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Town Board
Richard A. Materese, *Supervisor*
Thomas R. Augostini, *Councilman*
Frank J. Bertoni, *Councilman*
Sandra C. Bauman, *Councilwoman*
Heather R. Staley, *Councilwoman*

TOWN OF UNION BOARD MEETING

December 4, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Union was held on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Board Room, 3111 East Main Street, Endwell, New York.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Town 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, Deputy Town Attorney Rosemarie Pope, Town Clerk Leonard J. Perfetti, Deputy Town Clerk Rebecca Kruczkowski.

Also in attendance was Village of Johnson City Mayor Greg Deemie and Village of Endicott Mayor Elect Linda Jackson.

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, December 4, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. to hear public comments on the Town of Union proposed solar law.
Published & Posted: 11/12/ 2019.

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

BIDS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the Minutes of the Regular Town of Union Board meeting held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019.
Carried.



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HEARING OF VISITORS:

Carol Laskoski, 37 Edwards Street, Johnson City, asked for clarification on the new solar law and said she has received notice in her utility bill regarding getting free solar power, but warned that in the small print it says you will be charged.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese explained the solar law and said it will establish regulations in the Town Code for solar farms. He said the current law only regulates solar panels on buildings. He said a full copy of the law is on the website or in the Clerk's office to review. He further said the notice in the utility bill is for use of solar power supplied by solar companies and has nothing to do with the new solar law.

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. Village of Endicott October 22, 2019 meeting minutes.
2. Letter from Bernadette Brinsko complimenting the Town on the leaf pick up operation in November and for the nice job done on refuse pick up and snow plowing in the past.
3. Charter Communications Notice of upcoming changes – November 26, 2019.
Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Paul T. Sheppard, Hinman, Howard & Kattell, Attorneys, regarding SCAR Proceeding SMAC001684, Tax Map # 141.23-2-6, 964 Dante Drive, Endwell, New York to Town Assessor Joseph Cook.
Carried.
2. Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Thomas & Rebecca S. King, 174 Hillside Terrace, Endwell, regarding a sewer back up at their home on October 31, 2019 that caused extensive damage, and asking for reimbursement from the Town to Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works for Environmental Services Daniel A. Schofield and the Town Insurance Carrier.
Carried.



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Councilman Frank J. Bertoni asked Village Mayor Elect Linda Jackson to give an overview of the Village of Endicott's Christmas celebration.

Linda Jackson, Village of Endicott Mayor Elect said the parade will be Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 4:00 P.M. on Washington Avenue and then they will have "Magic on the Avenue" from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. followed by fireworks at George F. Johnson Park at 7:30 P.M. She said they will also have a trolley from Washington Avenue to the Park.

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 Report:

1. Comptroller's Monthly Report – October 2019.
Carried.

At this time, Councilman Frank J. Bertoni said the Town of Union Reorganizational and Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. He also thanked the Town's Public Works employees for the outstanding job they did on cleanup of snow and pickup of refuse during the recent snowstorm.

Councilwoman Sandra C. Bauman said the Town's "Vision of Christmas" is Sunday, December 8, 2019 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Visions Credit Union and at Highland Park from 2:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. with a tree lighting and fireworks to follow.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said they are trying to start a tradition of a Christmas Spectacular for people to come home for every year.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said he was made aware of people were going door to door around the Town saying they were Town Representatives asking about solar or gas sales. He wanted it to be clear that they are NOT Town employees and they do not represent the Town in their actions.

ADJOURNMENT:

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



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The meeting was adjourned at 7:25P.M.

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