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Town of Union

Town Board
Rose A. Sotak, *Supervisor*
Thomas R. Augostini, *Councilman*
Frank J. Bertoni, *Councilman*
Leonard J. Perfetti, *Councilman*
Robert Mack, *Councilman*

TOWN OF UNION BOARD MEETING

April 5, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Union was held on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Board Room, 3111 East Main Street, Endwell, New York.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Rose A. Sotak, Councilman Thomas R. Augostini, Councilman Frank J. Bertoni, Councilman Leonard J. Perfetti, Councilman Robert Mack.

TOWN OFFICIAL PRESENT: Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Deputy Town Attorney Rosemarie Pope, Town Clerk Gail L. Springer, Deputy Town Clerk Becky Kruczkowski, Planning Director Paul A. Nelson.

Also in attendance were Citizens Advisory Council for Community Development member Julie Deemie, Zoning Board of Appeals member Giuseppe Roberto, Village of Endicott Mayor John Bertoni, Village of Endicott Trustee Eileen Konecny.

Supervisor Rose A. Sotak opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

At this time, Town Attorney Alan J. Pope explained that a Public Hearing regarding eminent domain procedure was left open for discussion from the March 15, 2017 meeting. He said an agreement was attained with the property owner, therefore, making the Public Hearing unnecessary.

Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to close the Public Hearing that was left open from the last meeting.
Carried.

A Public Hearing was called for on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. to solicit public input for inclusion in the Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan.
Pub. & Posted

Martin Patchett, 927 Farm to Market Road, Endwell, presented information on solar energy use to the Board and suggested that the former BAE property in Johnson City be used as a Photo-Voltaic Generator to produce income for the Town.



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Gloria Peterson, 211 Corliss Avenue, Johnson City, asked if the money could be used to replace the rusted fencing and broken cement supports along the railroad tracks across from her house.

Supervisor Rose A. Sotak asked Councilman Thomas R. Augostini to talk to the Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio regarding this.

Winnie Sanders, 1019 N. McKinley Avenue, Endicott, asked for funds for the Teen Center she is developing at 117 Jefferson Avenue, Endicott. The funds would be used for structural projects such as a new roof, windows, bathroom and plumbing.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni suggested she write a letter to Planning Director Paul A. Nelson outlining her request for funds.

Sandra Olsen, Teen Transitional Living Program, Catholic Charities, 86 Walnut Street, Binghamton, spoke on behalf of the program that provides homeless youth with an opportunity to become responsible adults through independent living and social skills. She thanked the Board for their past support and asked them for their continued support.

A homeless teen spoke on how it has changed her life being involved with the Teen Transitional Living Program.

Rick Materese, 1425 Campville Road, Endicott, Director, Boys & Girls Club of Western Broome, thanked the Board for their past support and asked for their continued support. He explained about programs that the CDBG funds have been used for in the past.

Cassandra Hamilton, Program Coordinator for Action for Older Persons, thanked the Town for previous CDBG funding; explained many programs they have to offer and asked for future assistance from the Community Development Block Grant.

Bridget Kane, 39 Jane Lacey Drive, Endicott, asked the Board to consider sending a letter or Resolution to the Federal Government asking them not to eliminate these funds from their budget.

As no one else wished to speak, Supervisor Rose A. Sotak closed the Public Hearing.



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BIDS:

Bids were called for on Monday, March 17, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. for Broad Street Reconstruction – Harrison Avenue to Cleveland Avenue, Village of Endicott, NY - Town of Union CDBG Project.

Bids were received as follows:

G. DeVincentis & Son Construction Co., Inc.	\$245,000.00
Chicago Construction Co., Inc.	\$247,000.00
Alberto Torto Construction Corp.	\$250,480.50
DeNinis Construction Co., Inc.	\$275,735.00
Gary Dyer	\$308,185.00

Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to receive and file the bids for Broad Street Reconstruction – Harrison Avenue to Cleveland Avenue, Village of Endicott, NY – Town of Union CDBG Project.
Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the Minutes of the Regular Town of Union Board meeting held on Wednesday, March 15, 2017.
Carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Linda Jackson, 209 E. Franklin Street, Endicott, said she is working with Matt Gowers from Broome County and Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo on a grant from Kraft Foods – Hockey GO USA - to repair the Ice Rink at Grippen Park.

