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TOWN OF UNION BOARD MEETING

March 20, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Union was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Board Room, 3111 East Main Street, Endwell, New York.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Richard A. Materese, Councilman Thomas R. Augostini, Councilman Frank J. Bertoni, Councilwoman Sandra C. Bauman, Councilwoman Heather R. Staley.

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Town Clerk Leonard J. Perfetti, Deputy Town Clerk Rebecca Kruczkowski, Acting Planning Director Paul A. Nelson.

Also in attendance were Broome County IT Director James Dutcher and Zoning Board of Appeals member Giuseppe Roberto.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A Public Hearing was called for on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. to solicit public input for inclusion in the Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan.

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Debra Kerins, Director of RSVP – Retired Senior Volunteer Program through Catholic Charities, 252 Main Street, Binghamton, said they are submitting a proposal for funding. The mission of the program is to enlist people 55 years or older to stay active and involved with their community by matching them with nonprofit organizations in volunteer positions, thereby, allowing seniors to stay in their own homes instead of going into nursing homes. She said some of the volunteer positions include exercise, fall prevention and independent living classes at the senior centers, Meals on Wheels delivery, a phone calling program that checks on seniors in their homes to ensure they have whatever services they need, and an Elder Justice program.



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Preston Evans, ACHIEVE, spoke about their Summer Program that is designed for students age 5 to 21 with various disabilities and financial needs. He said the group's mission is to provide an enhanced quality of life for children with disabilities, and the Summer Program is designed to fill the educational gap over the summer break for the students while still participating in programs that maintain their academic progress through drama, music, cooking, physical activity, arts & crafts and field trips. He also said they provide a Work Study Program for students ages 14 – 21 that teaches valuable vocational skills, while earning a paycheck. He further said the greatest expense incurred is related to personnel staffing in order to follow the required guidelines. The CDBG funding helps to offset these costs. He thanked the Board for their consideration for the funding.

Casondra Hamilton, Executive Director, Actions for Older Persons, Binghamton, thanked the Board for their continued support over the years. She said their mission is to provide advocacy, individualized counseling, and unbiased information to empower older adults and their families to make informed decisions. She provided statistics on the numbers of people 65 and older that benefit from AOP's Senior Health Insurance Counseling, Assistance Program and Long Term Care Ombudsman Program.

As no one else wished to speak, Supervisor Richard A. Materese closed the Public Hearing.

BIDS: None.

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 6, 2019.
Carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Paul Gonzalez, 508 June Street, Endicott, relayed a message from Mitch Curatolo, 1010 Autumn Drive, Endwell. He said Mr. Curatolo is not well and cannot attend the meetings, but wants the Board to know he is still unhappy with the lack of progress on the cleaning up of the problem house on Autumn Drive.

At this time, Supervisor Richard A. Materese welcomed Mr. Dutcher to the meeting and invited him to speak.



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Jim Dutcher, Broome County IT Department, spoke on behalf of County Executive Jason Garner, and gave an overview of the State of the County address. He said the talk was geared around two words - partnership and collaboration; with two examples of this being the demolitions of the EJ building at 1 North Page Avenue and the Endicott Inn on Washington Avenue. He said County Executive Jason Garner encourages shared services between towns and other government agencies. He also said there are 4000 reported job openings in Broome County and they are working with Workforce to try to fill these positions. He went on to say that there is a new effort to get more activity going at the Broome County Airport. He spoke on the new Veterans consolidated services building that is being put in the former Vestal Hills Country Club and said they are very excited to offer this service to the Veterans. He spoke about the 50% decrease in heroin overdoses in Broome County and credited District Attorney Steven Cornwell and staff with this reduction. He went on to talk about the 3% decrease in the State Budget that will affect Counties and Towns such as the funding of the AIM program, the costs for early voting and lead poisoning testing.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese asked if the 50% decrease in overdoses were for overdoses that resulted in deaths or overdoses with the patients being revived by Narcan.

Mr. Dutcher said it was a decrease in fatal overdoses.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni asked if County Executive Garner has a plan to fund the AIM program if the State puts it on the County.

Mr. Dutcher said he is unaware of a plan, but will take this back to County Executive Garner to get an answer.

