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TOWN OF UNION BOARD MEETING

September 19, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Union was held on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Board Room, 3111 East Main Street, Endwell, New York.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Rose A. Sotak, Councilman Thomas R. Augustini, Councilman Frank J. Bertoni, Councilman Robert Mack, Councilman John M. Bernardo.

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

Also in attendance was Giuseppe Roberto, Zoning Board of Appeals member.

Supervisor Rose A. Sotak opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A Public Hearing was called for Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. to consider input on the Proposed Code Changes - Chapter 300, Section 52 - Sign Regulations of the Zoning Code.

Pub. & Posted 9/9/18.

Town Attorney Alan J. Pope explained that there were significant changes made to the proposed sign code after the Public Hearing was posted. He said a complete copy of the new changes were available to anyone interested and said the Public Hearing would not be closed tonight, but would remain open for comments at the next Board Meeting on October 3, 2018.

Oliver Blaise, Attorney, representing the Endwell Fire District, thanked the Board for holding the Public Hearing open to review and discuss the new changes. He said the Fire District is strongly in favor of these changes that would allow them to put messages on a digital sign such as emergency notices, amber alerts and weather warnings. He also thanked Deputy Commissioner of Public Works for Codes Daria Golazeski for the hard work she has put into the changes.

Paul Simonet, from Park Outdoors Advertising, spoke on the billboard sign sizes proposed in the law and asked that the Town consider changing the size from the 225 square foot as



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designated, to 300 square foot to match the criteria set by New York State Department of Transportation. He said the letter sizes would be smaller and would be harder to read, making it more of a hazard for drivers.

At this time, Supervisor Rose A. Sotak kept the first Public Hearing open.

A Public Hearing was called for Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. to consider warrant for cash collection for the Curb & Gutter – Shamrock Drive –Yale Street to Country Club Road Project as follows: #2833 Country Club Road, #2832 Yale Street, #2901 Country Club Road and #2900 Yale Street.
Pub. & Posted 9/9/18.

As no one wished to speak, Supervisor Rose A. Sotak closed the Public Hearing.

BIDS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the Minutes of the Regular Town of Union Board meeting held on Wednesday, September 5, 2018.
Carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Jean Chapin, 8 Woodland Avenue, Johnson City, spoke regarding her desire to purchase 10 Woodland Avenue that is designated for the building of a two family housing unit in Fairmont Park. She said she has written a letter to the Board and has spoken to Planning Director Paul Nelson numerous times regarding this request and has not received an answer, as of yet. She further said that the unit, if built, on would be within six feet of her house and she also mentioned many other problems that should deter the building of these units.

Councilman John M. Bernardo thanked Mrs. Chapin for her input and said he wants to take a look at the map proposing the building, to get a better sense of the picture before making any decision.

Todd Hollenbeck, 1705 Union Center Maine Highway, Endicott, complained about the flooding on his property at every rainstorm due to the diversion of water caused by the filling in of the property located at 1715 Union Center Maine Highway. He said the Town of Union owns the property at 1711 Union Center Maine Highway (flood buyout - 2011). He further said



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he spoke with Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio regarding this issue and has not gotten any resolution.

Supervisor Rose A. Sotak said it would be looked into and someone would get back to him.

Ken DelBianco, 3012 Robins Street, Endwell, spoke on the current Oakdale Mall tax assessment reduction request as stated in the recent Press & Sun Bulletin article and asked the Board what they proposed to do about it. He said that with all the retail stores closing, the Town should be working at keeping the businesses here.

Councilman Thomas R. Augostini said that the requests for reductions are nothing new and that the Oakdale Mall has been asking for them every year since 1997. He further said that everyone is working at trying to keep businesses here and to bring new business in to replace those that leave.

Town Attorney Alan J. Pope said the Town will be fighting this case in court and he explained the litigation process for tax reductions.

Councilman Robert Mack said that there have been at least three proposals for uses of the Oakdale Mall that have been rejected. He further said that Economic Development Director Joseph Moody is working on this.