Tom McCarthy, 602 Ventura Boulevard, Endwell, thanked the Board for being in compliance with the Open Meetings Law. He spoke about the Town's website being outdated and suggested the use of social media for communication.

Paul Gonzalez, 508 June Street, Endicott, said he is happy to hear the skating rink is still being thought of. He also said a "Watch for Trucks" sign has been installed on Main Street by the golf course.



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Patricia Carden, Johnson City Coalition, said she has worked with Binghamton University professors and students with social media and she can get the contact information for their website development.

John Bertoni, Village of Endicott Mayor, asked if the Town was successful on putting truck restrictions on Glendale Drive.

Councilman Leonard J. Perfetti said the Town was unable to set restrictions because it is not a Town road.

Town Attorney Alan J. Pope said that Deputy Town Attorney Kurt D. Schrader worked on this with Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio and they could give him insight on it.

As no one else wished to speak, Supervisor Rose A. Sotak closed the first Hearing of Visitors.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING:

Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to receive and file the following Communications:

1. Notice of 2017 Tentative Special Franchise Assessments/Full Values from New York State Department of Taxation and Finance Office of Real Property Tax Services.
2. Notice of Tentative Railroad Ceiling for city and town assessment roll to be filed in 2017 from New York State Department of Taxation and Finance Office of Real Property Tax Services.
3. Letter from William T. O'Connell, Director Community Planning and Development Division, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, to Paul Nelson, Director, Department of Planning, in reference to CDBG Timeliness Update.
4. Email from Gordon Ryan, Town of Union resident, to Supervisor Rose A. Sotak thanking all involved with the snowstorm cleanup.
5. Email from Duane and Lisa Palmiter, Kevin Blvd., Endwell, to Supervisor Rose A. Sotak thanking all the hard working snowplow drivers.
6. Copy of letter from Alex G. Czuhanych, Project Manager, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Environmental Remediation, to Mr. Kevin Whalen, IBM Corporate Environmental Affairs, regarding Annual Report – Soil Vapor Monitoring through August 2016, Former IBM Facility, Endicott, NY, AOC Index No. A7-0502-0104, NYSDEC Site No. 7-04-014.



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7. Letter from New York State Department of State that Local Law #1 for 2017 (Amending Chapter 88 Unsafe Buildings and Chapter 155 Property Maintenance) has been filed.
8. Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Work Session of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Johnson City held on March 7, 2017.
9. Charter Communications Notice – March 24, 2017.
10. Letter from New York State Department of State that Local Law #2 for 2017 (Amending Chapter 300 – Zoning, Code Compliance & Penalties for Offense) has been filed.
Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the Notice of Foreclosure – Nationstar Mortgage, LLC, N.A., Plaintiff, vs Steven L. Brazinski and Cherie K. Brazinski, 87 Olive Street, Johnson City to Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Comptroller Laura J. Lindsley and Planning Director Paul A. Nelson.
Carried.
2. Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Audrey Prentice, 2686 Camelot Road, Apt. #1, Endicott, requesting monetary reimbursement incurred by the death of her dog on March 15, 2017 when it was struck and killed by a Town snowplow to the Town Insurance Carrier.
Carried.
3. Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Kyle Wood, 306 E. Edwards Street, Endicott, requesting compensation for damages done by the snow plow to his vehicle that was parked in front of 1096 Prescott Avenue, Endicott during the snowstorm on March 14, 2017 to March 15, 2017 to the Town Insurance Carrier.
Carried.
4. Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the letter from Robert Larned to the Town Board requesting a waiver for the 30-Day Advanced Notice for the application to New York State Liquor Authority for The Pub @ North & Main, 2906 E. Main Street, Endwell and refer it to Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Town Clerk Gail L. Springer and Deputy Commissioner of Public Works for Codes & Ordinances Daria Golazeski.
Carried.

PETITIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:



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(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to authorize Supervisor Rose A. Sotak to sign and execute all the documentation required for the sale and closing of the bond in the amount of \$2,174,480 and note in the amount of \$4,159,472, as prepared and reviewed by the Town's Bond Council and the Town's Municipal Advisors.)

Res. by Augustini, seconded by Mack.
The Resolution was adopted.

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to authorize Supervisor Rose A. Sotak to sign and execute the Fire Protection Agreement with the Choconut Center Volunteer Fire Protection District #10 from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 for \$143,195.00. The agreement was prepared by the Town Attorney.)

