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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*

TOWN OF UNION BOARD MEETING

October 5, 2022

The Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Union was held on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 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. Augustini, 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 Town of Union Zoning Board of Appeals member Amanda Dorrell.

Town Clerk Leonard J. Perfetti presented the 2023 Tentative Budget to the Town Board.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A Public Hearing was called for on October 5, 2022 to consider adopting a proposed local law entitled Removal of Utility Poles.
Pub. & Posted: 09/16/2022

Carol Laskoski, 37 Edward Street, Johnson City, asked for an explanation of this proposed law.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said this is to prevent utility companies from leaving poles standing after new ones are installed. He said they are unsightly and need to be removed.

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

BIDS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:



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Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the Minutes of the Regular Town of Union Board Meeting held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022.
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 – Programming Notifications –September 23, 2022.
2. Union Volunteer Emergency Squad Monthly Report – July 2022.
3. Grievance Petitions from July 20, 2022 to September 29, 2022 regarding reassessments filed with the Town Attorney, Town Clerk and Assessor.
Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the West Endicott Fire District Proposed 2023 Budget to the Comptroller.
Carried.
2. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the West Corners Fire District Proposed 2023 Budget to the Comptroller.
Carried.
3. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the Union Volunteer Emergency Squad, Inc. Proposed 2023 Budget to the Comptroller.
Carried.
4. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the Union Center Fire Company Proposed 2023 Budget to the Comptroller.
Carried.

PETITIONS: None.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing Supervisor Richard A. Materese to sign the Humana Proposal – Group Medicare Advantage plan for the contract period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 at the following rate:

Humana Medicare Employer Plan – Individual - \$213.72/month.)
Res. by Staley, seconded by Augostini. Vote: All yes.
The Resolution was adopted.

Moved by Staley, seconded by Augostini to approve the following 2022 Budget Transfers:

Decrease:	20 8160 2200	Office Equip.	\$ 950.00
Increase:	20 8160 4201	Telephone	\$ 600.00
Increase:	20 8160-4415	Refuse Collection	\$ 350.00
Decrease:	31 5130 4108	Antifreeze	\$1,000.00
Increase:	31 5130 4616	Freight	\$1,000.00
Carried.			

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing Supervisor Materese or Deputy Supervisor Augostini to sign the proposal from CPL Architecture Engineering to provide engineering services for the Glendale Park Walking Path project. The lump sum fee is \$32,495.00. Payment will be from the ARPA funds.)

Res. by Staley, seconded by Augostini. Vote: All yes.
The Resolution was adopted.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni asked how the plan would work and who would design the walking path, the Town or the engineers.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said it would be a little of both; we would tell them what we would like to see and they will tell us if it is feasible or not; and then they will design the path.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to authorize Supervisor Materese or Deputy Supervisor Augostini to sign the proposal from Delta Engineers, Architects, & Surveyors for Engineering Services for the Proposed Follow-Up Actions to NOV Dated June 9, 2022. Delta is submitting this proposal for the purposes of assisting the Town of Union respond to a Notice of Violation (NOV) received from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) dated June 9, 2022. The NOV was issued in response to reported leaks from a 24" force main sewer which originates at the Argonne Street Pump Station and terminates near Massachusetts Avenue, approximately 1,640-ft west of the



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Pump Station. The lump sum fee is \$89,120.00. Payment will be from the ARPA funds.)
Res. by Staley, seconded by Augostini. Vote: All yes.
The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to authorize Supervisor Materese to enter into an agreement with Griffiths Engineering to provide engineering services for Camelot Road Drainage Improvements. The total fee will be \$37,870.00. This project will be paid with ARPA funds.)

Res. by Staley, seconded by Augostini. Vote: All yes.
The Resolution was adopted.

Moved by Staley, seconded by Augostini to authorize the advertisement of bids for Seven (7) 2022 or Newer Chevrolet Silverado's 2500 HD 4WD Crew Cabs. Three (3) vehicles for the Highway Department, one (1) for the Refuse Department and Three (3) for the Parks Department. Bids to be received and opened by Town Clerk Leonard J. Perfetti on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
Carried.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing Supervisor Richard A. Materese to execute the Excellus Two Renewals for the contract period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 at a 9% increase.)

Res. by Bauman, seconded by Staley. Vote: All yes.
The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve the purchase of Six (6) - Electric Basketball Backboards from Facilities Equipment and Service, Inc. through Sourcewell Contract #0718190 PTA. The total fee for this project is \$66,418.66. The funds will come out of ARPA Lost Revenue Funds).

Res. by Bauman, seconded by Staley. Vote: All yes.
The Resolution was adopted.

Quotes were received on September 29, 2022 for Glendale Ball Fields Repair/Renovation.

Quotes were received as follows:

Greenskeeper	\$28,200.00
Aratura	\$33,950.00
Andre & Sons	\$81,332.03

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to award the quote for Glendale Ball Fields Repair/Renovation to Greenskeeper Landscaping & Lawn Care for their quote price of



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\$28,200.00. This will come from ARPA Lost Revenue Funds.)

Res. by Bauman, seconded by Staley.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing the hiring of Rachel Klug as a temporary Part-Time Clerk for Judge Grace at \$19.25 per hour to fill in while his Full –Time Clerk is out on medical leave, subject to pre-employment testing.)

Res. by Bauman, seconded by Staley.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to accept the Endwell Storage Preliminary PUD Development Plan, and to refer it to the Planning Department to make all necessary referrals under Section 239-l and -m, and to forward the Endwell Storage Preliminary PUD Development Plan to the Planning Board for an advisory opinion.

