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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

December 2, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Union was held on Wednesday, December 2, 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, Councilwoman Sandra C. Bauman, Councilwoman Heather R. Staley and Councilman Frank J. Bertoni via Zoom.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A Public Hearing was called for 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.
Pub. & Posted: 11/22/2020

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

A Public Hearing was called for 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.
Pub. & Posted: 11/22/2020

As no one wished to speak, Supervisor Richard A. Materese closed the second Public Hearing.

BIDS: None.



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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, November 18, 2020.
Carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Supervisor Richard A. Materese read the following Proclamation:

In Recognition of Michael J. Keenan

WHEREAS, the Town of Union and the citizens of the Town of Union is honored to have Michael J. Keenan as CEO of Good Shepard Communities in the Town of Union, and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Keenan began his career in long term care in 1980, and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Keenan became President / CEO of Good Shepard in 2001, and

WHEREAS, under Michael J. Keenan's direction and supervision, Good Shepard has grown from the single facility, Good Shepard Fairview Home, to multiple campuses including Good Shepard Village, Endwell and Chase Memorial Nursing Home in Chenango County, and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Keenan received the James Sanderson Memorial Award for Leadership in 2010, and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Keenan has most recently been chosen as the recipient of the 2020 Lawrence E. Larson Memorial Award of Honor, the highest award from LeadingAge New York for his distinguished service, dedication and foresight in aging services in furthering humanitarian achievement and professional vision.

Now, Therefore, the Town of Union Board wishes to join family, friends and fellow citizens in recognizing and honoring Mr. Michael J. Keenan on his accomplishments and awards and thank him for his service to our aging community.

Ryan Avery, 607 Milan Avenue, Endicott, presented a petition to the Board signed by his close neighbors who are all in favor of his family keeping chickens on his property. He said they take good care of their chickens and would like the Town to change the code to allow chickens in residential areas with less than three acres, or establish a permit system to allow them on a case by case basis. He also said it's a valuable resource and if you have good owners, you will have good chickens.



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Hayley Avery, 607 Milan Street, Endicott, said they take good care of their chickens and do everything they can to help them. She also said they built a garden, fencing and the chicken coop as a family and they love their chickens.

William Huston, P.O. Box 22, Endicott, said he thinks there was confusion at the work session regarding what he was talking about. He voiced his concerns about the new 5G networks and urged the Town to defer the vote for further review or not approve any ordinances allowing them, as the Village of Endicott has done.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said this topic was not on the work session or meeting agendas, so they will not be voting on anything this evening.

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 New York State Department of State notifying that Town of Union Local Law #4 2020 (Vacant Buildings) was filed on November 5, 2020.
2. Email from Bernadette Brinsko commending the Town employees that cleaned up the leaves and the snow/salt truck crew that took care of the roads with our first snowfall.
3. Village of Endicott 239 Review Submission Form regarding Amendments to the Historic Preservation Local Law.
Carried.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said it is nice to see the residents complementing the employees for a job well done as in filing #2.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION: None.

PETITIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

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



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Decrease:	31 5110 4118	Summer Blacktop	\$ 4,000.00
Increase:	31 5110 4408	Tree Removal	\$ 4,000.00
Decrease:	20 8160 4101	Office Supplies	\$ 35.00
Decrease:	20 8160 4167	Gloves, Boots	\$ 1,392.13
Decrease:	20 8160 4109	Chemicals	\$ 380.00
Increase:	20 8160 4415	Refuse Collection	\$ 35.00
Increase:	20 8160 4409	Temporary non payroll	\$ 1,392.13
Increase:	20 8160 4403	Printing	\$ 380.00
Carried.			

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve and submit, as required by Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act, to the New York State Office of Court Administration Department of Audit and Control, the Annual Justice Court Audits of both the Fines and Bail accounts of Town Justice Gregory Thomas and Town Justice Veronica Gorman for the period ending October 31, 2020 as prepared by the Town Deputy Comptroller.)

Res. by Staley, seconded by Augustini.
The Resolution was adopted.

Vote: All yes

(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, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at the following rates:

Classic Blue (U65 – No Rx Edits)	
Individual	\$ 1,140.24/mo.
Family	\$ 2,786.94/mo.
CSEA Signature Copay 1	
Individual	\$ 1,016.74/mo.
Family	\$ 2,485.09/mo.)

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

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve the revised Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Action Plan including the HUD allocation revision and authorize the Supervisor, Deputy Supervisor, and Planning Director to prepare and execute the grant application (SF-424) required annual certifications, and any other documentation required to submit said revised plans to HUD.)

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

Vote: All yes.



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At this time, Town Attorney Alan J. Pope said the information & request from Mr. Avery regarding his chickens, should be sent to the Codes Department for input and then on to the Planning Board for their advisory opinion. He also said it would be difficult to say that only one property could have chickens and another could not, it has to be zoning across the board for the part-town area.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni said this is based on the size of the land they have.

Town Attorney Alan J. Pope said that would be a factor, but conditions would also be based on the configurations of the other buildings on the property, with setbacks depending on the size of the coop.

Councilman Thomas R. Augostini said it would be like a shed being put on the property.

Councilwoman Heather R. Staley said she definitely would like to see if we can help them in some way.

Councilwoman Sandra C. Bauman said there would have to be certain restrictions on who can have them, for instance, someone in an apartment could not have them.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni suggested that the Town should look at other Town's codes to see how they are written.

Town Attorney Alan J. Pope said it would be worth looking into this.

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 Report:

1. Town of Union Local Development Corporation minutes – September 17, 2020.
Carried.

Councilwoman Heather R. Staley spoke about the Watch Us, Change Us Crazy Christmas, sponsored by Terri Farrell of Molina Healthcare in partnership with I Heart Radio 103.3FM, to give 100 disadvantaged children a great Christmas. She said the wish list is on the 103.3FM website and she along with Ms. Farrell will be at the mall this weekend collecting the gifts to be wrapped.



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Councilwoman Sandra C. Bauman reminded everyone that the lighting of the Town of Union tree at Highland Park this Sunday at 5:30 P.M and urged them to social distance.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni said the CDC has changed guidelines and asked if the Town would be changing theirs.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said the Town follows New York State guidelines.

Supervisor Materese hoped everyone had a great Thanksgiving and thanked the employees for all they are doing to keep the Town going. He also thanked the first responders.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

Leonard J. Perfetti
Town Clerk

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