



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- Absent

Board Meeting May 2, 2022

Order of Business

1. Pledge of Allegiance – Moment of Silence

2. Fire and ADA Compliance Announcement

3. Mayor Announcements

I want to thank our Village Attorney and Trustee Wright for joining me and some residents in the board room tonight.

Because Trustee Wright is the only Trustee in the Board room, I am appointing him my deputy mayor for tonight’s meeting. I can see him in person and signal to him.

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4. Trustees

Wright- tried to get in touch with Sandy Baumann re: the Fitness Park. Commented on possibly relocating this park.

Burlingame-attended the DRI public meeting on Wednesday night. He kicked off Restaurant Week by enjoying dinner at Oaks Inn. There was some graffiti damage at the stage, the street dept is working on cleaning this up. Comments re: electric buses & vehicles and concerns re: retail costs. He spoke of the fallen light pole on McKinley and asked if they could send a joint letter to the Town to have it removed.

Dorner-thank you to the Dept heads, trustees and the Village Manager for keeping the VOE under the tax cap. He spoke with Bill Walsh in re: to a new well in the Village.

Warner-thanked the Village Manager for his efforts on the budget. Comments re: the Mayor's change in Deputy Mayor for tonight's meeting. Attorney McKertich explained that although it is the Mayor's responsibility to fill the Deputy Mayor for this evening, she did announce at the last meeting that it was someone else. Mayor Jackson responded this is based on opinions only that she must have only one Deputy Mayor. She needed someone physically at the board meeting to help with the meeting. If board members wanted to fix this problem, she suggested coming in to work.

In regards to the fitness court. Mayor Jackson reread her announcements for November 15th in which she had discussed the power point. She felt the board did not take any initiative at that time to do any research. She then contacted Sandy Baumann during the meeting to confirm the board needed to make the decision to decide on the location of the fitness court.

A motion to add the Fitness Park to tonight's agenda was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain

Burlingame-Yes

Warner-Yes

Dorner-Yes

Wright-Yes

5. Village Manager-None

6. Attorney for the Village – stated the Meal Reimbursement Policy will be added to the next meeting. He is also going to prepare the Local Law to authorize continued remote meetings and under this law, board members will be able to participate remotely under extraordinary circumstances which they will need to define what these extraordinary circumstances are. He is also working on a Fire Contract with the Maine Fire District. He clarified that this contract is NOT with the Town of Maine, it is with the Maine Fire District. He commented on meetings with the Village Manager and the Fire Marshal in regards to economic development and they have identified a couple of areas in the Code where they feel some changes can be made to help accommodate economic development. This would involve re-zoning a few areas. He expects to present some documentation over the next few weeks. He stated he does not have any direction re: the Cannabis Law. Trustee Warner asked if we had already locked in for a dispensary and retail? Attorney McKertich responded that we did not opt out which means there could be both retail sale and on sight consumption sale within the Village. The question now is do we want to regulate it by zoning. There was much discussion between the board and Attorney McKertich should have more information to them by the next meeting.

7. Special Presentations- None

8. Public Hearings- None

9. Resolutions/Local Laws- None

10. 1st Hearing of Visitors

Name not given- Comments re: Halloween Block Party (on the Avenue), paperwork was emailed and handed out to the board. The Mayor suggested sending information to our Attorney but any authorization would be from the board. He noted that the deadline is a week away for the Village to apply for the grant.

Christine Ellison-asked if there any updates on the tax reduction with Phoenix. Attorney McKertich stated this issue is currently in litigation and being handled through the Town of Union which is the assessing authority. He stated the information we do have was presented in a confidential manner and would not be appropriate to discuss it.

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

11. Approval of Minutes

a. VOE 4/4/2022

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

Roll Call

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

b. VOE 4/18/2022

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

Roll Call

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Dorner-Yes Wright-Yes

c. VOE Special Meeting 4/25/2022

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

Roll Call

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Dorner-Yes	Wright-Yes	

12. Communications for Filing

a. Town of Union Meeting 4/20/2022

b. Letters/email (2) of gratitude received by the Mayor re: VOE Street dept & VOE Light dept

c. News Release & email from Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo & Doug Courtright

d. Notice of Resignation EPD dept-- PO J. Quinn

A motion to approve all filing was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Dorner

Roll Call

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

13. Communications for Action

a. Park Tech Position- No action taken at this time

b. New Liquor License Application, La Isla Restaurant, 1100 North St., Endicott (approved through CPTED 4/26/2022)

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

Roll Call

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Dorner-Yes	Wright-Yes	

14. Bid(s)

A request from Airport Manager, Gerard Corprew & McFarland Johnson to award the Snow Removal Equipment Bid Award to Five Star Equipment, Inc in the amount of \$239,264.82 with a 5% Village share of \$11,963.24

A motion to award the bid to Five Star Equipment, Inc was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

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15. Accounts Payable for Action	\$257,759.02
GENERAL	\$128,520.64
LIGHT	\$11,305.76
WATER	\$35,811.98
WASTEWATER	\$61,734.44
CAPITAL	\$3,039.50
LIBRARY	\$16768.58
PARKING	\$578.12
TRUST & AGENCY	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$257,759.02

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

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Wright-Yes

16. Unfinished Business

a. Fitness Park

Trustee Warner stated the board had not been given any information and the Mayor reiterated that this item was on the November agenda and there are false accusations being thrown out. She read her Mayor's announcements for the November 15th meeting minutes where she also explained the power point that she given them. She stated no one took any initiative to do the research. She called Sandy Bauman during the meeting to prove they had to make the decision to decide where the fitness court would go if they wanted it. Trustee Wright is pursuing an extension from the Town of Union.