Res. by Augustini, seconded by Mack.
The Resolution was adopted.

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to authorize Supervisor Rose A. Sotak to sign and execute the Fire Protection Agreement with the Village of Johnson City for the Westover Fire Protection District #6 from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 for \$153,600.00. The agreement was prepared by the Town Attorney.)

Res. by Augustini, seconded by Mack.
The Resolution was adopted.

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve following year-end 2016 Budget Modifications:

Increase:	20 1120 0000	Sales Tax Revenue	\$ 30,519.94
Increase:	20 9901 9000	Transfer to HW	\$ 30,519.94)

Res. by Augustini, seconded by Mack.
The Resolution was adopted.

Vote: All yes.

Moved by Augustini, seconded by Mack to approve the following 2016 Year-End Budget Transfers:

FUND	ORG	OBJ	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
10	10 1010	4099	Temporary - Non-payroll		\$ 452.20
10	10 1010	4601	Travel & Expense Reimbursement	\$ 952.20	
10	10 1010	4605	Dues & Memberships		\$ 17.98
10	10 1010	4620	Education		\$ 500.00
10	10 1110	1030	Temporary		\$ 9,744.20
10	10 1110	1040	Overtime	\$ 8,244.20	
10	10 1110	1090	Health Insurance Buy Out	\$ 1,500.00	
10	10 1110	4101	Office Supplies		\$ 339.56



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10	10 1110	4104	Books, Periodicals & Subscript	\$	525.62	
10	10 1110	4171	Clothing	\$	298.94	
10	10 1110	4403	Printing			\$ 485.00
10	10 1220	1010	Salary Base	\$	5,357.85	
10	10 1220	1030	Temporary			\$ 7,876.54
10	10 1220	1040	Overtime	\$	223.63	
10	10 1220	1080	Compensated Absences	\$	316.25	
10	10 1220	4099	Temporary - Non-payroll	\$	1,978.81	
10	10 1315	1010	Salary Base	\$	1,605.86	
10	10 1315	1080	Compensated Absences			\$ 1,605.86
10	10 1315	4101	Office Supplies	\$	32.59	
10	10 1315	4603	Legal Notices			\$ 186.01
10	10 1315	4620	Education			\$ 100.00
10	10 1315	4628	Employee Physicals 40+ Yrs	\$	100.00	
10	10 1355	2200	Office Equipment			\$ 1,000.00
10	10 1355	4099	Temporary - Non-payroll			\$ 324.00
10	10 1355	4101	Office Supplies	\$	2,427.37	
10	10 1355	4104	Books, Periodicals & Subscript			\$ 151.45
10	10 1355	4601	Travel & Expense Reimbursement			\$ 951.92
10	10 1410	1010	Salary Base	\$	1,329.90	
10	10 1410	1080	Compensated Absences			\$ 1,329.90
10	10 1410	4101	Office Supplies			\$ 16.03
10	10 1410	4400	Software Maintenance			\$ 21.39
10	10 1410	4401	Equipment Maintenance	\$	21.39	
10	10 1410	4602	Postage & Freight	\$	16.03	
10	10 1420	1010	Salary Base	\$	234.42	
10	10 1420	4101	Office Supplies			\$ 87.69
10	10 1420	4104	Books, Periodicals & Subscript	\$	87.69	
10	10 1420	4512	Professional Services	\$	675.56	
10	10 1420	4515	Legal Expense	\$	9,531.07	
10	10 1420	4601	Travel & Expense Reimbursement			\$ 2,500.00
10	10 1430	1010	Salary Base	\$	2,909.33	
10	10 1430	4512	Consultant			\$ 6,129.42
10	10 1430	4630	Pre-employment Physicals	\$	551.00	
10	10 1430	4631	Pre-employment Checks/Testing			\$ 2,362.63
10	10 1620	1010	Salary Base			\$ 4,126.84
10	10 1620	1030	Temporary	\$	4,072.86	
10	10 1620	1080	Compensated Absences	\$	53.98	
10	10 1680	1040	Overtime	\$	183.52	
10	10 1680	1080	Compensated Absences			\$ 3,092.85
10	10 1680	2600	Software	\$	199.00	



