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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*
Robert Mack, *Councilman*

TOWN OF UNION BOARD MEETING

June 17, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Union was held on Wednesday, June 17, 2015, 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 Robert Mack.

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Deputy Town Attorney Rosemarie Pope, Deputy Town Attorney Kurt D. Schrader, Town Clerk Gail L. Springer, Deputy Town Clerk Rebecca Kruczkowski, Planning Director Paul A. Nelson.

Also in attendance was Planning Board member Scott Forster.

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, June 17, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. to solicit public input for the draft versions of the 2015 – 2019 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan and Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) Annual Action Plan.
Pub. & Posted 6/12/15.

A resident of Endicott, asked if some of this funding could be used to demolish the old Endicott Johnson factory building.

Town Attorney Pope explained that the demolition would not qualify for this funding.

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

A Public Hearing was called for on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. to solicit public input to consider a local law to amend Town of Union Code Chapter 83 entitled Brush, Grass and Weeds and the regulations therein as it relates to notice to owners.
Pub. & Posted 6/12/15.

Supervisor Rose A. Sotak explained that the changes in the law pertain to the time limit that the work had to be completed by and the distribution method of these notices.



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Scott Forster, Planning Board member, stated that he is completely in favor of these changes. He said there are far too many abandoned buildings in the Town.

A resident of Endwell, said there is a property on Hooper Road by Country Club Road that has overgrowth of grass that needs to be addressed.

Supervisor Rose A. Sotak said this will be looked into.

As no one else 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, June 3, 2015 and Work Session held on June 4, 2015.

Carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

A Town of Union Parks seasonal employee, said he is concerned as to why there is a different pay scale for the seasonal employees. He asked why the Parks employees are paid \$7.25 an hour and the Highway employees are paid \$8.75. He feels the Parks employees work hard and long hours and should be compensated the same.

Councilman Robert Mack said the employees committee is working on this. It is taking longer than anticipated and we hope to vote on this soon.

Councilman Thomas Augustini said they are trying to come up with a system that is fair to all employees.

A resident of Johnson City, said he sat in the work session listening to the proposal from Endwell Fire to take over the Westover Fire District. He said he is curious as to how the residents feel about this takeover and he has concerns about the response to an emergency from Endwell Fire District when Watson Boulevard and 17C are flooded. He urged the Board to not rush into making a decision.



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A resident of Endwell, spoke about the judgment against him for code violations and asked for leniency. He said he feels he is being harassed by the Code Enforcement office since they filed new violations against him after the judgment was issued.

Town Attorney Alan J. Pope said he and the Town Board cannot discuss any pending violations or charges until after it goes through the court system.

Supervisor Rose A. Sotak said the property is a disgrace and that the Town Board stands behind the Code Enforcement office.

Councilman Frank Bertoni told him to clean up his property instead of coming to the meetings asking for leniency.

A resident of Endwell, said there are garage sale signs all over the poles and he wants them taken down or the people fined who leave them up. He also spoke about the bad condition of the house on Pleasant Drive and Northwood Drive.

Supervisor Rose A. Sotak said some organization is trying to help that resident.

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 Don D. Patterson, AAI, The Partners Insurance and Financial Services to Supervisor Rose A. Sotak to consider them to review our insurance and risk management needs.
 2. Letter from Laura J. Bowen, Executive Director, Mom's House to Supervisor Rose A. Sotak thanking her for the Certificates of Merit to all graduates of the program.
- Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Daniel Ferris, student, in reference to wages paid to Town of Union employees to the Town Board and Comptroller Laura J. Lindsley.
- Carried.



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2. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the letter from Kirsten Rose, 432 Country Knoll Dr., Endwell, requesting permission for a block party on Saturday, July 4, 2015 on Country Knoll Drive and for barricades up between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on Country Knoll Drive from the entrance at Hillside to just past the property line at 432 Country Knoll before Hearthstone Drive and refer it to Town Clerk Gail L. Springer and Highway Superintendent Chester Kupiec.

Carried.

3. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the Notice of Appeal from Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP for All Around Storage, LLC. to Town Attorney Alan J. Pope and the Town Board.

Carried.

4. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Cohen Law Group in reference to Bid by Charter Communications to Acquire Time Warner Cable: How It Will Impact Your Municipality to Town Attorney Alan J. Pope.

Carried.

5. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the Summons and Complaint for Mortgage Foreclosure from Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, Plaintiff, regarding mortgaged property at 326 Airport Road, Endicott, New York to Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Town Comptroller Laura J. Lindsley, Planning Director Paul A. Nelson and Deputy Commissioner of Public Works for Codes and Ordinances Daria Golazeski.

