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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 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

December 21, 2021

The Special Meeting of the Town of Board was held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at the Town Board Room at 7:00 PM, 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.

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Deputy Town Attorney Rosemarie Pope, Town Clerk Leonard J. Perfetti.

Absent: Town Attorney Alan J. Pope.

Also in attendance was Village of Endicott Mayor Linda Jackson and Village of Endicott Trustees Nick Burlingame, Ted Warner (via Zoom).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comments on the Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

As no one wished to speak, Supervisor Richard A. Materese closed the Public Comment section.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to implement a Town of Union Tree Policy to establish uniform practices governing the planting and care of trees on Town owned public property.)

Res. by Bertoni, seconded by Bauman.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni wants people to know that during work session they went through the policy and made sure they were all in agreement with their concerns, and that he appreciates all the effort put into making this policy.

BIDS: None.



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Susan Schofield, 2032 Felicia Boulevard, Endwell, thanked the Board for passing the Tree policy. She said it is a good thing for the Town. She also thanked the Board for voting for the cannabis law.

Terri Farrell, 404 Hazel Street, Endicott, thanked the Board for passing the Tree City USA policy. She presented the Board a collage she made to be put on display, recognizing the Town as a Tree City USA. She said a lot of work went into this and we have a plan to move forward and write the grant.

Lori Wahila, 721 Monforte Drive, Endicott, thanked Councilwoman Heather R. Staley and Terri Farrell for the work they put into this project.

Christine Ellison, 511 Exchange Avenue, Endicott, congratulated the Tree City Committee on a job well done. She also thanked the Board for taking the time for extra consideration in looking this over to meet their satisfaction. She suggested that the policy should be amended to include the stipulations for becoming a Tree City USA and for renewing of that status. She wants to confirm that the Tree City Committee has absolutely no jurisdiction or governing power in the Village of Endicott.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said as far as the amendment, we could look into it in the future. He also said the Town does not have any jurisdiction over anything in the Village of Endicott. He also pointed out that Councilman Frank J. Bertoni held this over at the last meeting, which gave us and the attorneys' time to review the policy and get a handle on its legality. He said the document that was presented to them for review is better than the document from last week.

Ted Warner, Village of Endicott Trustee, asked if the Village of Endicott would be approving the same policy and if it includes the \$2.00 per capita we would be paying the Tree Committee.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said we are not paying the \$2.00 per capita to anyone. We are spending \$2.00 per capita on tree leaf removal and regular maintenance in the Town of Union. He said if we do not spend that money, we lose the designation as a Tree City.

Councilwoman Heather R. Staley said this is a recognition program.



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Willow, 900 Newell Road, Endicott, a student council member and Jr. Ambassador of the Tree Committee, said that she wrote a speech in case this was not passed. She spoke of the importance of trees and why they are valuable to our health and the habitat. She asked the Board to plant more trees and to be aware of the habitat for the animals when chopping them down.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said when we cut trees down, we make sure we take all environmental issues for animals or whatever, into consideration. We try not to hurt anyone's habitat.

Harper, a student and Jr. Ambassador of the Tree Committee, said she likes trees because they give us oxygen and if people keep cutting live trees down we will not have enough oxygen to live.

Matt Wahila, 721 Monforte Drive, Endicott thanked the council for passing the Tree City policy. He also said he was confused about the comment to amend the policy by adding stipulations to it.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni asked for clarification that the Tree City Committee would be completing the application and that the motion was for adoption of a Tree Policy for the Town, not for the Tree City application.

Councilwoman Heather R. Staley said that the Committee has completed the application and is waiting for the Resolution adopting the policy to include as the final piece required.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING:

Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to receive and file the following Communication:

1. E-mail from Niki Wales regarding the removal of trees on South Street, Endicott.
Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Park Outdoors to the Town Supervisor and Town Board.
Carried.



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PETITIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to hold the Town of Union Re-Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Res. by Bertoni, seconded by Bauman.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

Moved by Staley, seconded by Augostini to approve the following 2021 Budget Transfers.

Decrease:	31 5110 4116	Storm Sewer Pipe	\$3,700.00
Decrease:	31 5110 4122	Sluice Pipe	\$3,000.00
Increase:	31 5110 4408	Tree Removal	\$6,700.00
Decrease:	20 1620 4401	Equipment Maintenance	\$ 67.00
Increase:	20 1620 4203	Water	\$ 67.00.

Carried.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve the Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and authorize the Supervisor, Deputy Supervisor, and Community Development staff and consultant to sign any and all documentation required for submission of the CAPER to HUD.)

Res. Augostini, seconded by Bertoni.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to call for a Public Hearing to solicit public input on the proposed Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Administrative Plan update for Wednesday January 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM.)

Res. by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve and authorize the consulting agreement with Paul Nelson who shall act as an independent contractor consultant to be paid at a rate of \$60.00 per hour, not to exceed 250 hours beginning 01/01/2022. Funds to be paid out of ARPA.)

Res. by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.



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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: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

Leonard J. Perfetti
Town Clerk

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