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10	10 1680	4101	Office Supplies	\$	3.68	
10	10 1680	4136	Computer Supplies			\$ 204.18
10	10 1680	4400	Software Maintenance			\$ 199.00
10	10 1680	4401	Equipment Maintenance	\$	200.50	
10	10 1910	4306	Public Officials Insurance			\$ 490.00
10	10 1910	4309	Miscellaneous Insurance	\$	490.00	
10	10 1989	4101	Office Supplies			\$ 21.01
10	10 1989	4512	Consultant			\$ 250.00
10	10 1989	4805	Audit & Accounting	\$	250.00	
10	10 3510	1020	Hourly Base	\$	1,084.78	
10	10 3510	1040	Overtime			\$ 960.07
10	10 3510	1080	Compensated Absences			\$ 124.71
10	10 5182	4202	Electricity	\$	18,925.84	
10	10 5182	4401	Equipment Maintenance			\$ 18,925.84
10	10 6989	4601	Travel & Expense Reimbursement	\$	17.98	
10	10 6989	4603	Legal Notices	\$	153.42	
10	10 7145	1010	Salary Base	\$	244.20	
10	10 7145	1030	Temporary			\$ 244.20
10	10 7145	2501	Recreation Equipment	\$	1,467.80	
10	10 7145	4101	Office Supplies	\$	750.09	
10	10 7145	4159	Recreational Supplies	\$	1,470.19	
10	10 7145	4162	Special Event Supplies			\$ 4,711.98
10	10 7145	4300	Safety Supplies			\$ 550.59
10	10 7145	4401	Equipment Maintenance	\$	343.43	
10	10 7145	4403	Printing			\$ 750.09
10	10 7145	4459	Recreation Program Service	\$	2,900.75	
10	10 7145	4462	Special Event Service			\$ 919.60
10	10 7510	4101	Office Supplies	\$	21.01	
10	10 9060	8004	Health Insurance			\$ 339.80
10	10 9089	8028	Medicare Reimbursement	\$	339.80	
		Total 10 General		\$	72,092.54	\$ 72,092.54
20	20 1440	1010	Salary Base			\$ 5,234.06
20	20 1440	1080	Compensated Absences	\$	5,234.06	
20	20 1440	4101	Office Supplies			\$ 43.07
20	20 1440	4401	Equipment Maintenance	\$	43.07	
20	20 1490	4225	Cell Telephones			\$ 48.27
20	20 1490	4603	Legal Notices	\$	48.27	
20	20 1491	4011	OSHA Supplies	\$	219.96	
20	20 1491	4101	Office Supplies			\$ 25.71
20	20 1620	4423	Property Repairs			\$ 2,779.28



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20	20 1910	4302	Liability Insurance		\$ 2,193.11
20	20 1910	4305	Automobile Insurance	\$ 2,193.11	
20	20 1910	4306	Public Officials Insurance		\$ 409.34
20	20 1910	4309	Miscellaneous Insurance	\$ 409.34	
20	20 1989	2200	Office Equipment		\$ 2,000.00
20	20 1989	4201	Cellular Telephones		\$ 0.12
20	20 1989	4403	Printing		\$ 3,800.00
20	20 1989	4412	Copier		\$ 2,999.37
20	20 1989	4512	Consultant	\$ 8,799.37	
20	20 3620	1080	Compensated Absences		\$ 4,017.11
20	20 4020	1010	Salary Base	\$ 0.12	
20	20 5010	1010	Salary Base	\$ 1,434.90	
20	20 5010	1080	Compensated Absences	\$ 438.02	
20	20 5010	4225	Cell Telephones		\$ 194.25
20	20 5010	4401	Equipment Maintenance		\$ 252.92
20	20 5010	4601	Travel & Expense Reimbursement		\$ 120.00
20	20 5010	4603	Legal Notices		\$ 1,400.00
20	20 5010	4628	Employee Physicals 40+ Yrs		\$ 100.00
20	20 5410	2050	Capital Improvements	\$ 2,720.00	
20	20 5410	4603	Legal Notices	\$ 59.28	
20	20 8020	1010	Salary Base		\$ 1,000.00
20	20 8020	4515	Legal Expense		\$ 40.32
20	20 8020	4601	Travel & Expense Reimbursement		\$ 875.00
20	20 8020	4603	Legal Notices	\$ 40.32	
20	20 8021	1010	Salary Base	\$ 13,637.98	
20	20 8021	1030	Temporary		\$ 5,584.07
20	20 8021	1040	Overtime	\$ 684.61	
20	20 8021	1080	Compensated Absences		\$ 2,286.09
20	20 8021	2600	Software		\$ 42.20
20	20 8021	4101	Office Supplies		\$ 50.87
20	20 8021	4400	Software Maintenance		\$ 129.00
20	20 8021	4401	Equipment Maintenance		\$ 225.35
20	20 8021	4601	Travel & Expense Reimbursement		\$ 7.90
20	20 8021	4603	Legal Notices		\$ 95.00
20	20 8021	4605	Dues & Memberships		\$ 110.00
20	20 8021	4628	Employee Physicals 40+ Yrs	\$ 100.00	
20	20 8120	2200	Office Equipment		\$ 49.00
20	20 8120	2500	Other Equipment	\$ 49.00	
20	20 8120	4000	Miscellaneous Bonding Expense	\$ 166.03	
20	20 8120	4430	Sewer Line Repairs	\$ 284.00	
20	20 8120	4512	Professional Services		\$ 284.00