Carried.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni asked if this is only to approve sending this to the Planning Board and not to approve the project.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese responded that it is correct.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to declare Lead Agency for the application for the Endwell Storage Preliminary PUD Development Plan, and to declare the project a Type 1 Action under SEQRA.)

Res. by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes approving the ARPA Lost Revenue Funds sub-recipient agreement between the Town of Union and the Town of Union LDC for the Town to transfer \$1.5 million to be used for the implementation and administration of small business grant programs developed by the Town of Union LDC and authorizing Supervisor Materese to sign said sub-recipient agreement.)

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 Planning Board Decision – Special Use Permit: Daycare Kennel Use – Pawlandias Dog Daycare, Application # PB-2022-029A, 1221 Campville Road, Tax Map # 156.14-1-5; 1207 Campville Road, Tax Map # 156.14-1-4.
2. Town of Union Planning Board Decision – Site Plan Approval – Pawlandias Dog Treats and Daycare (Kennel Use), Application # PB-2022-029B, 1221 Campville Road, Tax Map # 156.14-1-5; 1207 Campville Road, Tax Map # 156.14-1-4.
3. Town of Union Planning Board Decision – Site Plan Approval – New Offices/Meeting Room Expansion, Samaritan Counseling Center of the Southern Tier, Inc., Application # PB-2022-026, 3001 E. Main Street, Endwell, Tax Map # 157.08-2-22.
4. Town of Union Planning Board Decision – Site Plan Approval: Dog Grooming – Muddy Pawed Dog, Application # PB-2022-028, 3008 Watson Boulevard, Endwell, Tax Map # 141.20-4-14.
5. Town of Union Planning Board Decision – Site Plan Approval for Improvements: Good Shepherd Village at Endwell, Inc., Application # PB-2022-031, 1606 Farm to Market Road, Endwell, Tax Map # 109.03-1-18.
6. Town of Union Planning Department Decision– Minor Site Plan Approval - Upgrades: AT&T Mobility Telecommunications Facility Site # 10097412/Name WMRV, Application # PD-2022-034, 1190 Robinson Hill Road, Endwell, Tax Map # 126.04-1-5.
7. Town of Union Planning Board Decision – Special Overnight Event: Family Sports Complex, Application # PB-2022-036, 1500 County Airport Road, Binghamton, Tax Map # 110.04-1-37.2.
8. Town of Union Local Development Corporation Minutes – August 18, 2022 & September 23, 2022.
Carried.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese read the following Proclamation:

The Town of Union would like to commend the efforts of The YWCA of Binghamton and Broome County for their efforts to draw attention to and help reduce violence in our community as well as support survivors and victims of violence.

Violence is never an answer to solving problems. Violence against race, against women, against children or elderly, against gender, against political or religious sides



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should never be tolerated.

We ask that you join us in a week without violence as we proclaim October 17th - 22nd as a time to focus on survivors and work toward peace in our community.

Councilwoman Heather R. Staley said that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. She said we have RISE located in the Town of Union to provide counseling and shelter for families fleeing from domestic violence. It is a good service and it is located right here in the Town.

Councilwoman Sandra C. Bauman invites all Town residents to Highland Park tomorrow, October 6th at 10:00 A.M. for the rededication of the Highland Park Pool to the Ray Vanderpoel Swim Facility.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said Ray was a dedicated Town employee for 35 years and with him being our go to person for anything regarding the pools, it is fitting that the pool facility is named after him.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni said he hopes Mayor Jackson will relay it back to the Village Board that the Town of Union is committing to spending \$89,000.00 on the sewer line.

Mayor Linda Jackson said she will definitely relay it back and she will go into Anthony Bate's office first thing in the morning to tell him the good news. She thanked the Town for being so generous and let them know they are appreciated.

Councilman Bertoni asked the Board to relay to people running for office that political signs or any other signs are not permitted in the Town right of ways and they should follow the rules. He said the right of way is from the curb to the sidewalk and it is unfair for municipal employees to have to move the signs to maintain the right of ways.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said as for an example, the area around the on-ramp to Hooper Road from George F. Highway was covered with political signs. He said he took it upon himself to instruct the Highway Department to remove them. He also said if a person is running for office and is not following the rules, then why would we elect them.

Councilwoman Heather C. Staley said people running for office, especially large campaigns, have volunteers putting out signs that don't necessarily know the rules for all the municipalities.

Supervisor Materese said the candidates are responsible for their volunteers to know where they can put them.



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Councilman Bertoni said that permission is supposed to be gotten from the property owners before a sign is placed and just because it is a vacant lot, you can't go on it to place a sign without permission. He said there are reasons we have these laws; the signs create a problem seeing around them and are a distraction.

Councilman Thomas R. Augostini said along the George F. Highway you will see an electric billboard sign that was recently constructed in partnership/agreement with the Town of Union and Park Outdoor. He said there was a very important issue that came down to a July 1st deadline and we should thank Amanda Dorrell for all of her help from NYSEG to expedite the issue and get that operational by July 1st. If Amanda did not go the extra steps, the sign would be there but not operable.

Amanda Dorell, Zoning Board of Appeals member, said she will do everything she can to help the Town. She said they have been very good to her.

Dan Loiselle, 3201 Wayne Street, Endwell asked if this was a public sign.

Councilman Augostini said it is a privately owned sign but leased on Town property.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said the Town is making money from the lease.

Supervisor Materese apologized that this announcement is so late; on August 7, 2022, Ross Peduto, a longtime member of the Town of Union Local Development Corporation passed away. He said Ross served the Town very well. He also said that last week Wesley Miga, Union Center Fire Company President, passed away and we appreciate all he did. He gave condolences to both men's families.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Leonard J. Perfetti
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