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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*

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## TOWN OF UNION BOARD MEETING

May 4, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Union was held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Board Room at 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: Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Deputy Town Attorney Rosemarie Pope, Town Clerk Leonard J. Perfetti, Deputy Town Clerk Rebecca Kruczkowski,

Also in attendance was Broome County Legislator Jason Shaw.

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

### PUBLIC HEARINGS:

At this time, Supervisor Richard A. Materese explained that the Public Hearing for the speed limit change that was supposed to take place this evening, had to be rescheduled to Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 7:00 P.M., due to the notice of Public Hearing not being able to be advertised in the Press on time.

A Public Hearing was called for on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. to consider input concerning the Allocation of CARES ACT round three funding to National Fitness Campaign fitness courts in the Village of Johnson City and Village of Endicott.

Pub. & Posted: 04/17/22.

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

BIDS: None.



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## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the Minutes of the Regular Town of Union Board Meeting held on Wednesday, April 20, 2022.  
Carried.

## HEARING OF VISITORS:

Broome County Legislator Jason Shaw, 400 Corey Avenue, Endwell, said he cannot be at the next meeting, so he will speak this evening about the school zone issue. He said everyone he has spoken to regarding this, thinks it is a great idea and that the County has gone back and forth with the school to come up with a good plan for school zones. We need the Town's approval to put the school zones in to lower the speed limit, put in proper signage and to protect the lives of our students. He thanked the Town for their help in this matter.

Martin Patchett, 927 Farm to Market Road, Endwell, asked if the Public Hearing for the speed change on Farm to Market Road could be opened for public comments tonight, and that these comments be included in the Public Hearing at the next meeting. He said some of the people attending tonight cannot come to the next meeting and that he also has a petition to present to the Board, but he wants it to be included in the Public Hearing.

Town Attorney Alan J. Pope said that the comments made tonight will be recorded in these minutes, but will not be part of the Public Hearing. He said the public will have to attend the next meeting and repeat their comments, and the petition can presented then to be included in the Public Hearing.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese explained again why the Public Hearing is not being held tonight.

Matt White, 10 Harrington Road, Johnson City, said he is trying to organize a Halloween Block Party on Washington Avenue. He said he gave the proposal for a small community grant to the Village of Endicott and hoped to submit the proposal to the Town Board also, to help get funding for the event through these grants. He gave the Board the proposal.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said the Village of Endicott would have to apply for the grant, since the event will be held in the Village. He said the Town could not do this for them.

Town Attorney Alan J. Pope said that this a Village of Endicott jurisdictional issue, not the Town of Union. He explained that while we can take the proposal and if any of the Board members want to support their colleagues at the Village on this, we can't vote, we can't approve it, and we can't do anything with it.



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Councilwoman Heather R. Staley asked if there was any place in the Town where this could be held.

Mr. White said he has not looked at Town locations. He was trying to help EPAC in the Village, but would be open to any location in the Town if there is any available.

Lori Wahila, 721 Monforte Drive, Endicott, said she is a volunteer for the Town of Union Tree Committee and that they put on a wonderful Arbor Day Celebration at Highland Park. She said it was a great event with many families attending and the kids loved it. She presented a piece of artwork titled "Community Tree" that the kids made and suggested it to be displayed in the Town Office Building.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING:       None.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the letter from Nancy Dyer, Secretary, West Endicott Fire District, requesting the Town of Union repair the manhole cover on top of the vault that is about 4 feet into their property and inform them as to the procedure for the Town of Union to have a permanent easement to their property, to Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio, and Deputy Commissioner of Public Works –Environmental Services & Safety Daniel A. Schofield.  
Carried.

PETITIONS:               None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to call for a Public Hearing to be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. to consider amending Town of Union Code Article VIII Speed Regulations Section 191-11. A. The maximum speed limit on all highways within the Town of Union is hereby designated as 30 miles per hour except as hereinafter designated:

Name of Street	Speed Limit	Location
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Farm to Market Road

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Maine-Endwell High School

From 150 linear feet north of the intersection of Farm to Market Road and Hooper Road a distance of 1,320 linear feet to the north (ending 150 linear feet south of the intersection of Pleasant Drive and Farm to Market Road). 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. when school is in session.