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20	20 8120	4603	Legal Notices		\$ 166.03
20	20 8120	4626	CDL Reimbursement		\$ 100.00
20	20 8120	4628	Employee Physicals 40+ Yrs	\$ 100.00	
20	20 8160	1020	Hourly Base		\$ 17,733.06
20	20 8160	1030	Temporary	\$ 17,527.78	
20	20 8160	4099	Temporary - Non-payroll	\$ 205.28	
20	20 8160	4401	Equipment Maintenance		\$ 395.17
20	20 8160	4410	Property Rental	\$ 395.17	
20	20 8540	4111	Parts		\$ 1,035.77
20	20 8540	4202	Electricity	\$ 1,066.89	
20	20 8540	4401	Equipment Maintenance		\$ 31.12
20	20 8989	4602	Postage & Freight	\$ 127.53	
20	20 8989	4701	Home & Community Services		\$ 127.53
			Total 20 Part-Town	\$ 55,984.09	\$ 55,984.09
31	31 5110	1020	Hourly Base		\$ 218.75
31	31 5110	1090	Health Insurance Buy Out	\$ 218.75	
31	31 5110	4106	Diesel Fuel		\$ 19,820.23
31	31 5110	4120	Crushed Stone	\$ 19,820.23	
31	31 5110	4153	Bricks & Blocks	\$ 556.50	
31	31 5110	4167	Gloves, Boots & Gear	\$ 174.05	
31	31 5110	4190	Gasoline		\$ 730.55
31	31 5130	4111	Parts		\$ 18.83
31	31 5130	4112	Tires	\$ 18.83	
31	31 5142	1040	Overtime		\$ 187.78
31	31 5142	4129	Rock Salt	\$ 187.78	
31	31 9040	8003	Workers Compensation Insurance	\$ 34,912.46	
31	31 9060	8004	Health Insurance		\$ 34,912.46
			Total 31 Highway Part-Town	\$ 55,888.60	\$ 55,888.60
40	40 7110	1031	Seasonal - Highland		\$ 3,518.50
40	40 7110	1056	Seasonal - Pools	\$ 2,681.50	
40	40 7110	1057	Security Guards	\$ 837.00	
40	40 7110	4302	Liability Insurance		\$ 40.64
40	40 7110	4303	Equipment Insurance		\$ 677.00
40	40 7110	4305	Automobile Insurance	\$ 40.64	
40	40 7110	4309	Miscellaneous Insurance	\$ 677.00	
40	40 7110	4413	Building & Grounds Maintenance		\$ 1,660.86
40	40 7110	4512	Professional Services	\$ 1,660.86	
40	40 9010	8007	Retirement	\$ 7,808.00	
40	40 9030	8008	Social Security		\$ 5,000.00



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40	40 9040	8003	Workers Compensation Insurance	\$ 10,161.17	
40	40 9060	8004	Health Insurance		\$ 13,005.97
40	40 9089	8028	Medicare Reimbursement	\$ 36.80	
			Total 40 Parks	\$ 23,902.97	\$ 23,902.97

Carried.

