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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

March 4, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Union was held on Wednesday, March 4, 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 Kevin McManus, Deputy County Executive; Linda Jackson, Village of Endicott Mayor; Giuseppe Roberto and Amanda Dorrell, Zoning Board of Appeals members.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

### BIDS:

Bids were called for on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. for George W. Johnson Park Improvements-Fencing, Town of Union FFY 2019 CDBG Program.

Bids were received as follows:

Whitmore Fence Company, Inc.	Base Bid -	\$24,665.00
	Alternate Bid 1 -	\$16,603.00
	Total Bid:	\$41,268.00
Reliance Fence Company, Inc.	Base Bid -	\$52,609.00
	Alternate Bid 1 -	\$28,772.00
	Total Bid:	\$81,381.00

Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to receive and file the Bids for George W. Johnson Park Improvements-Fencing, Town of Union FFY 2019 CDBG Program.  
Carried.



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Bids were called for on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. for the Barton Avenue (Fairmont Park) Levee Extension – Town of Union FFY 2019 CDBG-DR Program. Bids were received as follows:

Gorick Construction Company	\$274,343.00
Byler Excavating, LLC	\$372,716.25
Walsh and Sons Construction Corp.	\$414,298.25
Bothar Construction, LLC	\$469,785.00
G. DeVincentis & Son Construction	\$539,000.00

Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to receive and file the Bids for the Barton Avenue (Fairmont Park) Levee Extension – Town of Union FFY 2019 CDBG-DR Program.  
Carried.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the Minutes of the Regular Town of Union Board meeting held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020.  
Carried.

## HEARING OF VISITORS:

At this time, Supervisor Richard A. Materese welcomed Kevin McManus, Deputy County Executive, and invited him to speak.

Deputy County Executive Kevin McManus gave an overview on the County budget. He said the County is in a stronger place than it was three years ago and that everything was accomplished in a bipartisan way. He highlighted a few things that were accomplished this past year such as:

Public Safety - the Emergency Communications Towers Project was implemented with the towers being built that will give almost 100% of coverage for the County; three sheriff's deputies were added along with 911 dispatchers; and a new administration consolidating the County with the Village of Deposit Police Department.

County Finances - they cut short term spending by 30% and have had two successive tax cuts in a row. He said they started their administration with \$250,000 in the fund balance and will approach close to 10 million in reserve this year. He went on to say that the County has received a 3.1 million dollar match with the State of New York for their shared services initiative and the County has been taken off the severely fiscally distressed list.

Community Assistance - the County Executive and the Legislature have agreed upon small business loan funds, as well as a second round of small community grants like the one used



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for the Little Italy Kitchen. He said if there are any small projects in the Town of Union, it might be worth checking out the County website for information and fill out the application that has a deadline at the end of March. He said there are still 4000 regional jobs to fill in the County; and the Workforce Development Office and the Social Services Department are now located at the Oakdale Mall, and along with two other businesses, Lourdes Hospital and the Beer Tree Brewery and Restaurant. They hope with the repurposing of the Oakdale Mall, it will spark some interest for other businesses to move there.

Budget additions - a Veteran's facility located at the former Vestal Country Club is to be opened in October 2020. This facility will have several different veteran agencies in one location to provide a "one stop shop"; the Upstate Recovery Academy located at the Broome Developmental Center and Columbus School (the only one in Upstate New York); cameras on every school bus initiative (Broome County was the first to sign up for this); Broome Includes Initiative that allow communities to be inclusive for people with disabilities; 10,000 Tick kits, a new Disc Golf Course at Cole Park; investing money in the Bagsai Softball Complex and the Grippen Park Baseball fields to make them more playable; completed Fallfest at Otsiningo Park and Winterfest at Cole Park and finally, the County is taking down the house in the City of Binghamton that Cheri Lindsey was killed in to help erase the terrible memory and rebuild the neighborhood.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said the current Emergency Radio System has 14 networks but none of them can communicate with each other. He also said the new system will allow the agencies to talk to each other in a County emergency and that there will not be a cost to the municipalities, but there will be an added charge on cell phone and land lines to cover it.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni said the Little Italy Grant work is coming along very nicely.

Carol Laskoski, 37 Edwards Street, Johnson City, asked for a clarification of what Disc Golf is.

Deputy County Executive McManus explained what it is.

Councilman Thomas R. Augostini commended the County on what a great facility Willow Point Nursing Home is, and offered the suggestion that they could provide childcare services at the facility. He said there is a great need for it, room at the facility, the infrastructure to handle it and food is also available. He feels it would be a good option to explore. He also said he is involved with hockey and with the loss of the Grippen Park ice rink, there is a great need for ice in our area. He said he was recently involved with two hockey tournaments and he knows that hockey people can be fanatics who spend a lot of money and bring in a lot of people to tournaments. He said one tournament around the Philadelphia area brought in 649 teams to play on multiple ice rinks in multiple locations, and that our area would be an attractive area to hold tournaments, where we could draw the New Jersey, Pennsylvania and teams north of here to play, if we had the ice to play on.



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Village of Endicott Mayor Linda Jackson said that County Executive Jason Garner is receptive to cleaning up the dump at the Kmart property for use of an ice facility.

Councilman Augostini said the last two DR Applications from the Village of Endicott included a facility for ice and what makes the property attractive, is the owner was going to donate the property.

Councilman Augostini also said that with \$60 million dollars being invested in the baseball facilities at Binghamton University, it could be a big hub for tournaments, drawing a lot of outside interest, instead of us going to other areas to unload our pockets, we need to bring others here to spend their money.