Roger Faling, 106 Bernetta Drive, Endicott, thanked Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio and Highway Superintendent Chester Kupiec for taking care of the manholes on Boswell Hill and Leon Drive. He gave a suggestion regarding the depth of the blacktop on manhole covers.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni said they have to make sure the blacktop is not too high for the snow plows to hit it.

As no one else wished to speak, Supervisor Rose A. Sotak closed the first Hearing of Visitors.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING:

Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to receive and file the following Communication:

1. Letter from Gordon F. Kniffen, Supervisor, Town of Kirkwood, to Supervisor Rose A. Sotak, thanking the Town of Union for their words and actions in helping their town with the recent flooding.
Carried.



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COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the Choconut Center Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. Proposed 2019 Annual Budget to Comptroller Laura J. Lindsley.
Carried.

2. Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the Email from Pastor James Walck, Our Savior Lutheran Church, requesting the use of Highland Park parking lots in the event of overflow parking for their 2nd Annual Harvest Festival, to be held on Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 P.M and refer it to Parks Manager Ray Vanderpoel.
Carried.

PETITIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve the respective WC PPO Agreements with the 35 hour White Collar Unit and the 40 hour Blue Collar Unit and to authorize the Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor to execute the same.)
Res. by Bernardo, seconded by Bertoni.

Vote: Yes
Augustini
Bertoni
Bernardo
Sotak
Abstain
Mack

The Resolution was adopted.

Moved by Bernardo, seconded by Bertoni to approve the appointment of Kelly Zduniak as part time Court Clerk, effective October 1, 2018 at a starting wage of \$14.75 an hour upon successful completion of pre-employment testing.
Carried.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve the following 2018 Budget Modification:

Increase:	31 4960 0000	State Emergency Aid	\$ 13,093.06
Increase:	31 5142 4129	Rock Salt	\$ 13,093.06.)
Res. by Mack, seconded by Bernardo.			Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.



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Moved by Bertoni, seconded by Augostini authorizing the attendance of Tina Bidwell and four Zoning Board members at the municipal training session on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Taste of New York Building, Binghamton, New York. Authorization to include the use of a Town Vehicle. The training will provide 4 hours of the training required annually.
Carried.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve the combined notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Request For Release Of Funds (RROF) for the Town of Union Community Development Block Grant Federal Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Action Plan and authorize the Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor to execute all documentation required for submission to HUD. The Supervisor, Deputy Supervisor, and/or Planning Director are further authorized to prepare and submit any technical corrections to the FONSI/RROF that may be required by HUD.)

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

Vote: All yes.

Moved by Bertoni, seconded by Augostini authorizing the attendance of Gary Post at the Capital District Officials Education Conference, October 14 -17, 2018 at the Red Lion Hotel, Albany, New York. The Education Conference accounts for 19 hours of the required 24 hours of training. Authorization to include registration fee of \$310.00, meals not covered in registration from dinner on October 14 through lunch on October 17, 2018, hotel fee at \$130.00 for 3 nights and the use of a town vehicle. Registration is open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM before class at 8:00 AM and travel during work hours is not possible at start of conference.
Carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

As no one wished to speak, Supervisor Rose A. Sotak closed the second Hearing of Visitors.

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. Comptroller's Monthly Report – August 31, 2018.
2. Town Clerk's Monthly Report – August 2018



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3. Town of Union Planning Board Minutes – July 10, 2018 and Testimony of Public Hearing of the Town Planning Board on April 10, 2018.
4. Town of Union Planning Department Decision – Site Plan Approval – AT & T Mobility FA Number 10074316, 7 N. Seward Avenue, Endicott, Tax map # 141.20-8-8.2.
5. Town of Union Local Development Corporation minutes – June 21, 2018.
6. Town of Union Planning Department Decision – Minor Site Plan Approval – Parking Lot Expansion – Nelcorp Properties, LLC, 2500 Watson Boulevard, Endwell, Tax Map # 141.14-1-35.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Mack, seconded by Bernardo to adjourn the meeting.
Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

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