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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 SPECIAL MEETING

November 18, 2022

A Special meeting of the Board of the Town of Union was held on Friday, November 18, 2022 at 3:00 P.M in the Town Council 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: Deputy Town Clerk Rebecca Kruczkowski.  
Absent: Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Town Clerk Leonard J. Perfetti.

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

As we prepare to vote on this budget, I would like to take the time to formally, on record, thank our former Comptroller, Laura Lindsley. She has been working tirelessly since summer to help the Town out of its comptroller-less conundrum. She came out of retirement, working remotely in North Carolina, to help us right our ship of state. She was a dedicated employee while she was here and her dedication to the Town has been unsurpassed in helping us to this point. Putting the budget together was not an easy task as she had to rectify items that had not been taken care of since we lost our last comptroller. We at the Town owe her a huge debt of gratitude for her endeavors. Without her, many functions of government, here at the Town, would have ground to a halt. I have told many people of her efforts but I would like to officially state that here at this proceeding. Thank you Laura Lindsley.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve the 2023 Final Town of Union Budget and the 2023 Annual Fire Contracts for the Fire Protection Districts.)

Res. by Staley, seconded by Augustini.

Vote: Yes  
Bauman  
Bertoni  
Staley  
Materese  
No  
Augustini

The Resolution was adopted.



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Moved by Staley, seconded by Augostini to approve the following 2022 budget transfer:

Decrease:	10 1410 4620	Education	\$ 130.00
Increase:	10 1410 4403	Printing	\$ 130.00

Carried.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni said he did not want to vote yes on the budget but the reason I did was a testament to Laura Lindsley for all the work that she did, that's the only reason. I felt that if I voted no it would be kind of a slap in her head. He said there were parts of the budget and the struggles that we went through, that I think we had a good process. So, the reason I voted yes was because of Laura and hopefully next year we can get back on track.

Councilman Thomas R. Augostini said in regards to Laura, when the previous Comptroller Gary Leighton was leaving, there was widespread nervousness. When we interviewed Laura, hired her and when she came here, she did not miss a beat. She was just solid gold for so many years in everything she did and is still continues to do. She has always displayed an active part, like when she was with Owego Schools and Whitney Point Schools, she was just terrific in everything she does.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni asked about the bonding process.

Councilman Thomas R. Augostini and Supervisor Richard A. Materese explained it.

## ADJOURNMENT:

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

Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 P.M.

Rebecca M. Kruczkowski  
Deputy Town Clerk

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