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Town Board
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TOWN OF UNION BOARD MEETING

June 3, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Union was held on Wednesday, June 3, 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, Town Clerk Gail L. Springer, Deputy Town Clerk Rebecca Kruczkowski.

Also in attendance were Zoning Board of Appeals members Lisa Temple and Giuseppe Roberto.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

BIDS:

Bids were called for on Friday, May 29, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. for Phase 1, North Loder Avenue Reconstruction, E. Union Street (Station 14+96) to Hannah Street, Town of Union FFY 2014 CDBG Program.

Bids were received as follows:

R.B. Magliocca General Contracting	\$601,670.00
Vacri Construction	\$681,000.00
DeNinis Construction	\$699,945.00

Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to receive and file the bids for Phase 1, North Loder Avenue Reconstruction, E. Union Street (Station 14+96) to Hannah Street, Town of Union FFY 2014 CDBG Program.

Carried.



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the Minutes of the Regular Town of Union Board meeting held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015.
Carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

A resident of Endicott, asked for an update on the EJ Building at 1 N. Page Avenue, and asked if the Town was performing the maintenance activities on the property, and if not, why they aren't doing anything to obtain the property to demolish the building.

Town Attorney Alan J. Pope explained that the litigation proceedings are over and the next step is to obtain environmental studies to see if the property is polluted and how much it would cost to clean it up.

Councilman Frank Bertoni said the owner has hired someone to do the mowing.

A resident of Endicott presented to the Board pictures and a document with the names of the World War II veterans listed on the monument that was moved to the front of the Union Center Fire Company station.

A resident of Endwell, said that he is happy that he has no properties to report and that the Code Department is doing a great job keeping up with the enforcement of violations.

A resident of Endwell, stated he received a judgment of \$1,200.00 against him in court for code violations and that this judgment is a hardship on him because he is disabled. He asked the Board for leniency and more time to clean up the violations.

Councilman Thomas Augustini said that this has been a problem for years and it is absolutely unacceptable. He further said no extra time or leniency will be approved and that he needs to be a responsible property owner and clean it up.

Councilman Frank Bertoni said this is a hardship that he inflicted upon himself and he needs to clean up the property.

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:



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1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Endicott held on April 28, 2015.
2. Time Warner Programming Notices dated May 20, 2015 and June 3, 2015.
3. Letter from New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Office of Real Property Tax Services, Albany, New York to Supervisor Rose A. Sotak regarding Certificate of Final Telecommunications Ceiling.
4. Letter from New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Office of Real Property Tax Services, Albany, New York to Assessor Joseph Cook regarding Certificate of Final Railroad Ceiling.
5. Letter from Les Platt regarding suggestions to the Town.
6. Letter from New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Office of Real Property Tax Services, Albany, New York to Supervisor Rose A. Sotak regarding Notice of Tentative State Equalization Rate for the 2015 Assessment Roll.
7. Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Work Session of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Johnson City held on May 5, 2015, Special Meeting held on April 28, 2015 and Budget Meeting held on April 23, 2015.
Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Mayor John Bertoni, Village of Endicott to Supervisor Rose A. Sotak and the Town Council in reference to increasing Dog Control hours to 7 days a week and 24 hours a day to Deputy Commissioner of Public Works-Codes & Ordinances Daria Golazeski.
Carried.
2. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the Email from Gary Robbins, Frederick Street, Johnson City requesting the use of the lot located at 35 Frederick Street, Johnson City that is owned by the Town of Union for a neighborhood block party on June 13, 2015. Requesting to use the property June 12 – 15, 2015 to allow for a tent to be put up and torn down to Town Attorney Alan J. Pope and Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio.
Carried.
3. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Adam Gallagher, Maine-Endwell student, to Supervisor Rose A. Sotak, requesting repairs to roads in the Town damaged by the harsh winter to Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio.
Carried.



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4. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Hannah McGoff, Maine-Endwell student, to Supervisor Rose A. Sotak, requesting the speed limit on a portion of Farm to Market Road be raised from 30 mph to 40 mph. and a four way stop be added at the intersection of Sally Piper Road and Farm to Market Road to Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio.
Carried.

5. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from James Butts, Maine-Endwell student, to Supervisor Rose A. Sotak, stating that the wages for summer and full time employees are unfair and need to be changed to Comptroller Laura J. Lindsley.
Carried.

6. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Nick Rogers, Maine-Endwell student, to Supervisor Rose A. Sotak, requesting the speed limit on Farm to Market Road to be changed back to 40 mph to Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio.
Carried.

7. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the Email from Joseph Gonzalez, organizer of #Imdopewithoutdope, to Deputy Commissioner of Public Works-Recreation Tom Cassin and Park Manager Ray Vanderpoel, requesting use of Highland Park facilities on July 19, 2015 for a Community Awareness Day in the Park to spread awareness about damages that drugs are doing to our community to Deputy Commissioner of Public Works-Recreation Tom Cassin.
Carried.

8. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Johnny Plouffe, Maine-Endwell student, to Supervisor Rose A. Sotak requesting repairs to roads in the Town to commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio.
Carried.

9. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Jacob Bernstein, Maine-Endwell student, to Supervisor Rose A. Sotak requesting repairs to the roads in the Town to Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio.
Carried.

PETITIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve the Town of Union Street Lighting Engineering Design Services Proposal with C.T. Male Associates and authorize Supervisor Rose A. Sotak to execute the said agreement contingent on approval of the Town Attorney.)



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Res. by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni.

Vote: Yes.
Sotak
Augostini
Bertoni
Mack
Abstain
Perfetti

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to award the bid for Phase 1, North Loder Avenue Reconstruction, E. Union Street (Station 14+96) to Hannah Street, Town of Union FFY 2014 CDBG Program to R.B. Magliocca General Contracting, Endicott, New York, in a total amount not to exceed \$601,670.00.)

Res. by Bertoni, seconded by Mack.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to authorize the addition of an additional catch basin as an eligible reimbursement expense for the Johnson City Senior Center CDBG-DR capital repair contract. The cost of this change in scope is \$5,975.00.)

Res. by Bertoni, seconded by Mack.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to authorize Supervisor Rose A. Sotak to execute a contract amendment with Atlantic Testing Laboratories, Ltd., Canton, NY in an amount currently estimated to be \$470.00 for air sampling/monitoring at 1396-1398 Union Center Maine Highway, Endicott, NY.)

Res. by Bertoni, seconded by Mack.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to authorize Supervisor Rose A. Sotak to execute a contract amendment with LCP Group, Inc., Vestal, NY in an amount currently estimated to be \$18,997.00 for the demolition of 1396-1398 Union Center Maine Highway, Endicott, NY.)

Res. by Bertoni, seconded by Mack.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

Moved by Perfetti, seconded by Augostini to authorize the advertising of bids for Catalina Boulevard Reconstruction - Pheasant Lane to Debonair Drive. Bids to be received at a date and time at the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Carried.



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HEARING OF VISITORS:

A resident of Endicott, asked why Mr. Pado was fined for his code violations and not the owners of the 1 N. Page Avenue building.

Town Attorney Alan J. Pope explained that the fines are accumulating against the EJ property and will go as a lien against the property if they are not paid.

A resident of Endicott, commented on the odors that are being released from the Huron tanks on Clark Street, Endicott.

A resident of Johnson City, asked what the environmental studies consisted of for the EJ building and also asked what kind of time period he is looking at for an answer for his request to use property on Frederick Street. (Action #2 of tonight's meeting).

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 Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to receive and file the following Department Reports:

1. Town of Union Planning Review Team Minor Site Plan Review Decision – Approval - Adding a 2,880 square foot building addition - Engineering Manufacturing Technologies, 101 Delaware Avenue, Endicott, Tax Map #157.07-2-34.
2. Town of Union Planning Department Minor Site Plan Review Decision – Approval – Reconfigure existing Parking Lot - West Corners Fire Company, 500 Day Hollow Road, Tax Map #140.20-3-6.
3. Town of Union Local Development Corporation Meeting Minutes for April 23, 2015.
4. Town of Union Comptroller's Monthly Report – April 2015.
Carried.

Moved by Mack, seconded by Perfetti to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 8:17 P.M.
Carried.

No action was taken in Executive Session.



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Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to go out of Executive Session at 8:40 P.M.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 P.M.

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