

Village of Endicott Linda Jackson, Mayor

Timothy P. Wright, Deputy Mayor

Nicholas Burlingame, Trustee

R. Ted Warner, Trustee

Patrick Dorner, Trustee

A Quality Community

Anthony Bates, Village Manager

**Board Meeting**

**September 14, 2023**

**6:00pm**

**Order of Business**

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

**2. Fire and ADA Compliance Announcement**

**3. Mayor Announcements**

There will be a mural painted on the Endicott Florist building.

The reporter who came to do a story about the Z-pool also did an excellent interview with our head lifeguard, Cooper Tinklepaugh. I want to thank all the young people who work at our park.

Had an amazing tour of the Kofman incubator in Binghamton, and attended the award given to iM3 for Tech and Innovation Business of the year, and Klaw Industries for Millennial Entrepreneur of the Year.

Had a great talk with Congressman Molinaro and he promised to come visit and go on a tour of our Industrial campus in October.

Attended a tour of iM3. The changes since my last tour were amazing!

On September 2nd we celebrated 607, Village of Endicott day at the Rumble Ponies.

Had a meeting with Rob Salamida regarding his property at the former Broad Street school.

Our CPTED committee is doing an amazing job. Tenant at 122 Washington Avenue has vacated, 2 Washington Avenue was given a 14-day eviction notice on September 6th, and 1000 Monroe is being delt with.

I received another message from a resident who would like to plan a community cleanup day for September 11th. I greatly appreciate it when our community comes together for the betterment of the Village.

Talked to senator Webb’s office. I discussed the State discovery and bail reform rules being unfair to witnesses.

Attended a Town of Union board meeting.  I met with Senator Webb. I explained the unfairness of the recent ARPA fund distribution. 31 million to the town and only 1 million to each of the two Villages.

Attended a moving event to commemorate 911 at SUNY Broome.

Attended Broome County Garner’s speech. He spoke of the many projects the County has completed and the ones they are working on

Went to a BMTS meeting. I requested to have “Hawk Signalized crosswalks lights” for over Main Street in front of the High School, and better crosswalk lights on Main Street near Byrne Dairy at Liberty Avenue and on Nanticoke drive near Union Street.

**4. Trustees**

Burlingame-Attended the Little Italy Endicott Board meeting and many events are being planned. There is an auxiliary meeting on 9/26. Commented on tax bill issues. He would like to see a report re: assessed penalties from 2022 and 2023. Commented on issue concerns at Robble and Jenkins St. South St is being used as a cut through to avoid the traffic light. Residents are wondering if we can place a sign such as local traffic only placed there and believes we should do targeted enforcement. Comments re: the crime in the Village. Spoke of Endicott Beautification playing a part in keeping the Village clean and is upset with our rampant crime in the village in which the Mayor pointed out that we already have a CPTED committee to replace the broken window theory.

Wright-Spoke of the Jenkins St issue, between Hill and Odell, this area should be No Parking as the law states. Spoke of an issue with PeopleReady, the Village temp agency and their employees not showing up for the street dept. Suggested offering a better wage to full time street/garbage employees going forward. Questioned the difference of charging Village residents and Town of Union residents with water rate charges. Mayor Jackson stated she will have this issue placed on the next water board meeting. Spoke of the tax bill issue and penalties. Commented on Sheriff Akshar and the detail they have been doing in the Village.

Dorner-Spoke of the penalty fees on Village Tax bills. Apologized for missing the last board meeting and asked about the discussion between the attendees of the last meeting and the Open Election Resolution that was passed. Spoke of the crime in the Village. Spoke of the water well issue and the Town of Union not assisting the Village with paying for this. Asked about a scheduling a tour with Imperium3, the Mayor stated to let her know when he would like to schedule this.

Warner-Comments re: EPD and crime, asked if the board would like to have a conversation with Chief Garey. They all agreed to address this. Asked Attorney McKertich about the status of 1000 Monroe St. He answered that a case had been assigned in July, defendant had a period of time to respond in which he did not so therefore the Village will receive a default judgement. Further discussion will be held at another time.

**5. Village Manager**

Attended a meeting for the Art Park . he commented on the Chugnut Trail/Grippen Park Project.

