



Village of Endicott

A Quality Community

Linda Jackson, Mayor
Eileen Konecny, Deputy Mayor
R. Ted Warner, Trustee
Patrick Dorner, Trustee
Nicholas Burlingame, Trustee
Anthony Bates, Village Manager
Robert McKertich, Attorney to the Village

Regular Board Meeting March 15, 2021

Order of Business

1. Pledge of Allegiance – Moment of Silence

2. Announcement of Fire and ADA Compliance

3. Mayor's Announcements

Attended a police Reform committee meeting on Tuesday, March 2nd. Everyone was incredibly supportive of the fantastic job our Endicott Police department interacts with the Village residents.

Housing visions is now taking applications for the affordable housing project at the former HBE school property at 23 Jackson Avenue in Endicott. Available is 43 1-bedroom apartments costing \$540 to \$750 per month. 18 2-bedroom apartments costing \$710 a month. Some of these apartments are handicap accessible, and some for hearing impaired. Housing.

Talked to leaders in clean energy technology. Town Hall meetings are being planned to educate the community on the facts regarding clean energy and battery technology. There are some engineers coming here to work at Imperium 3 who will be looking for a place to stay. Imperium plans on recruiting engineering students from the graduation class at Binghamton University. As well as a couple more companies that may consider coming to the Huron campus. That is why this reputation repair is so important.

I spoke with Stacy Duncan from the Agency. They have offered to help on several projects. One is to offer help to clean up the former forging works for a potential business. They will work with the DEC on the cost so the new company will not be charged for this expense. We have had some interest on the former Kmart site with two potential parties. We are working on a plan to do a phase two with the DEC and use our restore New York grant for demolition and turn this site into a brown field. Also discussed solar arrays for lower income property owners to offset utility costs. There is a program for renewable energy as well. This may go along with our Wastewater solar farm project. We have ideas we will be bringing to the Agency soon for Little Italy properties.

We dedicated our new fire truck. The 60-foot cell tower, that was approved by the Planning Board in December of 2019, is now starting construction. The Village board was not in favor of this tower, so we should work on regulations for this kind of structure.

My mayor advisory committee has been moving ahead. When we get our ideas organized, we will bring them to Delta who is also organizing the other Washington Avenue committee ideas and they will bring all these ideas to the public for community input. Our other Washington Avenue committee met this week for the first time. We had many preliminary department budget meetings. My secretary is continuing to work on grants. We just received a couple new ones we can apply for. I went to Nick's refuse meeting. We got another notice from NYCOM referring to our money for Albany. This may come in the form of our CDBG allocations. Byrne Dairy has expressed interest in the former Friendly's building. I will be meeting our new police recruits this week.

Went to visit Compassionate care on Main Street in Endicott. This agency helps people with traumatic brain injuries acclimate into society. I will provide the Trustees with an update on the happenings of the Village every Friday.

4. Trustees' Reports

Burlingame-He has been working on garbage related issues and solutions. Attended a Refuse Advisory Meeting last Thursday. He has been attending a Diversity Inclusion class at BU. At the board meeting on 4/5, they will be adding (2) people to the Parks Advisory Commission. Although no date has been set, they are planning a meeting next month and will inform everyone when a date has been set. He has been in discussion with a few people of starting a welcoming committee for new residents, possibly creating a flyer or a handout with useful community information. This is in an idea stage only.

Dorner-Has been attending the budget sessions with VOE department heads. The Press and Sun Bulletin has contacted him for an interview re: 10-point plan.

Konecny-Apple Fest applications have been sent out and working on the Porch Fest Event

Warner-he briefly discussed their 10-point plan and emphasized this not a Village plan but a Warner/Dorner & Burlingame plan. He is working on a plan/motion/resolution so that another issue such as tree removals from village properties cannot happen again. He asked the Mayor if she can inform the Board of Trustees about certain things that are happening such as: Kmart Plaza/ Endicott Forging Projects.

He made a motion that any meetings of any Endicott legislative committees and any Endicott board of advisory committees shall be made available to the committee members and or to the public on Zoom upon the verbal, written or email request by any 1 person to the Village Manager at least 5 hours prior to Village board meetings and by majority vote of each legislative committee or each board advisory committee or by the Village board, the public may be allowed to speak for 3 minutes each, during any of these meetings if the boards so vote.

And seconded by Trustee Burlingame

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain

Konecny-Yes

Dorner-Yes

Warner-Yes

Burlingame-Yes

5. Attorney Report

Reported on being more aggressive in the Code department and the violations. He is working on and making changes on the Charter Communications Agreement Renewal. Time Warner use to provide free cable and internet service to Municipalities under the old agreement but Charter Communications no longer honors this so he is negotiating for free service of cable and internet.

The Lead Agency notice for the Skye View Project was sent out after the last meeting and the 30 day period for any involved agency is coming up soon. No responses as of yet. He is working on a Social Media Policy. Standards may range between the Village departments so he is trying to find a way to meld it all together.

