

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**

**December 19, 2022**

**6:00pm**

**Order of Business**

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

**2. Fire and ADA Compliance Announcement**

**3. Mayor Announcements**

Attended iM3NY’s town hall. Imperium intends to take over all of the empty Phoenix buildings, and then go beyond. The batteries will last 20 years, and then the plan on rejuvenating them to last longer! The cells can be arranged to make cell packs for any application.

Had a meeting with a battery storage group from Binghamton University.

We are aware that now that the first overpass is down, we must make it clear to trucks about the second overpass.

At the Town meeting, I met the two new council men and met with the supervisor elect – Rob Mack. We will be getting together after the new year on some projects we are discussing. The Town also approved $25,100 for professional services for the street project on the 300 block of North Adams and Jenkins Street to Pine Street, $70,000 for the Little Italy Heritage Center, and $250,000 for the community center pool and other community areas.

The music in the rotunda went very well and was attended by many.

My code committee works with General code when researching local laws.

We had to reference other states for the cannabis law since New York had no local law yet.

Contacts are very important to get things done. Harris Weiss is now taking over for Carley Norton as Reginal representative for our Governor.

Attended an event at Binghamton University on batteries and workforce plans. We need many workers with all these new jobs.

After that event, a few of us ventured to Dr. Harvey Stenger’s home for a party. While there I was able to network with many people on assisting us in the Village on projects. I am finding out how important networking can be!

Met with the police union over their contract. With so many seasoned officers leaving, and not able to attract replacements, I plan on having a special work session with the Trustees over this issue and ideas of how to help in the new year. More information to follow later.

**4. Trustees**

Burlingame- he thanked the VOE Street dept for cleaning up the streets after the snow. He commented on the water increase from Johnson City as well as stating we need a new water well. The Mayor stated we should renegotiate our agreement with the Town of Vestal as well.

He touched base on the truck routes , just because the overpass is down on McKinley, they cannot drive on McKinley and stated a new sign should be placed here.

A motion to add an email from Doug Courtright re: water updates to filing was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner.

Wright- wished all a Merry Christmas

Dorner-happy to see the overpass has been removed. Commented on the Holiday Concert here at the Municipal building and stated it was very nice. Suggested maybe doing it the same night as the parade next year? Attended the Imperium3 meeting. Commended the street dept for their efforts on the Northside after the storm.

Warner-I’d like to say I’ve watched Endicott government since 1997 - 25 years. I’ve seen a lot of different VOE boards, VOE officials, and VOE employees. There are a couple of areas I’d like to give recognition where recognition is due.

1. First is to the visitors who attend our meetings, either in-person in the board room or by Zoom. Endicott has 13,000 residents who don’t attend these board meetings and you are the ones who actually represent them and their interests. And that’s important. By being here, you make us realize that what we do is being watched. That’s a very good thing for our board or any governmental board. Thanks for being interested, for caring about the village, and for attending. It’s great to have you at our meetings
2. Second – I’d like to recognize our Board of Trustees. From my opinion we have an extremely excellent board. I’ve never seen any board that can match it.

We have something that other government bodies or municipalities could only dream of.

We have 4 board members (80% of our entire board) who own, or have owned, their own successful business. Nick Burlingame, Tim Wright, and Pat Dorner all own their own businesses. I’m older than them so I don’t have one now but I’ve started and run 4 or 5 businesses over the years. Business owners are great members to have on government boards because, in their business, they have learned how to manage money, how to negotiate for the best deals, and how to perform good decision-making.

As a business owner you have your own money on the line and you learn very quickly. When you make a decision where you lose $500 or you gain $500 – that is a lesson learned within minutes. Business owners bring those lessons and those skills to the service of the village. We’re very lucky to have a board like we have.

1. Third I’d like to make a couple comments, observations about Mr. McKertich who is the Attorney for the Village. Bob is extremely knowledgeable in all operations of village government. Two very Important areas of Village operations are Zoning & Planning. And Bob actually teaches classes in both these areas. His lives here and his kids go to UE schools. He only operates one way, which is by the book. There’s no cutting corners, or bending the rules. And that’s exactly how it should be. Sometimes you don’t find that in Village government. I’ve never seen him offer his personal opinion on village issues – it is always a legal opinion. One example of his value that others see: In past couple years an owner of a large company considered moving to VOE. Of course, he and the company looked at VOE before committing. He actually told us he had researched who we had for our attorney and that he was very impressed. The end result - his company did open up in Endicott. So, thank you Bob for all your principals you go by and for all your expertise.
2. In conclusion I have a couple comments about Anthony Bates, our Village Manager.