The land bank has put in a proposal for 119 Oak Hill Ave., waiting on their decision. Spoke of the Village Liability Insurance Renewal. Retirement System Contribution for next year and its increases for next year. Oak Hill Ave and N. Oak Ave that were recently paved, the company that NYSEG hired to come in do the inspections after the work was completed, there is an issue with them and their certification. NYSEG has done an audit and will not accept the certification. They need to go back in and certify the lines. This is an issue due to CDBG monies being used and needs to be done correctly. We are having them re-mill and pave the whole road again in which they are starting next week. Trustee Wright suggested we have them redo this next year due to winter weather coming.

**6. Attorney for the Village**

Working on a feasibility agreement between NYSERTA and the Village. This will allow NYSERTA to conduct a study at the Wastewater treatment plant to determine whether a solar facility is feasible on that parcel. The agreement should be presented by the next board meeting authorizing NYSERTA to enter the property and conduct the study only. The actual location will be in the agreement.

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**7. Special Presentations- None**

**8. Public Hearings**

a. Public comment re: LL#10 -2023- Chapter 138, Fire Prevention & Building Construction Code

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

**9. Resolutions/Local Laws**

a. R#25 -2023 to approve LL#10 -2023- Chapter 138, Fire Prevention & Building Construction Code

A motion to approve 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- Yes Wright- Yes

b. R#26 -2023- Open, Fair and accurate Elections

A motion to approve the Open, Fair and accurate Elections was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Wright

There were opposing comments from Trustees Burlingame & Warner re: the presentation being held at a board meeting but they both support this resolution. Trustee Dorner agreed this should have come to a board meeting and does support the resolution. Trustee Wright suggested they present these ideas during the hearing of visitors.

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright- Yes

c. R#27 -2023- Pedestrian Safety Improvements- Marchiselli Program

A motion to approve and authorize $55,000.00 to the Pedestrian Safety Improvements- Marchiselli Program was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Dorner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright- Yes

d. R#28 -2023- EPG- Local Match resolution

A motion to approve the EPG- Local Match of $63,500.00 was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright- Yes

e. R# 29-2023- M&T Custodian Agreement

A motion to approve the M&T Custodian Agreement was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright- Yes

**10. 1st Hearing of Visitors**

Alberta Fiori-Gazda- comments re: the resolution for the Open, Fair and accurate Elections and Village Crime. She asked if anyone knew the Sheriff was coming to make arrests in the Village and all answered they did not. The Mayor added neither did the Chief.

Larry Sherlik (sp?), 110 McKinley Ave-speed limit concerns at the intersection of Monroe and McKinley

MaryLou Murphy, 304 N Page Ave- Comments re: Village Tax bills and penalties

Victoria, Washington Ave- comments re: Washington Avenue Revitalization and asked about 1-3 Washington Ave. Trustee Wright stated Code was working on it and stated he will ask the Fire Marshal about an update.

No name, vendor with one of the Washington Ave businesses- comments re: the look of Washington Ave and the alleys

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

**11. Approval of Minutes**

a. VOE 8/21/2023

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. Notice from NYS re: the receipt and filing of Local Law #9- Permits

b. Letter from Mario Salati re: the Village donation towards the GFJ Statue restoration

c. Letter from St. Paul’s Episcopal Church re: the Ice Cream Social

d. Notice from Charter Communications- 9/1/2023

e. Appreciative Letter to the Mayor re: Customer Service & Suzie Takas, Principal Clerk

f. 239 Review Submission form re: 11 Delaware Ave

g. VOE Water Board Meeting Minutes 8/17/2023

h. Resignation letter from Alicia Thoennes, Secretary to the Mayor

A motion to approve the filing of a-g was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright- Yes

**13. Communications for Action**

a. Request of Absence-Street dept

A motion to deny Dylan Konecny’s leave of absence request from 10/1/23-4/1/24 was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Abstain Warner- Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright- Yes

b. VOE WWTP Request to fill a vacant position- Plant Mechanic

A motion to approve the VOE WWTP Request to fill a vacant position- Ryan Youngs, Plant Mechanic at a rate $28.86/hrly was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Wright

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright- Yes

c. VOE WWTP- Engineering Agreement Amendment #2

A motion to approve the Engineering Agreement Amendment #2 $867,565.00 total project cost was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Dorner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright- Yes

d.A request from Phoenix Campus to close the southbound lane of N. McKinley Ave. between North St. and Watson Boulevard beginning 09/18 for a period of up to 2 weeks.

