



Village of Endicott

Linda Jackson, Mayor

Nicholas Burlingame, Deputy Mayor
R. Ted Warner, Trustee
Patrick Dorner, Trustee
Timothy P. Wright, Trustee

A Quality Community

Anthony Bates, Village Manager

Board Meeting April 4, 2022

Order of Business

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance – Moment of Silence**
- 2. Fire and ADA Compliance Announcement**
- 3. Mayor Announcements**

It is nice to see people in the board room again! I want to thank Chief Garey from coming tonight to keep me company since no other board members are in the board room tonight. Board meetings are for reporting Village business. Hearing of visitors is not structured to allow a dialogue between the person speaking and the Board.

I am available during the weekday, but this excludes people who work during the day. I want to have a town hall meeting so people can come and just talk to me about concerns, etc. April 11, 2022 here in the Village board room at 6:00. Informal and in person only.

As mayor and CEO of the Village, I am responsible for the day to day running of the Village, managing all employees, and making contacts with people who can help with Village projects. Board room time is expensive, so I do much work during the week and have a ratified plan before going to the board for money or property. I have never sent even one dime without going through proper channels, nor have I wasted any money or Village services on my own agenda or to gain power.

The airport projects are underway. Jet fuel is not more likely to go stale than any other fuel. FAA is much more restrictive than any municipality is. Any match for funds will be paid for from the airport, not the general budget. Anyone who wants answers or to help is welcome to volunteer. Since COVID there has been very few ribbon cuttings or business openings. The hosts for these events make the decision on who to invite. The board has been invited to the ones I have gone to, but did not choose to attend.

NYSEG will be presenting car chargers for our parking lots at the next Village meeting on April 18th.

My first Towns and Villages meeting as president went well, Speakers were from the Agency and Chamber of Commerce. We need to start contacting them for assistance with grants. Next meeting will be at the Spot restaurant on April 28th at 6:00 pm.

Attended the 'walk out' ceremony for policeman David Fish. Congratulations.

Attended 100th anniversary of the Endicott Rotary. Got to hear the Wurlitzer they purchased for our carousel to use. Main speaker was Dr. Whittingham.

EPAC lighted up their new marquee sign.

Village street and parks departments will have an Easter egg hunt on April 19th at the George Johnson park .Carousel will be open. Pictures with the Easter Bunny on Sunday April 20th.

Village board has proved negative with many restrictions regarding the fitness court the Town of Union wants to give us. We may give it back to them for Highland or West Endicott park.

End of meeting:

In March 2020 I had planned on a town hall at the high school for all participants of the battery recycling company. Then COVID hit.

I want to start planning for a town hall meeting to include all of our new businesses. we can also discuss the many jobs available. We can also have separate town hall meeting son each company if people would prefer.

Zoom meetings are too confusing. People talk over each other. People in the Board room deserve preference since they come in. I will not conduct any meetings with zoom. I will wait until we can do this in person only.

4. Trustees

Burlingame-VOE Yard Waste collection began on 4/1/2022. EPD swore in a new officer on 3/24/2022. Café at the Crossings celebrated their 1-year Anniversary. He attended the walk out ceremony for Officer David Fish. He met with Terri Farrell in re: to the Village becoming a Tree City USA. He will forward the Attorney to the Village a copy of the recently adopted resolution by the Town of Union for review. An Arbor Day event is scheduled for the fall, with more details to follow. If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact Trustee Burlingame or Terri Farrell. He attended the 100th Anniversary dinner for the Endicott Rotary. He was honored to be a guest speaker at the Endicott Performing Arts Center to unveil their new marquee sign. Easter in the Park is this weekend at the Northside Park. DRI Planning Committee meeting is 4/10/2022 and Little Italy Restaurant Week begins 4/26-5/5/2022.

Dorner-comments re: the upcoming budget and commented on how nice the marquee looks at EPAC. He attended the 100th Anniversary dinner for the Endicott Rotary. He stated the St. Anthony's Bazaar will not be held under the big tent due to COVID. He is excited for the opening of Byrne Dairy.