What can we say about Anthony Bates? Here’s one thing-- “The village of Endicott operates - because of Anthony Bates. ”Anthony is intimately involved in everything and anything the Village does. Board members rely on him all the time, every week.

One thing you hear all the time is:“I don’t know the answer to that, but -----ask Anthony”

In addition, he has brought literally millions of dollars to Endicott in the way of many Town, County, State, and Federal grants. I’ve never seen him loose his cool --- like some of us have done - on rare occasion (joke).

He’s frugal. He graduated from UE High School. He lives here. He’s frugal - Oh, I already said that. So Thank you Anthony. You are definitely the best right person we could ask for.

1. For those who I did not recognize - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**5. Village Manager**

Attended a few committee meetings as well as the DEC and PBA.

**6. Attorney for the Village**

**7. Special Presentations**

Stephanie Brewer, Broome County Planning Dept-Endicott Art Park Presentation

**8. Public Hearings (next R# is 43)**

Public Comment re:

1. LL# -2022 Amending the Zoning Code re: Cannabis Retail Sales

Alberta Gazda-Fiori-comments re: Cannabis

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

**9. Resolutions/Local Laws (next LL# is 17)**

a. SEQR parts 1-3- Cannibus law- Held Over

b. R# -2022 to approve LL# -2022- Amending the Zoning Code re: Cannabis Retail Sales- No Action taken per the Attorney to the Village

**10. 1st Hearing of Visitors**

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

**11. Approval of Minutes**

VOE 12/5/2022

A motion to approve the minutes for 12/5/2022 was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Dorner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner-Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright-Yes

**12. Communications for Filing**

a. New Library Appointment

b. Letter from the Village of Johnson City re: IMA rate increase

c. Email from Doug Courtright re: the water board

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

**13. Communications for Action**

a. EPD Training Equipment Grant

A motion to accept the grant for the EPD training equipment in the amount of $150,000.00 was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner-Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright-Yes

b.Consent Order-Union Force Main Sanitary Sewer Overflow

A motion to accept the terms and sign the consent order R7-2022-0818-57 re: Union Force Main Sanitary Sewer Overflow was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner-Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright-Yes

c. Provisional Position- Accountant, Connie Palmer

A motion to provisionally approve Connie Palmer, Accountant with an annual salary of $60,000.00 was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner-Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright-Yes

d. Provisional Position- Principal Account Clerk, Suzie Takas

A motion to provisionally approve Suzie Takas as Principal Account Clerk with an annual salary of $52,925.00 was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner-Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright-Yes

e.Provisional Position- Senior Clerk, Jennifer Slater

A motion to provisionally approve Jennifer Slater as Account Clerk with a pay rate of $18.66/hrly was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner-Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright-Yes

f. Offer to Supply Temporary Associates

A motion to accept the PeopleReady offer to supply temporary associates effective 1/1/2023 through 12/31/2023 was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner-Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright-Yes

g. McFarland Johnson RFQ Acceptance

A motion to accept McFarland Johnson’s RFQ for Engineering Services was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Dorner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner-Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright-Yes

h. Blanding- Change Order #3

A motion to accept change order #3 to Blanding Electric for anaerobic digester upgrades for the Solids Handling Project increasing by $1,104.37 and bringing the total contract price including this change order to $329,471.10 was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner-Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright-Yes

i.Request for Professional Services Agreement with Arcadis for Updating Local Limits for Industrial Pretreatment Program- Philip Grayson

A motion to accept the Professional Services with Arcadis for Updating Local Limits for Industrial Pretreatment Program in the amount of $28,000.00 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)**

Rebid of Liquid Chlorine, bid date is 12/15/2022

1. A request from Chief Operator Kevin Pero is to award the Chlorine bid to JCI Jones in the amount of $235/cyl to service the Village chemical needs for the year 2023

