



**Town Clerk**  
Leonard J. Perfetti

# 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

October 20, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board was held on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 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.

Also in attendance was Village of Endicott Mayor Linda Jackson.

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

Supervisor Richard A. Materese read the following Proclamations:

### *In Recognition of the YWCA of Binghamton and Broome County*

**WHEREAS**, during this year's campaign, *Beyond Resilience: From Surviving to Thriving*, the YWCA will continue to raise awareness and advocate for the accessible, effective, and consistent resources that survivors and communities need, and

**WHEREAS**, they will continue their inspirational work towards building a world where women, girls, and communities of color are empowered and supported to move beyond resilience, from surviving to thriving.

### *In Recognition of Women Impacting Public Policy and the Small Business Saturday Coalition*

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, U.S. shoppers reported spending a record high total of an estimated \$19.8 billion at independent retailers and restaurants on Small Business Saturday, and



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**WHEREAS**, Small Business Saturday remains essential to the preservation of the neighborhoods that compose the landscape of our local economies and enrich its unique culture, and

**Now, Therefore**, the Town of Union Board wishes to join fellow citizens of the Town of Union in celebrating and supporting Small Business Saturday on Saturday, November, 27, 2021.

**Now, Therefore**, the Town of Union Board wishes to join fellow community members in recognizing and honoring the YWCA of Binghamton and Broome County's Week Without Violence the week of October 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:       None.

BIDS:               None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Town Board held on Friday October 1, 2021 and the Regular Town Board Meeting on October 6, 2021.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING:       None.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Village of Endicott Mayor Linda Jackson providing a notification that the Village of Endicott will be acting as lead agency on the drinking water treatment facilities under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and requesting consent from the Town of Union, to Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Planning Director Margaret Scarinzi and Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio.  
Carried.



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2. Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Timothy Curley inquiring about a vacant property at Evelyn Street, Johnson City, that the Town owns, that he would like to take responsibility for property because he feels there are a lot of issues on the property, to Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Planning Director Margaret Scarinzi and Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio.  
Carried.

PETITIONS: None.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to call for a Public Hearing to be held on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. to consider the 2022 Preliminary Budget including the Annual Water Fund, Annual Sewer Fund, Annual Fire Contracts for the Fire Protection Districts, and proposed Tax Cap Override local law.

The following are the proposed 2022 annual salaries for certain elected officials of the Town of Union: Supervisor - \$20,000; each Councilperson (4 total) - \$10,000; Town Clerk - \$51,765; each Town Justice (2 total) - \$28,340.)

Res. by Staley, seconded by Augustini.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said that the proposed salaries still have to be cleared in the budget notification. These figures are not set in stone.

Moved by Staley, seconded by Augustini to approve Dan Schofield, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, to attend the 2021 PERMA Fall Education Conference at Turning Stone Resort, on Thursday, October 28, 2021. The approval only includes the use of a Town of Union vehicle.

Carried.

Moved by Staley, seconded by Augustini to approve the following 2021 Budget Transfers:

Decrease:	20 8120 4428	Uniforms	\$ 200.00
Increase:	20 8120 4167	Gloves, Boots & Gear	\$ 200.00
Decrease:	31 5130 2500	Other Equipment	\$10,000.00
Increase:	31 5130 4111	Parts	\$10,000.00
Decrease:	10 1620 4205	Gas	\$ 125.00
Increase:	10 1620 4167	Gloves, Boots & Gear	\$ 125.00
Decrease:	31 5110 4122	Sluice Pipe	\$ 7,000.00
Increase:	31 5110 4154	Manhole Covers	\$ 7,000.00
Decrease:	20 8120 4401	Equipment Maint	\$ 350.00



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Increase: 20 8160 4401 Equipment Maint \$ 350.00  
Carried.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing Supervisor Richard A. Materese to sign the Excellus Proposal – Classic Blue (U65 – No Rx Edits) and CSEA Signature Copay 1 plans for the contract period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 at the following rates:

Classic Blue (U65 – No Rx Edits)	
Individual	\$ 1,140.24/mo.
Family	\$ 2,786.94/mo.
CSEA Signature Copay 1	
Individual	\$ 1,016.74/mo.
Family	\$ 2,485.09/mo.)

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

Vote: All yes.

Moved by Bauman, seconded by Staley appointing Daniel S. Coleman, as a Part Time Town Court Bailiff, effective upon successful completion of pre-employment testing. The starting pay rate will be \$18.00/hour.  
Carried.

Moved by Bauman, seconded by Staley to reject all bids for Carousel Horse Painting and Minor Repairs.  
Carried.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to rescind and terminate the awarding of the bid and contract to G. DeVincentis & Son for the Oak Hill-Odell Avenue Street Reconstruction Project.)

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

Vote: All yes.

### HEARING OF VISITORS:

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



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## 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 Decision – Minor Site Plan Review Application number PD-2021-036 Dish Wireless Site Number SYSYR00138A Crown Castle Site #816785, 331 Skye Island Drive, Endicott Tax Map #141.13-1-14.1
  2. Town Clerk Monthly Report – September 2021.
  3. Comptroller's Monthly Report – July 2021 and August 2021.
- Carried.

Councilwoman Heather R. Staley said that the Village of Endicott participated in an Arbor Day on October 8, 2021 by planting three trees at the George W. Johnson Library. She also said Mayor Jackson recognized her husband for his birthday.

Councilman Thomas R, Augostini recognized Jean Davis, former Village of Johnson City Trustee who passed recently. She was involved with many community activities. She lost her husband, Ron a few months ago. He too was involved in the community.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni said we lost Charlie Collison, former Town of Union attorney, a great guy. He bumped heads with us a few times, but he stood up for what he believed in. Councilman Bertoni also mentioned Joe Savoda, long time County Legislature, who passed away.

Town Attorney Alan J. Pope said that Charlie was the Town of Union Attorney for twenty years, which is a long time, considering the political changes of the Board. He was also the Village of Endicott Attorney for twelve years. He said for an attorney to be with a municipality that long, it is pretty exceptional. He was a colorful guy, tenacious and a bright attorney that will be missed.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese recognized Patrick Reardon, a past Town of Union employee of twenty years who passed away. He said Patrick went on to work at Our Lady of Good Counsel as a custodian and also worked at the golf course. Patrick did a lot of things for the community and was always helping out kids. He was very nice and a fine man.

He also recognized Amy Winans, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity in Endicott, 45 years old, who passed in her sleep last week. Amy was very involved with the community and at Union-Endicott Schools.

And, he recognized the life of Dick Hover. Dick served in the military, was a teacher, coach and the athletic director for several years at Union Endicott. He was another great community active person and they all will be missed.



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## ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

Leonard J. Perfetti  
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