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

TOWN OF UNION BOARD MEETING

April 17, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Union was held on Wednesday, February 7, 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: Town Attorneys Alan & Rose Pope.
Deputy Attorney Ryan R. Matt, Town Clerk Leonard J. Perfetti.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

At this time we have a Titan SEQR review. Attorney Alan Pope reminded us that several weeks back we had went through part one and part two of the SEQR. Now we have a part three and the board has to decide if there are any negative impacts. Titan supplemented some information and is here to cover that information and so if the board has any questions they can ask. Eric Anderson from Titan provided information. To listen to the full presentation you can visit our YouTube channel video from 04/17/2024 at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XSQkQ-iopG4>

Mr. Bertoni and Mr. Augostini asked about the noise level and current Stormwater runoff and want to know how much of a positive impact the Stormwater water runoff will have from construction of the project. They would like to know what percentage of the runoff will be improved. Also wanted to know about the retention ponds and its effect. Supervisor Mack shared the same concerns.

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, April 3, 2024.
Carried.



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HEARING OF VISITORS:

Tahlia Gasparis 3715 Kirk Road, Endwell. She stated she was cited for having chickens on her property. Asked the board if the code could be changed to allow chickens. Town Attorney Alan Pope said she could get a petition from the neighbors to allow chickens and the board would entertain having a public hearing on the matter.

Robert Donolon 3611 Dean Drive came in with his wife about 3613 Dean Drive. The blight is so bad and continues to worsen weekly. The person living there is a squatter and the entire neighborhood is concerned.

Julie Calavick of 2105 Bernard Blvd the daughter of Robert Donolon said she has been speaking to code for years about this. The property has rodents and a pitbull dog. He burns junk wood for heat and the smell is terrible. Supervisor Mack said since this person living there is a squatter that is very difficult to do anything. But he said that State Representatives Donna Lupardo and Lea Webb have a bill before them to strengthen the law about squatters. Town Attorney Alan Pope said the town has been dealing with this for a number of years. The squatter does not own the home, the previous owners are deceased. The taxes are not paid and so the County has a lien on the property.

John from Rhodes Road, talked about the Titan project and is concerned about the water runoff as well. He said the town has made some improvements with Stormwater but hopes the project will get the town also to help with Stormwater improvements. Attorney Pope asked John if he could supply us with pictures of the area he is concerned about and to send them to the Town Clerk.

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. 239 Review from the Town of Dickinson Outdoor Lighting Regulations.
2. 239 Review from the Town of Dickinson Amendments to the Residential Zoning Regulations Schedules.
3. 2022 Deferred Comp Audit from EFPR Group CPA's.
4. LDC Audit Report 2023
Carried



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COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from neighborhood residents about zoning at 2604 Alexander Street Endwell to the Deputy Commissioner of Codes & Ordinances and the Town Attorney.
Carried.
2. Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Church of the Holy Family requesting assistance with No Parking during the July event to the Commissioner of Public Works.
Carried.
3. Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Amanda Bamberg from GSNYPENN Service Unit 313 asking for a shelter June 9, 2024 and fees waived be approved and referred to the Commissioner of Public Works and the Parks Manager.
Carried.
4. Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Maine Endwell High School asking if they could use the Highland Park pool for practices this summer a couple days a week either afternoons or mornings while the pool at the school is repaired to the Commissioner of Public Works.
Carried.
5. Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Marty Szymanski with concerns & suggestions changes on the recently approved Tax Exemption for Emergency Services Personnel the Town Assessor and Town Attorney.
Carried.

PETITIONS: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve the following 2024 budget modification for the Full Town General Fund (Fund 10) and the Capital Fund (Fund 60) request is respectfully submitted for consideration).

Increase	Interest Revenue	10-2401-0000	\$45,720.00
Increase	Transfer to Capital Improvement Fund	10-9950-9001	\$45,720.00
Increase	Interfund Transfer Revenue	60-5031-0000	\$45,720.00
Increase	Capital Project Expenditure	60-2041-3101	\$45,720.00
Res. by Augustini, seconded by Kudgus.			Vote: All yes.



