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Town of Union

Town Board
Rose A. Sotak, *Supervisor*
Thomas R. Augustini, *Councilman*
Frank J. Bertoni, *Councilman*
Leonard J. Perfetti, *Councilman*
Leonard J. Cicciarelli, *Councilman*

TOWN OF UNION BOARD MEETING

December 17, 2014

The Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Union was held on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 7:30 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 Bertoni, Councilman Leonard J. Perfetti, Councilman Leonard J. Cicciarelli.

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Town Clerk Gail L. Springer, Deputy Town Clerk Rebecca Kruczkowski, Comptroller Laura J. Lindsley.

Also in attendance were Planning Board Member and Councilman Elect Robert Mack, Zoning Board of Appeals Member Giuseppe Roberto.

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, December 17, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. to consider input on the Town of Union proposed increase in sewer rates for certain residents who are serviced by the Binghamton Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Plant. The proposed rates are due to the 32.9% increase in rates from the Binghamton Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Plant the Town has received since 2012. The proposed new sewer rates under consideration are as follows:

2014 December Sewer Billing:

Minimum Charge	\$43.31	No Change
Rate per cf 1001-4999	\$.05256	Not to exceed 20% of the rate in effect as of March 2009
Rate per cf 5000-9999	\$.0657	Not to exceed 25% of the recommended rate of \$.0526 per cf 1001-4999
Rate per cf 10000 & up	\$.07956	Not to exceed 35% of the recommended rate of \$.0526 per cf 1001-4999

Pub. & Posted 12/12/14.

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



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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, December 3, 2014.
Carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

A resident of Endicott, spoke about the rates charged by Union Volunteer Emergency Squad.

Councilman Augustini said that most of UVES' revenue is collected from the insurance companies, not from the patients.

A resident of Endicott, asked for an update on the old EJ Building at 1 N. Page Avenue and said there is an ad on Craig's List to allow a business at this location.

Town Attorney Pope explained the status of this situation and said litigation has to be cleared before any further action can be taken.

A resident of Endwell, asked if there will be ice skating this year at Highland Park.

Councilman Perfetti said the rink is constructed and we are waiting for the weather to cooperate to make the ice.

As no one else wished to speak, Supervisor 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 to Supervisor Rose A. Sotak from Andrea Nilon, Chair Resolutions Committee, Association of Towns of the State of New York regarding Bylaw Amendments submitted at the 2014 Annual Meeting.
2. E-Mail from Susan M. Eckhardt, Executive Assistant, Franchising, Time Warner Cable, to Gail L. Springer, Town Clerk, advising that some agreements with programmers are due to expire soon, and may be required to cease carriage of one or more of these services in the near future where these services are offered.



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3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Work Session of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Johnson City held on November 18, 2014 and Special Meeting held on November 24, 2014.
4. Letter from Karen Braman, Senior Director, Member Services, Public Employers Risk Management Association, Inc., to Philip Schmidt, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works for Environmental Services/Occupational Safety & Health informing the Workers' Compensation coverage for the Town expires January 1, 2015 and offering assistance in renewing coverage.
5. Certification from Betty J. Homa, Secretary, West Corners Fire District, to Gail L. Springer, Town Clerk reporting results of the Fire District election held on December 9, 2014.
6. Letter from Gerald K. Geist, Executive Director, The Association of Towns of the State of New York to Rose A. Sotak, Supervisor, informing that the Annual 2015 Training School and Annual Meeting will be held February 15-18, 2015 at the New York Hilton in New York City with an attached voucher for the Town's dues to the Association for 2015.
7. Letter from Alice J. Fiacco, Administrative Assistant, Endwell Fire District, to Gail L. Springer, Town Clerk reporting results of the Fire District Election held on December 9, 2014.
8. Letter of Resignation from Donald B. Battaglini, Highway Superintendent, effective December 31, 2014.
9. Letter of Resignation from Richard H. Miller, II, Town Justice, effective December 31, 2014.
10. Letter of Resignation from Robert Mack, Planning Board Member, effective December 31, 2014.
11. Letter from David C. Hamlin, Director of Real Property Tax Service, Broome County, to Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, advising that as of January 2, 2015, Town and County tax collection will be relocated to Endicott's Municipal Office Building.
Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the Notice of Summons and Verified Complaint for Mortgage Foreclosure from Citimortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, regarding mortgaged property at 496 Riverside Drive, Johnson City, New York to Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Comptroller Laura J. Lindsley and Planning Director Paul A. Nelson.
Carried.



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

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to call for a Public Hearing to be held on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. to consider input on the UVES Ambulance Agreement.)

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

Vote: All yes.

