



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 March 7, 2022

Order of Business

1. Pledge of Allegiance – Moment of Silence

2. Fire and ADA Compliance Announcement

3. Mayor Announcements

We will be sticking to the agenda tonight as our Village Attorney reminded us at the last meeting.

I have a lot to report because there is a lot going on in the Village. Luckily, I have my secretary to help me on my projects.

My secretary is concentrating on our many clean energy grants and projects. We have almost cleared all the red tape to finally get an intern to help with these projects.

Attended a news conference at Binghamton University where Dr. Whittingham announced he is in competition for a 75-million-dollar grant for research and development. We hope he will put this facility in Endicott to complement our Imperium 3 manufacturing facility.

Attended a work fair. We have many more positions open than we do applicants! We are working on ways to get people to come to Endicott for these jobs.

Klaw Industries – glass recycling – is now up in West Binghamton. Their ‘slag’ ingredient to be added to concrete is more environmentally friendly and stronger than the cement additive. With glass making up 40 % of our recycling, this could be a tremendous help to our escalating \$300,000 increased recycling costs since the Taylor garbage fire.

Our Firemen’s Union is working on a contract to take over first alarm response for hose or barn fires in the Town of Maine.

Delta Engineering met with our department heads to modify designs for the Avenue Revitalization.

I am now the president of the Association of Towns and Villages. Our next meeting is planned for March 24th. Place to be determined.

Attended a Binghamton Metropolitan Transit System Committee Meeting. They are conducting a study of our Industrial Blvd, to the airport to see what upgrades we need there. We anticipate an increase in traffic to and from the airport.

Went to a Chamber of Commerce breakfast. They work on legislation to help businesses and municipalities. We discussed unemployment costs for small businesses and the people of not finding enough employees to support our companies.

Had a meeting with the DRI over the plans for our next grant projects. People in my group would like to see Endicott come back to the glory days of industry and manufacturing. I need to better get out the work of the companies we now have in Endicott.

Spoke with a newspaper reporter regarding Byrne Dairy opening soon. It is proof that the outside world can see the new potential on our Village.

Met with our Airport Manager and an Engineer for McFarland and Johnson about the grant we have for the airport. We need to tackle the obstructions to runway 21 with trees that are hindering airport landings at night.

I want to thank Deputy Mayor Burlingame for representing the Village at the Recognition Ceremony for two of our brave firemen.

For further information please contact voemayor@endicottny.com

4. Trustees

Burlingame-Thoughts and prayers to the residents at 208 N Roosevelt Ave due to a recent fire. Commented on a photo of the new EPAC digital sign, looks great. Broome County landfill is offering a free drop-off of household hazardous waste and electronics on 3/12/2022 and 3/26/2022 from 7:30am-11:30am. On Thursday, there was a scheduled workshop for the DRI, he encourages input from residents. He attended the Broome County Firefighters Association meeting where they awarded the William Grace Firefighter of the year-2 of our Village firemen received this prestigious honor, Inspector Matt Griswold & Firefighter Chris Samson. He commented on the proposed Maine Fire District Contract Proposal and feels it needs to be a mutually beneficial agreement between the Maine Fire District and the Village of Endicott in order for this to be successful. He added that Little Italy is working on a Easter Event at the GWJ Northside Park. More details to come. Comments on the request from last December to become a TreeCity USA.

Dorner-stated the next few weeks he will be working with the Village Manager on the Village budget. Comments re: placement of the new well and suggested amending the recycling law with our Village Attorney in allowing cleaner recycling companies to come to Endicott.

Warner-Questions to the Mayor- he would like to place his name on the committee for the Maine Contract. He asked the Mayor about a topic that she was going to place on the next board meeting, the Mayor did not recall at this time. he asked the Mayor if the project for the Airport will be brought up and his concerns re: the cost; he questioned the rumors as to Phoenix Investors/Huron does not want the steam plant? The Mayor stated she is not aware of this. He asked on the status of the communications for filing and as to placing them on the website. The Mayor stated this has already been done. He commented on the powerpoint for the Fitness Park as well as the marquee at EPAC. The Mayor asked Trustee Warner if he had any comments re: the busing situation. He commented on the interest of redirecting this route. He stated they are in discussions.

Wright- he attended the DRI Public Workshop and is extending his focus to bettering the image of Endicott, especially in the park department.

