



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

Special Board Meeting April 25, 2022 6:00pm

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-thanked the Village Manager and all depts for working together to finalize the budget. Restaurant Week begins tomorrow and showed appreciation to all the linemen for restoring power to residents in a quick manner.

Wright-comments re: Huron Campus and asked to see the code citations that had been enforced. Dorner-

Warner-he read the following statement:

In November, 2021 the Endicott mayor gave the Endicott board an informational brochure about a fitness park that Town of Union could purchase with federal tax money and offer it to the Village of Endicott.

She included the brochure under "communications for Filing". The mayor gave the Endicott Board no further information until March, 2022 when she informed Board members she had told Town Of Union "yes, Endicott wants the fitness park. She also informed us that Town of Union had already purchased it and it would be installed on a Village parking lot behind Washington Avenue.

She had made all these decisions on her own without the knowledge or approval of the Endicott Board.

NYS law says “ the board of trustees of a village shall have management of village property”. For such a project to occur, the Endicott Board would have to take a formal vote to approve it and also approve its location.

The mayor had not informed the Endicott Board, had vastly overstepped her authority, and had violated NYS law.

Since she had never given the Board any information Trustee Ted Warner invited Town of Union board member, Sandy Bauman, to attend an Endicott Board meeting in March to give a presentation of what the fitness park was all about. The Endicott Board posed numerous questions about maintenance, warranties, safety, lighting, fencing, and liability issues which, up to that time, had never been addressed by the mayor acting alone.

At the subsequent Endicott Board meeting, the mayor committed to make create a list of other possible locations and would present the list at the following Board meeting two weeks later.

While the Board awaited her list, she went to the April 6, 2022 Town of Union Board meeting and, if their meeting minutes are accurate, during the Hearing of Visitors at that public meeting she lied to them and to the public. The minutes to their meeting say the following:

“ Village of Endicott Mayor Linda Jackson thanked the Town Board for the Fitness Court they gave to the Village last year. She said she sent the power point to her Board to review on November 11, 2021

and they are not interested in it. She said they are not going to be able to accept it and will have to return it back to the Town.

I and other Endicott Board members are embarrassed by her actions and apologize for the time and effort we have all had to expend due to her incompetence.

5. Village Manager–Nothing to report

6. Attorney for the Village–Nothing to report

7. Special Presentations- None

8. Public Hearings-None

9. Resolutions/Local Laws- None

10. 1st Hearing of Visitors

Sandy Bowman- Town of Union Councilwoman -Personally invited the Mayor and Board to their Arbor Day Celebration- Highland Park, 4/30-1:00pm-3:00pm

Shannon Sharpe- comments re: Arbor Day Celebration and will be making crafts. She checked out the corner on Madison and North. looking for a more suitable structure.

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

11. Approval of Minutes- None

12. Communications for Filing- None

13. Communications for Action

a. Approval of VOE Budget 2022-23

A motion to approve the VOE budget 2022-23 was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Dorner

Roll Call

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

b. Endicott Islamic Center Prayer Service- 5/1/2022 (9am-11am)

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

Roll Call

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

14. Bid(s)- None

15. Accounts Payable for Action

\$31,699.97

GENERAL	\$9,249.61
LIGHT	\$202.50
WATER	\$5,802.32
WASTEWATER	\$12,056.04
CAPITAL	\$0.00
LIBRARY	\$2,071.75
PARKING	\$0.00
TRUST & AGENCY	\$2,315.75
TOTAL	\$31,699.97

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

Roll Call

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Dorner-Yes Wright-Yes

16. Unfinished Business- None

17. New Business- None

18. 2nd Hearing of Visitors

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

19. Board Comments

Burlingame- thanked Councilwoman Bowman for the Arbor Day invite

Wright- stated he'd like to reopen the Fitness Park Issue. Trustee Warner asked Councilwoman Bowman where the Fitness Park stands right now. Mayor Jackson responded that they originally wanted it in the parking lot to go along with the DRI project. There were many stipulations and stated she needed to give the Town a yes or no at their meeting and had to say no due to a decision not being decided by the board. The board as a whole is interested in reopening this issue. The Mayor stated that the board members should speak Councilwoman Bowman and determine an option for the Fitness Park location.

Dorner- voice call was inaudible

20. Executive Session

Discussion regarding proposed, pending or current litigation

A motion to enter into executive session to discuss current tax reassessment was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

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Dorner-Yes	Wright-Yes	

21. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 7:50pm was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

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Dorner-Yes	Wright-Yes	

From: LINDA JACKSON
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 5:33 PM
To: JANICE ORLANDO
Subject: RE: hi

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS, APRIL 25, 2022

Explanation regarding our Village fire department.

A comment was made that if code does not have time to answer all code calls, why are we going to answer Maine fire calls? All municipalities belong to a mutual aid agreement. We must go to Maine on second alarm, same as all other areas. Maine is offering us \$1,000 to come less than five minutes earlier, on the first alarm, to confirmed house and barn fires and accidents. This is a great way for our Village to make money! This supplements the fire department budget.

