

Town Board

Richard A. Materese, Supervisor Thomas R. Augostini, Councilman Frank J. Bertoni, Councilman Sandra C. Bauman, Councilwoman Heather R. Staley, Councilwoman

TOWN OF UNION BOARD MEETING

November 20, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Union was held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Board Room, 3111 East Main Street, Endwell, New York.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Town Supervisor Richard A. Materese, Councilman Thomas R. Augostini, Councilman Frank J. Bertoni, Councilwoman Sandra C. Bauman, Councilwoman Heather R. Staley.

<u>TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT</u>: Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Town Clerk Leonard J. Perfetti, Deputy Town Clerk Rebecca Kruczkowski, Comptroller Laura J. Lindsley.

Also in attendance is Village of Endicott Mayor Elect Linda Jackson, Zoning Board of Appeals Member Giuseppe Roberto.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

BIDS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Union Board held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 and the Budget Board Meeting held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019.

Carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Amanda Dorell, 115 Patio Drive, Endwell, said the refuse company picked the dumpsters at Weis every day last week before 5:30. She complained that they do not obey the sign on the dumpsters marked "No pick up before 6:00 AM". She said they will follow the rule for a week



or two after they are called, but go right back to picking up early. She wants a penalty added to the codes for disobeying the rule.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said they will be meeting with them tomorrow.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING:

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

- 1. Letter from Peter Stanko, President, Nanticoke Valley Cemetery Association, Inc., to Supervisor Richard A. Materese and the Town Board, thanking the Town and Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio for the assistance given in obtaining the material necessary to complete the driveway/parking area in the cemetery.
- 2. Notification Pursuant to 239-nn of the NYS General Municipal Law Local Law for Renewable Energy from Daria M. Golazeski, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works for Codes and Ordinances.
- 3. Charter Communications Notice of Upcoming Changes November 13, 2019 and November 15, 2019.

 Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION:

- 1. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Paul T. Sheppard, Hinman, Howard & Kattell, Attorneys, regarding SCAR Proceeding SMAC001679, Tax Map # 142.06-1-12, 630 Valleyview Drive, Endwell, New York to Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Comptroller Laura J. Lindsley and Assessor Joseph Cook. Carried.
- 2. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Honorable Gregory P. Thomas, Village of Johnson City Justice, to Town Clerk Leonard J. Perfetti requesting a copy of the Town of Union Ethics Manual and a complaint form to Town Clerk Leonard J. Perfetti. Carried.

PETITIONS: None.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Augostini, seconded by Staley to approve the following 2019 Budget Transfers:

Decrease:	10 1620 4201	Telephone	\$ 340.00
Increase:	10 1620 2050	Capital Improvements	\$ 340.00
Decrease:	10 5182 4202	Electricity	\$ 25,000.00
Increase:	10 5182 4401	Equip. Maint.	\$ 25,000.00
Decrease	20 8120 4416	Uniforms	\$ 125.00
Increase:	20 8120 4167	Boots, Gloves	\$ 125.00
Decrease:	20 8160 4513	Tipping Fee	\$ 15,000.00
Increase:	20 8160 4111	Parts	\$ 15,000.00
Decrease:	31 5130 2500	Other Equip.	\$ 6,811.00
Decrease:	31 5130 4110	Small Tools	\$ 3,300.00
Decrease:	31 5130 4401	Equip. Maintenance	\$ 1,280.00
Increase:	31 5130 4111	Parts	\$ 11,391.00
Carried.			

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes approving the retainer agreement with GAR Associates, LLC to perform expert commercial appraisal work for the Town of Union with respect to the Macy's tax assessment case in an amount not to exceed \$13,000 for a court ready appraisal report, and authorization for Assessor Joseph Cook to execute the same.)

Res. by Augostini, seconded by Staley.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing Supervisor Richard A. Materese to sign the Excellus Proposal – Classic Blue (U65 – No Rx Edits) and CSEA Signature Copay 1 plans for the contract period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 at the following rates:

Classic Blue (U65 – No Rx Edits)

Individual \$1,107.02/mo.

Family \$2,705.80/mo.

CSEA Signature Copay 1

Individual \$ 987.14/mo. Family \$ 2,412.74/mo.)

Res. by Augostini, seconded by Staley.

The Resolution was adopted.

Vote: All yes.

Vote: All yes.



(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing Supervisor Richard A. Materese to sign the Excellus Proposal – Medicare Blue PPO Copay Plan effective 1/1/2020 at the premium rate of \$315.07 per month.)

Res. by Augostini, seconded by Staley.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve the 2020 Final Town of Union Budget and the 2020 Annual Fire Contracts for the Fire Protection Districts.)

Res. by Augostini, seconded by Staley. Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing the relining of various Parks Pools in and for the Town of Union, Broome County, New York, at a maximum estimated cost of \$133,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$133,000 Serial Bonds of said Town to pay the cost thereof.)