Carol Laskoski, 37 Edwards Street, Johnson City, said she opposed to the early voting and the expenses that will be incurred from it.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING:

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

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Village of Endicott Trustees – February 12, 2019 and February 26, 2019.
2. Copy of Letter from David Sherman, NYS DEC, Environmental Program Specialist, Floodplain Management, Bureau of Flood Protection and Dam Safety, to Supervisor Richard A. Materese regarding the NFIP Community Assistance Visit, Town of Union, Broome County, CID #360056.
Carried.



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COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION: None.

PETITIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Augostini, seconded by Staley to approve the following 2019 budget transfers:

Decrease:	31 5110 2500	Other Equipment	\$5,816.47
Increase:	31 5110 4400	Software Maintenance	\$5,816.47
Decrease:	31 5110 2500	Other Equipment	\$1,000.00
Increase:	31 5110 4620	Education & Seminars	\$1,000.00

Carried.

Moved by Augostini, seconded by Staley to authorize the attendance of Highway Superintendent Chester Kupiec and Mark Fotusky at the Annual 2019 Highway School at Ithaca College on June 3-5, 2019. Authorization to include registration fees of \$110.00 per person, use of a town vehicle and all related expenses.
Carried.

Moved by Augostini, seconded by Staley to authorize the advertisement of Bids for One (1) 2019 or Newer Diesel 4X2 Truck Chassis, Conventional Cab with Left hand Stand Up Drive conversion and 23 Cubic Yard Side Loader Full eject recycling Body. Bids to be received by Town Clerk Leonard J. Perfetti on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. at which time they will be opened and read aloud.
Carried.

Moved by Augostini, seconded by Staley to authorize the attendance of Highway Superintendent Chester Kupiec at the Grand Opening of the new center for Damage Prevention at 6706 Collamer Road, East Syracuse, on April 9, 2019 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., and the Dig Safely Annual meeting on April 10, 2019 from 8:00 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Syracuse Destiny, USA, 331 Hiawatha Boulevard West, Syracuse. Authorization to include the use of a Town Vehicle. There is not a charge for the Grand Opening and the Dig Safely Annual meeting.
Carried.

Moved by Augostini, seconded by Staley to authorize the advertisement of Bids for Columbia Drive - Byford Blvd. to Stonefield Blvd. Street Reconstruction at a date and time to be determined by the Commissioner of Public Works.
Carried.



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(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to clarify the Section II Term of Agreement in the original 2014-2015 FFY CDBG Subrecipient Agreement between the Town of Union and Town of Union LDC as follows:

This Agreement shall cover federal fiscal years 2014 and 2015 (10/1/14 through 9/30/16). The agreement shall continually be renewed for the same period of time (every two years) unless either party gives 60 days' notice, prior to expiration date, to the other of its desire to end the agreement.)

Res. by Augostini, seconded by Staley.
The Resolution was adopted.

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve the Proposed 2019 – 2020 Recreation Fee Adjustments as follows:

Charge \$25.00 per family fee for Family Trivia beginning in the Fall of 2019.

During the months of March, April, May and October, lower the hourly rental rate at the Recreation Center to \$25.00 per hour.

Charge Broome County Office of the Aging for use of the gymnasium for pickle ball, \$10.00 for non-resident participants and no charge for Town of Union residents.)

Res. by Bertoni, seconded by Bauman.
The Resolution was adopted.

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing the Supervisor to approve the payment of \$1.00 per parcel plus recording fees and sign all other required documentation to acquire the following parcels from Broome County for the purpose of demolition:

213 Ardmore Street and 1718 Campville Road, Endicott.)

Res. by Bertoni, seconded by Staley.
The Resolution was adopted.

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to issue a proclamation declaring the month of April 2019 as Fair Housing Month in the Town of Union.)

Res. by Bertoni, seconded by Staley.
The Resolution was adopted.

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to issue a proclamation declaring the week of April 22, 2019 through April 26, 2019 as Community Development Week in the Town of Union.)

Res. by Bertoni, seconded by Staley.
The Resolution was adopted.

Vote: All yes.



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HEARING OF VISITORS:

Paul Gonzalez, 508 June Street, Endicott, said the Army Band is coming to town and wanted to know if the Board knew where to get tickets.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said the Board did not have any information on this.

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

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

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

1. Town of Union Local Development Corporation Minutes – Annual Meeting on December 20, 2018 and a Special Meeting on January 3, 2019.
 2. Town Clerk Monthly Report – February 2019.
 3. Permits Report – February 2019.
- Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

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