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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 15, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Union was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 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, Deputy Town Clerk Rebecca Kruczkowski.

Also in attendance was Village of Endicott Mayor Linda Jackson and Zoning Board of Appeals Member Giuseppe Roberto.

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

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni read the following Proclamation:

### ***In Recognition of Frank George***

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Union and the citizens of the Town of Union is honored to have Frank George as a resident of our community and

**WHEREAS**, Frank George is a World War II Veteran, serving in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne, and

**WHEREAS**, Frank George is a veteran of the Invasion of Sicily, where he was captured and was held as a Prisoner of War; and

**WHEREAS**, Frank George worked as a Senior Engineer at SUNY Binghamton, now Binghamton University, for 20 years until his retirement in 1982; and

**WHEREAS**, Frank George served two years as State Commander of the Ex-POW's organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Union is pleased to have one of its most prestigious citizens reach a milestone in his life by turning the wonderful age of 100.



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**Now, Therefore,** the Town of Union Board wishes to join family, friends and fellow citizens in recognizing and honoring Mr. Frank George on his **“100<sup>th</sup> Birthday”**

Supervisor Richard A. Materese read the following Proclamation:

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** On behalf of the Supervisor and Board of the Town of Union and the citizens of the Town of Union, it gives us a great deal of pleasure to express to the Maine Endwell Spartans Girls Field Hockey team our sincere congratulations on your second consecutive New York State championship title; and

**WHEREAS,** this has been an exciting, hard fought and successful season, and we are proud of the record these Maine Endwell Spartans have earned; and

**WHEREAS,** the Maine Endwell Spartans can proudly boast a record of 16 wins and 3 losses for the 2019 season; and

**WHEREAS,** the citizens of the Town of Union, are very proud of Maine Endwell head coach, Heather Doyle and her staff in leading this talented group of athletes; and

**Now, Therefore,** the Town of Union Board does hereby declare January 15, 2020 as  
**Maine Endwell Field Hockey Team Day**

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

BIDS: None.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the Minutes of Reorganizational meeting and the Minutes of Regular Town of Union Board meeting held on Thursday, January 2, 2020.

Carried.

## HEARING OF VISITORS:

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



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## COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING:

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

1. Charter Communications Notices – January 10, 2020, January 13, 2020.  
Carried.

## COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Email from an anonymous resident regarding LED street lights recently installed in his neighborhood to Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio.

Councilman Thomas R. Augostini explained that because Action #1 did not contain any name or information regarding the resident and they wanted to remain anonymous, we are disregarding Action #1.

2. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Amy Priddy, 1217 Farm to Market Road, Endwell, New York requesting reimbursement for property damage to their business, Parlor City Lawn Care, located at 110 Berkley Street, Endicott, New York caused by a Town of Union snow plow on December 2, 2019 to Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Highway Superintendent Chester Kupiec and the Town Insurance Carrier.  
Carried.

3. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the letter from Jessica Stanis, Regional Director, Binghamton Rescue Mission, requesting use of Highland Park and Recreation Center on Friday, February 28, 2020, from 2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. for their Annual Freeze Out 5K Walk/Run and asking to have any associated fees waived, and refer it to Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio and Parks Manager Ray Vanderpoel.  
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 February 19, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. with respect to a proposed change in the Town of Union Code - Chapter 31, entitled Code of Ethics, to provide for a 5 member board.)

Res. by Bertoni, seconded by Bauman.

Vote: Yes  
Augostini  
Bauman  
Materese  
Staley



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No  
Bertoni

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing the sale for \$1.00 of vacant unused land being a portion of an unpaved paper street known as Landmark Drive in the Town of Union to Brian and JoAnn Howard whose land abuts said paper street, subject to a permissive referendum.)

Res. by Bertoni, seconded by Bauman.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

Moved by Staley, seconded by Bertoni to approve the following 2020 Budget Transfer:

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 accept the following proposed base insurance premiums for 1/1/20-1/1/21:

Argonaut Group Trident Insurance	\$225,451.94	Property, Inland Marine, General Liability, Automotive, Public Officials, Excess Liability, OCP Policy Hauling & Work Permit
Chubb (ACE American Insurance)	\$ 7,499.00	Cyber
National Grange Mutual Insurance	\$ 1,907.00	Crime
PERMA	\$239,319.00	Workers Compensation, \$28,092 billable to Union Center Fire Co.)

