

#### **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

#### January 16, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Union was held on Wednesday, January 16, 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, Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Councilman Thomas R. Augostini, Councilman Frank J. Bertoni, Councilwoman Sandra C. Bauman, Councilwoman Heather R. Staley.

<u>TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT</u>: Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Deputy Town Clerk Rebecca Kruczkowski, Deputy Town Clerk Karen Gance.

Absent: Town Clerk Leonard J. Perfetti.

Also in attendance were Village of Johnson City Mayor Greg Deemie, Village of Endicott Trustee Linda Jackson, Zoning Board of Appeals member Giuseppe Roberto.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

#### BIDS:

Bids were called for on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. for Rehabilitation of Country Club Road Bridge over Patterson Creek.

Bids were received as follows:

Slate Hill Construction \$ 1,269,560.00 R. DeVincentis Construction, Inc. \$ 1,289,000.00 Economy Paving Company, Inc. \$ 1,298,899.90

Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to receive and file the Bids for Rehabilitation of Country Club Road Bridge over Patterson Creek.

Carried.



#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the Minutes of the Reorganizational Meeting and the Minutes of the Regular Town of Union Board Meeting held on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

Carried.

#### **HEARING OF VISITORS**:

Linda Jackson, 209 E. Franklin Street, Endicott, said the Town of Union has beautiful parks that are used by many organizations who are not charged a fee to use them. She said the residents pay for the parks in their Town of Union taxes and she feels that organizations that are not non-for-profit, like the Cars in the Park, should not be allowed to use the parks for free.

Carol Laskoski, 37 Edwards Street, Johnson City, asked about the three minute rule on speaking during the Hearing of Visitors and when it became effective.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said he neglected to mention the rule at the first meeting of the year. He said the rule has been in effect for years and they are going to try to enforce it.

Mary Feijoo-Lesko, 50 Lewis Road, Binghamton, complained about the increase on her recent water bill and the new fee for the CAP Res of \$10.50 for new water meters. She said her meter was installed in 1961, is working fine, and she does not want it replaced. She asked if there is a pumping station in Choconut Center.

Councilman Thomas R. Augostini said the new fee is for the cost of the purchasing and installing of new water meters in the Choconut Center Water District, as recommended by the New York State Comptroller's Office. He said a pumping station has been in place since the beginning of the water district. He further said the price increases are determined by what the Town is charged by Johnson City for the water usage. He also said there was anticipation of more development in the Choconut Center area when the water district was established and that would have spread out the costs, but unfortunately, it did not happen.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni said the new meters will put everyone on an even keel and the readings will be true readings.

Carol Laskoski, 37 Edwards Street, Johnson City, said the charges were originally based on 1500 cubic feet of water consumption and now it is on 1000 cubic feet. She asked if Mayor Greg Deemie would explain the fees for Johnson City.

Mayor Greg Deemie explained how the fees are billed from Johnson City.

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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 Communications:

- 1. Charter Communications Notices of Upcoming Changes -1/2/19 & 1/11/19.
- 2. Letter from Pamela M. Eshbaugh, P.E., Regional Planning & Program Manager, New York State Department of Transportation regarding PIN 90PSo1 (D263502) Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Phase 1, Systemic Treatments, Town of Union and Villages of Endicott and Johnson City, Broome County.
- 3. Notice from Gary A. Traver, Asst. Director of Oversight, Division of Building Standards and Codes for New York Department of State, regarding the Municipal Annual Reports to be filed by the Town of Union for the Uniform Code.
- 4. Minutes of the Village of Endicott Board of Trustees Reorganizational Meeting held on January 1, 2019 and the Regular Meeting held on January 8, 2019.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION:**

1. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Lisa Schule, Director, Broome County Office for Aging, requesting Towns and Villages become drop off locations for the "Aged Friendly Community" surveys generated by BC Office for Aging to Planning Director Sara Zubalsky-Peer.

Carried.

PETITIONS: None.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes approving the Agreement between the Town of Union and the CSEA Local 1000 AFSCME AFL-CIO 35 Hour Group for years 2019 – 2021 and authorizing the Supervisor and Town Attorney to execute the final written Agreement when published.)

Res. by Augostini, seconded by Bauman.

The Resolution was adopted.

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Vote: All yes.



(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes approving the Town of Union Senior Planner be paid straight time for hours worked in excess of 35 hour per week and time and one half for hours worked in excess of 40 hours per week until the 2019 base salary is exceeded. All hours in excess of 35 hours per week must be approved by the Town of Union Planning Director.)

Res. by Augostini, seconded by Bauman.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to repeal Local Law No. 6-2010 from the Town of Union Code: §191-15. Parking Time Limited in Designated Locations.

Location: No Parking on the East side of White Birch Lane from Pleasant Drive to the dead end from 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on school days.)

Res. by Augostini, seconded by Bauman.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to call for a Public Hearing on February 6, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. to consider amending Section 191-11.A Speed Regulations as follows:

Existing:

NAME OF STREET SPEED LIMIT (MPH) LOCATION

40 Nanticoke Drive NYS Route 26

North to Twist Run Road

Vote: All yes.