Warner-asked the Attorney to the Village if the Mayor's Open house meeting can only be in person. Under our VOE meeting rules, public meetings are conducted by both zoom and in person. Mayor Jackson stated that although she is not demanding the board be there, if they were to come they would be coming as residents, not board members. The Attorney to the Village stated that if there is a quorum of board members and Village business is discussed, it is considered a public meeting. Mayor Jackson stated that she will postpone this meeting due to she does not know enough about zoom to hold this herself. He stated he would like a presentation on the proposed paving of the taxiway due to so many questions. He stated that they need to make a decision on the Cannibus issue. He asked of the Fitness Park and if anyone looked into other locations. Congratulated EPAC on their new marquee. Asked the details for the cleanup day on 4/22. Mayor Jackson stated it is Earth Day.

5. Village Manager

He continues to work on the DRI, attended several meetings relating to this. Open call for projects was due on 4/1/2022. We are considering extending the open call for more developers. The next Local Planning committee (LPC) meeting is 4/12/2022 at 4:00pm, held on zoom. The next public workshop is 4/27/2022 at 6:00pm, being held in person and zoom in the Municipal bldg. Has met with department heads on budget items and will meet with the board shortly. Closing on our debt refinancing is scheduled next week. He stated he will be giving an update on the traffic signals and will update as they go along.

6. Attorney for the Village – Nothing to report

7. Special Presentations

Jeff Cheney, VOE Water-Piping Infrastructure for the Avenue
Jeff is to schedule a presentation from National Pipe

8. Public Hearings

a. Public Comment re: LL# -2022 to Override the Tax Levy Limit

Christine Ellison- questioned if there were documents that can show residents the increased budget lines

As no one else wished to speak, Mayor Jackson closed the public hearing

b. Call for a Public Hearing on 4/18/2022 at 6:00pm re: LL#06-2022- Cold War Tax Exemption

A motion to call for the public hearing was made by Mayor Jackson and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Yes

Burlingame-Yes

Warner-Yes

Dorner-Yes

Wright-Absent

9. Resolutions/Local Laws-None

10. 1st Hearing of Visitors

Shannon Sharpe-asked if there was a specific location schedule on hydrant flushings. Mayor Jackson responded that the water dept is to send a list to our website weekly and this is being done through our website. Comment re: prior talk of bus route changes on the Avenue.

As no one else wished to speak, Mayor Jackson closed the 1st hearing of visitors

11. Approval of Minutes

VOE 3/21/2022

A motion to approve the board meeting minutes was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Dorner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain	Burlingame-Yes	Warner-Yes
Dorner-Yes	Wright-Absent	

12. Communications for Filing

a. Notice of Upcoming Changes from Charter Communications (4)-3/18, 3/21, 3/29 & 3/31/22

b. Letter from the NYS Parks/Recreation re: Endicott Gateway

c. Notice from the NYSDOT re: Rt 17 pavement Rehabilitation Project

A motion to approve the communications for filing was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Dorner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain	Burlingame-Yes	Warner-Yes
Dorner-Yes	Wright-Absent	

13. Communications for Action

a. Endicott Holiday Parade Agreement (EHPC)

A motion to approve the agreement was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain	Burlingame-Yes	Warner-Yes
Dorner-Yes	Wright-Absent	

b. New Life Ministries Request- Worship in the Park- 6/13/2022, 6:30pm-8:00pm

A motion to approve the event from 6:30-8:00pm was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain	Burlingame-Yes	Warner-Yes
Dorner-Yes	Wright-Absent	

c. MOU between the Village & New York Council 66

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain	Burlingame-Yes	Warner-Yes
Dorner-Yes	Wright-Absent	

d. VOE Street Supervisor Position- **Held Over**

14. Bid(s)- None

15. Accounts Payable for Action **\$278,038.08**

GENERAL	\$97,833.13
LIGHT	\$18,151.23
WATER	\$104,908.77
WASTEWATER	\$3,545.86
CAPITAL	\$46,200.00
LIBRARY	\$5,718.30
PARKING	\$1,680.79
TRUST & AGENCY	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$278,038.08

