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Town Board
Rose A. Sotak, *Supervisor*
Thomas R. Augostini, *Councilman*
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TOWN OF UNION BOARD MEETING

January 6, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Union was held on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 7:38 P.M. in the Town Board Room, 3111 East Main Street, Endwell, New York.

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

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Deputy Town Attorney Kurt Schrader, Town Clerk Gail L. Springer, Deputy Town Clerk Rebecca Kruczkowski.

Also in attendance were Johnson City Mayor Greg Deemie and Town of Union Zoning Board of Appeals member Giuseppe Roberto.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A Public Hearing was called for on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. to consider input on the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agreement between the Town of Union and the Union Volunteer Emergency Squad, Inc.
Pub. & Posted 1/1/16.

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

BIDS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the Minutes of the Regular Town of Union Board meeting held on Wednesday, December 16, 2015.
Carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

A resident of Endwell, reported that he has a new court date set and thanked the Board for their assistance. He asked to meet with the Town Attorney before their next court date.

Town Attorney Alan J. Pope agreed to meet with him.



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A resident of Johnson City, asked how much money is designated in the budget for flood prevention. He said that communities need to work together to do the prevention work.

Councilman Frank Bertoni said there are different kinds of flooding and the allocated money has to be used for designated purposes. He further said that work is being done on Brixious Creek and Patterson Creek.

Councilman Thomas R. Augostini said work will soon be started on the Grand Avenue Intercepting Project.

A resident of Endwell, asked what decisions are being made regarding the Resolutions on the Health Insurance listed on this agenda.

Councilman Robert Mack said both Resolutions are being withdrawn tonight.

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 Communications:

1. Time Warner Programming Notice dated December 16, 2015.
2. Result of the West Endicott Fire District Election held on December 8, 2015.
3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Work Session of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Johnson City held on November 17 and December 1, 2015.
4. Copy of letter from Alex G. Czuharnich, Project Manager, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Environmental Remediation, to Mr. Kevin Whalen, IBM Corporate Environmental Affairs, regarding, Semiannual Groundwater Data Summary Report, 2014, Former IBM Facility, Endicott, NY, AOC Index No. A7-0502-0104, NYSDEC Site No. 704014.
5. Letter from State Records and Law Bureau, State of New York Department of State regarding Town of Union, Local Law #4, 2015 (Home Improvement Exemption), was filed on December 11, 2015.
6. Letter from Pamela M. Eshbaugh, P.E., Regional Planning and Program Manager, New York State Department of Transportation to Local Officials in reference to PIN 904134 Maintenance Paving Project, NYS Route 17C & 26, Harrison Avenue to Adams Avenue, Village of Endicott, Broome County.



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7. Letter from Cesar A. Perales, Secretary of State, New York State to Supervisor Rose A. Sotak regarding awarding of CFA#56455 - \$75,000.00 - Chugnut Trail Extension Design.
8. Letter from Steve Ridler, NYS Department of State, New York State to Supervisor Rose A. Sotak regarding Denial of CFA #52825- Watson Boulevard Levee Extension Gate.
9. Letter from Empire State Development, New York State to Supervisor Rose A. Sotak regarding Denial of Empire State Development Grants Program – Watson Boulevard Levee Extension Gate, CFA #52825.
10. Letter from Thomas Rood, Contract Administration Specialist, NYSERDA to Supervisor Rose A. Sotak regarding “Cleaner, Greener Communities Phase II Implementation Grants” Program Opportunity Notice (PON) No. 3106, Category 3: Community Scale Sustainability Project – CFA #54795.
11. Letter from Lora Zier, Senior Planner, Broome County Department of Planning & Economic Development with Amendments to the Town of Chenango Comprehensive Plan.
12. Letter from Susan E. Reif, District Clerk, Union Endicott Central School District, informing that they adopted the real property tax exemption for home improvements pursuant to NYS Real Property Tax Law 421-f.
13. Letter of Resignation from Lisa A. Wojdat, Court Clerk effective January 1, 2016.
14. Letters from residents requesting resurfacing of Hoover Avenue, Endwell.
15. Letter from Cheryl Schreiber, Real Estate Specialist 1, Office of Right of Way, Region 9, New York State Department Transportation regarding PIN 9041.29.201, Proc. No. 14212, SH 125, Lestershire, Town of Union, Broome County, Map (s) 72, Parcel (s) 74.
Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Don D. Patterson, AAI, AIS, The Partners Insurance and Financial Services to Supervisor Rose A. Sotak with an enclosed NYMIR Newsletter to review and consider for future use to Town Attorney Alan J. Pope and Comptroller Laura J. Lindsley
Carried.
2. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Ronald M. Smith, Executive Director, YMCA of Broome County requesting an additional extension to May 31, 2016 to relocate the storage building to Planning Director Paul A. Nelson.
Carried.



