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Town of Union

Town Board
Robert Mack, *Supervisor*
Thomas R. Augostini, *Councilman*
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Joseph P. Nirchi, Sr., *Councilman*
David Kudgus, *Councilman*

TOWN OF UNION BOARD MEETING

November 15, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Union was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Board Room, 3111 East Main Street, Endwell, New York.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Robert Mack, Councilman Thomas R. Augostini, Councilman Frank J. Bertoni, Councilman Joseph P. Nirchi, Jr., Councilman David Kudgus.

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Deputy Town Attorney Rosemarie Pope, Town Clerk Leonard J. Perfetti, Deputy Town Clerk Rebecca Kruczkowski, Comptroller Jennifer Lindsay.

Supervisor Robert Mack opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Town Clerk Leonard J. Perfetti presented the 2024 Final Budget to the Town Board.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

BIDS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the Minutes of the Regular Town of Union Board Meeting held on Wednesday, November 1, 2023.
Carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Carol Laskoski, 37 Edwards Street, Johnson City, said the lights on the on the 201 overpass are not working and asked who was responsible for the lights.



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Supervisor Robert Mack said NYSEG is responsible for the maintenance of the lights and we pay the light bill. He said they are metered for usage, so we should not be getting charged for down time. He also said that six years ago NYSEG wanted the Town to take over the maintenance of the lights and the Town said no. He suggested that she call NYSEG.

Councilman Thomas R. Augostini said they are maintained by New York State.

Mrs. Laskoski asked if anyone has gotten the new smart meters from NYSEG.

Councilman David Kudgus said his is done already.

As no one else wished to speak, Supervisor Robert Mack closed the first Hearing of Visitors.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the West Endicott Fire District 2024 Final Budget to Comptroller Jennifer Lindsay.
Carried.

2. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Micah Mellander, 529 Paden Street, Endicott, requesting crosswalk signs at the corner of Paden Street and Grippen Street due to the increase in numbers of walkers that go to Charles F. Johnson School to Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio and Highway Superintendent Scott Paugh.
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 Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. for input and comments regarding the Town adopting the Volunteer Firefighters/ Ambulance Workers Exemption to provide an incentive and benefit to the volunteers that serve the Town residents.)

Res. by Nirchi, seconded by Bertoni.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.



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Moved by Augustini, seconded by Kudgus to approve the following 2023 Budget Transfers:

Decrease	10-1620-4413	Building Maintenance	\$ 1,200.00
Increase:	10-1620-4203	Water	\$ 1,200.00
Decrease:	10-7145-4459	Rec Program Services	\$ 58.97
Decrease:	10-7145-4459 BB103	Rec Prog. Serv-BB103	\$ 181.03
Increase:	10-7145-4459 VB102	Rec Prog. Serv.VB102	\$ 240.00
Decrease:	31-5110-4402	Equipment Rental	\$12,000.00
Increase:	31-5130-4111	Parts	\$12,000.00
Decrease:	40-7110-2500	Other Equipment	\$ 8,100.00
Decrease:	40-7110-4150	Janitorial Supplies	\$ 1,200.00
Decrease:	40-7110-4164	Landscape Materials	\$ 3,200.00
Increase:	40-7110-4413	Building & Grounds Serv	\$ 1,200.00
Increase:	40-7110-4624	Site Improvement	\$11,300.00.
Carried.			

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing Supervisor Robert Mack to sign the Wireless Refresh Quote from TechMD to update/refresh wireless access points at Main Office, Garage, and Courts, in the amount of \$4,107 to be paid from Professional Services budget line.)

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

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve the 2024 Final Town of Union Budget and the 2023 Annual Fire Contracts for the Fire Protection Districts.)

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

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing Supervisor Robert Mack to sign the Humana Proposal – Group Medicare Advantage Plan for the contract period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.)

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

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing Supervisor Robert Mack to sign the Excellus Healthcare Plan for the contract period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.)

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

Vote: All yes.



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(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve change order #1 (one) for Griffiths Engineering for stormwater sewer improvements at various locations for \$10,000.00 thus increasing the project total to \$45,700.00. The increase is due to extended construction duration.)

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

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve the Amendment to the Town of Union Full-Time Employee Handbook

900 Employee Benefits - Regarding 902 Vacation and 903 Sick Leave as follows:

For Non-Union Employees & Department Heads

Leave Without Pay – An employee must receive prior approval signed by their immediate department head/ direct supervisor AND the Town of Union Supervisor documenting each day leave without pay is requested with reasoning for the absence, to be filed in the employees personnel file. Advanced payment of Health Insurance and Dental/Vision Insurance deductions must be paid in the Personnel Office prior to approved leave. Twenty-one (21) hours of leave without pay taken in a calendar year without prior dual signed approval may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment. A calendar year is defined as January 1 through December 31.)

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

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve the updated Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy and add it to the Town of Union Employee Handbook.)

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

Vote: All yes.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

As no one wished to speak, Supervisor Robert Mack 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 of Union Planning Department Decision – Minor Site Plan Approval – 80kW Diesel Generator, Application # PD-2022-038, QualTek Wireless for American Tower Corporation, 333 Hooper Road, Tax Map # 142.13-6-8.1.



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2. Town Clerk's Monthly Report – October 2023.

3. Town of Union Planning Department Decision – Minor Site Plan Approval – Extended Parking Lot, Application # PD-2023-033, Fred L. Waterman Conservation Center, 1250 Robinson Hill Road, Tax Map # 126.04-1-13.
Carried.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni said it was an honor to walk in the Veteran's Day Parade and said the ceremony was nice. He also said Pine Street is striped and looks great and that the first layer of blacktop was laid down at West Endicott Park and they will finish the job in the spring.

Councilman Thomas R. Augostini said condolences to the family of Anthony Fiala, the husband of former Broome County Executive Barbara Fiala. He said Mr. Fiala was a veteran and thanked him for his service.

He also gave condolences to the family of Ann Marie Donovan who were in attendance this evening. He said she was a lifelong resident of Johnson City that was very proud of her Irish heritage and faith.

Councilman Joseph P. Nirchi, Sr. said it was a privilege on this day in 1981 that he was sworn in as a Village of Endicott police officer.

Supervisor Robert Mack thanked Councilman Nirchi for his years of service. He also gave condolences to the Donovan family and he wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Leonard J. Perfetti
Town Clerk

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