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. Letter from Village of Endicott Mayor Linda S. Jackson to Supervisor Richard A. Materese informing him that the Village of Endicott Board of Trustees voted at their February 17, 2020 meeting to terminate the contract with the Town of Union that allowed Village residents to use the Town of Union Scarborough Drive Facility effective March 17, 2020.
2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Endicott Board of Trustees held on February 3, 2020.
3. Charter Communications Notice – February 28, 2020.
4. Letter from Julie Melancon, CPESC, Environmental Program Specialist 2, NYSDEC, to Supervisor Richard A. Materese regarding the MS4 Inspection, Town of Union, SPDES General Permit ID# NYR20A050 scheduled for March 18, 2020.  
Carried.

## COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the Email from Brendan Gardner, Director, Maine-Endwell Theatre Company, requesting the use of a carousel horse for their production of "Shrek: The Musical", and refer it to Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio and Parks Manager Ray Vanderpoel.  
Carried.



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2. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the Email from Mark Goldman, American Cruisers Car Club Committee Member, requesting use of Highland Park and waiver of fees for their Annual "Cars at Highland Park" custom car show benefitting local Veterans and their families; to be held on Saturday June 15, 2020 from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, 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 requesting the State Legislature to pass bill A-9810/S-7749, conveying to New York State Electric & Gas, an easement through land located in the Town's West Endicott Park to be used to convey an existing overhead electrical transmission line and anchoring facilities.)

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

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing the purchase of two (2) 2020 model Chevrolet Malibu cars for the shared Motor Pool Fleet and to be paid for by previously approved Town Board use of appropriated fund balance and capital funds. The vehicles were originally approved for purchase by Resolution at the Regular Meeting of the Town Board held on August 7, 2019 to replace the CDBG and Economic Development cars, and subsequent to ordering of the vehicles, the Planning Director was notified that HUD would no longer allow the purchase of vehicles for program administration activities by use of CBDG funds.)

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

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing the purchase a new 2020 Mack Granite 42 FR/Mack M- Drive from Beam Mack Sales Service, Inc. off of the Onondaga County Heavy Truck Class 8 Statewide Contract #8996. Budget line to be used is 2020 Capital Line. Purchase price is \$228,771.00. This truck will replace the Highway Department's Truck E-34 (1999 GMC Single Axle Dump Truck); authorization to also declare E-34 as surplus to be sold on Auctions International.)

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

Vote: All yes.

Moved by Staley, seconded by Augostini to authorize the advertisement of Bids for Country Trail Road Culvert Rehabilitation at a date and time to be determined by the Commissioner of Public Works.  
Carried.



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Moved by Staley, seconded by Augostini to authorize the advertisement of Bids for Curb and Gutter/Sidewalk Replacement at a date and time to be determined by the Commissioner of Public Works.

Carried.

Moved by Staley, seconded by Augostini to authorize the advertisement of Bids for Underdrain Installation and Connections at Miscellaneous Locations at a date and time to be determined by the Commissioner of Public Works.

Carried.

Moved by Staley, seconded by Augostini to authorize the advertisement of Bids for the Smith Drive Sanitary Sewer Repairs at Various Locations Project at a date and time to be determined by the Commissioner of Public Works.

Carried.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes requesting a Permissive Referendum as required by General Municipal Law (Section 6-C), to expend funds from the Part Town Capital Improvement & Equipment Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing a new 2020 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD 4WD Crew Cab in the amount of \$35,384.01 as authorized with the 2020 Capital Request.)

Res. by Staley, seconded by Augostini.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

Moved by Bauman, seconded by Staley to authorize the advertisement of bids for T-Shirts for Recreation Programs and Parks and Recreation Seasonal Staff for the 2020 season. Bids to be received on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. at which time they will be opened and read aloud.

Carried.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve the Town of Union Agreement with Park Manor Plaza, LLC for the use of Park Manor Plaza property for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Extravaganza parking and fireworks viewing.)

Res. by Bauman, seconded by Staley.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to call for a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 PM. to solicit public input for inclusion in the FFY 2020-



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2024 Consolidated Plan and FFY 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan.)

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

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing the Planning Director, Supervisor, and Deputy Supervisor to complete all documentation for Change Order 1 for the Exchange Avenue Street Reconstruction Design Services contract with Hulbert Engineering approving an additional \$5,625.00 for additional construction inspection services for a total contract cost of \$23,755.00.)

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

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to award the Bid for George W. Johnson Park Improvements-Fencing, Town of Union FFY 2019 CDBG Program to Whitmore Fence Company, Inc. 126 North Street, Dryden, NY 13053, for their Base Bid and Alternate 1 price in an amount not to exceed \$41,268.00, and authorize the Supervisor, Deputy Supervisor, and Planning Director to execute the contract and any other documentation required to complete the project.)

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

Vote: All yes.

## HEARING OF VISITORS:

Village of Endicott Mayor Linda Jackson, said she feels the Town should not waive the fees for the American Cruisers Car Club to hold their show at Highland Park. She said their sign says they donate portions of their proceeds to veterans, not all of it.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said they have been in discussions with the car club and they have produced documentation showing all the proceeds went to the Veterans and that they are a 501c3 not for profit organization.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni said they presented independent verification that showed the money went to the Veterans and they invited the Town Board to attend the ceremony they hold when they present the money to the Veterans.

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 Reports:

1. Town of Union Local Development Corporation Minutes – January 23, 2020.
  2. Comptroller's Finance Report – January 2020.
  3. Permits Monthly Report – January 2020.
- Carried.

At this time, Councilman Frank J. Bertoni said the Town Board is meeting with the Village of Endicott to resolve the Scarborough Drive Construction & Debris Facility issue and hopes to get the information out to the residents as soon as they can.

## ADJOURNMENT:

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

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Leonard J. Perfetti  
Town Clerk

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