Okay. Is Amanda  
14 (indiscernible) in?

15 MALE VOICE: No. I think, yeah, it would  
16 certainly be (indiscernible) on this.

17 MR. MATERESE: Oh, okay. All right. So hearing  
18 none, that there no one wishing to speak, I'm calling this  
19 Hearing of Visitors to a close. Communication for Filing.  
20 Mr. Augustoni.

21 MR. AUGOSTINI: I make a motion that  
22 Communications for Filing one, two, and three be accepted  
23 and placed on file.

24 MR. BERTONI: I second.

25 MR. MATERESE: A motion has been made by Mr.  
26 Augustini and seconded by Mr. Bertoni to receive and file

1 Communications for Filing one through three. Are there  
2 any comments? Hearing none, we'll call for a vote. All  
3 those in favor say aye.

4 VOICES: Aye.

5 MR. MATERESE: Opposed say no or nay. None?  
6 All right. They're filed. Communications are filed.  
7 Communications for Action.

8 MR. AUGOSTINI: I make a motion FOR  
9 Communications for Action number one be referred to the  
10 Deputy Commissioner for Code and Ordinances.

11 MR. BERTONI: I Second.

12 MR. MATERESE: Okay. A motion has been made by  
13 Mr. Augostini and seconded by Mr. Bertoni to refer Action  
14 number one to Deputy of Code. And what was it?

15 MR. AUGOSTINI: Ordinances.

16 MR. MATERESE: Ordinances. Sorry. Are there  
17 any comments? Hearing none, we'll call for a vote. All  
18 those in favor say aye.

19 VOICES: Aye.

20 MR. MATERESE: Opposed say nay. None? It is  
21 referred. Mr. Augostini.

22 MR. AUGOSTINI: I make a motion Communication  
23 for Actions number 2 be referred to the Commissioner of  
24 Public Works and the Town Highway Superintendent.

25 MR. BERTONI: I second.

26 MR. MATERESE: Okay. A motion has been made by

1 Mr. Augostini and seconded by Mr. Bertoni to refer Action  
2 number 2 to the Commissioner of Public Works and the  
3 Highway Superintendent. Are there any comments? Hearing  
4 none, I'll call for a vote. All those in favor say aye.

5 VOICES: Aye.

6 MR. MATERESE: Opposed say nay. None? It is  
7 referred. Mr. Augostini.

8 MR. AUGUSTONI: I make a motion that  
9 Communications for Action number 3 be referred to the  
10 Commissioner of Public Works and Parks Manager.

11 MR. BERTONI: I second.

12 MR. MATERESE: A motion has been made by Mr.  
13 Augostini and seconded by Mr. Bertoni to refer Action  
14 number 3 to the Commissioner of Public Works and the Parks  
15 Manager. All those in -- excuse me. Are there any  
16 comments? Hearing none, we'll call for a vote. All those  
17 in favor say aye.

18 VOICES: Aye.

19 MR. MATERESE: Opposed say nay. It is referred.  
20 Petitions. Mr. Augostini.

21 MR. AUGOSTINI: No petitions tonight.

22 MR. MATERESE: None tonight. Okay. So  
23 Committee Reports, Recommendations, and Resolutions. The  
24 following Committee items, reference, or a motion or  
25 resolution are simply potential items for your  
26 consideration. The Environmental Committee has some

1 legislation and it would go around the committee. Mr.  
2 Bertoni.

3 MR. BERTONI: Nothing tonight.

4 MR. MATERESE: Thank you, sir. Finance, Capital  
5 Projects, and Public Works Committee. Ms. Staley.

6 MS. STALEY: I have a motion to approve the  
7 following 2021 budget transfers. We're going to decrease  
8 telephones by \$1,900; decrease building services  
9 \$1,829.27; and, increase capital improvements \$3,729.27.

10 MR. AUGOSTINI: I second.

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

15 VOICES: Aye.

16 MR. MATERESE: All those opposed say nay. None.  
17 The motion is approved. Employee Safety, Parks, and  
18 Recreation. Ms. Bauman.

19 MS. BAUMAN: Yes. I have a resolution  
20 authorizing Karen Gance, retired Deputy Clerk, to return  
21 at a rate of \$20 an hour for training of the new deputy  
22 clerk until April 9, 2021 and on an as needed basis.

23 MS. STALEY: I second.

24 MR. MATERESE: Well, you've heard the proposed  
25 resolution as presented by Ms. Bauman and seconded by Ms.  
26 Staley. Are there any comments? Hearing none, we'll have

1 a roll call vote. Please, Mr. Perfetti.

2 MR. PERFETTI: Staley.

3 MS. STALEY: Aye.

4 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman.

5 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

6 MR. PERFETTI: Bertoni.

7 MR. BERTONI: Aye.

8 MR. PERFETTI: Augostini.

9 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye.