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Proposed Change:

NAME OF STREET SPEED LIMIT (MPH) **LOCATION** 

30 NYS Route 26 Nanticoke Drive

North to Twist Run Road.)

Res. by Augostini, seconded by Bauman. Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to call for a Public Hearing to be held on February 6, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. for input and comments regarding the Town instituting a three (3) month moratorium on solar installations, excepting residential roof installations, to allow the Town sufficient time to determine the appropriate revisions and amendments to its code and land use laws, and to complete the drafting of a solar ordinance.) Vote: All yes.

Res. by Augostini, seconded by Bauman.

The Resolution was adopted.



(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to adopt the public interest order to make the improvement to increase and improve the facilities of the Water District in the Town of Union, Broome County, New York, consisting of the installation of a rotating pump assembly, including costs incidental thereto, at a maximum estimated cost to the District of \$10,000.) Res by Augostini, seconded by Staley.

Vote: All yes. The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing the issuance of \$10,000.00 Serial Bonds of the Town of Union, Broome County, New York, to pay the cost of the Increase and Improvement of the Facilities of the Water District in the Town of Union, Broome County, New York.)

Res. by Augostini, seconded by Staley.

The Resolution was adopted.

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

Decrease: 31 5110 4118 Blacktop Summer \$300,000.00 Increase: 31 5110 4126 Blacktop Repairs \$300,000.00

Carried.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve the Town of Union Employee Handbook and the Town of Union Employee Handbook for Temporary, Part-time & Seasonal Employees revised as of January 2019.)

Res. by Augostini, seconded by Staley. Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to accept the following proposed insurance premiums for 1/1/19-1/1/20:

Trident Insurance	\$1	96,359.22	Property, Inland Marine, General Liability, Automotive, Public Officials, Excess Liability
Argonaut Insurance	\$	400.00	OCP Policy Hauling & Work Permit
Chubb	\$	7,498.00	Cyber

Chubb \$ 7,498.00 Cyber National Grange \$ 1,907.00 Crime

PERMA \$221,978.00 Workers Compensation, \$27,989 billable to

Union Center Fire Company, Inc.)

Res. by Augostini, seconded by Staley.

Vote: Yes Augostini Bauman Bertoni Materese

Vote: All yes.

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Vote: No Staley

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

Councilwoman Heather R. Staley explained why she voted no on the Resolution.

Moved by Augostini, seconded by Staley to approve the attendance of Gary Post, Jillian Pichura, and Daria Golazeski to the NYSBOC Central Chapter Educational Conference at the Holiday Inn, Liverpool, New York, on April 2 - 4, 2019. Registration fees include 3 continental breakfasts and lunches for 3 days. Authorization to include Registration fees of \$360.00 per person and use of a Town vehicle to commute daily. The Educational Conference accounts for 24 of the required 24 hours of training. Carried.

Moved by Augostini, seconded by Staley to approve the New York State Department of Transportation to host a public information meeting at the Town of Union Office Building in the Town Board Room, on February 26, 2019 at 3:45 PM to 7:30 P.M. to discuss the 17C Paving Project.

Carried.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to award the bid for Rehabilitation of Country Club Road Bridge over Patterson Creek to Slate Hill Constructors, Inc., Warners, New York, for their bid price of \$1,269,901.60.)

Res. by Augostini, seconded by Staley.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing signatures from Supervisor Richard A. Materese, Comptroller Laura J. Lindsley, Deputy Comptroller Gretchen Uhler and Planning Director Sara Zubalsky-Peer for the purposes of executing any required documents for the Housing Trust Fund Corporation and implementation of the New York State Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program through the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) on behalf of the Town for the calendar year.) Res. by Bertoni, seconded by Staley.

Vote: All yes. The Resolution was adopted.

#### **HEARING OF VISITORS:**

Supervisor Richard A. Materese welcomed the students from Union Endicott's Participation in Government class to the meeting.

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Carol Laskoski, 37 Edwards Street, Johnson City, asked if the new water meters being installed in Choconut Center are the ones that can be scanned from the road.

Councilman Thomas R. Augostini said they are not those kind of meters.

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

- 1. Planning Department Decision Minor Site Plan Review AT & T Equipment Upgrade, 331 Skye Island Drive, Endicott, Tax map #141.13-1-14.1.
- 2. Planning Board Decision Site Plan Approval JKS Home Improvement, LLC, 3400 E. Main Street, Endwell, Tax map # 158.05-3-4.22.
- 3. Planning Board Decision Site Plan Approval Brody's Pizza, 1771 Union Center Maine Highway, Endicott, Tax map # 124.12-1-8.
- 4. Town of Union Planning Board Minutes and Testimony of Public Hearing December 11, 2018.
- Town Clerk Monthly Report December 2018. Carried.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:40P.M.

RMK/kg

Rebecca M. Kruczkowski Deputy Town Clerk

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