

Village of Endicott Linda Jackson, Mayor

Timothy P. Wright, Deputy Mayor

Nicholas Burlingame, Trustee

R. Ted Warner, Trustee

Patrick Dorner, Trustee- Absent

A Quality Community

Anthony Bates, Village Manager

**Board Meeting**

**August 21, 2023**

**6:00pm**

**Order of Business**

**1. Pledge of Allegiance – Moment of Silence**

**2. Fire and ADA Compliance Announcement**

**3. Mayor Announcements**

There was a water issue lats week with the Town of Union moving one of our water mains on Ricky Drive in Endwell.

Finally, we are beginning to replace water infrastructure a few at a time.

I received a message that congressman Molinaro will be in town on Friday, August 25th in his Binghamton office from 3 to 5 pm for an open house. He plans on going to iM3 for a tour with me that day also.

On September 2nd we will be celebrating the Village of Endicott at the Rumble Ponies game in Binghamton. The team representative gave us 50 tickets to give to Village employees.  Our historian, Suzanne Meredith, sent in historical pictures for the Rumble Ponies to put on their website for this occasion.

Talked to Lea Webb and we discussed Mike Romeo’s vision of walking paths and an additional parking lot closer to the band shell.

At the recent Light Commission meeting we discussed the new smart meters and software.

The school is now doing the work and landscaping near the George Johnson statute. The architect will keep us updated as to the upgrades. I will pass on information as I receive it.

M&T bank and two other businesses have requested we do something about the alleyway due to the bank getting water in the basement when there is a heavy downpour. Others have complained about the potholes damaging their tires.

Had a gentleman come talk to me about the new proposed raising of weight limits and lengths of tractor trailers. I will bring in more information at the next meeting.

I attended a press conference with Senator Webb at the library. She was presenting them with a grant. As one of her assistants was telling me, Senator Webb considers the Village of Endicott as one of her priorities.

**4. Trustees**

Burlingame- Gave a shoutout to the Street dept. for the Parks and streets upkeep this summer. GUSTO is this Friday. Auxiliary police attended a CPR training course. Spoke of the Washington Ave project and its challenges as well as transparency with the businesses on the Ave.

Wright-Spoke of an EPD incident over the weekend and felt they handled the situation quite well. Spoke of the possible parking lot in the Park. There are questions related to access. Spoke of the PeopleReady Contract. Made mention of the EPD and its retirees coming up. Stated they should discuss with Chief Garey prior to budget time.

Warner-Endicott Proud meeting was today and Chief Garey was the guest speaker. He asked if anyone would be interested in receiving a monthly incident report from the EPD. Asked about the cleanup day in Endicott. The Mayor stated she wasn’t sure which group they were from. Attorney McKertich stated in the past these volunteers had signed a waiver from the Village due to this not being a Village event. In the future, such events should include a permit from the Village per the Attorney. Trustee Warner felt it was embarrassing that residents notice the area needs to be cleaned up and want to help. he spoke of the NY Citizens Audit, they gave a presentation at the last board meeting but feels we should allow equal time to other groups. He felt the Mayor was inserting politics into VOE board meetings but the Mayor but stated she actually had no idea of what the presentation was actually going to be. The Mayor will continue to decide on who is coming in with a presentation.  Trustee Burlingame mentioned anyone can speak, it is their right.

He asked the board if they would agree to a new meeting procedure in re: to exploring the Village meeting presentations, that they be reviewed at the prior board meeting. He also spoke of the repair of the GFJ Statue.

Attorney McKertich will draft a resolution re: Open Elections and email to the board.

**5. Village Manager**

Bond and ban renewals are coming up this week and we received an A rating on Village debt. He commented on the FEMA claims re: COVID expenses. He spoke of the Oaks Inn mural. The Thrive building on Oak Hill Ave is slated for a mural as well.

**6. Attorney for the Village**

He started to draft the Solar law and stated the purchase of the Walsh property is continuing to move forward. He will send a contract over soon to the Mayor and Village Manager.

