



# 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 May 16, 2022**

### **Order of Business**

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

#### **2. Fire and ADA Compliance Announcement**

#### **3. Mayor Announcements**

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soon. We are fortunate we have so many volunteers who are also helping with many activities, parades, and beautification.

#### 4. Trustees

**Burlingame**-Thoughts and prayers to the people of Buffalo. Endicott Rotary is raising funds and the organization of repair for the GFJ Monument. Phoenix owners have begun to paint and repair the old buildings. A thank you to Eddie Bello and his company, Illuminations for donating the banners that are now located at Little Italy on the Northside. Celebrated Cinco de Mayo at Grandma's Restaurant. He visited the Endicott Fire Dept as well as attending Police Week in Vestal. He read that it was projected that Imperium3 will control \$71 billion dollars worth of the lithium ion battery market by year 2025. He stated he is very impressed by the property and site design of Byrne Dairy which plans to have it Grand Opening on 5/25/22. A shoutout to the Planning Board for their assistance. He asked why the board meetings are not being placed on the Village website calendar. He asked the timeframe of the marijuana zoning laws being brought to the board. Mayor Jackson responded that once the draft is ready from the Village Attorney, she will present them to the board.

**Wright**- Condolences to the people of Buffalo. He spoke of a vacant house on N Roosevelt and asked to speak with the Village Attorney and the VOE Code Enforcement regarding becoming more proactive on blightful properties. Spoke of the Fitness Park and its location. He is recommending the Fitness Park be placed up at the GWJ Park on the Northside.

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

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain

Burlingame-Yes

Warner-Yes

Dorner-Yes

Wright-Yes

**Dorner**-the Trustees were invited to a presentation with Brian Botsford involving rezoning areas at the south end of Washington Ave. Comments regarding the Fitness Park and its original location but he is in full support of the new location at the GWJ Park. He is curious as to whether this company supplying the Fitness Park is paying for all installation fees. Comments regarding the Mayor and feeling she is dictating how the Village should be run.

**Warner**-he asked the Mayor who is going to be paying for the install of the Fitness Park. The Mayor asked him to check with Sandy Baumann from the Town just to confirm. He stated that Byrne Dairy should be opening very soon. He questioned the Mayor on several topics re: her visit with Bob Joseph and the news station in which she provided answers.

A motion to add the Police Training Center to tonight's agenda under New Business was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Burlingame

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain

Burlingame-Yes

Warner-Yes

Dorner-Yes

Wright-Yes

5. **Village Manager** – Reminder that tomorrow is the 4<sup>th</sup> Planning Committee Meeting.

**6. Attorney for the Village**-he has been drafting a 1-year contract between the Village and the Maine Fire District and will be emailing to the Board this week. He is also drafting the Cannibus Law, feels it is very tricky due to not having any guidelines.

**7. Special Presentations- None**

**8. Public Hearings**

a. Call for Public Hearing on 6/6/2022 at 6:00pm re: LL# -2022- Video Conferencing for VOE Meetings

A motion to call for the Public Hearing on 6/6/22 at 6:00pm was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain

Burlingame-Yes

Warner-Yes

Dorner-Yes

Wright-Yes

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

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

Frank Roma- asked if the Village has a document showing the schedule, safety and health for the residents re: the demolition of the former Huron buildings. Both Mayor and the Attorney suggested speaking with the Code Enforcement Office

Christopher Minoia, 2204 Jenkins St-thoughts & prayers to the victims in Buffalo. Comments re: Village services such as street repair. Asked the procedure of street repair in the Village. Manager Bates stated we do work with the Town and will speak with Cameron Williams, Engineering Aide for the Village.

Christine Ellison- Comments re: the demolition of the former Huron buildings and suggested sending out a public announcement

Brian Botsford, VOE Fire Marshal- stated that nothing yet has come through the Code Office re: the demolition. He stated asbestos is not a Code Issue and would be handled through the Department of Labor. Attorney McKertich suggested hiring our own Engineering Firm to essentially peer review any future plans. Attorney McKertich suggested getting into place a Professional Consulting Fees Law for the Village. Attorney McKertich will forward a sample law to the board for discussion.

Shannon Sharpe- Comments re: adding a 2<sup>nd</sup> free food pantry. Trustee Warner stated that he feels this would not be a very good idea due to liability issues but has asked for a proposal to be written up and submitted to the board.

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. Town of Union Board Meeting & Agenda- 4/20/2022 & 5/4/2022

b. NYS Notice of filing Receipt- Local Law 06-2022

c. Notice from Charter Communications of upcoming changes- 5/11/2022

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. Parks Tech Position

A motion to appoint Darrin Moody to the Parks Tech Position at a rate of pay of \$25.75/hr was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

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

b. VOE Meal Reimbursement Policy

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

Roll Call

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Dorner-Yes	Wright-Yes	

c. Band Organ Lease

A motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a new copy of the lease agreement was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Wright

Roll Call

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

d. Health Insurance Contract

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

Roll Call

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Dorner-Yes	Wright-Yes	

e. Tentative Agreement for the Light Department CSEA Unit

A motion to accept the tentative agreement for the Light Department CSEA Unit 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. The bid opening for the 2022 Replacement of Concrete Curb, Sidewalk and ADA Handicap Ramps took place at 2pm on Thursday May 5th, 2022.

