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Town of Union

Town Board
Rose A. Sotak, *Supervisor*
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TOWN OF UNION BOARD MEETING

August 5, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Union was held on Wednesday, August 5, 2015, at 7:30 P.M. in the Town of Union Board Room, 3111 East Main Street, Endwell, New York.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Rose A. Sotak, Councilman Thomas R. Augustini, Councilman Frank Bertoni, Councilman Leonard J. Perfetti, Councilman Robert Mack.

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Town Clerk Gail L. Springer, Deputy Town Clerk Rebecca Kruczkowski, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works for Engineering Jay Harris.

Also in attendance were Zoning Board of Appeals Member Giuseppe Roberto and Broome County Legislator Ron Heebner.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A Public Hearing was called for on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. to solicit public input to amend Sections of Chapter 186 – Telecommunications Facilities and Chapter 83 – Brush, Grass and Weeds of the Town Code of Ordinances.
Pub. & Posted 7/31/15.

A resident of Endwell, said he pays for a weekly lawn service for lawn mowing and asked why all the town employees are not reporting the violations when they see them.

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

BIDS:

Request for Proposals for Engineering Design Services were called for on Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at 2:00 P.M. for the Brixius Creek Stream Bank Improvements/Restoration Project.
(To be evaluated by review team)

Proposals were received as follows:

BCA Architects & Engineers (Watertown, NY)



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Woidt Engineering & Consulting, PC (Binghamton, NY)
Keystone Associates (Binghamton, NY)

Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to receive and file the Proposals for Engineering Design Services for the Brixius Creek Stream Bank Improvements/Restoration Project.
Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the Minutes of the Regular Town of Union Board meeting held on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 and Work Session held on July 27, 2015.
Carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

A resident of Endicott, gave the Board copies of an August 2015 calendar for the Binghamton Vet Center so they can be informed of Veteran activities in the area.

Supervisor Rose A. Sotak said it will be posted on the bulletin board for all to see.

Jay Harris, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works for Engineering and Chief Master Sergeant/Chief Enlisted Manager of 577th Expeditionary Prime Beef Squadron, presented a Flag and Certificate of Appreciation to the Town which read:

This Flag is presented to the Town of Union for their continued support of the United States Military. This Flag traveled to the following locations between January 2015 and July 2015: Al Udeid AB, Qatar, Ali Al Asalem AB, Kuwait, Al Dhafra AB, UAE, Thumrait Air Base, Oman, Al Taji AB, Iraq, Kandahar AB, Afghanistan, Bagram AB, Afghanistan, Muwaffaq Salti AB, Jordan.

From the Men and Women of the 577th Expeditionary Prime Beef Squadron.

Mr. Harris said he has been in the Reserves for 33 years and the past 27 years as a Town employee. He further said he is thankful that he has never had any problems when he asks for military leave and the support he has from the Town.

Supervisor Rose A. Sotak said the Town is very proud of his service to our Country and to the Town.

A resident of Endwell, asked if there is a code regarding parking campers on the lawn and reported one on Hooper Road.



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Supervisor Rose A. Sotak said she will have Deputy Commissioner of Public Works for Codes and Ordinances Daria Golazeski look into it.

A resident of Endwell, thanked Supervisor Sotak for the quick response to the sewer problem that was on his street.

Supervisor Rose A. Sotak said the Board and the employees helped with this situation.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING:

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

1. Letter from Anne DiNoto, Maine-Endwell alumni, to the Town Board in reference to her writing a blog series about the Town's recovery from the 2011 flooding.
2. Email from John A. Flynn, Jr., Director, Broome County Division of Purchasing in reference to the 2015 Broome-Tioga Auction that will be held at the Broome County Highway Department Complex on Saturday, September 26th.
3. Resignation from Thomas Cassin, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works – Recreation effective July 17, 2015.
4. Letter from Susan E. Reif, District Clerk, Union-Endicott Central School District, to Clerk Gail L. Springer, notifying of the names and addresses of the 2015-2016 Union-Endicott Board of Education members.
5. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Endicott held on June 9, 2015.
6. Newsletter from Mitchell E. Meyers, Manager, IBM, providing an update on IBM's groundwater remediation activities in the Village of Endicott including Highlights for 2014, Ventilation System and Groundwater Remediation Update and Plans for the Remainder of 2015.
7. Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Work Session of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Johnson City held on June 16, 2015.
Carried.



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COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the Notice of Motion for Judgment of Foreclosure from Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Plaintiff, regarding mortgaged property at 122 Sergeant Street, Johnson City, New York to Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Town Clerk Gail L. Springer and Planning Director Paul A. Nelson.
Carried.
2. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the request from Congressman Hanna to hold Staff Open Office Hours at Town of Union Hall on August 19, 2015 from 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. and refer it to Commissioner of Public Work Louis V. Caforio.
Carried.
3. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the request from Kathleen Hodgeman for a block party on 832 to 848 Zeggert Road August 8, 2015 (rain date August 9, 2015) from 2 P.M. to 9 P.M. and refer it to Town Clerk Gail L. Springer and Highway Superintendent Chester Kupiec.
Carried.
4. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the request from Deborah Jones-Bolan, Special Olympics Coach to Supervisor Rose A. Sotak requesting all fees be waived for the use of softball fields and shelters at Glendale Park for a Super Regional Softball Tournament for Special Olympic athletes locally and from around New York State on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM. to Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio.
Carried.
5. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the request from Mary Ann Dorner, Vice President, St. Francis Ministry, asking the Town to refund the \$100.00 fee paid for the permit for a BBQ Fundraiser held on July 25, 2015 at Delta Engineers on Hooper Road to Deputy Commissioner of Public Work for Codes and Ordinances Daria Golazeski.
Carried.

PETITIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Perfetti, seconded by Mack to approve Daria Golazeski to attend the Fall Planners Day in Syracuse at SUNY ESF on September 18, 2015 from 9 A.M. to 4:20 P.M.
Authorization to include the cost of \$10.00 and use of a town vehicle.
Carried.



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Moved by Perfetti, seconded by Mack to approve Kenneth Jennison and James Wallace to attend the Southern Tier Building Officials meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at the Dryden Fire Hall in Dryden, New York. There will be 4 hours of CEU's. There is no cost for this training. Authorization to include use of a town vehicle.

Carried.

Moved by Perfetti, seconded by Mack to hire Barbara Hawley as a part time employee for the Recreation Department with an effective starting date immediately following successful completion of pre-employment testing. The hourly wage rate will be \$15.00.

Carried.

Moved by Perfetti, seconded by Mack to approve the formation of a Seasonal Recreation Director position with and hourly wage rate of \$10.00. The Director's position will be retroactive to July 17, 2015.

Carried.

Moved by Augustini, seconded by Perfetti to approve the following 2015 Budget Transfer retro-active to 7/16/15:

Decrease:	40 7110 4149	Bldg. & Grds. Supplies	\$ 6,000.00
Increase:	40 7110 4160	Pool Supplies	\$ 6,000.00

Carried.

Moved by Augustini, seconded by Perfetti to approve the following 2015 Budget Transfers:

Decrease:	40 7110 2500	Other Equipment	\$ 5,000.00
Decrease:	40 7110 4624	Site Improvements	\$10,000.00
Increase:	40 7110 1056	Seasonal Pools	\$ 5,000.00
Increase:	40 7110 1031	Seasonal Highland	\$10,000.00
Decrease:	10 7145 1037	Seasonal Spring	\$ 8,000.00
Increase:	10 7145 1038	Seasonal Summer	\$ 8,000.00

Carried.

Moved by Augustini, seconded by Perfetti to approve the following 2015 Budget Transfers:

Decrease:	10 7145 2500	Other Equipment	\$ 500.00
Decrease:	10 7145 2501	Recreation Equipment	\$ 1,200.00
Decrease:	10 7145 1037	Seasonal Spring	\$ 3,000.00
Decrease:	10 7145 1010	Salary	\$ 3,000.00
Increase:	10 7145 4462	Special Events Services	\$ 7,700.00

Carried.



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(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to authorize Supervisor Rose A. Sotak to sign and execute upon the Town Attorney's approval the Services Engagement Agreement with USI Consulting Group in the amount of \$6,500.00 for the full valuation and report for fiscal year ending 12/31/15 and \$6,500.00 for the fiscal year ending 12/31/17.)

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

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to amend Sections of Chapter 186 – Telecommunications Facilities and Chapter 83 – Brush, Grass and Weeds of the Town Code of Ordinances.)

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

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve the Community Development Block Grant 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Action Plan as recommended by the Citizens Advisory Council for Community Development and authorize Supervisor Rose A. Sotak to execute any and all documentation required to submit said plan to HUD.)

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

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing Supervisor Rose A. Sotak to sign all agreements, certifications and other documents required to complete the Broome County Hotel/Motel Funds Application and to accept a grant and administer the program that is proposed for Broome County Hotel/Motel funds.)

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

Vote: All yes.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Ronald Heebner, Broome County Legislator, spoke on flood protection for Fairmont Park and said he was asked to write a letter in support of the Town for the grant funding. He asked if the Town has funding set aside to use if all the grant money does not come through.

Supervisor Rose A. Sotak said the Town is working on this and there is no exact time when funding will be secured and the wall built.

Mr. Heebner said it is imperative to have the flood protection for potential re-development of this area.

Councilman Frank Bertoni said he is personally committed to getting the gate built this year.



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Councilman Robert Mack said that not all the properties can be rebuilt on and he feels the gate should be built if the Town has the money and worry about the dike later.

Supervisor Rose A. Sotak asked if the County has any money they can invest in this project.

Councilman Thomas Augustini said the problem is that federal funding for this project was approved in the 1990's for work to be done in 2015, but now there is more damage and the 1990's price does not cut it anymore.

A resident of Endwell, asked when the BAE building would be coming down and why the rivers cannot be dredged and use the dirt to build up the flood walls.

A resident of Endicott, said markings were made on June Street and asked if the Board knew what kind of work was going to be done.

Supervisor Rose A. Sotak said they would check on it and get back to him.

As no one else 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 Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to receive and file the following Department Reports:

1. Town Clerk Monthly Report for June 2015.
2. Town of Union Planning Board Minutes – April 14, May 12 and June 9, 2015.
3. Permits Report – July 2015.
4. Town of Union Planning Review Team Minor Site Plan Review Decision – Approval – Mark Coon, Binghamton MSA L.P. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, 500/506 Day Hollow Road, Endicott, Tax Map #140.20-3-8/140.20-3-7.
5. Town of Union Local Development Corporation Meeting Minutes for June 18, 2015.
6. Town of Union Comptroller's Monthly Report – June 2015.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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Gail L. Springer, RMC
Town Clerk