17. New Business

a. Zoning District Amendments- Fire Marshal Botsford

b. Mayor Jackson asked the board if they would like her to ask the EPD for an estimate on cameras and lighting for the Park. The board agreed to this. She also told the board that Dr. Upreti has offered the Village such gifts such as hand sanitizer, electrostatic sprayer, liners etc. There is so much that we could offer to residents and possibly other municipalities. Trustee Burlingame was concerned about expiration dates and disposal costs and asked if we could donate to food banks, etc.

18. 2nd Hearing of Visitors

Shannon Sharpe-Concerns re: Kmart Plaza and the Fitness Park

George Fiedler-Comments re: Art Park, asked for information to be sent out to the public.

Comments re: the Fitness Park and asked for references and rules, who pays for the application, etc.

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

19. Board Comments

Wright- gave a status on truck classes re: chassis/delivery

Burlingame- comments re: the Fitness Park

Dorner-echoed Trustee Burlingame's comments re: being in favor of the Fitness Park

20. Executive Session- None

21. Adjournment

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

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain

Burlingame-Yes

Warner-Yes

Dorner-Yes

Wright-Yes

From: LINDA JACKSON
Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 9:58 AM
To: JANICE ORLANDO
Subject: mayor ANNOUNCEMENTS, LONG VERSION

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAY 2, 2022:

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Involved with a call with our Broome County executive. AIM and distress hospital money diversions were restored in the state budget. The county will cap the gas tax over \$3.00 a gallon from June to December this year. Small Community Grants are open for non-profit community grants. Applications are due May 13th. Regarding recent storm and lack of enough dry ice - NYSEG is responsible to provide dry ice when there is an outage. There was a natural shortage of dry ice! We had a fantastic turn out for the DRI presentation. Many great ideas, and the people in charge were very informative. Had a great time catching up with contacts I have made long ago. But the highlight of the evening was all the interest in the ice arena. Many want a full-sized enclosed arena, but there was not enough

room with just the parking lots. The M&T bank president came to the rescue. I asked if he would move his drive through to his parking lot behind his bank, and he immediately said 'yes'. He would prefer the drive through be at the back of his bank where the night deposit is now anyway. This is a more secure spot for his tellers. I contacted the engineering firm to make the changes in the parking lot design to accommodate this necessary change, and they are going to contact the people involved! Returning to a straight alley way will also make a few of the business there happy so they can keep their delivery area. It is wonderful how everyone is willing to work together for the good of our Village!

Now we need investors for this ice arena. I must run all of this by the Department of State and the committee. There is a lot of legal information I will need, but we have to start talking about this issue. Any other interested investors, please contact myself or anyone with the DRI.

Had a talk with Christine Marchuska. She works with the Broome County Landbank. They now may have money for us to demolish another property. I took the opportunity to discuss other projects. Although I have not always agreed with some projects her brother was doing, I have attempted to work on others. I asked if their whole family would be interested in donating and having their name on part of this new ice arena building, along with other investors. She feels they would like to work with me on this. Again, just researching phase so far.

Had our monthly Association of Towns and Villages meeting. With so many municipalities involved, we really have a great source of information and experiences. Our next meeting will be at the Agency conference room on the corner of South College Drive and Van Winkle Drive on May 26th at 6:00 pm. Binghamton University unveiled their new baseball stadium Friday night. I was invited to watch the game from behind home plate. Many of us were given a tour of the stadium facilities'. The BU athletic director offered to allow me to hold a Towns and Villages meeting from the conference room. The table has a marble lighted center. What an amazing complex.

At BU, I talked to a couple of students about job opportunities. I am now contacting our new companies for information on job openings, requirements, pay and benefits. I will then take this to BU, and to the arena when I go to the graduation for BCC. Our new relationship with these colleges is very important. Attended the Arbor Day event the Town of Union had at Highland Park. It was a lot of fun.

New York City is replacing all of their buses with electric ones to reduce air pollution and problems for people with asthma. Gasoline vehicles are much more dangerous for the environment. I now have the information regarding crude oil being made into gasoline if anyone is interested.

Met with a professional today, who is also with the Empire State Development, and Chamber of Commerce. Our area has now been recognized by the state as a clean energy cluster. This is the biggest way to regain the notoriety and benefits of what we once had. We are on track to be a leader again. I have made many important contacts to help this happen. The best way to rid our area of contamination is to work on clean green technology. Our new companies know of our contamination history and want to help! Anyone interested in being involved can contact my office.

I will be attending the New York Conference of Mayor's Conference at Lake George later this week. The information I receive, and contacts I make, at these conferences is very valuable.

Mayor Linda Jackson
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