Present were: Cameron Williams, VOE Engineering Technician & Janice Orlando, Deputy Clerk/ Treasurer

The following bids were submitted:

G DeVincentis & Son: \$45,770.00  
Chicago Construction Co.: \$74,000.00  
Vacri Construction: \$219,000.00

On the recommendation of the VOE Engineering Department they would like to award the Concrete Curb, Sidewalk and Handicap Ramps bid to G. DeVincentis & Son for \$45,770.00.

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

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson- Abstain                      Burlingame-Yes                      Warner-Yes  
   Dorner-Yes                      Wright- No

b. A Request from Philip Grayson, VOE WWTP to approve (2) Change Orders for our Solids Handling Project

A motion to accept change order #1 (Vacri) 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 accept change order #2 (Blanding) was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

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

**15. Accounts Payable for Action**

**\$634,361.56**

<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>\$212,725.20</b>
<b>LIGHT</b>	<b>\$52,432.23</b>
<b>WATER</b>	<b>\$118,778.08</b>
<b>WASTEWATER</b>	<b>\$103,977.67</b>
<b>CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$132,506.96</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>\$10,955.45</b>
<b>PARKING</b>	<b>\$668.21</b>
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY</b>	<b>\$2,317.76</b>

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$\$634,361.56</b>
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A motion to approve was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

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**16. Unfinished Business**

A motion to rescind the vote on 5/2/22 on the location of the Fitness Park in the downtown area was made by Trustee Wright and seconded by Trustee Burlingame

Roll Call

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    Dorner-Yes                      Wright-Yes

Trustee Wright did some research on the cost of the Fitness Park and stated any costs associated with the Fitness Park will be funded by the Town of Union. Maintenance responsibility will be on the Village. Cameras and lights to be placed near the stage were suggested by the board.

A motion to accept the Fitness Park location in the GWJ Park (halfway between the stage and the children's playground) was made by Trustee Wright and seconded by Trustee Burlingame

Roll Call

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    Dorner-Yes                      Wright-Yes

**17. New Business**

a. Proposed Zoning Amendments

A motion to authorize the Attorney to the Village to draft up laws for the proposed amendments was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Burlingame

Roll Call

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    Dorner-Yes                      Wright-Yes

b. Board Meetings- Trustee Burlingame

Comments re: Open Meetings Law 103-a

In person requirement law does not kick in until after 6/8. The Village Attorney will forward procedures to be put in place for the 2<sup>nd</sup> board meeting in June.

A motion to go with the hybrid method for 6/6 meeting was made by Trustee Wright and seconded by Trustee Warner

Roll Call

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c. Police Training Center- Trustee Warner

A motion to accept the Endicott Police Training Center change order with the increased amount of \$67,674.25 was made by Trustee Burlingame and seconded by Trustee

Roll Call

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Burlingame-Yes

Warner-Yes

Dorner-Yes

Wright-Yes

### 18. 2nd Hearing of Visitors

Brian Botsford, VOE Fire Marshal- comments re: the property located on N. Roosevelt Ave. and asked if the planning and zoning board meetings need to follow the rules with the board meetings. Attorney McKertich stated yes they would all be subject to the rules. Trustee Warner questioned Brian about the property with Mr. Bill's Pool. Brian stated he was not aware of any court proceedings with him but there are zoning, garbage & debris issues. Trustee Wright asked if we could place a timeline for repair or removal on the walkway overpass. Brian stated that per his understanding, contractors were on site to insure the parts of these buildings were not going to come down. He confirmed that the street light that is down on the McKinley Ave sidewalk is the Town of Union's. Trustee Warner asked if the Town was responsible for the electric or the poles themselves. Brian was unsure of this. Trustee Wright will reach out to someone in the Town to confirm. There was some question between the board members as to actually who owns the pole that is down.

George Fiedler- comments re: free food pantry

Christine Ellison- Personal comment asking to have the curb extended by her home and have the no parking sign removed

Shannon Sharpe- wanted to thank George Fiedler for the pantry information

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

### 19. Board Comments

**Wright-** comments re: the old Huron building removal/overpass

**Warner-** a sincere thank you to the people that have been continuing to attend the Village board meetings through zoom

### 20. Executive Session- None

### 21. Adjournment

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

Roll Call

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Warner-Yes

Dorner-Yes

Wright-Yes

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**From:** LINDA JACKSON  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:51 AM  
**To:** JANICE ORLANDO  
**Subject:** long version

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the high school to take over one level of our clean energy projects. Everything seems to take so long but should start to come together soon.

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