

# Village of Endicott

A Quality Community

Linda Jackson, Mayor Eileen Konecny, Deputy Mayor R. Ted Warner, Trustee Patrick Dorner, Trustee Nicholas Burlingame, Trustee Anthony Bates, Village Manager Robert McKertich, Attorney for the Village

# Board Meeting October 18, 2021

#### **Order of Business**

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

#### 2. Fire and ADA Compliance Announcement

#### 3. Mayor 1<sup>st</sup> Comments

We want to welcome Phoenix Investors as the new owners of the former Huron Campus. Phoenix is a nationally owned industrial real estate company who owns property in 28 states and occupies 46 million square feet of industrial space. They could have gone anywhere in the United States, yet they choose to make a large investment in Endicott. After taking a tour of the decaying buildings from McKinley Avenue and East last week, and seeing all the damage, it will have to be determined if any of those buildings can be saved.

We had a visit from the executives of Ubiquity solar works. We discussed where to find employees and how to include the high school classes in gaining interest in the company for future employment.

These things do not happen overnight. This company has been discussing coming to Endicott since before the pandemic. We want to thank Huron President, Chris Pelto, for not giving up on us. We greatly appreciate the ESD for giving us another chance and aiding the solar company to choose Endicott. These businesses are the essential backbone for our economy!

Had a meeting at the police station about security cameras. We need some for the Avenue, parking lots, and alleys. To go along with the cameras, much better lighting is also planned. We had an arbor tree event at the library. Now we can become a tree city USA.

Housing Visions has now opened their apartment complex on Jackson Avenue, Endicott Square. We applied for a DRI ten-million-dollar grant. We were able to make a new video to include all the progress that has transpired in the last two years. We hope to hear soon if we won. Update on Washington Avenue project. At our DRI presentation, they wanted to make sure we made every effort to include the Village residents in our plans. We explained our media

presentation and the drawings in the rotunda. Talked to the Department of Transportation about a new sign on route 26 south coming into the Village. One like the stone arch in Johnson City would be nice. Received the minutes from the

latest airport committee meeting. One idea is a sports club of America motocross at the old

runway. We already have a flight school. Now we will have our new owner of Hurons private jets coming into our airport!

We will now have a new camera system to record our board meetings. Hopefully this will be the same as what the Town of Union is doing.

The latest mural is done in Johnson City. The artist, J is from Austin Texas. The mural is three of our local jazz musicians.

"I love it when a plan comes together!"

## 4. Trustees 1<sup>st</sup> Comments

**Dorner-** attended a meeting with Ubiquity Solar, felt it was very informative. He met with Chris Pelto of Huron and thanked him for handling the noise situation and for attending our past meeting. He spoke to him re: clock tower building (IBM tower). He stated he received a call today from Senator Tenney's office but has not yet returned the call.

**Warner-** Spoke of the DRI Grant. Received a call from a resident re: leaking water behind Rogers Market but believes the VOE Street dept has taken care of this issue. Spoke of Ubiquity Solar and attended their private meeting.

Spoke of all the projects coming up in the Village:

Phoenix Investors (purchased Huron)

Ubiquity Solar

Imperium3

SEPP, Inc- Senior Housing Units

Project for Housing/businesses in the vacant lot next to Endicott Florist

Byrne Dairy

Altura Project

Endicott Square

Stated he is very happy to hear about the cameras to be placed on the Avenue.

**Burlingame**-he met with a panel of small business owners, spoke of their challenges, concerns and positive outlook for Endicott. Scarousel at the GWJ Park will be the weekend of 10/29. Homecoming Parade was a success. Spoke of replacing the trees on South St. He also attended the meeting with Ubiquity Solar. He asked if there was an update with the Labor Ready garbage workers. Village Manager Bates stated it has become a little better since the summer but there still are days of shortages. He had a tour of the IBM bldg. #32, stated this building is truly remarkable. Complimented the Mayor and those that worked on the DRI video, felt it was an excellent representation of Endicott. Mayor Jackson stated that in re: South St trees, she would possibly like to make that part of the PILOT program once the money is received from the Tree City USA.

## 5. Village Manager Report

Attended the meeting with Ubiquity Solar, spoke of the DRI Grant and how extensive the application and presentation is. Continues to work on the Washington Ave Project. Trustee Dorner asked what the criteria was to receive this grant. Village Manager responded that the idea was to find a community that had current momentum and they needed an additional funding to bring them over the top and complete their revitalization goal.

#### 6. Attorney for the Village Report

Spoke of the necessary revisions to amend the Public Nuisance law. All were on board for Attorney McKertich to make these changes.

# 7. Special Presentations- None

# 8. Public Hearings- None

# 9. Resolutions/Local Laws- None

## 10. 1<sup>st</sup> Hearing of Visitors

Chris , 416 W. Main St- spoke of the necessary awareness re: the Spotted Lantern Fly/Tree City USA- here in the North East

Terri Farrell, 404 Hazel Ave- spoke of the Arbor Day Event and felt it was very successful. Moving forward, they would like to try and collaborate with the Town of Union. She noted there was appears to be some new growth on South St. She attended a meeting with Ubiquity. Christine Ellison- comments re: Phoenix Industries and if the buildings are not salvagable, will they be torn down? Comments re: the Spotted Lantern Fly

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

# **11. Approval of Minutes**

a. VOE 9/20/2021- Held Over from 10/4/2021 and 10/18/21- Action was not taken for the 9/20/21 meeting

b. VOE 10/4/2021

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

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

## **12.** Communications for Filing

a.Town of Union Board Meetings 9/15, 10/6 and Special Meeting/Agenda 10/1/2021

b. GFJ Library Appointment Notice

c. Notice from the Department of Public Service re: Broadband Connectivity

d. Notice from NYSDEC- VOE Floodwall Graffiti Removal

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

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

#### **13.** Communications for Action

a. Endicott Holiday Parade Permit- 12/4/2021 A motion to approve the Endicott Holiday Parade was made by Trustee Konecny and seconded by Trustee Burlingame Roll Call Mayor Jackson- Abstain Warner-Yes Burlingame-Yes

 b. Downtown Endicott Communication Study- cameras for the Avenue parking lots
A motion to approve the Downtown Endicott Communication Study Integrated Systems for \$15,000.00 was made by Trustee Konecny and seconded by Trustee Warner
Roll Call

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

c. Federal Financial Assistance Agreement- Tri-Cities Airport

A motion to approve disadvantaged business enterprise program was made by Trustee Konecny and seconded by Trustee Burlingame

Roll Call

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

#### d. UVES Letter of Support Request- Held Over (Burlingame)

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

\$581,372.44
\$150,913.51
\$48,799.61
\$113,115.91
\$65,205.59
\$196,708.41
\$4,209.56
\$94.36
\$2,325.49
\$581,372.44

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

Mayor Jackson- Abstain	Konecny-Yes	Dorner-Yes
Warner-Yes	Burlingame-Yes	
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#### 16. Unfinished Business- None

## 17. New Business- None

#### 18. 2nd Hearing of Visitors

Chris - spoke of being interested in the Intern position re: Clean Energy As no one else wished to speak, Mayor Jackson closed the 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing of visitors

# 19. Mayor 2<sup>nd</sup> Comments- None

#### 20. Trustees 2nd Comments- None

#### **21. Executive Session- None**

#### 22. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 7:15pm was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Konecny

# Roll Call

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