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# Town of Union

**Town Board**  
Richard A. Materese, *Supervisor*  
Thomas R. Augustini, *Councilman*  
Frank J. Bertoni, *Councilman*  
Sandra C. Bauman, *Councilwoman*  
Heather R. Staley, *Councilwoman*

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## TOWN OF UNION BOARD MEETING

May 6, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Union was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Richard A. Materese, Councilman Thomas R. Augustini, Councilman Frank J. Bertoni, Councilwoman Sandra C. Bauman, Councilwoman Heather R. Staley.

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Deputy Town Attorney Rosemarie Pope, Town Clerk Leonard J. Perfetti, Deputy Town Clerk Rebecca Kruczkowski, Planning Director Sara Zubalsky-Peer.

Also in attendance was Greg Deemie, Mayor, Village of Johnson City.

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

### PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Written requests or comments received by May 5, 2020, were accepted by Planning Director Sara Zubalsky-Peer as input on the Public Hearings. The Public is welcome to comment by participating in this Zoom meeting.

A Public Hearing was called for on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. to solicit public input on the proposed CDBG Citizen Participation Plan amendments.  
Pub. & Posted: May 1, 2020.

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

A Public Hearing was called for on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. to solicit public input for use of CDBG-CV funds.  
Pub. & Posted: May 1, 2020.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said at this present time, we are unsure of the extra money we will be getting and what it will be able to be used for, as there are conflicting reports on



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how this money can be spent. He further said Planning Director Sara Zubalsky-Peer is trying to figure out if it must be all spent on COVID related spending or if it can be used for some other CDBG areas.

Supervisor Materese said he received a letter from a resident asking the Town to use the funds to bring back the yard waste removal. He explained that this request has nothing to do with these funds, and said that with a 50% reduction of the workforce, we cannot do it at this time. He further said that when we are relieved of this restriction, we will go back to the regular refuse, recycling and yard waste programs.

Greg Deemie, Mayor, Village of Johnson City, said he sent a letter to Planning Director Sara Zubalsky-Peer regarding possible help for the Village of Johnson City with costs of sanitizing and replacing things in order to having public meetings going forward.

Councilwoman Heather R. Staley read letters from two residents who could not be on the meeting tonight.

Matt Fellows, 308 S. Loder Avenue, Endicott, asked for a summary of what these CDBG COVID funds are intended to be used for.

Planning Director Sara Zubalsky-Peer explained that at this time it is unclear at HUD as to what the funds can be used for. She said generally they are looking to fund any activity that is normally CDBG eligible for low to moderate income, and is looking to do things to prevent the spread of COVID19 or respond to the virus. She further said there is a list of certain eligible things that the funding can be used for, like, economic development or relief for people who might need help paying bills

As no one else wished to speak, Supervisor Richard A. Materese closed the second Public Hearing.

## BIDS:

Bids were called for on Monday, May 4, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. for Scribner Drive Reconstruction.

Bids were received as follows:

DeNinis Construction Company, Inc.	\$ 319,380.00
G. DeVincentis & Son Construction	\$ 328,000.00
Siteworx Excavating & Paving, Inc.	\$ 328,209.00
Chicago Construction Company, Inc.	\$ 344,000.00
Albert Torto Construction Corporation	\$ 361,797.00.

Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to receive and file the Bids for Scribner Drive Reconstruction.

Carried.



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## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the Minutes of the Regular Town of Union Board Meeting held on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 and the Special Town of Union Board Meeting held on Wednesday, April 29, 2020.  
Carried.

## HEARING OF VISITORS:

As no one 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 Notice – April 14, 2020.
2. 239 Review Submission Form – Town of Chenango, amending Chapter 15 “Planning Boards”.
3. Letter from Pamela M. Eshbaugh, P.E., Regional Planning and Program Manager, New York State Department of Transportation regarding Project Identification Number (PIN) 904139/D264067 – State Route 17C Preventative Maintenance Resurfacing & Lane Reconfiguration, Town of Union and Village of Endicott, Broome County.
4. 239 Review Submission Form – Village of Endicott, Zoning Text Change – Zoning Board of Appeals Membership.
5. 239 Review Submission Form – Village of Endicott, Amendment to Sign Regulations.  
Carried.

## COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the Email from Trish Mulrooney, Associate RE Broker, Warner Real Estate, 3456 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal, New York, asking for a client, if the Town of Union would consider selling the vacant lot at 515 Fernwood Street, Johnson City to Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Planning Director Sara Zubalsky-Peer and Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio.  
Carried.





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Moved by Staley, seconded by Augustini to authorize the advertisement of Bids for Intersection Improvements PIN 9754.55, Hooper Road (CR33) at Watson Boulevard, Town of Union, Broome County at a date and time to be determined by the Commissioner of Public Works.

Carried.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to award the Bid for Scribner Drive Reconstruction to DeNinis Construction Company, Inc., 138 Burr Avenue, Binghamton, New York, for their low bid price of \$319,380.00.)

Res. by Staley, seconded by Augustini.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve the Referral Agreement as revised by Fairmont Park Apartments, L.P. and to authorize the Planning Director to execute the same.)

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.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS ON FILE IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE:

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

1. Town Clerk Monthly Report – March 2020.
2. Permits Monthly Report – March 2020.
3. Town of Union Local Development Corporation Special Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2020.

Carried.

At this time, Councilman Thomas R. Augustini recognized the passing of Patricia Brinsko, former Town Clerk Gail Springer's mother and gave condolences to her family.



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Councilman Frank J. Bertoni said he is getting many calls about the recycling facility in Endicott and that there is a lot of animosity out there on how the process is working. He also said in his opinion, the Village of Endicott had the opportunity to put some of those processes in place when we wanted to consolidate with them and they didn't.

Councilwoman Heather R. Staley said she is also getting many calls and emails regarding this and that the main issue is the public cannot be there in person, therefore they are not able to voice their concerns or get answers. She further said another meeting will be held on May 7, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said just to be fair, it is a confusing process, but apparently there was a DEC comment period back in November and then it was carried over until now, which has caused a lot of confusion with people saying they did not hear about it in November or December. He also said he is not saying it is right or wrong on how they proceeded, just saying what it is.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese also said it is Nurse's Week and he thanked all the nurses, male and female, for their dedication; and also thanked the doctors, first responders, front line workers that are out there to help us all. He thanked the Town employees, particularly the Refuse Department, who are collecting trash every day and they have to be careful and look after their own health.

## ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Leonard J. Perfetti  
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