Carried.

6. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the email from Marcia and Richard Heckel, Endwell, to Supervisor Rose A. Sotak requesting paving of Sweet Briar Court, Endwell to Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio and Highway Superintendent Chester Kupiec.

Carried.

7. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Thomas M. Pado, 3623 Rath Avenue, Endwell, to Supervisor Rose A. Sotak and Town Board, asking for dismissal of or reduction of the judgment filed against him to Town Attorney Alan J. Pope.

Carried.

8. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Patricia Bostwick, 811 Morlando Drive, Endicott, requesting further consideration for a reimbursement for damages caused by a street sewer blockage at her residence in April 2015 to Town Attorney Alan J. Pope and the Town Insurance Carrier.

Carried.

PETITIONS: None.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Perfetti, seconded by Mack to hire Thomas Ciotoli as a permanent full-time MEO Light to fill a budgeted vacancy in the Highway Department. The effective starting date to be immediately following the successful completion of pre-employment testing and salary to be determined by the current CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.
Carried.

Moved by Perfetti, seconded by Mack to hire Rocco Ranucci as a permanent full-time MEO Heavy to fill a budgeted vacancy in the Highway Department. The effective starting date to be immediately following the successful completion of pre-employment testing and salary to be determined by the current CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.
Carried.

Moved by Perfetti, seconded by Mack to hire Ralph Camareno to fill a budgeted vacancy in the Refuse/Recycling Department, at a starting salary of \$19,817.00. The effective starting date to be immediately following successful completion of pre-employment testing and physical.
Carried.

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

Decrease:	10 1410 4601	Travel & Expense	\$3.85
Increase:	10 1410 4104	Books, Periodicals, Subscriptions	\$3.85

Carried.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to amend Town of Union Code Chapter 83 entitled Brush, Grass and Weeds and the regulations therein as it relates to notice to owners.)

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

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to authorize Planning Director Paul A. Nelson to sign an agreement with HAPPY Software, Inc. for the purchase of up to three user licenses for Rehab Pro Direct at a cost not to exceed \$2,880.00. The first year of this service will be paid from the CDBG-DR Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation line item.)

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

Vote: All yes.



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(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to authorize the procurement of a new 2015 CAT Wheel Loader to be purchased utilizing NYS Contract PC65318, award #22063 statewide and open to all districts from Milton CAT in the amount of \$91,902.00 as follows:

\$151,232.00	(New) 2015 CAT Wheel Loader
\$ 74,000.00	(Trade) 2009 CAT 983H S/N 00671
\$ 77,232.00	(Trade Difference)
\$ 3,820.00	(Material Handler JIB)
\$ 10,850.00	(Loadrite L-2180 Scales Installed)
\$ 91,902.00	Grand Total with Attachments

Balance due to be paid out of the 2015 Capital Budget previously approved by the Town Board.)

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

Vote: All yes.

Moved by Perfetti, seconded by Augostini to authorize the advertisement of Bids for Two (2) New and Unused 2016 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD ¾ Ton 4WD Double Cab Pickup Truck w/Snowplows, one (1) for the Highway Department and one (1) for the Parks Department. Bids to be received by Town Clerk Gail L. Springer until 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Funds are available for both trucks in the 2015 Capital Budget previously approved by the Town Board.
Carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

A resident of Endwell, said he was one of the families impacted by the sewer backup this past weekend. He asked who was responsible and how do they move forward with filing claims.

Town Attorney Alan J. Pope said the Town is very sympathetic to the situation. He said the contractor was hired by the Town to do some work and apparently left some materials in the line that might have caused the blockage. He said each home owner should file a claim with their homeowner's insurance company, and in addition, file a claim with the Town of Union and the contractor. He also stated that they could file a notice of claim with their attorney.

A resident of Endwell, asked when his street would be paved and said it has not been paved in the 50 years that he has lived there.

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



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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 May 2015.
 2. Permits Report – June 2015.
 3. Zoning Board of Appeals Decision – Fishs Eddy VI, LLC. - 3138 Watson Blvd.
 4. Town of Union Planning Board Minutes – February 10, 2015 and March 10, 2015.
 5. Town of Union Comptroller's Monthly Report – May 2015.
- Carried.

Moved by Bertoni, seconded by Augustini to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues at 8:28 P.M.
Carried.

No action was taken in the Executive Session.

Moved by Augustini, seconded by Mack to go out of Executive Session at 9:00 P.M.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 P.M.

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Gail L. Springer, RMC
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