



**Town Clerk**  
Leonard J. Perfetti

# Town of Union

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

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## TOWN OF UNION BOARD MEETING

September 20, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Union was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Board Room, 3111 East Main Street, Endwell, New York.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilman Frank J. Bertoni, Councilman Joseph P. Nirchi, Sr., Councilman David Kudgus.

Absent: Supervisor Robert Mack, Councilman Thomas Augostini.

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Town Clerk Leonard J. Perfetti

Absent: Town Attorney Alan Pope, Deputy Town Attorney Rosemarie Pope and Deputy Town Clerk Rebecca Kruczkowski.

Councilman Frank Bertoni opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

BIDS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Nirchi, seconded by Kudgus to approve the Minutes of the Regular Town of Union Board Meeting held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023.  
Carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Denise Monforte, 306 Antoinette Drive, Endicott, said kudos to everyone that was involved with building the walking paths at Glendale Park. She said she is a member of the New York Citizens Audit Group that is concerned about voter integrity throughout New York State. She presented a proposed resolution to the Board to sign in support of an end-to-end audit of the New York State 2022 General Election.



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Sally Dorak, 25 Adams Street, Binghamton, and also a member of the New York Citizens Audit Group, said that New York State has a unique registration system that issues one State verification number and one County verification number per person. She explained that findings by researchers from their group found that 42% of the voting population has more than one number assigned to their name that can be used for extra votes because they are in the system. She said their Executive Director Marly Hornik FOILed New York State Election Boards and found there were 2.4 million votes in 2021 for 1.1 million unique registered voters and that they found people with 25 unique numbers assigned to them. She also said that the Secretary of State was made aware of these findings prior to the 2022 elections, and they certified the elections anyway.

Linda Burghardt, Lisle, New York, also a member the New York Citizens Audit Group, said their head researcher Andrew Pakett submitted his documentation, methodology and findings for his research to the Journal of Information Warfare that was reviewed in the blind by an independent cybersecurity specialist and was published within 6 months. She said they are at the meeting because they want the people who are running our election system to do their job and be accountable for the things they have done illegally. They certified the election with 338,000 more votes than voters and that is breaking the law. They are letting illegible and counterfeit people vote – people who have no birthdays or addresses, people who have died, and their database is riddled with inaccuracy. We need to make them accountable.

Holly Greski, Vestal, New York, also a member of the group, said this is personal to her since she, her kids and ex-husband were cloned. She said they were registered in Westchester County and now are in Broome County, except her ex-husband who is still in Westchester but is also in the Broome County database. She said she does not know how this can happen. She said each County Election Board can look only at their own dat base, so they have no idea that someone is registered somewhere else. Ms. Greski said their group was invited to speak at the next Association of Towns meeting to be held on September 28, 2023, and invited everyone to attend. She said they have 2000 volunteers going town to town, county to county with this information and they are asking the Town to defend the people of their Town to have accurate elections by signing this resolution. She also said their group is getting ready to litigate and has questions to ask; was the election legal, and was there any misconduct.

Councilman Joseph P. Nirchi, Sr. asked if they are getting media coverage with this information.

Ms. Greski said not currently.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni asked if their information was being shown on Social Media.

Ms. Greski said people can look up New York Citizens Audit Group for their website and they are on Facebook, Twitter and she is not sure about other ones.



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Linda Burghardt, Lisle, New York, said they are going nationally with the information and there are 23 states currently being trained to review their database of their own voters.

Town Clerk Leonard J. Perfetti told Ms. Burghardt that his office notifies the County Election Board every month with a list of decedents that provides the names and addresses of the deceased. He said he does not know what happens to the list after the County receives it.

Carol Laskoski, 37 Edwards Street, Johnson City, asked the group when it was noticed all this is happening and if by chance, it was when the voting machines were computerized. She said maybe Trump really did win the election.

Gary Huyck, former Town of Union employee, said he owns 98.6 acres at the dead end of Shale Drive. He said the Town started a stone and oil application on the road that was called to a stop by someone claiming they owned the property. He submitted a paper to the Board's Secretary highlighting the fact that he does own what is called Shale Drive, which is actually the road to the Huyck farm from Boswell Hill Road originating back to the early 1900's. He would like to know what steps are being taken to finish the stone and oil project. He said Frank Maddi claims to be the owner of a piece of Shale Drive; which Mr. Huyck said he does not now, nor has he ever, owned any portion of Shale Drive. Mr. Huyck reminded the Board that Town Attorney Richard Place came out years ago to the property because John Kunzman questioned why the Town was taking care of a private road. He said it is a private road that the Town has to maintain to be passable at all times. He said he is at a loss that he was not notified about anything being done, since he is the owner. He asked to be contacted by someone on the Board to find out what is happening.

Councilman Frank J. Bertoni said he would look into it and get back to him.

