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# Town of Union

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

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## TOWN OF UNION BOARD MEETING

January 2, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Union was held on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 7:10 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 R. 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, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works – Environmental Safety Daniel A. Schofield.

Also in attendance were Johnson City Mayor Greg Deemie and Giuseppe Roberto, Zoning Board of Appeals member.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

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, December 19, 2018.  
Carried.

### HEARING OF VISITORS:

Deanna Caiati, 608 Anson Road, Endicott, spoke about a code enforcement issue on Prospect Street, Endicott, and asked what the process is for the Town of Union Code Enforcement Officers to follow on complaints. She also talked about the lack of senior housing in the Town of Union.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni said that Prospect Street is in the Village of Endicott and they have their own Code Enforcement Department.



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Councilwoman Heather R. Staley said Code Enforcement Officers cannot do anything about complaints unless people let them in to investigate them. She also said the elderly can call senior help groups to get on the list for senior housing.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni said that there are 70 low income housing apartments being built on Jackson Avenue in Endicott.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese asked Town Attorney Alan J. Pope to give an overview of the Town Code Enforcement process.

Town Attorney Alan J. Pope described the process involved with Town Code Enforcement. He reiterated that Code Enforcement Officers cannot go on private property to gather evidence without the consent from the owners.

Councilman Thomas R. Augostini said there are five senior housing facilities run by SEPP in the Town of Union. He further said the Century Sunrise complex in Johnson City has 25% of the apartments reserved for low income people and it is an easy process to sign up for them on their website.

Nathanial Robertson, 309 W. Main Street, Endicott, said he attended the swearing in ceremony of the Board on January 1, 2019 and was surprised there was no Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag or a prayer spoken before the ceremony. He spoke in opposition to the appointment of Robert Mack as a Constable for the Town of Union. He also said that at the work session, Councilman Bertoni stated he was uncomfortable divulging information at the meetings, because his words were being twisted. He further said that he believes honesty is the best policy.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said he takes responsibility for the swearing in ceremony and will note the suggestions. He also said what Councilman Frank J. Bertoni said in work session is that what was said, was not done; and that is what his objection is.

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

## COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING:

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

1. 239 Review Submission Form – Oasis Stone Scapes, LLC, 100 Oakdale Road, Johnson City, Tax map # 143.45-1-16.  
Carried.



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COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION: None.

PETITIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to establish the standard workdays for elected and appointed officials and to report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System, based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by elected and appointed officials to the Town Clerk.)

Res. by Augustini, seconded by Bauman.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to appoint Paul Nelson as Municipal Planner retroactive to 12/31/18 to provide coverage and training at the rate of \$30.00 per hour plus health insurance.)

Res. by Augustini, seconded by Bauman.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to appoint Brooke Jobin as Personnel Specialist effective 1/7/19 at an annual salary of \$38,000.00 upon successful completion of pre-employment testing.)

Res. by Augustini, seconded by Bauman.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve 2.00% - 4.00% increases per the 2019 salary and wage rate schedule for full and part time exempt employees retroactive to 1/1/19.)

Res. by Augustini, seconded by Bauman.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve the Supplemental Agreement #1 to Master Bridge NY Local Project Agreement (D035546) to perform the Preliminary Engineering/Design Work and the Construction, Construction Supervision and Inspection Work in the amount of \$1,592,000.00; and authorize the Supervisor to execute all required documents. The Town will be reimbursed 95% of \$1,592,000.00, or \$1,512,400.00, with Federal Funds. The work involves the bridge rehabilitation of Country Club Road (BIN2225790) over Patterson Creek.)

Res. by Augustini, seconded by Staley.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.



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(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve a Utility Work Agreement with the County of Broome at Culvert CIN 76-0.03 and CIN 76-0.39; and authorize the Supervisor to execute the necessary documents. Broome County will be replacing various culverts on Twist Run Road in 2019. Authorization will allow for de-energizing of two existing street lights for the duration of the construction project, and re-energizing when the project is complete. All work is to be completed within thirty (30) calendar days following award of the rehabilitation project.)

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

Vote: All yes.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni thanked Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio for his hard work on getting this grant.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to authorize Supervisor Richard A. Materese to sign the KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc. (KBCM) Small Institutional Account Application and other required paperwork necessary to purchase Federal Treasury Securities at the following Short-term US Treasury Rates.)

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

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing the purchase One (1) new 2019 Trail King TK102HDG Trailer from Five Star Equipment through Sourcewell (NJPA) contract #PC67075 for \$78,987.75. This will replace F-108 – 2004 Eager Beaver Trailer which will be declared as surplus and sold by Auctions International. Monies for this purchase would be paid from Fund Balance as stated in the December 5, 2018 permissive referendum.)

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

Vote: All yes.

### HEARING OF VISITORS:

Nathaniel Robertson, 309 W. Main Street, Endicott, asked about the purchase of the new trailer and why the other trailer was being declared surplus.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni said the department head determines if the equipment is still usable, or if it would cost more in repairs to keep it going. He also said the surplus equipment is sold at auction.

Deanna Caiati, 608 Anson Road, Endicott, asked for clarification of the duties of the Constable and said she disapproves of the appointment of Robert Mack to the position.



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Paul Gonzalez, 508 June Street, Endicott, said he is thankful to see the students at the meetings and asked the Board to speak up when talking because some of the audience is hard of hearing.

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: None.

### ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

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Leonard J. Perfetti,  
Town Clerk