



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

Village Board Meeting June 6, 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

Burlingame-commented on how nice it is to see the Parks in full force. National EMS Week was 5/15-5/21. He attended Paula's Coffee Shop Grand reopening. St. Anthony's Feast Days is Sunday, June 12th. EPAC is hosting Shakespeare in the Park in August. Summer Concert Series begins 6/23. GUSTO will be on 8/26. He has had lengthy conversations re: Maine Fire District. Discussions re: a future Farmers Market. He spoke of the abandoned Friendly's and Pizza Hut buildings within our area. He thanked our social media company for updating the calendar on the website. Comments re: Byrne Dairy and feels they are very good for the Village.

He's requesting that posting notifications on the facebook page should end due to having residents attend board meetings in person. He would like to add Tree City USA to our next

agenda. He would like to send a thank you letter or proclamation to Mary Grassi for her beautiful work on the Village Carousel.

Wright- comments re: the overpass on McKinley Ave and public safety. Recommendations for a height restriction bar. Commented on concerns from residents re: bus routes. Commented on a few parking issues on Jenkins St. Mayor Jackson to bring this up to the parking committee.

Dorner-comments also re: the parking on Jenkins St. Comments re: Byrne Dairy and feels they are very good for the Village. Spoke of rezoning for Washington Ave. spoke with Village Manager Bates re: proposed well location. He spoke of an issue at “killerhill” this past weekend and suggested placing no parking or specific parking signs on Gouverneurs Lane.

Warner-spoke of the Tree City USA and asked if the board would like to approve this this evening? Trustee Warner asked to add this to New Business this evening. He asked Attorney McKertich if the DiNapoli proposal is scheduled for 7/18, he answered yes. He commented on the Huron walkway and asked if we are able to follow up on the progress. Trustee Wright stated yes, he will keep tabs on this. He asked the Mayor if the bus schedule is being moved to Madison Ave? She responded that Delta would be able to move this into the plans. The bus drivers have not made their decision known as to whether they would be for this change of routes. He asked the update of the Fitness Park location. Trustee Wright responded that a location has not yet been determined. Trustee Warner suggested that Grippen Park may be a good spot? This may not be in the CDBG area.

5. Village Manager -6/13 will be the DRI meeting and the end of July is the deadline to submit all to NYS. The end of June will be the last Public Workshop. Delta will be providing a presentation at the next board meeting, 6/20. He met with Broome County re: the Art Parks in the (3) iDistricts and designs are still being worked on. He’s been working with the Water dept re: the well site and the water meter project. He’s met with Siemens Corp re: energy cost savings. The mural at Joey’s on the Northside has been completed on Witherill St. The other (2) proposed murals to be located at M&T Bank and Ever After Bridal should be completed by August.

6. Attorney for the Village

He gave an update on the (6) rezoning laws to be called for a public hearing next board meeting in which public comment should be held sometime in August. He also spoke of some concerns re: these going forward. Comments re: the Fitness Park and suggested applying for a waiver? He explained the Videoconferencing Policy to the board and residents.

7. Special Presentations- None

8. Public Hearings

a. Public Comment re: LL#07 -2022 – Video Conferencing

George Fiedler- asked a question re: remote presence

Carol Layton-asked specifically if Trustees can vote remotely from home

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

9. Resolutions/Local Laws

a. R#09 -2022 approving LL#07-2022 – Video Conferencing

A motion to approve R#09 -2022 was made by Trustee Wright and seconded by Trustee Dorner
Roll Call

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b. R#10-2022 -Water Rates

A motion to approve R#10-2022 was made by Trustee Wright and seconded by Trustee Dorner
Roll Call

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c. R#11 -2022 -Sewer Rates

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Roll Call

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d. R#12-2022 -Refuse Rates

A motion to approve R#12-2022 was made by Trustee Wright and seconded by Trustee Dorner
Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain	Burlingame-No	Warner-Yes
Dorner-Yes	Wright-Yes	

10. 1st Hearing of Visitors

Gary Denmon- comments re: the Memorial Day & Veterans Day events

Donna moody- thanked the Village Manager for his assistance with NYSEG coming back and cleaning up their mess on Mersereau Ave