As no one else wished to speak, Councilman Frank Bertoni closed the first Hearing of Visitors.

### COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING:

Moved by Nirchi, seconded by Kudgus to receive and file the following Communications:

1. Charter Communications
  2. Grievance Petitions from July 18, 2023 to August 10, 2023 regarding reassessments filed with the Town Attorney, Town Clerk and Assessor Article 7 Petitions.
- Carried.



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## COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Moved by Nirchi and seconded by Kudgus to refer the email from Brett Naccarato regarding the reimbursement for damage to his vehicle by a Town truck on 09/11/2023 to Town Attorney Alan J. Pope, Commissioner of Public Works Louis V. Caforio, Highway Superintendent Scott Paugh, and the Town's Insurance Company.  
Carried.

PETITIONS: None.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Nirchi, seconded by Kudgus authorizing Brenda Whitaker to attend the online Introduction to Governmental Accounting (Basic) classes given by the NYS Comptroller's Office on September 27 & 28, 2023. The fee for the classes is \$85.00 and will help her learn procedures she will be using in assuming additional job duties with the Town Comptroller's Office.  
Carried.

Moved by Nirchi, seconded by Kudgus to approve the following Budget Transfer:

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|----------|--------------|------------------------------|------------|
| Decrease | 10-1620-4413 | Building Maintenance         | \$3,000.00 |
| Increase | 10-1620-4149 | Building & Grounds Supplies  | \$3,000.00 |
| Decrease | 40-7110-4109 | Chemicals                    | \$2,000.00 |
| Decrease | 40-7110-4164 | Landscape                    | \$2,000.00 |
| Increase | 40-7110-4413 | Bldg. Maintenance.& Services | \$4,000.00 |
| Decrease | 40-7110-4147 | Signage                      | \$525.00   |
| Decrease | 40-7110-4620 | Education                    | \$800.00   |
| Increase | 10-7145-2200 | Office Equipment             | \$1,325.00 |
| Decrease | 10-7145-2100 | Office Furniture             | \$500.00   |
| Decrease | 10-7145-2501 | Recreation Equipment         | \$425.00   |
| Increase | 10-7145-2200 | Office Equipment             | \$925.00   |

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 with a term from 01/01/2023-12/31/2024, and David Kudgus based on 15.62 hours per week with a term of 01/01/2023-12/31/2026.)

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

Vote: All yes.



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Moved by Nirchi, seconded by Kudgus to approve the hiring of Doreen Casey as a vendor to document the old court documents (Boxes) at \$20.00 an hour and ready them for destruction for an amount not to exceed \$900.00; and recommended being funded with ARPA Lost Revenue Contingency Funds.  
Carried.

Moved by Nirchi, seconded by Kudgus to appoint Jazlin Caban to the position of part time clerk in the Town Court at the rate of \$18.50 an hour effective September 21, 2023, not to exceed 19.5 hours per week and with a performance evaluation after six months. This is contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment evaluation.  
Carried.

(Prepared Resolution filed as part of these minutes to call for a 30-day Public Comment period beginning on September 24, 2023 followed by a subsequent Public Hearing on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to solicit public input for an Amendment to the FFY 2022 – 2023 CDBG Annual Action Plan to move funds from unused Administrative lines as follows:

From: General Admin IDIS #1699: -\$90,000.00

To: Town of Union Street Reconstruction IDIS #1715: +\$90,000.00.)

Res. by Kudgus, seconded by Nirchi.

Vote: All yes.

The Resolution was adopted.

### HEARING OF VISITORS:

As no one wished to speak, Councilman Frank J. Bertoni closed the second Hearing of Visitors.

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

Moved by Nirchi, seconded by Kudgus to receive and file the following Department Reports:

1. Town Clerk Monthly Report – August 2023.
2. Permits Monthly Report – August 2023.
3. Town of Union Planning Board Decision – Aquifer Permit for Hazardous/Toxic Chemical Storage – Crysta-Lyn Chemical Company, LLC – 2601 Wayne Street, 8 & 10 Harding Avenue, 2626 & 2622 Watson Boulevard Rear, Tax Map #'s 141.20-8-10, 141.20-8-9.11, 141.20-8-9.12. 141.20-8-11, 141.20-8-12.
4. Town of Union Planning Board Decision – Site Plan Approval - Crysta-Lyn Chemical Company, LLC – 2601 Wayne Street, 8 & 10 Harding Avenue, 2626 & 2622 Watson



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Boulevard Rear, Tax Map #'s 141.20-8-10, 141.20-8-9.11, 141.20-8-9.12. 141.20-8-11, 141.20-8-12.  
Carried.

Councilman Frank Bertoni thanked the New York Citizens Audit group for coming in and presenting. He said it's a very important subject.

### ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Nirchi, seconded by Kudgus to adjourn the meeting.  
Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 P.M...

Leonard J. Perfetti  
Town Clerk

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