Res. by Augostini, seconded by Staley.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing the purchase of Heavy Duty Trucks in and for the Town of Union, Broome County, New York, at a maximum estimated cost of \$840,000 and authorizing, subject to Permissive Referendum, the issuance of \$840,000 Bonds of said Town to pay the cost thereof.) Vote: All yes.

Res. by Augostini, seconded by Staley.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing the Reconstruction and Resurfacing of Roads in and for the Town of Union, Broome County, New York, at a maximum estimated cost of \$650,000 and authorizing, subject to Permissive Referendum, the issuance of \$650,000 Bonds of said Town to pay the cost thereof.

Res. by Augostini, seconded by Staley.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing Improvements to Curbs, Gutters and Sidewalks, in and for the Town of Union, Broome County, New York, at a maximum estimated cost of \$100,000 and authorizing, subject to Permissive Referendum, the issuance of \$100,000 Bonds of said Town to pay the cost thereof.)

Res. by Augostini, seconded by Staley.

The Resolution was adopted.

Vote: All yes.

Vote: All yes.

Vote: All yes.

Vote: All yes.



(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing Drainage Improvements in and for the Town of Union, Broome County, New York, at a maximum estimated cost of \$75,000 and authorizing, subject to Permissive Referendum, the issuance of \$75,000 Bonds of said Town to pay the cost thereof.)

Res. by Augostini, seconded by Staley.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing Sanitary/Storm Water Improvements in and for the Town of Union, Broome County, New York, at a maximum estimated cost of \$200,000 and authorizing, subject to Permissive Referendum, the issuance of \$200,000 Bonds of said Town to pay the cost thereof.)

Res. by Augostini, seconded by Staley.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve and authorize Supervisor Richard A. Materese to sign the 2020 Tax Levy Option Form due by December 2, 2019 relevying \$22,607.32 to the 2020-tax bills, paying by January 2, 2020 elections costs of \$148,221.00, and \$3,760.54 in water/sewer/ maintenance deficits.)

Res. by Augostini, seconded by Staley.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing the purchase a new 2020 Chevrolet Silverado MD (CC56043) 2 WD Crew Cab Work Truck, Rugby 11' Stainless Steel Dump Body & Equipment from National Auto Fleet Group through Sourcewell (formerly known as NJPA) Contract 120716-NAF for the purchase price of \$80,366.12. Budget line to be used is the Capital Line. This truck will replace the Highway Department's Truck C-22 – 2000 GMC C6500 Dump Truck. Authorization to also declare C-22 as surplus and be sold at Auction subsequent to receipt of the new vehicle.)

Res. by Augostini, seconded by Staley.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing Planning Director Sara Zubalsky-Peer to execute the Referral Agreement with SEPP for Windsor Inn Apartments for the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program on behalf of the Town of Union.) Vote: All yes.

Res. by Bertoni, seconded by Bauman.

The Resolution was adopted.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Vote: All yes.

Vote: All yes.

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Vote: All yes.



Amanda Dorell, 115 Patio Drive, Endwell, said she was approached by a woman at the last Board Meeting, who said she used to live in her neighborhood and that the problem was disruptive to her too. Ms. Dorrell said that she is on the Homeowner's Association Board for her development and that other residents have approached their Board about the problem also.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese thanked Ms. Dorell.

Carol Laskoski, 37 Edwards Street, Johnson City, asked what SCAR stands for in Action #1 of this meeting. She also asked if the new healthcare costs are subsidized for the employees by the Town.

Town Attorney Alan J. Pope explained it stands for Small Claims Assessment Review and how the process works. He also explained that the employees pay a percentage of the insurance fees in accordance to their employee's union agreement.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said the Board members can also participate in the insurance program as employees of the Town.

As no one else wished to speak, Supervisor Richard A. Materese 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 Clerk Monthly Report October 2019.
- 2. Permits Monthly Report October 2019.
- 3. Town of Union Planning Board Minutes & Testimony September 10, 2019 & October 8, 2019.

Carried.

On behalf of the Board, Councilman Thomas R. Augostini wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese announced that the Village of Johnson City Parade will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.; the Village of Endicott Parade will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 4:00 P.M., with the tree lighting and fireworks at George F.



Johnson Park at 7:30 P.M.; and the Town of Union, in conjunction with Visions Federal Credit Union, will hold their "Visions of Christmas in the Park" on Sunday, December 8, 2019. He said Visions Federal Credit Union will have entertainment and food from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., with the Town having entertainment and games from 2:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., a tree lighting with fireworks at 7:00 P.M. at Highland Park, and a trolley that will be running from Visions Federal Credit Union to Highland Park throughout the day. Supervisor Richard A. Materese said that we are hoping to make this an annual celebration that people will want to come back home for and will bring families together to celebrate.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese also congratulated the Maine Endwell Field Hockey Team on their State Championship.

He went on to explain that the Board had a work session prior to the meeting and that is why it went so fast and smoothly.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

Leonard J. Perfetti Town Clerk

LJP/bk