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Dorner and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain

Burlingame-Yes

Warner-Yes

Dorner-Yes

Wright-Absent

16. Unfinished Business- None

17. New Business

a. Muni bldg. basement-Structure concern- Mayor Jackson

b. Discussion in re: a rate increase for travel/meals per NYS 2022 revised rate

18. 2nd Hearing of Visitors

As no one wished to speak, Mayor Jackson closed the 2nd hearing of visitors

19. Board Comments

Burlingame-responded to Ms. Ellison's questions re: the tax cap

Dorner- Asked what could be done re: a restaurant sign half hanging at the corner of North and Washington Ave. Asked if the Code department could take a look at it.

Warner-comments re: the placement of banners on stores/restaurants, they are limited to 30 or days only. There is also one in Union that looks horrible and asked if Code could take a look at this as well. He spoke of the tax increase each year.

Mayor Jackson- update on holding a Town Hall meeting. She would like to include new businesses and owners. Discussion would include new employment and even have programs made up with business owner information. She asked the board for any thoughts and ideas.

20. Executive Session- None

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21. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 7:48pm was made by Mayor Jackson and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain

Burlingame-Yes

Warner-Yes

Dorner-Yes

Wright-Absent

From: LINDA JACKSON
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 2:59 PM
To: JANICE ORLANDO
Subject: long version

NOTICE: 4/4/2022 Board Meeting – Town Hall

It is nice to see people in the Board Room again. You are always welcome. I appreciate police chief Garey attending tonight to keep me company since no other board members are here, and I was not sure how many of the public would come. Many people have expressed frustration of not having a computer and could not observe on zoom. I need to be here in person for those people.

Board meetings are for reporting Village business to the residents. The hearing of visitors portion of board meetings is not structured to allow a dialogue between the person speaking and members of the board. This limits the ability to move the problem or challenge forward at that time.

Most of you know that I am available to meet with you during the day and a great many of you have come to talk with me about situations, ideas, challenges, and questions that you are facing. Those of you that have met with me will remember that I listened to you and that we talked things through together. I recognize that being available during the workday excludes people who work during the day. For this reason, and the reason I just explained, I have decided to hold a Town Hall. Although this is supposed to be a part time job, I am a full-time mayor. I make time for residents. Not just the two board meetings a month.

I will be hosting a Town Hall here in the Village Board room next Monday, April 11, 2022, beginning at 6:00 pm. It will be informal and in person (only). Village Board members may opt to attend, but it is not a required meeting.

The purpose of the Town Hall is to give residents an opportunity to bring their ideas and questions forward and begin a conversation about what avenues to pursue to move towards resolution. Residents are invited to talk with me about any Village related plans or projects. While I do not possess all the answers, I usually know who I can turn to for information.

General complaints are welcome, but no personal attacks. We need a time to just sit down and see what we can do to work together as a Village community.

MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS APRIL 4, 2022:

There has been some confusion as to what my responsibilities are. As mayor, and CEO of the Village, I am responsible to run the day-to-day administrative duties of the Village and manage all employees. This is a full-time job. I am not a secretary to any other board member, nor do I work for them.

