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Town Board
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TOWN OF UNION BOARD MEETING

January 17, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Union was held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 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, Sr., Councilman David Kudgus.

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Deputy Attorney Ryan R. Matt, Town Clerk Leonard J. Perfetti, Deputy Town Clerk Rebecca Kruczkowski.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The Public Hearing from the January 3, 2024 meeting to consider input on the proposed Titan Preliminary PUD Development Plan which includes a renewable energy facility and complementary agricultural grazing and apiary uses, was left open to receive comments.

Supervisor Robert Mack asked if anyone wished to speak to come forward.

As no one wished to speak, Supervisor Robert Mack stated at this time, the Public Hearing will continue to be left open to solicit comments.

BIDS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the Minutes of the Re-organizational Town of Union Board Meeting and the Regular Town of Union Board Meeting held on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.
Carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Carol Laskoski, 37 Edwards Street, Johnson City, asked to have a review of what is happening regarding the open Public Hearing.



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Supervisor Robert Mack explained that it is in regards to the solar project on Kot Road. He also said a presentation from the developers will take place at the February 7, 2024 meeting.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING:

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

1. Charter Communications Notices – December 23, 2023; January 9, 2024.
2. Letter and Notice of Appropriation from Kathryn Morrison, Real Estate Specialist 3, New York State Department of Transportation, regarding PIN 9FAS,22 Proc. 15376, SH174, Endicott, Town/City of Union, Broome County, Map 72 and parcel 94.
Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the Email from Kristen Strauss, Bob Krummenacker, WBNG-TV/The CW/MeTV/wbng.com, along with Beth Fisher from Tioga State Bank requesting use of Highland Park and facilities including the Recreation Center on Saturday, November 2, 2024 to hold their 8th Annual No Shave November/Cure the Blue 5K and refer it to Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio and Parks Manager Jay Vassil.
Carried.
2. Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the Email from Kristin Magnuson, requesting use of 17C fields to hold their Annual Crandall Memorial tournament on May 18 and 19, 2024 and refer it to Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio and Parks Manager Jay Vassil.
Carried.
3. Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the Email from Maria Tinklepaugh, 622 Jennings Street, Endicott, regarding cars parking on their properties that border Elm Street, Endicott, to Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio. She is requesting the no parking signs be changed to the north side of the street. There is no parking on the south side of Elm Street that is curbed, therefore the residents and visitors are parking on the north side of the street that is not curbed, and are damaging their properties.
Carried.
4. Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the Email from Fred Hottenstein, Property Committee Chairman for Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 731 Hooper Road, Endwell, regarding damage to their roof caused by fireworks at the July 4th celebration to Town



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Attorney Alan J. Pope, Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio and the Town's Insurance Carrier.
Carried.

PETITIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve and adopt the Local Law providing for conditional requirements for Real Property Tax Exemptions for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers within the Town of Union pursuant to Section 466-A of the Real Property Tax Law, and for the Supervisor, Clerk and such other employees to take such additional and further action as may be necessary.)

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

Vote: All yes.

Supervisor Robert Mack explained that this exemption is to encourage people to volunteer with the fire companies and the emergency medical services. He said the work is tough and more members are needed.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to call for a Public Hearing on Wednesday February 7, 2024 to solicit public input for the proposed Natural Gas CCA Program for the Town of Union.)

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

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to add Tioga State Investment Services to our list of banks that have been designated as official depositories for the Town of Union in 2024.)

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

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to authorize a New Tri-Party Custodian Agreement with M&T Trust Company, Wilmington Trust Company, and the Town of Union whereby Wilmington Trust Company will serve as custodian for securities that M&T Bank pledges as collateral for our uninsured deposits and authorize Supervisor Robert Mack to sign said agreement upon review and approval of the Town Attorney.)

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 award the Bid for Taft Heights and Hooper Road Pump Stations - Contract #1 General to the low bidder G. DeVincentis & Son Construction Co., Inc. for their bid of \$2,542,000. This project will be paid for from ARPA funds.)

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

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to reject the Bids for Taft Avenue and Hooper Road Pump Stations – Contract #2 Electrical from low-bidder number one Shuler-Haas Electric Corp. for their bid of \$368,130 and reject low-bidder number two Panko Electrical for their bid of \$443,000, as both are non-responsive; and authorize the Supervisor and such other employees to take such additional and further action to implement this Resolution as may be necessary.)

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

Vote: All yes.

During bid canvassing our project consultant GHD was able to confirm that low-bidders 1 and 2 did not include Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) in their bid price and they would not recommend accepting a bid without the VFDs being included as called for in the bid documents.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to award the Bid for Taft Avenue and Hooper Road Pump Stations – Contract #2-Electrical to Diekow Electric, Inc. for their bid of \$504,000 (Low-Bidder number three). This project will be paid for from ARPA funds.)

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

Vote: All yes.

Moved by Augustini, seconded by Nirchi to approve an increase in hourly rate to \$15.00 for part time clerks in the Economic Development and Planning Departments per the memos from each department head.

Carried.

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:



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1. Permits Report – December 2023.
2. Town Clerk’s Monthly Report – December 2023.
3. Town Clerk’s Annual Report – 2023.
4. Town of Union Planning Board Decision – Application # PB-2023-34, Approval of Special Use Permit: Cannabis Retail - Robert Grannis – Sans Souci Cannabis Sales, 1635 Union Center Maine Highway, Tax Map # 125.13-1-11.
Carried.

Councilman Thomas R. Augostini recognized the life of Fred Bradley whose family is here this evening and spoke about him. He gave condolences to the family.

Supervisor Robert Mack gave condolences to Councilman Thomas R. Augostini on the death of his aunt and to Deputy Town Clerk Rebecca Kruczkowski on the death of her sister.

At this time, Supervisor Robert Mack explained to the students here this evening the difference between a motion and a resolution.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

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