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PETITIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Mack, seconded by Perfetti to authorize the hiring of Schyler Alexander as a Mechanic II in the Highway Department due to the resignation of Joe Tenant. 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 Mack, seconded by Perfetti to authorize the promotion of Tyler Maguire from a Laborer position to a MEO Light position in the Highway Department due to the resignation of Tom Ciotoli. Salary would be determined by the current CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement. Carried.

Moved by Mack, seconded by Perfetti to authorize the promotion of Patrick O'Hora from a MEO Light position to a MEO Heavy position in the Highway Department due to the resignation of Haydn Fuller. Salary would be determined by the current CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement. Carried.

Moved by Mack, seconded by Perfetti to authorize the hiring of Carrie Aurelio as a Clerk to Justice for Judge Veronica Gorman at the salary of \$32,000 per year. The effective starting date to be immediately following the successful completion of pre-employment testing. Carried.

Moved by Mack, seconded by Perfetti to authorize the attendance of Ken Jennison, Dave Conklin and James Wallace to the Southern Tier Building Officials meeting on January 21, 2016 at the City of Binghamton Council Chambers; authorization to include use of a Town vehicle. There is no cost and the training accounts for 3 hours of the required 24 hours of yearly training. Carried.

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

Decrease:	20 8020 4601	Travel & Exp Reimb.	\$ 500.00
Increase:	20 8020 4603	Legal Notices	\$ 500.00

Carried.



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(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to authorize Supervisor Rose A. Sotak to sign retroactive to 12/28/15 the Excellus Renewal providing continuous medical insurance as of 1/1/2016 at the following rates:

Individual \$ 1,151.27/mo

Family \$ 2,813.92/mo

The renewal allows for a 30 day notice of cancellation.)

Res. by Augustini, seconded by Perfetti.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to authorize Supervisor Rose A. Sotak to sign the letter terminating The Wladis Law Firm, P.C. from representing the Town of Union in a lobbying capacity.)

Res. by Augustini, seconded by Perfetti.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to authorize Supervise Rose A. Sotak to sign and execute the Appendix X-Modification Agreement Form from New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation amending the termination date of the Master Contract - # EPF#E09006-C4- Carousel Rehabilitation Project.)

Res. by Perfetti, 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 sign and execute, upon the Town Attorney's approval, the Contract Agreement Amendments in reference to Pre-Disaster Mitigation – (Joint Explanatory Statement), LPDM-PJ-02-NY-2010-001, Town of Union Fairmont Park Project, Broome County.)

Res. by Bertoni, seconded by Mack.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to extend the contract with Keystone Associates for the design of the Brixius Creek flood improvement project through February 18, 2016. The extension is due to a scheduling delay with field survey work which is being done by a subcontractor.)

Res. by Bertoni, seconded by Mack.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to extend the contract with the YMCA of Broome County for the Westover CDBG-DR capital repair project through April 29, 2016. The extension is necessary due to delays by the contractor performing the work. The work is



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substantially complete however there are two remaining items that are weather sensitive and may not be completed until the spring.)

Res. by Bertoni, seconded by Mack.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to authorize the opening of the Section 8 Waiting List during the month of February on a date to be determined by the Planning Director. The Planning Department shall provide no less than 10 business days notice to the public before the date that applications will be available. The Planning Director is further authorized to decide to close the Waiting List upon notice to the public should a sufficient number of applications be received. This resolution will also clarify two sections of the Administrative Plan to indicate that applications will only be mailed to persons with documented disabilities as a reasonable accommodation. The Planning Department may also elect to take applications of disabled persons "in home" as circumstances may require.)

Res. by Bertoni, seconded by Mack.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

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

1. Town of Union Local Development Corporation Meeting Minutes for October 22 and November 19, 2015.
 2. Town of Union Planning Department Minor Site Plan Review Decision – Miller Storage Shelter Installation of Fabric Storage Shelter – 1714 Union Center-Maine Highway, Tax Map # 125.09-1-14.
- Carried.

At this time, Councilman Leonard J. Perfetti mentioned there are openings for the Conservation Advisory Council and the Citizens Advisory Council for Community Development. He encouraged the residents to send in a resume if they are interested.



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Supervisor Rose A. Sotak said the goal of the Town is to continue providing services for the residents as they have in the past while keeping within the budget. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

GLS/bk

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