Maine-Endwell Middle School

From 250 linear feet south of the intersection of Farm to Market Road and Struble Road a distance of 1,000 linear feet to the north (ending 100 linear feet north of the intersection of Hillside Terrace and Farm to Market Road). 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. when school is in session.)

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

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve and authorize a consulting agreement with WCP Consultants for \$65.00 per hour to manage and administer ARPA Funding for the Town of Union, subject to Town Attorney approval.)

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

Vote: All yes.

Moved by Bauman, seconded by Staley to approve the CPR/AED Course to be offered for 16 students for the cost of \$640.00. The price includes the student manuals, two (2) certified AHA instructors and ecards valid for two (2) years.

Carried.

Moved by Bauman, seconded by Staley to increase the weekly resident fee for the 2022 Summer Fun program to \$125.00, an increase of \$15.00 per week from the 2021 program.

Vote: Yes

Staley

Bauman

Augustini

Materese

Vote: No

Bertoni

Carried.



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(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes authorizing the Fireworks Exhibition Agreement with Young Explosives Corporation for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Extravaganza at Highland Park on Monday, July 4, 2022 at a cost of \$19,999.00, with a rain date of Tuesday, July 5, 2022.)  
Res. by Bauman, seconded by Augustini. Vote: All yes.  
The Resolution was adopted.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to call for a Public Hearing to be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. to consider public input for two proposed Amendments to CDBG FFY 2021 Action Plan; Grand Ave Phase 5, Odell-Oak Hill, & Town of Union Street Reconstruction as follows:

1. Approve an amendment to use CDBG FFY 2021 Uncommitted: \$47,000.00 to increase Grand Ave Phase #5 Project from \$250,000 to \$297,000.00.
2. Approve an amendment to use CDBG FFY 2019: Up to \$111,169.89; CDBG FFY 2020: Up to \$124,682.00; CDBG FFY 2021 Uncommitted: Up to \$21,000 and FFY 2021 First Time Home Buyer Program: Up to \$75,674.51 to increase Odell-Oak Hill Project from \$346,075.00 to \$582,526.40.
3. Approve an amendment to reallocate CDBG FFY 2020 Home Improvement Program: \$300,000.00 to the TBD project(s) within "Town of Union Street Reconstruction".)

Res, by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni. Vote: All yes.  
The Resolution was adopted.

## HEARING OF VISITORS:

Dave Johnson, Fire Commissioner of West Endicott Fire District, 310 Birdsall Street, Endicott, said the Fire Department is asking the Town to repair and maintain the sewer line and manhole that is 3 or 4 feet onto their property at 110 N. Page Avenue. He said they were installed back in 1969 or 1970 and that they have not been able to locate any easements with the Town of Union for them. He said the fire trucks drive over the area each time they go in and out of the station, and that Highway Superintendent Chester Kupiec has been out to look at the issue and has agreed it needs to be repaired before it becomes more of a danger. Mr. Johnson said they need an easement with the Town of Union, for them to be able to do the work.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni asked if ARPA Funds could be used for the repairs.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said the Fire Station has to give the Town an easement to go on to their property first.

Town Attorney Alan J. Pope said the information will need to be given to Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio to start this process.



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Martin Patchett, 927 Farm to Market Road, Endwell, asked why the CDBG money was not spent earlier for the projects designated as described in the Resolution, and asked if the money being held over is making interest while it is not used.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said the Village of Endicott did not have the rest of the money for the projects to be done at the time they were allocated, so the money was held over until they got it and he further explained that the money could be allocated to other projects so we don't lose it.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni explained what the First Time Homebuyers Program is.

Councilman Thomas R. Augostini said interest is made on the funds that are held over, but it hasn't been much over the last few years.

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:

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

1. Town of Union Planning Board Decision – Application # PB-2022-03A, Aquifer Permit Approval – Byrne Dairy & Deli/Erin Brown, 3100 Watson Boulevard, Endwell, Tax Map # 141.20-4-26.
2. Town of Union Planning Board Decision – Application # PB-2022-03B, Special Use Permit Approval – Byrne Dairy & Deli Gasoline Station, 3100 Watson Boulevard, Endwell, Tax Map # 141.20-4-26.
3. Town of Union Planning Board Decision – Application # PB-2022-03C, Site Plan Approval, Byrne Dairy & Deli, 3100 Watson Boulevard, Endwell, Tax Map # 141.20-4-26.
4. Town of Union Planning Board Decision – Application # PB-2022-05, Special Permit for Floodplain Development in the 100 Year Floodplain, Scarborough Drive Flood Pump Station Upgrades and Installation of Emergency Backup Generator, Town of Union/Rick Materese, 340 Scarborough Drive, Endwell, Tax Map # 157.08-7-19.
5. Town of Union Planning Board Decision – Application # PB-2022-06, Special Permit for Floodplain Development in the 100 Year Floodplain, Fairmont Park Pump Station Upgrades and Installation of Emergency Backup Generator, Town of Union/Rick Materese, 4101 Watson Boulevard, Johnson City, Tax Map # 142.07-1-9.1.



