

**REGULAR MEETING  
VILLAGE OF ENDICOTT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OCTOBER 5, 2020  
7:00pm**

**Mayor: Linda Jackson**

**Attorney: Robert McKertich**

**Village Manager: Anthony J. Bates**

**Trustees: Cheryl Chapman, Eileen Konecny, R. Ted Warner & Patrick Dorner**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**1. Pledge of Allegiance- Moment of Silence- Announcement of Fire and ADA Compliance**

**2. Mayor's Announcements**

Had a phone conference Saturday evening with council persons for the Governor, Executive Garnar, and many local Municipal leaders and our police departments. The health department is getting very strict with enforcement with COVID guidelines. We will have a joint class this week on new guidelines. Those of us who do attend our Village Board business meetings in person are just as worried about coming into contact with carriers of this COVID virus. It is very irresponsible for someone, who has refused to come to a Board meeting in person for over six months because he is concerned about his health, to demand the rest of us and the public subject ourselves to this virus. Staying out of the Board room is totally understandable, but the rest of us deserve that respect. With the recent spike in COVID cases, and Broome County Executive requesting people who can stay home to do so, we feel it would not be responsible or advisable of us to invite the public to our meetings at this time. We do record these meetings, and minutes are available. We meet all the current open meetings laws. While some of our personal computers are not functioning, we do still have the microphones in the Board room for these meetings. Besides, with social distancing, we could only have 3 or 4 people come here. We would still need to conduct these meetings on zoom because not enough of the public can attend in person. Talked to the lawyer (Kristian) for the Open meetings law in 'Albany. The public is not allowed to harass or personally attack me or any member of the Board. You will get one warning, then be muted if on zoom. Any Board member who harasses or personally attacks will be muted and told that when they are ready to act in accordance with the rules of decorum will be unmuted. If in the Board room, the member will be told they are out of order, and stop the harassment or name calling, etc. Harassment and bullying will no longer be tolerated. This is a Village Board business meeting, not for campaigning or showboating.

As for the Village face book page. This is supposed to post information about things like the hydrant flushing, holidays for garbage, etc. There is no one monitoring it. So, if people have questions or concerns, they are going unanswered. Therefore, there is no reason to have comments here. If you want to express a concern, or want an answer, please contact a Board member, my Secretary, or me by email or phone, or in person.

Had a meeting with our Water Department, Hunt Engineering, and one company to present water filtration systems. I am waiting for actual proposals to present to the Board.

We have the results from our split water testing with IBM. I am waiting for their results to compare. Our EJ Worker's Arch is 100 years old. We had to cancel this celebration because of the spike in COVID cases. Broome County Executive asked everyone who can, to stay home. Talked with Mayor

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Deemie about his arch celebration. WE decided to have a big celebration together next year, provided we can get this pandemic under control.

We have selected five companies to make presentations of their plans for Washington Avenue and the Greater Binghamton fund projects. We will be interviewing them the end of this week, and pick which one has the best ideas, etc. for this project. Four members of Barton and Logicize came to the Village building on Friday. They had spent the previous four hours on Washington Avenue talking to the busines, eating in the restaurants, etc. Getting ideas for their presentation. We were very impressed with their serious attention to our project.

Went to a Town and Villages meeting. It is great to share information between all these Municipalities. I also had the opportunity to work out a small problem with Town of Union Supervisor Rick Matterese and Broome County Clerk Joe Mihalko. As Rick said, it is wonderful that all three municipalities can work so well together to quickly solve problems! The Village is blessed to have such a great working relationship with the Town of Union, Town of Vestal and Village of Johnson City.

I am meeting with Niki Post from the Community Center later this week. We are working together on a volunteer project to help our more stressed neighborhoods, and the children’s needs. We also will be addressing job opportunities and see what those needs are. Many job opportunities require a high school diploma. Endicott Proud has a program to help individuals’ study for this.

**3. Committee Reports**

Dorner- Comments re: a nasty rumor being spread that his plans if elected are to dissolve the Village and its Police & Fire departments and stated this is totally untrue.

