

# 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 21, 2022

#### **Order of Business**

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance Moment of Silence
- 2. Fire and ADA Compliance Announcement

#### 3. Mayor Announcements

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#### 4. Trustees

Wright-has been attending the budget meetings and feels 2 depts in need are the street dept, staffing and the EPD. Questions related to the Fitness Park and concerns for the proposed location

Burlingame-commented on residents' ability to speak on zoom commented on the North Brewery's Café permit

Dorner- has been attending the budget meetings and appreciative that the Mayor and board members have been so involved

Warner- has been attending the budget meetings, comments re: the public speaking when on zoom. Attended the Endicott Proud meeting and spoke of the new laws re: Cannabis Law. He commented on invites to ribbon cuttings and mail addressed to the Mayor and Board. Feels the Board does need to address the location of the Fitness Park. He stated the Board needs

to be involved with the Tri-Cities Airport and the possibility of jets.

### 5. Village Manager

The 2<sup>nd</sup> DRI meeting was a success, the next local planning meeting is 4/12 and the public workshop is tentatively scheduled for 4/27 at 6pm. Open call for DRI projects is due by 4/1.

### 6. Attorney for the Village

Cleared up some confusion on the Governor's statement and stated she only extended the order until 4/15, which she has done for the last several months. This allows us to hold remote meetings and for the Board members to participate and vote remotely. Nothing else has changed as of the last few months where this order has been extended. He commented on the Tax Cap Override Local Law and asked the board to call for a public hearing re: this law

#### 7. Special Presentations

Mark Heefner- Commissioner of Aviation /Brief overview of the happening in Broome County

8. Public Hearings

a. Call for a Public Hearing on 4/4/2022 at 6:00pm re: VOE Tentative Budget 2022-23 A motion to call for the public hearing was made by Trustee Wright and seconded by Trustee Dorner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain

Burlingame-Yes

Warner-Yes

Dorner-Yes

Wright-Yes

b. Call for a Public Hearing on 4/4/2022 at 6:00pm re: Tax Cap Override

A motion to call for the public hearing was made by Trustee Wright and seconded by Trustee Dorner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain

Burlingame-Yes

Warner-Yes

Dorner-Yes

Wright-Yes

9. Resolutions/Local Laws

a. R#07-2022- Proposed Refunding Bond Resolution- 2009 and 2014 Refunded Bonds

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Wright and seconded by Trustee Dorner Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain

Burlingame-Yes

Warner-Yes

Dorner-Yes

Wright-Yes

10. 1st Hearing of Visitors

Christine Ellison- Concerns related to maintenance of the Playground, access to restrooms, water fountains, electricity being charged etc. Comments re: the discussion of jets, suggested a noise and wildlife study

Donna Moody- comments re: a sign that has been down for several months located near the old Pat Mitchells, this should be replaced

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

### 11. Approval of Minutes

VOE 3/7/2022

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Wright and seconded by Trustee Warner Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain

Burlingame-Yes

Warner-Yes

Dorner-Yes

Wright-Yes

12. Communications for Filing

a. Notice of Upcoming Changes from Charter Communications (2)-3/7 & 3/11/2022

b. Town of Union-Regular Meeting 3/2/2022, Agenda 3/16/2022 & Special Meeting 3/18/2022 A motion to approve the communications for filing was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Burlingame

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain

Burlingame-Yes

Warner-Yes

Dorner-Yes

Wright-Yes

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#### 13. Communications for Action

a. Endicott Holiday Parade Agreement (EHPC)- Held Over

b. Engineering Services Selection CDBG-CV Grant

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

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain

Burlingame-Yes

Warner-Yes

Dorner-Yes

Wright-Yes

#### 14. Bid(s)

a. A request from Chief Operator, Philip Grayson-VOE WWTP to award the pump for the Endwell Pump Station to Koester Associates in the amount of \$38,414.00.

A motion to accept was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain

Burlingame-Yes

Warner-Yes

Dorner-Yes

Wright-Yes

b. A request from Chief Operator, Philip Grayson-VOE WWTP to purchase three (3) pumps at the cost of \$115,242.00

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

Mayor Jackson- Abstain

Burlingame-Yes

Warner-Yes

Dorner-Yes

Wright-Yes

c. A request from Chief Operator, Philip Grayson-VOE WWTP to award the sole bid to KJ Electric for the (3) AFD's that provide power to the pumps at the Castle Gardens Pump Station in the amount of \$32,481.00

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

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#### 15. Accounts Payable for Action

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GENERAL	\$95,264.11
LIGHT	\$180,343.16
WATER	\$33,903.98
WASTEWATER	\$61,593.35
CAPITAL	\$151,296.64
LIBRARY	\$166,525.26
PARKING	\$199.82
TRUST & AGENCY	\$20.84
TOTAL	\$689,147.16

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

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain

Burlingame-Yes

Warner-Yes

Dorner-Yes

Wright-Yes

#### 16. Unfinished Business- None

#### 17. New Business- None

#### 18. 2nd Hearing of Visitors

Christine Ellison- Clarification of knowing the Town of Union has purchased the playground equipment but asked who will be taking care of the maintenance part.

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

#### 19. Mayor Comments- None

#### 20. Trustees Comments-None

#### 21. Executive Session

A motion to enter into executive session at 6:59pm to discuss contract negotiation, employment history and matters leading to the potential appointment of a particular person, and collective bargaining was made by Trustee Wright and seconded by Trustee Warner Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain

Burlingame-Yes

Warner-Yes

Dorner-Yes

Wright-Yes

A motion to exit executive session at 8:38pm was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Mayor Jackson

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### 22. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 8:40pm was made by Mayor Jackson and seconded by Trustee Burlingame

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain

Burlingame-Yes

Warner-Yes

Dorner-Yes

Wright-Yes

From: Sent: LINDA JACKSON

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 10:33 AM

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I have received a number of complaints regarding people feeling left out because they do not have a computer or are not tech savvy to get on zoom. They felt it was unfair that people who had computers had the extra right to not have to come into the board room to speak. So, to be fair to everyone, we should go back to the original open meeting rules.

# MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS, MARCH 21, 2022:

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Broome County Planning has scheduled the next mural to be painted on the wall of Ever After Bridal in August.

At the airport committee meeting, we talked about work to be done at the airport. This will have the potential to bring in additional revenue as well as traffic! Our airport mechanic is retiring. The Airport committee is looking for a replacement.

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to add to concrete. Since glass is 40% of our recycling weight, this may help alleviate some of our recycling cost. Klaw is working with our Village engineer on doing a concrete project to demonstrate their product.

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