5. Village Manager

He spoke of the DRI Public Workshop in which there will be 3 more scheduled workshops and hoping to have the next meeting in person at the Village Municipal building. Submissions need to be turned in by July. The other project he is working on is the Greater Binghamton Funds Project which is the Washington Ave and surrounding areas revitalization. This includes streetscapes. He attended a meeting on the ArtPark in which more conversations are necessary. He attended a BMTS Study Planning Committee meeting re: traffic light projects. Had some Union meetings re: our street and parks departments. He is working on a debt refinancing for the Village outstanding general fund and wastewater department debt that we have outstanding bonds on. He spoke with Rotary re: the band organ that they own. They would like to move this to the GWJ Park Carousel this year. Commented on the Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure law that will be enacted soon with some of the monies going to the Airport in which the Village would be responsible for 5%.

6. Attorney for the Village

Responded to Trustee Warner re: the communications for filing being placed on the website for future meetings. (side note: this has already been completed beginning with today's board meeting) He stated the authority to do have remote meetings ends on 3/16/2022. If the Governor extends this, it may affect our next meeting but if not, our next board meeting on 3/21/2022 will likely be in person meetings.

7. Special Presentations

Town of Union Park Presentation

Town of Union regarding the Fitness Park

The Greater Binghamton fund has included an Art Park as part of the revitalization plan of Washington Avenue – to entice people to come to Endicott.

We hope the fitness park will have the same effect.

When we have the designs for the parking lots completed, we will then see the placement of the fitness and art park. This will be brought to the board for approval then, just as the rest of the designs from the Binghamton fund will be presented.

8. Public Hearings- None

9. Resolutions/Local Laws- None

10. 1st Hearing of Visitors

George Fiedler-Comments re: the exercise park and wants to make sure the installers are licensed and insured and proper applications through the Village. He does not feel the placement is very advantageous due to the traffic fumes.

Carol Layton-asked what location they wanted to place the exercise park and who is to be responsible for maintenance of the exercise park. Mayor Jackson will confirm this.

Shannon Sharpe, Woodford Ave- Concerns on leaves & trash and maintenance at the exercise park. Suggested a splash park for the young kids.

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

11. Approval of Minutes

VOE 2/21/2022

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-Yes	

12. Communications for Filing

- a. TOU 239 Submission Review- 15 Delaware Ave
- b. Town of Union Work Session 2/10/2022, Agenda 3/2/2022
- c. Notice from Charter Communications- 2/28/2022 & 3/1/2022
- d. Notice from Seth Jacobus, Library Director and New Appointment due to a resignation
- e. Town of Union Meeting Minutes 2/16/2022
- f. Notice from the Broome County Health Department re: Water Supply Sanitary Survey-2021
- g. Notice from NYS re: filings receipt of Local Laws #2-5

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

Roll Call

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13. Communications for Action

- a. All-Mode Communications Service Agreement

A motion to approve the economy on site support plan was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

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Dorner-Yes	Wright-Yes	

- b. Tri-Cities Airport DBE Plan

A motion to accept the Tri-Cities Airport DBE Plan was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

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Dorner-Yes	Wright-Yes	

14. Bid(s)- None

15. Accounts Payable for Action	\$934,348.65
GENERAL	\$503,412.57
LIGHT	\$59,909.99
WATER	\$99,479.54
WASTEWATER	\$166,671.85
CAPITAL	\$2,100.00
LIBRARY	\$8,315.96
PARKING	\$1,596.32
TRUST & AGENCY	\$92,862.42
TOTAL	\$934,348.65

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-Yes

16. Unfinished Business

17. New Business

a. Climate Smart Communities Program

18. 2nd Hearing of Visitors

Donna Mooney, 304 Wheeler Pl- comments re: recent police activity in Union and the intersection of Edward St & Loder Ave. She would like more police presence in areas.

Brian Steele- update on the GFJ Memorial and that the school district owns this is responsible for maintaining it.

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

19. Mayor Comments- None

20. Trustees Comments

Burlingame- Thanked Brian Steele for his research on the Memorial. Terri Farrell has offered her assistance with the TreeCity USA. He stressed that they really do need to invest in our Village Street dept with the upcoming Village budget. He commented on the importance of the Trustees being aware of all projects such as the exercise park.

Warner- Comments re: the street departments needs and TreeCity USA.

Dorner-Comments re: Climate Communities Program and its 10 points of the pledge need to be adopted verbatim

Wright-Comments re: DRI/Fitness Park. He would like to see a kids area and possibly a basketball court. Suggested updating the basketball court at the Northside park as well.

21. Executive Session

A motion to enter into executive session at 8:15pm to discuss the employment history and matters leading to the potential appointment of a particular person, corporation and/or collective bargaining was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Dorner

Roll Call

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

A motion to exit executive session at 10:07pm was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

A motion to hire three (3) police officers, one (1) of which is contingent on receiving and signing an SRO contract from the Union Endicott School District was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

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Dorner-Yes Wright-Yes

22. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 10:10pm was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Mayor Jackson

Roll Call

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