George Fiedler- comments re: the Fitness Park and all its confusion, responsibility and placement

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

11. Approval of Minutes

VOE 5/2/22

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

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VOE 5/16/22

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

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Dorner-Yes	Wright-Yes	

12. Communications for Filing

- a. Town of Union Agenda & Minutes 5/18/2022 & Agenda 6/1/2022
- b. Charter Communications-Notice of Changes 5/27/2022
- c. Letters to the Mayor (3)

Rick Materese
Dept of Public Art
Brian P. Lalli

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

Roll Call

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Dorner-Yes	Wright-Yes	

A motion to enter Attorney Client Session at 7:50pm was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Dorner- All in favor

A motion to exit Attorney Client Session at 9:10pm was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Dorner- All in favor

13. Communications for Action

- a. St. Anthony Feast Day Procession- 6/12/2022, 12:30pm

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

Roll Call

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Dorner-Yes	Wright-Yes	

- b. Employee Handbook

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

Roll Call

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Dorner-Yes	Wright-Yes	

- c. Request from the VOE Parking Authority to authorize the Broome County Traffic Safety to perform studies at the following locations: **HELD OVER**

Watson Blvd/Robble Ave
Pine St/Oak Hill Ave
Wetherill St/Oak Hill Ave

- d. Request from the NYSDEC re: License to enter Property-Giant Hogweed Control Program

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

Roll Call

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Dorner-Yes	Wright-Yes	

- e MOU- Broome County Interoperable Communications system

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

Roll Call

15. Accounts Payable for Action**\$761,756.61**

GENERAL	\$232,318.77
LIGHT	\$39,031.48
WATER	\$337,914.92
WASTEWATER	\$83,813.80
CAPITAL	\$1,777.00
LIBRARY	\$64,470.73
PARKING	\$2,429.91
TRUST & AGENCY	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$761,756.61

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

Mayor Jackson- Abstain

Burlingame-Yes

Warner-Yes

Dorner-Yes

Wright-Yes

16. Unfinished Business- None**17. New Business****a. Video Conferencing Policy**

A motion to approve the Video Conferencing Policy was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain

Burlingame-Yes

Warner-Yes

Dorner-Yes

Wright-Yes

b. Water Meter Replacement Project- No Action taken**c. Village of Endicott Tree Policy**

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

18. 2nd Hearing of Visitors

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

19. Board Comments

20. Executive Session- None

21. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Mayor Jackson

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain

Burlingame-Yes

Warner-Yes

Dorner-Yes

Wright-Yes

VILLAGE OF ENDICOTT

A RESOLUTION R#09-2022 APPROVING LOCAL LAW #07-2022

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Endicott, held at the Municipal Building, 1009 E Main Street, Endicott, NY on the 6th day of June, 2022, the following resolution was offered and seconded:

WHEREAS, notice was given that the Village Board scheduled a public hearing for June 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for Local Law No. 07 of the Year 2022 entitled "A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND ALL ITS COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES TO USE VIDEOCONFERENCING TECHNOLOGY TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC MEETINGS"; and

WHEREAS, a notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Village and posted on the Village Clerk's signboard; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on the 6th day of June, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, it has been determined by the Village Board that adoption of the proposed Local Law constitutes a Type II Action as defined under 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(26) and (33).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Endicott hereby adopts said Local Law as Law No. 07 of the Year 2022 entitled "A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND ALL ITS COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES TO USE VIDEOCONFERENCING TECHNOLOGY TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC MEETINGS"; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk be and hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State; and it is further

RESOLVED that this resolution will take effect immediately upon filing with the Department of State.

