

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**

**February 20, 2023**

**6:00pm**

**Order of Business**

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

**2. Fire and ADA Compliance Announcement**

**3. Mayor Announcements**

My secretary attended a Chamber of Commerce breakfast on ‘Building the Community’. Many businesses are leaving New York state.

I belong to a group from the church that is closing on McKinley Avenue. We are progressing in plans for a day care for infants to preschool.

Anthony and I met with the police union. We are very close to a contract. We also discussed this police reform and discovery issue. Some changes are being implemented now, then we will see what else needs to be addressed.

Had a meeting with the parking committee.

Have a message on the Village site for people to fill positions on the Light Commission, and Planning and Zoning alternates.

Received a call from Binghamton University. There is a startup company looking to come to our industrial campus. They will be a sub-contractor for iM3 working on sub-assemblies used in the power conversion systems. Binghamton University and the state will be making more announcements in the near future.

Attended a meeting at NYSEG. Explained a lot of causes for electric outages. Most are related to downed trees and limbs.  They are working on a timelier trimming schedule to prevent this problem. NYSEG also offered to provide volunteers for community projects! They are very interested in being part of the community.

Met with M&T bank president, Peter Newman. He and his staff are very concerned about safety on the Avenue.  The bank is hiring a second security guard to patrol the outside of the bank.

There is a lot of movement of property purchases on the Avenue and throughout Endicott. With so much going on in our Industrial campus, we are looking towards a very bright future.

Had a water board meeting. We should be purchasing the property soon. Minutes of this meeting will be filed and then online soon.

Met with French exchange students visiting Union Endicott High School.

Went to the Town of Union meeting. There was a man there talking about solar panels for the former BAE site in Westover. After the meeting, I talked to him about the possibility of having some here at the wastewater plant.  Also, NYSEG mentioned they will help with research on the benefit of having solar panels.

I attended a meeting at the Culinary Institute hosted by the Leadership Alliance. This is in connection with the Chamber of Commerce and the IDA. New York state Department of Transportation Commissioner, Marie Therese Dominguez presented the budget overview with many more details and answered questions. One of my main interests is the 52 million dollars reported to assist the district attorney with the new police reform and discovery laws. I asked if there is a plan to hire more district attorneys to handle this extreme rise in workload. I was told this was a possibility. I still want to schedule a mating with our DA, the president of the DA association, our police chief, and Assemblywoman Lupardo. I am sure Assemblywoman Lupardo can go into even more detail on what is proposed, and we can discuss what else we need.

**4. Trustees**

**Burlingame**-asked in the parking committee spoke of Jenkins St. Asked for an update re: Health Care Bonus Application. Manager Bates stated there is an error message on the application that they are trying to get past. He mentioned there is a SAFER grant available and stated the Fire dept would like to apply for this grant to allow them to have a total of 6 firefighters per shift/platoon. The deadline to apply is 3/17/2023. Mayor Jackson spoke of negotiations with Phoenix regarding support of the Fire dept. She will reach out to them again.

A motion to add an action item 13c to tonight’s board meeting re: an alternate to the Zoning board was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright-Yes

**Wright**-he asked the name of the company that is going to sub for IM3, Mayor Jackson stated she did not have the name with her but she will get it for him. He spoke with M&T employees on Washington Ave. who have been concerned for their safety, M&T has since hired more security. He spoke with Fire Marshal Botsford in regards to the burned building on the Avenue, near North St. and the building has recently sold. Spent some time with Jeff Cheney of VOE Water dept. and would like to spend more time re-evaluating our water rates. There is concern from the heads of the water department as well as employees of the water department.re: the water main coming down Taft Ave. Mayor Jackson was curious as to why this was not mention at the water board meeting. She stated that all the new water meters should be placed by June of this year. Trustee Wright scoped out the Avenue to possibly find another location for Art Park.

**Dorner**-Apologized for arriving a little late this evening. Spoke about the concerns of St. Ambrose parishioners. He informed all that St. Anthony’s is planning their annual Feast Days in June.

**Warner**- spoke of the First United Methodist Church on McKinley Ave. that is closing. The church gifted a beautiful stained glass window to the Museum on Washington Ave. He spoke of some history about George F Johnson and how Endicott originally came about.