10 MR. PERFETTI: Materese.

11 MR. MATERESE: Aye. The resolution is adapted.

12 Ms. Staley. Oh, I'm sorry. Ms. Bauman. I'm sorry. So  
13 we're good.

14 MS. STALEY: It's okay.

15 MS. BAUMAN: We have a resolution to approve  
16 three part-time hires in the Refuse Department. Employees  
17 are not to exceed 19.5 hours per week per employee. The  
18 Town will pay said hires at the state minimum of \$12.50  
19 per hour.

20 MS. STALEY: I second.

21 MR. MATERESE: You heard the proposed resolution  
22 as presented by Ms. Bauman and seconded by Ms. Staley.

23 Are there any comments? Hearing none, we'll have a roll  
24 call vote. Please, Mr. Perfetti.

25 MR. PERFETTI: Staley.

26 MS. STALEY: Aye.

1 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman.

2 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

3 MR. PERFETTI: Bertoni.

4 MR. BERTONI: Aye.

5 MR. PERFETTI: Augostini.

6 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye.

7 MR. PERFETTI: Materese.

8 MR. MATERESE: Aye. The resolution is adapted.

9 Ms. Bauman.

10 MS. BAUMAN: Yes. I have a resolution to  
11 approve the 1.6 percent wage increase to the full time  
12 non-union exempt employees on payroll and retroactive to  
13 January 1, 2021. This pay increase did not include the  
14 least senior deputy clerk and the personnel  
15 specialist/payroll.

16 MS. STALEY: I second.

17 MR. MATERESE: You heard the proposed resolution  
18 as presented by Ms. Bauman and seconded by Ms. Staley.  
19 Are there any comments? Hearing none, we'll have a roll  
20 call vote. Please, Mr. Perfetti.

21 MR. PERFETTI: Staley.

22 MS. STALEY: Aye.

23 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman.

24 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

25 MR. PERFETTI: Bertoni.

26 MR. BERTONI: Aye.

1 MR. PERFETTI: Augostini.

2 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye.

3 MR. PERFETTI: Materese.

4 MR. MATERESE: Aye. The resolution is adapted.  
5 Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee. Mr.  
6 Augostini.

7 MR. AUGOSTINI: A resolution to approve Change  
8 Order number one for the contract with Whitmore Fence  
9 Company, Incorporated, to extend their contract through  
10 August 2, 2021 and increase the price to \$43,768. The  
11 supervisor and deputy supervisor or other Town officials  
12 so designated by the Town Board shall be authorized to  
13 sign all documentations required to implement this  
14 contract.

15 MR. BERTONI: I second.

16 MR. MATERESE: You heard the proposed resolution  
17 as presented by Mr. Augostini and seconded by Mr. Bertoni.  
18 Are there any comments?

19 MR. AUGOSTINI: For reference, this is actually  
20 for the Village of Endicott through the Community  
21 Development Park Grant program at the CFJ Park.

22 MR. MATERESE: CFJ?

23 MR. AUGOSTINI: I'm sorry.

24 MR. MATERESE: Or GW?

25 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah, George I mean.

26 MR. MATERESE: C?

1 MR. AUGOSTINI: George W. Is it Georgia?

2 MR. POPE: Yeah.

3 MR. MATERESE: I'm sorry. Is it George W.? Is  
4 it Georgia? Isn't Georgia another state? I thought it  
5 was West Endicott. Whatever.

6 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah.

7 MR. MATERESE: Okay. All right. So any other  
8 comments?

9 MR. AUGOSTINI: I think you're right. I think  
10 George W. is West Endicott. Right?

11 MR. MATERESE: No. I think George W. is on the  
12 north side.

13 MR. POPE: It's on the north side.

14 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Any other comments?

15 Hearing none, we'll have a roll call vote. Please, Mr.  
16 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 Hearing of Visitors. We are now in the part of our agenda  
2 where we have our second Hearing of Visitors. Same rules  
3 apply. We ask that you be respectful. Confine your  
4 comments to three minutes. One time only at the  
5 microphone and no repetition please. Are there any people  
6 wishing to speak at our Hearing of Visitors? I got a hand  
7 up. Unmute.

8 MALE VOICE: Terri.

9 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Carry on.

10 MS. TERRI FARRELL: Hi, Rick. Thank you for  
11 allowing me an opportunity to speak. I just wanted to let  
12 you know --

13 MR. MATERESE: Name and address please, Terri.

14 MS. FARRELL: Oh, sorry. Terri Farrell, 404  
15 Hazel Avenue in Endicott.

16 You might have heard about it at the last  
17 meeting, we are planning an Arbor Day event. This will be  
18 the first one ever in Endicott, so we're pretty excited  
19 about that. I am working with Lori Brokovitch. She  
20 actually is with the Davy Resource Group and a former  
21 colleague of mine from the Environmental Science and  
22 Forestry School. They actually have worked with  
23 Binghamton to help them become a Tree City U.S.A. with the  
24 Shade Tree Commission. For 20 years they have been  
25 protecting their trees and really earning several grants  
26 to help them out.