CERTIFICATION

I, Anthony J. Bates, do hereby certify that I am the Village Manager of the Village of Endicott and that the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Village Board at a meeting thereof held via Zoom Video Conference on the 6th day of June, 2022. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

A motion to approve LL#07-2022 was made by Trustee Wright and seconded by Trustee Dorner
Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Trustee Warner- Yes
Trustee Dorner- Yes
Trustee Burlingame-Yes
Trustee Wright- Yes

This notice is given pursuant to a resolution of the Board Duly Adopted at a regular meeting thereof held
on the 6th day of June, 2022

Anthony J. Bates, Village Manager
Village of Endicott

**VILLAGE OF ENDICOTT
LOCAL LAW NO. 07 FOR THE YEAR 2022**

**A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND ALL
ITS COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES TO USE VIDEOCONFERENCING
TECHNOLOGY TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Be it enacted by the Village Board of the Village of Endicott as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to give the Village Board of Trustees, and all its committees and subcommittees, the authority to participate in meetings via videoconference in a manner consistent with the Village's videoconferencing policy and the authority granted in Public Officers Law § 103-a.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to Public Officers Law § 103-a which expressly authorizes the Village Board to adopt a local law giving the Village Board, and all committees and subcommittees of the Village of Endicott, the authority to participate in meetings via videoconference from locations not accessible to the public so long as a quorum of the applicable body participates from locations where the public may be physically present and other conditions are met.

Section 3. Videoconferencing for Public Meetings

The Village Board authorizes members of the Village Board, and all committees and subcommittees of the Village of Endicott, to participate in meetings using videoconferencing technology in a manner consistent with Public Officers Law § 103-a and the Village's videoconferencing policy adopted by the Village Board.

Section 4. Remainder

Except as hereinabove amended, the remainder of the Code of the Village of Endicott shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Severability

The provisions of this Local Law are severable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words, or parts of this local law or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this local law would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included therein, and as if such person or circumstance, to which the local law or part thereof is held inapplicable, had been specifically exempt therefrom.

Section 6. Effective Date

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RESOLUTION R#10-2022
Water Rates

WHEREAS, the Village of Endicott charges a Users Fee for Water usage for all residential and commercial residents that are on the Villages' water system, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Endicott will need to increase these rates to reflect the increasing costs of providing this service to its customers, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Endicott will increase these rates for all billings effective June 1, 2022 as follows on the attached rate schedule.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Ayes -4 Nays -0 Absent -0

Roll Call

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

This Resolution R#10 -2022 was adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Village of Endicott Board of Trustees held on June 6, 2022

Anthony J. Bates
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VILLAGE OF ENDICOTT
RESOLUTION R# 11-2022
Sewer Rates

WHEREAS, the Village of Endicott charges a Users Fee for Sewer (Waste Water) usage for all residential and commercial residents that are on the Villages' Sewer system, and

WHEREAS, the current Sewer usage fee is based on the amount of Water usage for each individual account, residential and commercial, and the Village needs to increase this charge to reflect the increasing costs of providing this service to its customers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Endicott will increase the Sewer Charge rate for all billings effective June 1, 2022 to \$3.78 per thousand gallons of Water usage.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Ayes -4 Nays -0 Absent -0

Roll Call

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**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A REFUSE FEE SCHEDULE
R#12-2022**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Endicott, held on the 6st day of June, 2022, the following resolution was offered and seconded:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 211-14 of the Village Code, the Refuse Fees for municipal refuse collection shall be set by resolution of the Village Board of Trustees; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Endicott hereby adopts the following Refuse Fee Schedule for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year:

REFUSE FEE SCHEDULE

PROPERTY TYPE	PICK-UPS PER WEEK	RECEPTACLE LIMIT UNDER SECTION 211-9.C	FEE
Residential	1	3 per living unit	\$115.00 per living unit every 6 months
Business	1	6 per unit	\$392.00 per unit every 6 months
Industrial (inc. apartments per unit)	1	3 per unit	\$23.00 per unit every 1 month
Industrial (inc. apartments per unit)	2	3 per unit	\$80.50 per unit every 1 month

OVER THE LIMIT REFUSE FEE

Fee for Exceeding the Receptacle Limit	\$81.50 per hour for employees (3) plus a flat fee of \$275 for truck and gas.
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Roll Call

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JANICE ORLANDO

From: LINDA JACKSON
Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 12:15 PM
To: JANICE ORLANDO
Subject: long version

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS, JUNE 6, 2022:

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