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Town of Union

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 18, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Union was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Board Room, 3111 East Main Street, Endwell, New York.

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

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Town Clerk Leonard J. Perfetti, Deputy Rebecca Kruczkowski.

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 Town of Union Board Meeting held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020.
Carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING:

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

1. Minutes of the Village of Endicott Board of Trustees held on October 19, 2020.



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2. Charter Communications Notice – November 7, 2020 & November 13, 2020.
3. Letter from Makayla Kemmeren, Animal Health Inspector, NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets, regarding the Municipal Shelter Inspection Report dated October 27, 2020.
Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letters from students at Union-Endicott High School (Emma Madigan and Brent Isaacs) in reference to various concerns in the Town, to the Town Board and the Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio.
Carried

PETITIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

(Prepared Resolution filed as part these minutes approving and adopting the use of the Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records.)

Res. by Bertoni, seconded by Bauman.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to call for a Public Hearing on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. for public comment on the Proposed Alternative Energy Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Local Law.)

Res. by Bertoni, seconded by Bauman.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

Moved by Staley, seconded by Augostini to approve the following 2020 Budget Transfers:

Decrease:	31 5110 4402	Equip Rental	\$ 2,616.00
Decrease:	31 5110 4118	Summer Blacktop	\$ 7,384.00
Increase:	31 5110 4116	Storm Sewer Pipe	\$10,000.00
Decrease:	31 5110 2500	Other Equipment	\$ 6,460.00
Increase:	31 5130 4401	Equip. Maintenance	\$ 6,460.00

Carried.



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(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve the 2021 Final Town of Union Budget and the 2021 Annual Fire Contracts for the Fire Protection Districts.)

Res. by Staley, seconded by Augustini.

Vote: Yes
Augustini
Bauman
Staley
Materese
No
Bertoni

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to award the Bid for Hooper Road/Watson Boulevard Intersection Improvements PIN# 9754.55 to Binghamton Road Electric, LLC, 170 East Service Road, Binghamton, New York, for their low bid price of \$ 397,768.50.)

Res. by Staley, seconded by Augustini.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing the Reconstruction/ Resurfacing of Roads in and for the Town of Union, Broome County, New York, at a maximum estimated cost of \$325,000.00 and authorizing, subject to Permissive Referendum, the issuance of \$325,000.00 Bonds of said Town to pay the cost thereof.)

Res. by Staley, seconded by Augustini.

Vote: Yes
Bauman
Bertoni
Staley
Materese
No
Augustini

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution to call for a Public Hearing to be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 7:00 P.M., in relation to the proposed Part Town sewer improvement, consisting of the West Corners Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Upgrade, at a maximum estimated cost of \$175,000. The plan of financing consists of the issuance of \$75,000 bonds and the reallocation of \$100,000 bonds issued in 2020 for Town Improvements toward this project.)

Res. by Staley, seconded by Augustini.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing the purchase of a Dump Truck for the Highway Department in and for the Town of Union, Broome County, New York, at a maximum estimated cost of \$250,000.00 and authorizing,



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subject to permissive referendum, the issuance of \$250,000.00 Bonds of said Town to pay the cost thereof.)

Res. by Staley, seconded by Augostini.

Vote: Yes
Bauman
Bertoni
Staley
Materese
No
Augostini

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve and authorize Supervisor Richard A. Materese to sign the 2021 Tax Levy Option Form due by December 1, 2020 re-levying \$36,972.66 to the 2021-tax bills, paying by January 4, 2021 elections costs of \$148,221.00 and \$6,348.28 in water/sewer/maintenance deficits.)

Res. by Staley, seconded by Augostini.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes approving Change Order #1 for the Scribner Drive – Winston Drive to Verna Drive, Road Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$ 4,426.20. The project total is now \$ 323,806.20.)

Res. by Staley, seconded by Augostini.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

As no one 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 2020.
2. Monthly Permits Report – October 2020.
3. Town of Union Planning Department Decision – Minor Site Plan Review – Dan Brown Construction, Valley Equipment, LLC, 2 Valley Street, Endwell, Tax Map # 142.17-3-63.



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4. Comptrollers Monthly Report – October 2020.
5. Town of Union Planning Board Decision – William Walsh, Special Permit: Fill in the 100 year Floodplain, 3901 Watson Boulevard, Tax Map # 142.14-2-25.12.
6. Town of Union Planning Board Decision – Kashou Enterprises, Inc., Special Permit: Animal Husbandry, 130 Dimmock Hill Road, Tax Map # 110.04-1-26.112.
7. Town of Union Planning Board Minutes – October 13, 2020.
Carried.

Councilwoman Heather R. Staley explained the reasoning behind the decisions to support bonding for the resurfacing of the roads and the purchase of the dump truck. She said we can't put off resurfacing the roads and doing maintenance to them. The more we put it off, the more in disrepair they become and the more expensive it is in the long run. She also said the dump truck is replacing one that is about 20 years old and according to our mechanics, is on its last leg and hard to get parts for. She added that the Board put a lot of thought into this, before spending the tax dollars.

Councilman Frank R. Bertoni asked if the public would be able to attend the meetings in person again and if the building would be opened since the yellow zone has been lifted in Broome County. He said the Board has to come up with a plan to reopen.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said the public would be allowed to attend the meetings, but the building would remain closed for an undetermined amount of time.

Councilwoman Sandra C. Bauman said we are out of the yellow zone right now, but what does that mean? She said she wants everybody attending a meeting to be required to wear a mask at all times.

Councilwoman Heather R. Staley said she is not concerned with people attending the meetings, but said she is not sure it is a good idea to open the building. She wants to ask the employees, such as the Clerk's Office who will be dealing with the public coming in and out, how they feel about it first.

Councilman Thomas R. Augustini said he is concerned about opening the building. He said there are no margins for employees. He said with the limited staff, there would not be anyone to cover an office if someone tested positive and the rest of the employees had to quarantine for two weeks. He further said, we are providing a service now, it may be at a limited capacity, but without the employees to cover, we just cannot do it.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said what we have now is working, it is not convenient, but it's working. He went on to say, that the budget process was difficult with the sales tax



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revenues down, and when people come into this room looking at ideas, we should listen to them and think outside the box. This process should be done, not just do nothing, leaving things as is.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

LJP/bk

Leonard J. Perfetti
Town Clerk