The following bids were received on 11/15/2022 @ 2:00pm

Slack- $429/cyl

Amrex- $427/cyl

JCI Jones- $235/cyl

A motion to award the chloring bid to JCI Jones in the amount of $235/cyl was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Wright

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner-Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright-Yes

**15. Accounts Payable for Action $850,432.91**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **GENERAL** | **$242,219.68** |
| **LIGHT** | **$205,496.23** |
| **WATER** | **$52,583.02** |
| **WASTEWATER** | **$114,769.33** |
| **CAPITAL** | **$218,492.90** |
| **LIBRARY** | **$16,871.75** |
| **PARKING** | **$0.00** |
| **TRUST & AGENCY** | **$0.00** |
| **TOTAL** | **$850,432.91** |

A motion to approve the 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**

a. R#43 -2022- to approve design plans for the Washington Ave Streetscapes and Ideal Alley Improvements Project designed by Delta Engineers that is dated 12/2022 and was emailed to the Village board 12/16/2022 at 4:20pm by Village Manager Anthony Bates

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

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- No Burlingame-Yes Warner-Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright-Yes

WASHINGTON AVENUE REVITALIZATION

DESIGN FEATURES FOR

Washington Avenue, Ideal Alley, & NE Parking Lot

***\*\* Read by Trustee R Ted Warner at the 12/19/2022 VOE Board meeting immediately prior to the board’s vote approving the full design features as proposed by the 18-member Avenue Revitalization Committee after two years of meetings and research. The VOE board approved the design features package below by a vote of 4-1.***

**WASHINGTON AVENUE from North St to Main St**

Two “half-arches” at each end of Avenue - saying “The Avenue” ( Currently only 1 at ea. end is in the budget)

One half arch at SE corner of McKinley Ave and Monroe St with left arrow saying “To Avenue”

Remove stop lights on Washington Ave at Monroe St & Broad St

Replace those stop lights with 4-way stop signs

20’ long, 6” high, grass, curbed medians near north and south ends of Avenue

Bike lane on west side of Ave from North St to Main Street

Stamped concrete to replace existing bricks between the sidewalk and Avenue

Repaving of blacktop on street

Colored blacktop strip down center of Avenue

63 Lamp posts 14’ high Approx. 50’ apart

Outlet at top & bottom of each lamp post - 2 plug-ins per outlet

Lamp posts on Monroe St between the Avenue and the alley

2 unassigned electrical conduits to be installed on each side of the Avenue for future needs

Benches: Permanent built-in benches at north & south ends of numerous small greenspace areas all along Avenue

Benches will face north and south and will help keep dogs off greenspace

Benches Additional random bench locations

Trash cans Total number to be determined

Trees, shrubs, landscaping

**East. Alley, Patio/Plaza, Parking lot from North St to Monroe St**

Alley has a curve

Parking lot has a curve

Patio/Plaza of stamped concrete with curb behind M&T Bank & approximately 10 stores

Repaving of alley & parking lot

Sidewalk along backs of stores between store buildings and alley from North St to Monroe St

Areas for trash dumpsters and grease dumpsters

Rainwater retention areas per DEC

23 lamp posts

Benches number to be determined

Tables number to be determined

Trash cans number to be determined

Two paved and curbed “driveways” for access to backs of Angeline’s & Frank’s stores

Trees, shrubs, landscaping

Gazebo Currently not figured into the plan’s budget

Mayor Jackson added that there were no committee meetings in 2022, and the businesses quit the committee.

**17. New Business**

Discuss a date for the first January Board Meeting/Reorganizational Meeting 2023

A motion to cancel the 1/2/2023 board meeting/reorg meeting and re-schedule to 1/5/2023 at 6:00pm was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Wright

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**

Burlingame- thanked everyone for a great year, felt a lot of progress has been made

Wright- asked Anthony about a generator being rented by the water dept.

Dorner-wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a pleasure working with everyone

Warner- wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a pleasure working with everyone

**20. Executive Session-None**

**21. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn at 754pm was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Mayor Jackson

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain Burlingame-Yes Warner-Yes

Dorner- Yes Wright-Yes