Moved by Augostini, seconded by Mack to approve the following 2017 Budget Transfers:

Decrease: 31 5142 1040 Overtime \$ 50.00
Increase: 31 5142 4129 Rock Salt \$ 50.00
Carried.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes as required by Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act the necessary approval and submission to the New York State Office of Court Administration Department of Audit and Control the Final Annual Justice Court Audit of John Black prepared by the Town Deputy Comptroller.)

Res. by Augostini, seconded by Mack.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to call for a Public Hearing on April 18, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. at the Union Center Fire Company, 1811 Union Center Highway, Endicott, to approve the execution of a tax exempt lease-purchase nonappropriation agreement by the Union Center Fire Company, Inc., and determining other matters in connection therewith.)

Res. by Augostini, seconded by Mack.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing the renewal of the agreement with Broome County for use of the Broome County Dog Shelter and authorize Supervisor Rose A. Sotak to execute said agreement.)

Res. by Bertoni, seconded by Perfetti.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

Moved by Perfetti, seconded by Bertoni to approve the Elk's Club use of the Town of Union Court Room on May 6, 2017.

Carried.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to award the contract for Broad St. Reconstruction, Village of Endicott, to G. DeVincentis & Son Construction Co., Inc., 7 Belden



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St., Binghamton in an amount not to exceed \$245,000 and authorize Supervisor Rose A. Sotak to sign the agreement for the work.)

Res. by Bertoni, seconded by Augustini.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to issue a proclamation declaring the month of April 2017 as Dig Safely Month in the Town of Union.)

Res. by Perfetti, seconded by Mack.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

Moved by Augustini, seconded by Mack to authorize the attendance of Chester Kupiec, Highway Superintendent, Lester Padbury and Mark Fotusky to the 72nd Annual 2017 Highway School at Ithaca College on June 12-14, 2017; authorization to include registration fee of \$110.00 per person, use of a Town vehicle and all related travel expenses.
Carried.

Moved by Augustini, seconded by Mack to approve Kenneth Jennison to attend the NYS Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association meeting in Binghamton, NY, June 12-14, 2017. The cost is \$235.00 for registration and includes lunch for the 3 days. This will complete the twelve hours of required yearly training to keep Certified Floodplain Manager Certification.

Carried.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to authorize Supervisor Rose A. Sotak to sign the Joint FEMA Levee Analysis (LAMP) Response Letter -FINAL.)

Res. by Augustini, seconded by Mack.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Robert Egan, 50 Plymouth Street, Johnson City, spoke on an invoice for Coughlin & Gerhardt. He said he is concerned that this will become a burden on the taxpayers.

Councilman Robert Mack said the Town's investigation was internal and it has nothing to do with the District Attorney's investigation.

Town Attorney Alan J. Pope explained that no claims have been filed by the employees against the Town regarding this investigation and if any were received they would be presented to the Town Insurance Carrier.



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Deanna Caiati, Anson Road, Endicott, asked if Supervisor Sotak was found not guilty on the charges against her, would the Town taxpayers be liable for her attorney fees.

Town Attorney Alan J. Pope said no, the Town would not be liable.

Heather Staley, 309 W. Main Street, Endicott, asked questions about the investigation.

Supervisor Rose A. Sotak said she had not heard anything until this January.

Councilman Thomas R. Augostini explained the process followed by the Town when an employee files a complaint, as directed in the Town Employee's Handbook.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni said that until a person comes forward with a complaint, nothing could be done. He also said that employees might have been afraid to come forward.

Tanya Martyanik, 743 Dickson Street, Endicott, said it is sad.

Chuck Haskins, Watson Boulevard, Endicott, spoke as a former employee and President of the CSEA Union, said the Board does not consider their employees.

Deanna Caiati, 608 Anson Road, Endicott, thanked the Town highway employees for doing a great job with snow removal from the last storm. She said they are making less than the city employees are and deserve more.

Councilman Robert Mack said they are working on a proposal.

As no one else wished to speak, Supervisor Rose A. Sotak closed the second Hearing of Visitors.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS ON FILE IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE:

Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to receive and file the following Department Reports:

1. Town of Union Planning Board Minutes and Testimonies – February 14, 2017.
 2. Permits Report – February 2017.
- Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:



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Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to adjourn the meeting.
Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 P.M.

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Gail L. Springer, RMC
Town Clerk