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The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to award the Choconut Center Sanitary Pump Station to Upstate Companies 1, LLC for their low bid of \$113,000.00).

Res. by Bertoni, seconded by Nirchi.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to award the Fairmont Park Pump Station to Vacri Construction Corporation for their low bid of \$461,000.00).

Res. by Bertoni, seconded by Nirchi.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve the 2024 Seasonal Parks Department Pay Structure).

	2023	2024	inc
Parks			
Director	\$12.25	\$13.00	.75
Attendant	\$12.00	\$12.50	.50
Mower	\$12.00	\$12.50	.50
PT Perm	\$13.20	\$13.50	
Carousel/Concession			
Head	\$11.70	\$12.00	.30
Attendant	\$11.20	\$11.50	.30
Pool Cashiers	\$11.20	\$11.20	
Rangers	\$12.75	\$13.00	.25
Lifeguards			
Pool Director	\$14.00	\$14.50	.50
Assistant Pool Director	\$13.50	\$14.25	.75
Lifeguards	\$13.20	\$14.00	.80

Res. by Augustini, seconded by Nirchi.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to have Supervisor Mack accept and sign the "Fireworks Exhibition Agreement" with Young Explosives Corporation).



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The contract covers the July 4th Extravaganza at Highland Park to be held on Thursday, July 4, 2023, with a rain date scheduled for Friday, July 5, 2024).

Res. by Bertoni, seconded by Kudgus.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

Moved by Augustini, seconded by Kudgus authorizing to advertise for bids for one (1) new and unused Ferris ISX 3300 zero turn mower. Bid openings would be May 6, 2024.

Carried.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to accept the Agreement with Park Manor Plaza, LLC for use of Park Manor Plaza for July 4th Extravaganza parking and/or fireworks viewing; and for Supervisor Robert Mack to execute said agreement. "Subject to insurance carrier and Town Attorney approval).

Res. by Bertoni, seconded by Kudgus.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to declare 813 Carl Street as surplus property in order to correct a prior erroneous conveyance to the Town and convey the parcel back to the property owner subject to a 30 day permissive referendum).

Res. by Kudgus, seconded by Augustini.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

A representative from the church of the Holy Family asked about the letter they sent for the annual bazar. Supervisor Mack said they referred it in the Action items in the beginning of the meeting.

Marty Szymanski from the Fire Company asked if we received his letter with concerns about the tax exemption for emergency personnel. Supervisor Mack and Town Attorney Pope said they are looking into it.

Denny Sullivan from 3214 Scribner Drive and a member of the Endwell Fire Company. He was also concerned about the tax exemption as it was written.

John from Rhodes Road, on the Corporate Park. He asked if the Town Board has talked to anyone from the Town of Maine Board. Supervisor Mack said he has called the Supervisor several times and has not heard back. He also asked if the board has talked to anyone from the IDA lately on the Corporate Park and the answer was no. He asked about the SEQR and Supervisor Mack said nothing until the law suit is settled. Asked who will do it and Supervisor Mack said the DEC will determine who the lead agency will be. He said the County received a grant for that role.



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Olanda Stram from 1320 Airport Road said she was at the Town of Maine meeting last night and she said you Supervisor Mack said it was in the County's hands and Supervisor Mack said he meant it's in the DEC hands and the IDA was awarded a grant for the SEQR.

As no one else 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 in the Clerk's Office.

1. Permits report March 2024
2. Town Clerks report for March 2024
3. Town of Union Planning Board Decision Revised Site Plan Review Norbut Solar Farms
1567 Union Center – Maine Highway.
Carried.

Supervisor Mack mentioned that the new addition to the UHS Hospital's new wing is a great addition to our area and is state of the art. It's a great improvement.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

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