6. Manager Report

Budget sessions are going well, he reminded all re: the Village tax cap # is 1.31% (inflation being lower than the 2% tax cap). He attended the NYS Main St Grant meeting with its committee and consultants, (4) projects have been given the ok to start and there is still some more funding available so they will be reaching out to applicants who initially were interested and others who have a potential target in that area. He attended the Washington Ave committee meeting. He attended the Refuse Commission meeting as well as a webinar re: Cyber Insurance Policies. CDBG projects include fencing in the Northside Park, the bid is out for the upper playground and the Oak Hill/Odell Ave Street Project is being looked at. Trustee Dorner asked a few questions re: who runs this and the ramifications of the tax cap. Bates stated this was run by the State legislature stating municipalities have to stay under the 2%. If you do go over the 2%, a local law needs to be passed and approved by the board.

7. Special Presentation

County Executive Jason Garner- Addressing the State of the County
Christian Brunelle- Byrne Dairy Facility

8. Public Hearings

a. Public Comment re: Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Draft Plan
Bill Huston- comments re: Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Draft Plan and Spoke of an incident involving himself and an EPD officer for being parked in Grippen Park. He requested a statement from Chief Garey in re: to if these officers are still employed with the Village, were they disciplined and would like the problems addressed such as “Civilian Empowered” Advisory boards.
John Martineccio(sp?), St. Paul’s Church- commending the EPD and Village for enacting the Plan.

As no one else wished to speak, Mayor Jackson closed the Public Comment
A motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Konecny and seconded by Trustee Burlingame

Roll Call

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

b. Call for a Public Hearing on 4/5/21 at 6:00pm re: Village of Endicott Tentative Budget for 2021-22

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

Roll Call

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

9. Approval of Minutes

a. VOE 2/1/21

A motion to approve 2/1/21 was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Konecny
Roll Call

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

b. VOE 2/15/21- Held Over by Trustee Warner

c. VOE 3/1/21- Held Over by Trustee Warner

10. Bids- None

11. Communications for Filing

a. Town of Union Meeting 2/17/21, Agenda 3/3/21, & 3/12/21 Work Session

b. Notice from Charter Communications dated 3/1 & 3/9/21

c. Notice of Filing from the Department of State re: Local law #02-2021

d. Notice from little Italy re: Oak Hill Avenue Improvement Corporation

e. New Liquor License Application- Triangle Billiards, 118 ½ Washington Ave., Endicott

A motion to approve all communications for filing was made by Trustee Konecny and seconded
by Trustee Burlingame

Roll Call

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

12. Communications for Action

a. All-Mode Renewal Agreement

A motion to renew the agreement was made by Trustee Konecny and seconded by Trustee
Burlingame

Roll Call

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

13. Presentation and Approval of Accounts Payable 3/15/21 \$1,611,236.21

GENERAL	\$302,088.22
LIGHT	\$112,979.10
WATER	\$83,348.21
WASTEWATER	\$89,185.82
CAPITAL	\$961,847.23
LIBRARY	\$10,784.80
PARKING	\$1,686.30
TRUST & AGENCY	\$49,316.53

TOTAL	\$1,611,236.21
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A motion to approve the accounts payables was made by Trustee Konecny and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

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

14. First Hearing of Visitors

Carol Layton- questioned the guidelines with the HBE School being renovated for housing, is this for seniors? for everyone? and if subsidized rent.

Mayor Jackson was unclear about being subsidized and stated it is for everyone.

Bill Huston-comments re: COVID, its case numbers and PCR tests.

Terri Ferrell, 404 Hazel St- Comments re: tree removals in the Village. She stated that the 1st Arbor Day Event has been approved and will be held on May 1st, 2021 from 1-3:00pm at Glendale Park. Trustee Warner asked about the 2nd grant for the Village to plant more trees, possibly at Mersereua Park. She stated to do an Arbor Day Event, you need a signature from the Board. She will gather information for the Village board to possibly become involved with an Arbor Day Event in the Fall. Trustee Warner suggested approval from the board as to whomever signs this.

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

15. Resolutions/Local Laws- None

16. Unfinished Business- None

17. New Business- None

18. Second Hearing of Visitors

Bill Huston-Comments re: the Village Social Media site

Carol Layton- questions re: Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Draft Plan.

Chief Garey stated there are not major changes to the Plan but there is more awareness, being more transparent, proper training and recognition of things. Giving that extra effort to everyone. He stated that the committee itself is working on being open, transparent and giving voice to the people. He commented that in regards to the Mental Health aspect, the police dept is trying to receive more training on this. Trustee Dorner added his support of the Police Chief and his department.

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

19. Board Members' Comments

Trustee Warner- thanked the Board for a professional and calm meeting, he questioned the Attorney to the Village re: Byrne Dairy and asked to have an Attorney/Client session on 3/29/21 at 6:00pm was made by Trustee Warner

He extended his condolences to the Bendert family for their recent loss.

20. Executive Session- None

21. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 8:29pm was made by Trustee Konecny and seconded by Trustee Burlingame

Roll Call

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