The Mayor introduced her intern, Logan to the board. Trustee Warner asked what are the laws that Logan is working on, the Mayor stated Electronic Signs, Window coverages, Cell Towers, General Code updates and Village parking lots.

**7. Special Presentations- None**

**8. Public Hearings**

Call for a Public Hearing on 9/14/2023 re: LL#10-2023- Chapter 138, Fire Prevention & Building Construction Code

A motion to Call for a Public Hearing on 9/14/2023 at 6:00pm re: Chapter 138, Fire Prevention & Building Construction Code was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Wright

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Absent Wright- Yes

**9. Resolutions/Local Laws**

9a. R#25-2023- SEQR Type II Determination- Water Infrastructure Improvement Program Grant (WIIA)

A motion to approve R#25-2023 to approve the SEQR Type II Determination- Water Infrastructure Improvement Program Grant (WIIA) was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Absent Wright- Yes

**10. 1st Hearing of Visitors**

Mark Ponzi, 101 Cornell Ave- comments re: accuracy of discussions held at board meetings

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

**11. Approval of Minutes**

VOE 8/7/2023

A motion to approve the VOE meeting minutes for 8/7/2023 was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Wright

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Absent Wright- Yes

**12. Communications for Filing**

a. Notice from NYS that LL-08-2023- has been received and filed.

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

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Absent Wright- Yes

**13. Communications for Action**

a. Engineering Planning Grant- WWTP

A motion to approve the Engineering Planning Grant was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Absent Wright- Yes

b. Apple Fest Request- temporary lifting of the open container law

A motion to approve the Apple Fest Request- temporary lifting of the open container law

was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Wright

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Absent Wright- Yes

c**.** Letter and donation from Frank Petrilli- **Held Over**

d**.** PSAP supplemental agreement #2

A motion to approve the PSAP supplemental agreement #2 was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Absent Wright- Yes

**14. Bid(s)- None**

**15.** **Accounts Payable for Action** **8/21/23 $394,408.49**

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| **GENERAL** | **$138,063.97** |
| **LIGHT** | **$125,694.63** |
| **WATER** | **$62,614.90** |
| **WASTEWATER** | **$59,995.48** |
| **CAPITAL** | **$6,009.17** |
| **LIBRARY** | **$1,639.58** |
| **PARKING** | **$390.76** |
| **TRUST & AGENCY** | **$0.00** |
| **TOTAL** | **$394,408.49** |

A motion to approve the Accounts Payable for Action 8/21/23 was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Wright

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Absent Wright- Yes

**15a.** ACH’s for 8/21/23-$18,675.09

A motion to approve the ACH’s for 8/21/23 was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Wright

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Absent Wright- Yes

**15b.** Pre-Paids for 8/21/23- $38,929.92

A motion to approve the Pre-Paids for 8/21/23 was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Absent Wright- Yes

**16. Unfinished Business-None**

**17. New Business**

A motion to add to the next board meeting on 9/14 the discussion of a Ron Luciano plaque was made by Trustee Burlingame

A motion to order 2 new flags for the conference room and rotunda was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Wright

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Absent Wright- Yes

Trustee Burlingame brought up a couple issues with the website. Mayor Jackson asked for a list of items to add and to list who is responsible to send these additions to the media company so that there will not be a disconnect to the residents.

**18. 2nd Hearing of Visitors**

Min Kreiner- questions concerning community support and her voice being heard

George Fiedler- comments re: crosswalks and blinking lights on North St re: pedestrian crossings asked about educating the public. Asked about the VOE response time re: emergencies. asked about locking down the property at the corner of North and Washington Avenue.  Attorney McKertich said he was having a problem with the attorneys for the owner and tenant delaying.  Mr. Battisti waited until the last day and asked for a delay. Our Village Code office was not the hold up on this.

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

**19. Board Comments**

Wright- commented to Trustee Warner that business owners need to take care of their properties/businesses as well. It should not just be the Street dept’s responsibility to clean up garbage/litter. Suggested hiring of 3 more street employees.

**20. Executive Session- None**

**21. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn at 8:05pm was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Wright

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Absent Wright- Yes