Res. by Staley, seconded by Bertoni.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing Supervisor Richard A. Materese to enter into a contract with GHD Consulting Services, Inc. (GHD) to provide engineering services for the Taft Heights Sanitary Sewer Services Area Inflow/Infiltration Reduction Project. This project is necessary as we are obligated to address the areas of concern listed in Administration Compliance Order issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The contract has multiple tasks and is proposed in a lump sum fee structure totaling \$61,000.00. Funding for the project was previously approved as part of the 2020 Capital Plan.)

Res. by Staley, seconded by Bertoni.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.



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(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to authorize the purchase of a new 2020 Caterpillar 938M 3V model Loader through a Buy Back Program from CAT for a price of \$177,695.00 minus trade in \$165,795.00 net difference being \$11,900 per NYS OGS contract PC66988 NJPA-032515 CAT. F-174 to be declared surplus for trade-in purposes. The new Loader would be paid out of the Highway Equipment Account.

\$177,695.00 (New) 2020 CAT 938M 3V Loader  
\$165,795.00 (Trade-In) 2018 CAT 938M 3V Loader  
\$ 11,900.00 Total Net Difference.)

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

Vote: All yes.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese explained the Buy Back Program to the students in attendance.

Moved by Staley, seconded by Bertoni to approve the attendance of Jillian Pichura and Deputy Commissioner of Public Works for Codes & Ordinances Daria Golazeski at the NYSBOC Central Chapter Educational Conference at the Holiday Inn, Liverpool, New York on April 7-9, 2020. Authorization to include registration fee of \$360.00 per person (which covers 3 continental breakfasts and lunches for 3 days) and use of a Town vehicle. The Educational Conference accounts for 24 of the required 24 hours of training.  
Carried.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to modify the Temporary – Part-time Handbook, Pay Periods and Check Distribution to provide that Pay periods begin on Saturday and end six (6) calendar days later on Friday. Paychecks will be issued one week later on the Friday following the end of the payroll period. An employee paycheck will be based on the amount earned during the preceding payroll period. Temporary – Part time employees shall use direct deposit, providing the Town the information for direct bank deposit of paychecks at the time of hire. Only a payroll advice will be distributed to the department or mailed to the employee's home. It is the employee's responsibility to notify the Personnel Office of any change in address.)

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

Vote: All yes.

Supervisor Richard A, Materese explained why the Town has gone to direct deposit for the part time employees.

Moved by Bauman, seconded by Staley to authorize the attendance of Stefan Miller at the Certified Pool Operation training in Binghamton on March 17 & 18, 2020. Authorization to include registration fee of \$305.00 and use of a Town vehicle or mileage reimbursement.  
Carried.



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Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to authorize the Planning Director to issue the bid for the Fairmont Park (Barton Avenue) Levee Repair & Completion project identified in the Action Plan for Disaster Recovery approved at the July 18, 2012 meeting. Bids shall be received at a date and time established by the Planning Director.  
Carried.

Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to authorize the Planning Director to issue bids and/or requests for Proposals (RFPs) for construction related projects identified in the CDBG FFY 2019 Annual Plan approved at the July 10, 2019 meeting. Bids and/or RFPs shall be received at dates and times established by the Planning Director.  
Carried.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing signatures from Richard A. Materese, Laura J. Lindsley, Gretchen Uhler and Sara Zubalsky-Peer for the purposes of executing any required documents for the Housing Trust Fund Corporation and implementation of the NY 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 Augostini, seconded by Bertoni.  
The Resolution was adopted.

Vote: All yes.

### HEARING OF VISITORS:

Jonathon Rockwell, 519 June Street, Endicott, asked about the property on Washington Avenue across from Wendy’s and if there are any plans for development.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said that it is a Village of Endicott property and asked Mayor Linda Jackson to give an update on the property.

Village of Endicott Mayor Linda Jackson said the property was cleared for the building of a hotel and the owner put the property up for sale when money did not come through for development. She said they are waiting to hear in two weeks if anyone is interested in building when the Greater Binghamton Funding is announced.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese congratulated Jonathon Rockwell for being a new Eagle Scout.

As no one else 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 Report:

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

## ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

Leonard J. Perfetti  
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