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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*

TOWN OF UNION BOARD MEETING

January 2, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Union was held on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 7:06 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.

Also in attendance was Village of Endicott Mayor Linda Jackson.

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 18, 2019 and the Special Town Board meeting held on Tuesday, December 24, 2019.
Carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Frank Chernega, 461 Payne Road, Endicott, asked for clarification on the new Solar Law recently passed, and asked if the law wasn't passed, would the Town's Comprehensive Plan allow large scale solar development. He gave examples of other municipalities that have had issues with large scale developments.

Town Attorney Alan J. Pope said energy development is included in the comprehensive plan. He clarified that the Town filed the moratorium so developers could not be able to come into the Town to develop solar farms without laws in place governing them. He further said the law that was developed is reasonable for the Town, taxpayers, residents and the developers.



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Mr. Chernega said that if the Town does not have a limit in size or kilowatt hours, we could potentially have a 2000 acre solar farm built in the Town, like the Excelsior Solar Farm in the Town of Byron and the 6000 acre farm that is in Virginia.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni said that our regulations are determined by the size of the property, so if there is not a 6000 acre property in the Town of Union, we cannot have a 6000 acre kilowatt farm.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said that properties cannot be combined to make up a larger parcel for development, and that each property owner would have to follow the setback regulations for their own properties. He further said that doesn't mean it is not possible to have solar farms built next to each other.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni said that theoretically someone could buy up many parcels of properties to make one large piece of property, but that would be difficult to do.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said that the law was developed to protect the residents of the Town of Union so that no large scale solar farms can be built in a residential area.

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 Communication:

1. Charter Communications – Upcoming Changes – December 23, 2019.
Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the Notice of Claim – Gabriel Martin, Plaintiff vs. Town of Lisle, Defendant for serious injuries sustained on September 26, 2019 to Town Attorney Alan J. Pope and the Town's insurance carrier.
Carried.
2. Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Jason Gilbert, Cubmaster Pack 209, 610 Lacey Drive, Endwell, New York, requesting the use of the Highland Park Gymnasium on Sunday, January 28, 2020 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. and requesting the fees be reduced or waived, to Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio and Parks Manager Ray Vanderpoel.
Carried.



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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 Bauman, seconded by Staley.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to retroactively approve the Winter Overtime Differential Pay (For Snow Removal/Maintenance Only) as paid with payrolls of 4/26/19 and 6/7/19. Article 7 of the CSEA Blue Collar agreement was supplemented for the 2018/2019 Winter Season Only. Employees that responded and reported to work for call in snow removal/maintenance work at between 90% and 100% of call in instances were paid \$300.00. Employees that responded and reported to work for call in snow removal/maintenance work at between 75% and 89% of call in instances were paid \$150.00.)

Res. by Bauman, seconded by Staley.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bauman to accept the Change of Zone Petition from Open Space (OS) to Urban Single-Family (USF) for 1908 Newell Road, and to refer it to the Planning Department to make all necessary referrals under Section 239-l, m and n, and to forward the rezoning petition to the Planning Board for an advisory opinion.
Carried.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to declare Lead Agency for the petition to rezone 1908 Newell Road from Open Space (OS) to Urban Single-Family (USF), and to declare the project an Unlisted Action under SEQRA.)

Res. by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

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 Local Development Corporation Minutes – September 19, 2019 & November 21, 2019.
2. Town of Union Planning Department Minor Site Plan Approval – Christy Benacquisto, Inspired Hair Studios, 3550 George F. Highway, Endwell, Tax Map # 142.19-4-28. Carried.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni said he attended Linda Jackson's swearing in ceremony at the Village of Endicott and said it was well run. He wished her the best of luck.

On behalf of the Town of Union Board, Supervisor Richard A. Materese wished everyone a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

Leonard J. Perfetti
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