Our code department has been sighting Huron and Maines. These buildings have been empty for the past three years. Now that Phoenix is owner, they will be demolishing all the buildings East of McKinley Avenue as well as the overpass. They have been discussing this with engineers, our code, and police about shutting down the street for demolition, and working with the utility companies because lines run through the tunnels from the IBM buildings on the north side of North Street to The McKinley and clock building on the south side of North Street. They already have plans to rebuild on this property, so it is in Phoenix's interest to hurry this demolition.

Since dilapidated buildings are not an aspect for re assessment concerns, our code department is not to blame. Anthony is better at explaining this situation. Also, Huron has lost a lot of office space tenants since COVID because people have found they can work from home and not have to pay for an office.

Code has many property owners in court now for violations. This is a time-consuming procedure, and many do not show up which slows down this process. Lock downs take a lot of 'points' and would not have made any difference in the Huron situation. These buildings were empty anyway!

It would have been more productive to go to talk to our Fire Marshal and code before criticizing them in public. Learning the history behind situations is critical.

New businesses will eventually lead to more tax revenue. In the meantime, we will have employees supporting our businesses and restaurants, living in apartments, buying houses, and supporting our gas stations, etc.

Any tax loss issue is frustrating. But, complaining about it is not productive, and will not change anything. Our residents are getting tired of all the negativity. We need to work on generating more revenue for the Village, as my secretary and I have been doing, and move forward. There are many opportunities if we look hard enough and work at it.

We lost \$300,000 a year when Taylor garbage had the fire. Klaw Industries glass recycling offered to help since 40% of our recycling is glass. But recycling was deleted from our Village manufacturing code in 2021. My secretary and I are continue to work with Klaw industries at their new building in Binghamton to see if we can still recap some of the lost revenue.

We have our fantastic volunteer base who are performing work that the Village does not have to hire done! Endicott Proud is a great supporter and a perfect example. Their beautification committee is again taking over many of the gardens and flower beds. They want to spray natural weed killer and trim in our Village parking lots! Also, the under pass on Nanticoke Avenue! This frees up our Street Department employees to work on other projects.

My secretaries' work with clean energy and grants is a big source of money saved. She is researching electric garbage trucks with grants. We need to address this now rather than wait until electric vehicles are mandated. Grants do not provide yearly income, but they save us from bonding on big ticket items and projects. Another source to assist the Village is Binghamton and Cornell Universities, the Agency, the Chamber of Commerce, and many business owners who have offered their time, knowledge, and connections to assist with grant applications. Again, anything that is expensive that we need to buy would have to be bonded for if we did not get grants to help with the cost.

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items the Town may help us find financing for. For further information, please contact my office.

Mr. Sculley from Claudia Tenney's office called me. They are working on a bill to financially support Fire departments, especially paid ones. They will be sending me more information on what this entails. I told Mr. Sculley to keep us on speed dial for any more information on helping us here in the Village!

I was invited to go to Binghamton University again this week. Senator Schumer was speaking. He is proposing his support for the grant application that Dr. Whittingham is applying for. We went from 600 applicants to 60. The top 20 receive \$100 million dollars to put a research lab at our Huron campus! And yes, I did ask for more ARPA fund money. I never pass up a chance to ask for money for the Village! We will see if we get anything though.

Our water board and water department are very busy. I am glad that our water department investigated the new plastic pipe and we are now using it in our projects. See the minutes for this meeting under letters for filing with the May 2nd agenda.

At the weekly Endicott Rotary meeting, Dr. Upreti was the speaker. Endicott and Imperium will be known for Global dominance in clean energy. He has completed his \$100 million dollar financing and is now applying for 1.3 billion dollars in financing for further manufacturing. He has 3 years' worth of orders to fill and is not taking any more orders at this time. He has the largest domestic giga manufacturing facility in America. I have a lot more information if anyone is interested.

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Andrew Giuliani is running as a Republican candidate for New York Governor. He and his father were in town for a campaign rally. I shared with them our rich history, and what our future is looking like. They were impressed with the number of jobs we now have coming to Endicott. While I agreed we need to open our

pipeline and I personally need gasoline for my vehicles, I also see the future of electricity, solar, wind, and hydro power playing a bigger role. I was impressed Mr. Giuliani had actual plans on how he would help the people of New York State and not just generic promises. If he wins the Republican nomination, and then governor, I expect to have many more conversations on how I would like him to assist our Village with grants, projects, and clean energy. As well as working with all residents regardless of political party.

I want to thank the great electric workers who heled us with this vast electric outage. They went from 40 to 400 to 800, and then more, linemen from all over this state and adjoining states! I appreciate all the assistance the County and NYSEG gave us with dry ice, water, shelter, etc. I also want to thank our media for keeping everyone informed of this situation and help available. It shows what we can accomplish when we all work together.

I have come up with a way for people who want to discuss concerns or ideas with me in person. I will start having office hours one evening a week if people would like to stop in and chat in person. Since I have been mayor, I have seen an increasing number of people who stop in to visit during the day. I want to extend this courtesy to people who work and cannot come in during the day. I will post more when I have an evening schedule worked out.

From: JANICE ORLANDO <assttreas@endicottny.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 4:58 PM

To: LINDA JACKSON <VOEMAYOR@endicottny.com>; Linda Jackson <lindaj.1951.lj@gmail.com>

Subject: hi

I'll take your announcements for 4/25 when ready. I'm staying late again and just finishing up with this meeting 😊



*Janice Orlando
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Village of Endicott*