I make contacts with people who will help our Village progress into the future, presenting ideas in my mayor's announcements so people will know what I am looking into. Then people have the opportunity to contact me with questions or to volunteer. Any board member can assist me with a project, although they have expressed the desire to come up with projects of their own. Because board room time is expensive, and not all my ideas come to fruition, I do not take up business time requesting financing or use of property until I have a ratified plan. I have never spent one dime without going through the proper channels, nor have I wasted any money or Village services on my own agenda or to gain power. As a taxpayer myself, I am very interested in saving money and generating income. I found out that we can have smaller CJ4 jets and King Air Prop jets with an addition to the runway. All fuels have an expiration date. If we have enough jet traffic to apply for this FAA runway, we will use the jet fuel regularly. It will not go 'stale'. As for the environment, the FAA is much stricter than any municipality. They require a DEC, EPA environmental and an archaeological study done! While we may end up paying a 5% match for FAA money, the airport will more than cover that expense. Nothing will come out of the general budget. Since this is still in the investigating phase, there is no reason to involve the Village board business time. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help, or seek answers, is welcome. Our airport is a great attraction for businesses to patronize to our Village.

With COVID since March of 2020, there have been very few ribbon cuttings or personal engagements. The hosts for these events make the decision on who they include, I do not. Social distancing has been a big factor in how many people are invited, but anyone can go to events advertised on Facebook. The last ribbon cutting I attended was to the 'Taste of Bengal'. Only my secretary and I showed up. Before that was when Eileen and I attended the Kaufman incubator press conference for Imperium 3. Yet all board members were invited to both of these.

NYSEG representatives have discussed putting car charges in the parking lots behind the buildings on Washington Avenue. They will be at the board meeting on April 18th for a presentation and to answer questions.

NYCOM is working on legislation for an increase in our CHIPS funding. We have not had an increase in 13 years! At NYCOM's request, I contacted four of our Albany leaders to express our need for this increase. This is used for road repairs.

March 30th was the first Towns and Villages meeting of this year. I am honored to be this year's president. Brandon O'Brien from the Agency and Mina Hoblitz from the Chamber of Commerce were our speakers.

The Agency now has more stringent documentation for the application process to apply for PILOTS. They now have a 3rd party investigating the developer, at the developer's expense, to see if they really need a deviated PILOT. Any PILOT must benefit the municipality more than the developer. The Agency also has offered to aid in any grant applications for our municipalities.

The Chamber is working on clean energy grants. They are also another resource to help with financing projects. We need to start taking advantage of these resources. We need to take advantage of money available to us.

Because of conflicts, this Association of Towns and Villages meeting was on a Wednesday. Future meetings will return to the fourth Thursday of the month. Next meeting will be April 28th at the Spot restaurant in Binghamton at 6:00 pm. We were able to attend the 'walk out' ceremony for retiring policeman David Fish. Mr. Fish was quite entertaining. Congratulations.

Endicott Rotary celebrated their 100th year anniversary at the McKinley. These service-based groups contribute a lot to our Village. We enjoyed a demonstration of the Wurlitzer organ the Rotary club purchased for local carousel riders to enjoy. It brought back fond memories. Dr. Whittingham was the main speaker. He has been instrumental in reviving our industrial campus. He mentioned electric garbage trucks, which is something that my secretary is checking on with our clean energy grants. Trustees Burlingame and Dorner were also in attendance.

EPAC celebrated lighting their new sign. It looks magnificent, and really adds to the look of the Avenue. Deputy Mayor Burlingame did a fantastic job with his speech. I want to thank him for representing our Village Board at this public event.

Village street and Parks department is working with Little Italy to host an Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 9th at George W. Johnson Park from 11:30 to 4:00. We have 100 Easter eggs. On Sunday April 19th the carousel will be open from 12:00 to

4:00, and for pictures with the Easter Bunny from 1:00 to 3:00. I appreciate our Deputy Mayor Burlingame's assistance in these community events, they are very important for our community.

Our Street Department is working with a host of volunteers to clean up the Village on Earth Day, April 22. For more information, or to volunteer, contact my office and I will send it on to our volunteer coordinator.

Talked to Town of Union Councilwoman Bauman today. There will not be any bathrooms or changing rooms with this fitness court. With all the negativity the Board has shown, they said if we do not want it, they can offer it to West Endicott or Highland. I hate to miss out on free amenities for our Village, but this is your decision.

For more information, please contact my office at voemayor@endicottny.com