**5. Village Manager**

Stated that the Art Park is on hold for now due to being informed of another potential project in the area. He will keep everyone informed over the next few months. Spoke of the Downtown Fund that was established for $600,000.00 fund. It will be administered by the Village and we will look to hire consultants to assist us. It is more for property owners for interior/exterior renovations to their buildings in which they can applyfor funds. There will be a local match to be established later. He has been working with the VOE water and wastewater departments on some projects. Met with 2 County legislatures and was informed of the Small community Grant that is now available. This would be for a comprehensive study in the Union District. The application is due by March 1, 2023.

**6. Attorney for the Village**

Comments re: a request for new parking laws from the Parking Committee. Mayor Jackson asked about the parking on Rogers Ave. The law was actually repealed in 2014 so the signs are being placed back up.

**7. Special Presentations- None**

**8. Public Hearings- None**

**9. Resolutions/Local Laws- None**

**10. 1st Hearing of Visitors**

Valdi Weiderpass -Comments re: Tree City USA

Carol Layton, 123 Wilson Ave- complaints about the agenda not being placed on the website.

(from Janice-This actually was emailed to our social media on the Friday before the meeting at 4:30pm, normally later than usual but we had an issue with the 2nd set of accts payables. I apologize for the inconvenience.) I did question this on Monday with them and they told me there could have been a delay on updating the website. Comments re: the Art Park

Mark Ponzi- comments related to his taking of Village blight photos

Terri Farrell, 404 Hazel Ave.- comments re: Tree City USA

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

**11. Approval of Minutes- None**

**12. Communications for Filing**

a. St. Ambrose Petitions re: The Endicott Art Park

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

**13. Communications for Action**

a. Planning Board Alternate- Mark Ponzi

A motion to approve Mark Ponzi, as a Planning Board Alternate with a term through 12/31/23 was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Wright

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright-Yes

b. Tri-Cities Airport- Capital Project Agreement- **NO ACTION**

**c.** Zoning Board Alternate- James Broom

A motion to approve James Broom, as a Zoning Board Alternate with a term through 12/31/23 was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright-Yes

A motion to add the Small Community Grant Fund to tonight’s agenda under action was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright-Yes

d. Small Community Grant Fund

A motion to apply for the application Small Community Grant was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright-Yes

**14. Bid(s)**

A request by Chief Operator, Kevin Pero, to award the bid for the Pheasant Water Tank Inside Coating to Procure in the amount of $ 148,350.00

The following bids were received:

Procure $148,350.00

Amstar $282,000.00

Pittsburg Tank & Tower $315,000.00

World Wide $248,700.00

Atlas $440,000.00

Utility Services $322,300.00

A motion to award the bid to Procure for the Pheasant Water Tank Inside Coating in the amount of $148,350.00 was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner-Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright-No

**15. Accounts Payable for Action 2/6/2023 $826,338.01**

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| **GENERAL** | **$258,592.92** |
| **LIGHT** | **$12,542.35** |
| **WATER** | **$134,954.29** |
| **WASTEWATER** | **$141,369.61** |
| **CAPITAL** | **$267,524.59** |
| **LIBRARY** | **$9,769.44** |
| **PARKING** | **$1,584.81** |
| **TRUST & AGENCY** | **$0.00** |
| **TOTAL** | **$826,338.01** |

A motion to approve the 2/6/23 accounts payables was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Wright

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright-Yes

**15a. Accounts Payable for Action 2/20/2023 $471,361.51**

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| **GENERAL** | **$139,989.90** |
| **LIGHT** | **$177,772.05** |
| **WATER** | **$70,812.05** |
| **WASTEWATER** | **$45,573.89** |
| **CAPITAL** | **$0.00** |
| **LIBRARY** | **$37,213.62** |
| **PARKING** | **$0.00** |
| **TRUST & AGENCY** | **$0.00** |
| **TOTAL** | **$471,361.51** |

A motion to approve the 2/20/23 accounts payables was made by Trustee Burlingame 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**

Carol Layton- commented that she is in agreement with Mark Ponzi’s comments re: dilapidated areas in the Village

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

**19. Board Comments**

**Burlingame**-spoke of the relocation of the Art Park.

A motion to allow the VOE Fire department to apply for (2) candidates for the SAFER Grant was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright-Yes

**Wright**- comments re: Code Enforcement

**20. Executive Session- None**

**21. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn at 8:34pm was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Wright

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner- Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright-Yes