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

Roll Call

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Dorner- Yes Wright- Yes

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

A request by VOE Water & WWTP Chief Operators, to receive bids for the Chemicals that serve the needs of the Village of Endicott’s Water, WWTP and Parks Department for the year 2023-2024

A motion to approve receive bids for the Chemicals that serve the needs of the Village of Endicott’s Water, WWTP and Parks Department for yr2024 was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Wright

Roll Call

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Dorner- Yes Wright- Yes

**15. Accounts Payable for Action 9/4/2023 $507,111.49**

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| **GENERAL** | **$268,580.75** |
| **LIGHT** | **$7,341.62** |
| **WATER** | **$49,951.91** |
| **WASTEWATER** | **$120,608.04** |
| **CAPITAL** | **$59,443.50** |
| **LIBRARY** | **$0.00** |
| **PARKING** | **$1,185.67** |
| **TRUST & AGENCY** | **$0.00** |
| **TOTAL** | **$507,111.49** |

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

Roll Call

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Dorner- Yes Wright- Yes

**15a.** ACH’s for 9/4/2023- $606,414.42

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

Roll Call

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Dorner- Yes Wright- Yes

**15b.** Pre-Paids for 9/4/2023- $80,289.24

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

**16. Unfinished Business**

a. Luciano Plaque- Trustee Burlingame asked for a quote due to the Village being asked to pay for this. Trustee Warner suggested a committee be formed to discuss items such as this. The Mayor and Trustee Warner will discuss this at a future time.- No Action

b. Letter and donation from Frank Petrilli- **Held Over from 8/21/2023-** Mr. Petrilli will agree to the extension and the Mayor will have the revised letter for the next board meeting.

**17. New Business**

a. Zoom Discussion- is this still necessary moving forward. Attorney McKertich stated most municipalities have discontinued using zoom since COVID and suggested amending the meeting procedures next year, streaming may be the way to go and Attorney McKertich will do some research.

b. Key to the Village to Jon Jones- discussion per a request from Lee Andrews. Trustee Dorner will make a call to Mr. Jones. The board stated they would like Jon Bones to be here for the presentation of the key to the Village. There are other worthy people that deserve a key as well and the Mayor stated anyone can make this request.

c. Samaritan House re: a SWAT vehicle up for auction

Attorney McKertich stated this would be a donation from the Village and in exchange they would agree to use it for their charitable purposes and that would get us around the obligation to sell it for fair and equitable trade

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

Roll Call

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Dorner- Yes Wright- Yes

**18. 2nd Hearing of Visitors**

Holly, last name?- comments re: zoom and other options to live stream

Alberta Fiori-Gazda- comments re: the Tri-Cities Airport

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

**19. Board Comments**

Burlingame- comments re: the Tri-Cities Airport

Wright- Asked of the status of the McKinley Ave Intersection. He also asked if we are track for the new well. Attorney McKertich stated that Delta Engineering is taking care of the land use approval process with the Town of Union. They are still waiting on approval from the planning board. He asked if we had heard re: the terming the water main out. He mentioned a possible grant for a brand new water main.

**20. Executive Session**

Discussion re: matters leading to the employment of a particular person

A motion to enter into executive session at 8:35pm to discuss matters leading to the employment of a particular person was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Wright

Roll Call

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Dorner-Yes Wright-Yes

A motion to exit executive session at 10:08pm was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Wright

A motion to hire Kirk Rapp as a temporary part time employee for further training for 90 days beginning 10/2/23 and expiring on 12/29/23 at a rate of $33.00/hrly, and no more than 30/hrs weekly with no benefits

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner-Yes

Dorner-Yes Wright-Yes

**21. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn at 10;09pm was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Wright

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner-Yes

Dorner-Yes Wright-Yes