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6. Town of Union Planning Board Decision – Application # PB-2022-07, Special Permit for Floodplain Development in the 100 Year Floodplain, Sanitary Pump Station Upgrades and Backup Generator, Town of Union/Rick Materese, 4302 Watson Boulevard, Johnson City, Tax Map # 142.02-1-10.
7. Town of Union Planning Board Decision – Application # PB-2022-08A, Special Permit Approval - Auto Rental, Truck Share Program with U-Haul, Steven Nichols, 15 Delaware Avenue, Endicott, Tax Map # 157.07-2-7.
8. Town of Union Planning Board Decision – Application # PB-2022-08B, Site Plan Approval – Auto Rental, Truck Share Program with U-Haul, Steven Nichols, 15 Delaware Avenue, Endicott, Tax Map # 157.07-2-7.
9. Town of Union Planning Department Decision – Minor Site Plan Approval: Accessory Structure, Langlands LLC, 1771 Union Center Maine Highway, Endicott, Tax Map # 124.12-1-8.  
Carried.

Councilwoman Heather R. Staley thanked Parks Manager Jay Vassil and the whole Parks Department for all the work they did to make the Arbor Day Celebration Event a success. She said they had the trees ready for planting and everything set up for the activities. She appreciates their hard work.

Councilwoman Sandra C. Bauman said it was a very nice event and she thanked the Tree Committee for getting this event off the ground to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Arbor Day.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni said the West Endicott area has shown so much improvement since the revitalization of the National Pipe and Plastics property and the parking improvements by the park that have been made. He said the neighborhood is rebuilding and is looking much better with the new building, than it did when the old 1 North Page Avenue building was there.

Supervisor Richard A. Materese said he is updating and congratulating - 4-H UNITY Endicott and read the following statement:

Asia Ambler and Kelly Mabee, 4-H UNITY Endicott, CCE Broome County, report that the 4-H UNITY Endicott Teen Leaders tabled at the Student-led Health Fair, sharing information about their mental health project, connecting with community organizations and learning important networking skills.



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As part of their anti-violence project, the UNITY Endicott Teen Leaders created Kindness Cards, designed by Teen Leader Pauline Catajan, and distributed the cards throughout Endicott. Pauline was recognized for her design of the Kindness Over Violence logo by the Southern Tier Community Center and placed on display at the center.

Visiting Professors from the Samaritan Counseling Center in Endicott provided a mindfulness training that helped the Teen Leaders finalize their mental health workshop project, U Matter. U Matter includes an ice breaker, healthy coping skills and three interactive stations to create stress-relief tools.

The Teen Leaders also created Be Kind to Your Mind, a coloring and activity book that will be distributed to *U Matter* Union-Endicott middle school workshop participants!

In addition, the Teen Leaders completed training for "Be There," an online course, created by Jack.org in partnership with Lady Gaga's Born This Way Foundation, focused on how to assist someone struggling with mental health.

Looking ahead, UNITY Endicott Teen Leaders will participate in the Union-Endicott Central School District Community Spring Fest on May 21, attend 4-H Capital Days in Albany, May 22-24, meet with NYS Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo to talk about the issues facing young people in Endicott, and participate in Career Explorations, June 28-30, at Cornell University.

Lastly, congratulations to UNITY Endicott Teen Leader Carma Welfel for being accepted into the 2022 Cornell Pre-College Summer Program! The course Carma will be taking complements Carma's interest in the medical field and future college plans.

Supervisor Materese said the month of May is recognized as School month. He thanked all those who work with the schools for the outstanding jobs they do, and wished good luck to all the seniors who chose their colleges on Decision Day.

## ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Leonard J. Perfetti  
Town Clerk

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