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

Increase:	10 7145 4624	Site Improvement	\$ 2,000.00
Decrease:	10 7145 1037	Spring Salaries	\$ 2,000.00
Increase:	10 7145 4162	Special Event Supplies	\$ 700.00
Decrease:	10 7145 4462	Special Event Services	\$ 700.00
Increase:	20 8120 4428	Septic Tank Cleaning	\$ 2,300.00
Decrease:	20 8120 2050	Capital Improvements	\$ 1,150.00
Decrease:	20 8120 4111	Parts	\$ 1,150.00
Increase:	31 5142 4129	Rock Salt	\$ 11,710.00
Decrease:	31 4152 4128	Calcium Chloride	\$ 11,710.00
Increase:	31 5110 2500	Other Equipment	\$ 65,419.15
Increase:	31 5110 4124	Catch Basins	\$ 382.83
Decrease:	31 5110 4126	Blacktop Maintenance	\$ 65,419.15
Decrease:	31 5110 4125	Cement	\$ 382.83
Increase:	10 1620 4413	Building Maintenance	\$ 2,277.00
Decrease:	10 1620 2050	Capital Improvements	\$ 2,277.00

Carried.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve the Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and authorize Supervisor Rose A. Sotak and Planning Director Paul A. Nelson to sign any and all documentation required for submission of the CAPER to HUD.)

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

Vote: All yes.



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(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve the Planning Director to purchase a replacement vehicle from Van Bortel Ford for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program under New York State Contract Award #: 22759 at a cost of \$15,691.78; and authorizing Supervisor Rose A. Sotak and Planning Director to execute all documentation to complete said transaction.)

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

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing Planning Director Paul A. Nelson to enter into an agreement with Griffiths Engineering, LLC for design and inspection services in an amount currently estimated to be \$11,155.00 (plus reimbursables) for the Valleyview Drive Drainage Repair/Improvement project; and further authorize Supervisor Rose A. Sotak and Planning Director Paul A. Nelson to execute all documentations required to carried out said agreement.)

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

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing the purchase of a new 2015 Ford F-350 XL regular cab with the following options:

- 4 Wheel Drive
- 2000 Pound Lift Gate (Tommy Gate)
- Godwin 10' Platform Body, 42" Headboard and Metal Slatted Sides
- Western 9' Pro Plus Plow

This vehicle is to be purchased utilizing Onondaga County Bid #7974 Statewide Piggyback Bid open to all municipalities; for a total cost of \$46,312.03 and will replace B-59 which is a 2001 Ford F-350 4 wheel drive with a Reading utility body in poor condition.)

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

Vote: All yes.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

A resident of Endicott, said the fumes from National Pipe and Plastic can be smelt all the way over to the 400 block of June Street.

Supervisor Sotak informed that there are DEC forms in the Code Enforcement Office that can be filled out regarding the smells.

A resident of Endwell, spoke about cars parked on the streets when it snows.

Councilman Perfetti said tickets are being issued to those car owners.

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



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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. Town Clerk Monthly Report for November 2014.
2. Town of Union Local Development Corporation Minutes for September 18, 2014.
3. Town of Union Planning Board Decision – Site Plan Review: New Playground, Northminster Presbyterian Church, 701 Farm to Market Road, Tax Map # 141.08-2-64.
4. Town of Union Planning Board Decision – Site Plan: Tire Changing Business, John Miller, Fishs Eddy VI, LLC, 3200 Watson Boulevard, Tax Map # 142.14-5-1.2.
5. Monthly Permits for November 2014 issued to properties within the Village of Johnson City and the Town of Union – Daria Golazeski, DCPW Codes and Ordinances.
Carried.

At this time, Councilman Augostini presented the following Certificate of Recognition to Councilman Leonard J. Cicciarelli:

Honoring Leonard J. Cicciarelli for his dedicated, reliable and productive government service to Town of Union residents as an esteemed 2013-2014 Town of Union Board member. His special character and professional attributes have brought a steadying presence to the Board, and the depth of intelligence, business experience, and rational he possesses have been invaluable assets to his colleagues and to the Town of Union. Len has enriched the lives of countless people, and our community is a better place because of his qualitative service.

Councilman Cicciarelli said it has been a pleasure and an honor serving on the Board and with the Community and he will miss it.

Supervisor Sotak and the Board thanked Councilman Cicciarelli, Highway Superintendent Donald Battaglini, Justice Richard H. Miller, II and Planning Board Member Robert Mack for their service to the Town and wished them the best. She also said the Town's Swearing-In Ceremony will take place on January 1, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. and invited all to attend.

The Board wished everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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ADJOURNMENT:

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

Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

GLS/bk

Gail L. Springer, RMC
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