1           The goal of this event would be for us to work  
2 towards becoming a Tree City U.S.A. So with the Arbor Day  
3 event, that's just one of the four criteria that we would  
4 need. We also would have to have a board. The Village of  
5 Endicott or the Town of Union would have to show that they  
6 are doing tree work which could be any type of maintenance  
7 of trees. I mean of course the Arbor Day event would also  
8 help us earn these points.

9           We will of course be utilizing social distancing  
10 with proper CDC guidelines and following wearing masks.  
11 People limited if that might be the case. We also are  
12 thinking of having it virtually, but it will be really  
13 great. I did submit an application last Thursday.  
14 Heather Staley did help to support this event. It'll be  
15 the first time for us, so we want to make sure that we're  
16 inviting everyone whether it'd be by Zoom or in person.  
17 So all of our representatives including the Town of Union,  
18 the Village, legislators like Jason Shaw, we'd love to  
19 have be there in person if you can.

20           We will have activities such as seedling  
21 giveaways. We're going to have a poster contest and we're  
22 going to have a lot of other really great educational  
23 material. Heather Staley will read the proclamation. So  
24 this has been something that we're really getting full  
25 community support. We've created a committee. We are  
26 meeting every Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. We have Nicole

1 Wolfe. The superintendent is part of our group. We have  
2 biology teachers, high school ambassadors. So many of the  
3 students are going to be getting recognition and they can  
4 use this for volunteer time.

5 I'm trying to think. So the date is going to be  
6 May 1st at Glendale Park. We haven't been able to put the  
7 time in yet because we're working with the Little League,  
8 the leaves of the Little League because obviously their  
9 season is going to be starting back up again. So I can  
10 get back to you on that.

11 But basically this all came about when 30  
12 healthy trees, healthy Bradford trees were cut down on  
13 South Street and the residents were pretty upset about  
14 that. I felt this is a really great opportunity for us to  
15 raise awareness and educate our communities on how  
16 important trees are. So this is a big thing for us.

17 Once we become a Tree City U.S.A., we can attain  
18 greater recognition and funding for any projects. Whether  
19 it'd be inventory of trees, tree plantings, seedling  
20 disbursement, and any of those types of things. So we're  
21 really excited about it. And I just wanted to share that.  
22 I did put a proposal in all of the Town councilman  
23 members' box. So hopefully you got that. And thank you  
24 for allowing me to talk today.

25 MR. BERTONI: Okay. Thank you, Terri.

26 MR. MATERESE: Thank you, Terri. For sure.

1 MS. STALEY: I'll just add one thing quick.  
2 When you said about the trees being cut down on South  
3 Street, I just wanted to mention for the folks at home  
4 that it was not the Town of Union that cut the trees down  
5 on South Street. That was the Village of Endicott. So we  
6 don't cut healthy trees down. I just wanted to clarify  
7 that, Terri. Thank you.

8 MS. FARRELL: Thank you.

9 MR. MATERESE: Thank you, Terri.

10 MS. FARRELL: Thank you. I hope to see you all  
11 there.

12 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Anyone else wishing to  
13 speak? All right. We'll call this Hearing of Visitors to  
14 a close. In my time, I don't remember this. But, Mr.  
15 Augustini, Department Reports on File in the Town Clerk's  
16 Office.

17 MR. AUGOSTINI: There are none.

18 MR. MATERESE: That was what I was going to say.  
19 There are none.

20 MR. AUGOSTINI: There are none.

21 MR. MATERESE: So there's no motion.

22 MR. AUGOSTINI: None.

23 MR. MATERESE: All right. We're at the time for  
24 council comments. Heather?

25 MS. STALEY: Nothing for me tonight. Thank you.

26 MR. MATERESE: Sandy.

1 MS. STALEY: Nothing for me either. Thank you.

2 MR. MATERESE: Frank.

3 MS. BAUMAN: No. Nothing for me either.

4 MR. MATERESE: Tom.

5 MR. AUGOSTINI: I have nothing.

6 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Well, I have one. We  
7 mentioned this group earlier in the year or earlier last  
8 year. Our 4-H UNITY eNews group in January and February  
9 2021 highlighting CYFAR Sustainable Communities Projects,  
10 4-H Urban Neighborhoods Improved Through Youth, UNITY  
11 Endicott and UNITY Rochester.

12 We want to congratulate the Broome 4-H UNITY  
13 Endicott Team Kelly Mabee, Asia Amber, Cindi Conway on  
14 their extraordinary efforts during COVID to discover  
15 innovative ways to program virtually, to create new  
16 community partnerships, recruit new Teen Leaders, and  
17 continue establishing the ground work for our long-term  
18 sustainability.

19 So I just want to say congratulations to them  
20 and keep up the good work. That's all I have. Frank and  
21 Mr. Augostini, adjourn.

22 MR. AUGOSTINI: I make a motion to adjourn at  
23 7:35.

24 MR. BERTONI: I second.

25 MR. MATERESE: You heard the motion to adjourn  
26 by Mr. Augostini and seconded by Mr. Bertoni. Are there

1 any comments? Hearing none, we are adjourned. Thank you,  
2 everybody.

3 (Off the record)

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