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Town of Union

Town Board
Robert Mack, *Supervisor*
Thomas R. Augostini, *Councilman*
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Joseph P. Nirchi, Sr., *Councilman*
David Kudgus, *Councilman*

TOWN OF UNION BOARD MEETING

July 12, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Union was held on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Board Room, 3111 East Main Street, Endwell, New York.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Robert Mack. Councilman Thomas R. Augostini, Councilman Frank J. Bertoni, Councilman Joseph P. Nirchi, Jr., Councilman David Kudgus.

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

Supervisor Robert Mack opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A Public Hearing was called for on Wednesday July 12th, 2023 at 7:00 PM to solicit public input for inclusion in the FFY 2023 - 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan.

Pub. & Posted: June 11, 2023.

As no one wished to speak, Supervisor Robert Mack closed the Public Hearing.

BIDS: Bids were called for on May 23, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. for a new Town of Union Website.

Bids were received as follows:

Progressive Element	\$ 8,400.00
Munission LLC	\$ 22,500.00
Freshy	\$ 23,450.00
CodeBorder	\$ 24,000.00
Rivendell International, Inc.	\$ 24,600.00
Louder Design	\$ 28,000.00
Revize.	\$ 28,900.00
SoftSages Technology	\$ 30,000.00
Civengage/CivicPlus, LLC	\$ 37,424.25
Juicebox Interactive	\$ 42,550.00
Cuecamp	\$ 42,559.00



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Purei	\$ 43,060.00
Cheeky Monkey	\$ 45,000.00
Weblinx, Inc.	\$ 46,575.50
Gorges, Inc.	\$ 48,750.00
JesseJames Creative	\$ 49,500.00
Grace Digital	\$ 50,000.00
C2O	\$ 63,750.00
AID Genomics LTD	\$ 98,840.00
Aguayo/UX Design	\$128,428.00
Atypica	\$145,000.00
Brand2	\$194,625.00

Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to receive and file Bids for a new Town of Union Website.
Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Augustini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the Minutes of the Regular Town of Union Board Meeting held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 and the Special Meeting held on June 27, 2023.
Carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

John Townsend, 418 Overton Street, Unit B, Endicott, said his mother lived at 510 June Street and he is asking if the dumpsters are arriving on Friday at 508 June Street for the cleanup of the property.

Town Attorney Alan J. Pope said it is a miscommunication about the dumpsters. He said the owners were issued a 30 day notice to clean up the property, which may include dumpsters. On the 31st day, the Town will have to go out and get bids for the cleanup of not only the exterior, but for the interior also. He said it is complicated because no one has gone inside the house to see what will be needed for the interior cleanup. He also said the Board talked about this in work session and decided that when the Town has the right to go in, they will do the exterior cleanup and then make a plan for the interior.

Mr. Townsend asked if the house would be boarded up at any time.

Town Attorney Alan J. Pope said there are at least 8 squatters there, including the owner's granddaughter, who claims she has a right to be in the house. He said if the Town boards up the house with tamper proof screws, it does not mean that the squatters would not rip them



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off and get in. They have been warned by the police not to go in the house, but they ignored the warning and are still there.

Mr. Townsend asked at what point they will be arrested for trespassing.

Town Attorney Pope said the Town does not own the property, so we cannot have them arrested. He said the granddaughter, Erin Gonzalez, is letting the people in the house and she feels she is superior to the Town and has a right to be in there.

Mr. Townsend asked at what point the cleanup would be done, and what the difference is between being declared unfit versus being condemned.

Town Attorney Pope explained the difference between them and said if there are no structural issues to say the building is unsafe, we would have to go back to the judge and prove we have enough evidence for it to be demolished. He also explained that demolition is the most expensive way to go and the Board would have to decide if they want to burden the taxpayers for this.

Mr. Townsend said he put up "No Trespassing" signs at his mother's house since she is recently deceased.

As no one else wished to speak, Supervisor Robert Mack 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 Hannah Hoelscher, Animal Health Inspector, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, with the Dog Control Officer Inspection Report dated 6/14/23 rated Satisfactory.
 2. 239 Review Form from Town of Chenango for a Local Law Repealing and Replacing Chapter 67 of the Town Code entitled "Renewable Energy Systems."
 3. Charter Communications Notice – June 28, 2023.
- Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Letter from Jacqueline Sternier, 3620 Beatrice Lane, Endwell, asking the Town for guidance regarding her neighbor's dead trees that have fallen and may fall in the future onto her property.



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Councilman Thomas R. Augostini removed this action since it has been resolved.

2. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the Verified Notice of Claim – Frank P. Kane, Jr. and Valerie Kane vs. Town of Union regarding sewer backup in their house at 9 Kentucky Avenue, Endicott, to Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works for Environmental Services Daniel Schofield and the Town's Insurance Carrier.
Carried.

3. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to refer the Email from Dan Palas, 2043 Felicia Blvd., Endicott, requesting a "Slow" or a "Children at Play" sign be installed to deter speeding cars on their street for the safety of the children that live there, to Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio and Highway Superintendent Scott Paugh.
Carried.

4. Moved by Augostini, seconded by Bertoni to approve the Email from Jamie Brink, Troop Leader, Girl Scout Troop 60195, requesting use of a pavilion and fees be waived at Highland Park on Saturday, August 19, 2023 for their annual Bridging and End of Year Awards Ceremony, and refer it to Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio and Parks Manager Jay Vassil.
Carried.

PETITIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

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

Increase	10-1110-451	Justice Dept. Professional Services	\$2,760.00
Decrease	10-1110-1010	Justice Department Base Salaries	\$2,760.00
Increase	10 1315 4601	Comptroller Travel & Reimbursement	\$ 357.00.
Decrease	10 1420 4601	Attorney Travel & Reimbursement	\$ 357.00

Carried.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to approve the agreement between three+one Company, Inc. and the Town of Union using cashVest® by three+one® as they will harness our data to maximize the value of every dollar through the power of liquidity analysis at a cost not to exceed \$9,900.00.)

This Resolution was held over under the rule by Councilman Thomas R. Augostini.



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(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to declare One (1) 2007 Mack Dump Truck with plows – Main and Wing as surplus and authorize it to be sold to the Village of Endicott for the sum of \$30,000.00 with the understanding that they will purchase it “As Is, Where Is.”)

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

Vote: All yes.

Moved by Bertoni, seconded by Nirchi authorizing the advertisement of Bids for LED Light Replacement in the Main Town Building, 3111 East Main Street, Endwell, to be received by Town Clerk Leonard J. Perfetti on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 10:00 AM.
Carried.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to establish standard workdays for elected and appointed officials and to report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System and the Town Clerk, with Robert Mack based on 20.95 hours per week, and David Kudgus based on 15.62 hours per week.)

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

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to accept and award the contract for the Village of Endicott Minor Street Reconstruction – 300 Block of N. Arthur Avenue and Pine Street project to Hurd Development, Inc., for no more than \$8,000.00.

Scope of work:

- Excavate and remove valve cluster in intersection of N. Arthur
- Install provided valve cluster and 20LF of main
- Provide all trucking and dispose of all excavated materials
- Provide and install all crushed gravel
- Restore 2" of binder in excavated area.)

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

Vote: All yes.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to accept the proposal for Engineering Services for West Endicott Street Reconstruction Project: Maple Street & N. Page Project: Maple Street & North Page Avenue Curb and Sidewalk Reconstruction and award Delta Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors, & Landscape Architects, DPC for the West Endicott: Maple Street & N. Page Avenue Curb & Sidewalk Reconstruction for a sum of no more than \$27,751.00.)

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

Vote: All yes.



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HEARING OF VISITORS:

As no one wished to speak, Supervisor Robert Mack closed the second Hearing of Visitors.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS ON FILE IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE:

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

1. Town of Union Planning Board Decision – Application # PB-2020-017, Revised Site Plan Approval – Dunkin' Fast Food Restaurant with Drive-Through, 724 Main Street, Tax Map #143.53-4-37.
2. Town of Union Planning Board Decision – Application # PB-2023-013-A, Special Use Permit – Restaurant with Outdoor Seating, Jonathan's Fine Food, 534 Hooper Road, Tax Map # 142.09-6-1.
3. Town of Union Planning Board Decision – Application # PB-2023-013-B, Site Plan Approval: Expansion of Outdoor Seating, Jonathan's Fine Food, 534 Hooper Road, Tax Map # 142.09-6-1.
Carried.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni mentioned his displeasure regarding all the pedestrian crossing signs being put up on every corner in the Northside of Endicott. He feels it is a colossal waste of money that could have been used somewhere else.

Councilman Joseph P. Nirchi, Jr. said the Village of Endicott got a grant for the signs.

Supervisor Robert Mack said the new bus signs are cheap and that one was put up in front of the hospital and is already broken from a wind storm.

Supervisor Mack also reminded everyone about the organ concert that will be taking place on July 22 & 23, 2023 at Highland Park.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

LJP/bk

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