Chapman-attended the Towns/Villages meeting. She met with the Andela Co re: glass recycling. There is a Solar Panel meeting next Thursday. Many webinars that she has been attending.

Warner-asked where the Towns/Villages meeting was and how many people attended. Trustee Chapman stated it was at the Visitor Center and about 14 people attended. He asked if the glass recycling has a real company involved. Trustee Chapman said that you put a business plan together and the Andela Co. make and manufacture the machinery. They would then send out to receive bids. Asked re: the Solar Panels , if we would get a grant. Trustee Chapman stated that Phil Grayson has been approached by (2) companies. He commented on the Main St Grant and which areas of the Avenue would be included.

Bates- Stated that Thoma is planning on doing a Zoom meeting 10/14/20 @ 5:00pm re: the Main St Grant

**4. Public Hearing(s)-None**

a. Call for a public hearing 10/19/20 re: the following

Local Law making Recycling Facilities a special permitted use

A motion to call for the hearing was made by Trustee Konecny

A motion to withdraw her (Trustee Konecny) original motion and table this item was made by Trustee Konecny and seconded by Mayor Jackson

Ayes –3

Nays –2

Absent -0

Roll Call

Mayor Jackson-Yes

Chapman – Yes

Dorner -No

Warner- No

Konecny-Yes

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b. Local Law Amending the Tobacco Retail License law

A motion to call for the hearing on 10/19/20 was made by Trustee Chapman and seconded by Trustee Konecny

Ayes –4                      Nays –0                      Absent -0

**5. Approval of Minutes**

VOE 9/21/20

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Konecny and seconded by Trustee Chapman

Ayes –4                      Nays –0                      Absent -0

**6. Bid(s)**

A request by VOE Water Superintendent to award the low bid to Procon Const. for a new Pump Station & Water Main Install for Hayes Ave

Bids were publicly read on 9/ /20 at 2:10pm. The following bids were received:

<b>Procon</b>	<b>\$626,000</b>
Streeter Assoc	\$692,000
Vacri	\$705,000
LeChase	\$715,000
Daniel lynch	\$725,900

A motion to award the bid to Procon Constr.was made by Trustee Konecny and seconded by Trustee Dorner

Ayes –4                      Nays –0                      Absent -0

**7. Communications for filing**

a. Notice from “Light Up Endicott”

b. Town of Union Special Work session 9/4/20 & Agenda 9/28/20

c. FCC Notice dated 9/23/20

d. Informational Meeting Notice – Thoma Development

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Konecny and seconded by Trustee Chapman

Ayes –4                      Nays –0                      Absent -0

**8. Communication for Action**

a. Holiday Parade Tree Lighting- 12/5/20

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Konecny and seconded by Trustee Chapman

Ayes –4                      Nays –0                      Absent -0

b. Excellus Health Plan Renewal

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Konecny and seconded by Trustee Chapman

Ayes –4                      Nays –0                      Absent -0

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c. "Light Up Endicott" Sponsorship page

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Konecny and seconded by Trustee Chapman

Ayes -4                      Nays -0                      Absent -0

d. Peddlers Permit- Cross Country Cookin

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Konecny and seconded by Trustee Chapman

Ayes -4                      Nays -0                      Absent -0

e. Chugnut Trail Extension

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Konecny and seconded by Trustee Chapman

Ayes -4                      Nays -0                      Absent -0

**9. Presentation and Approval of Accounts Payable - \$569,206.30**

GENERAL	\$138,664.57
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$0.00
LIGHT	\$87,552.56
WATER	\$115,569.90
WASTEWATER	\$90,983.41
CAPITAL	\$128,296.81
LIBRARY	\$7,575.68
PARKING	\$563.37
TRUST & AGENCY	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$569,206.30</b>

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Konecny and seconded by Trustee Chapman

Ayes -4                      Nays -0                      Absent -0

**10. Hearing of Visitors**

Maria Pizzuti-comments re: not rescinding of the Recycling law and asked to reconsider making adjustments to the law.

Paul Connitt-asked the trustees to consider the stated amendment to the Recycling Law, saying that no process that has the potential to emit PFAS into the environment either directly into the air

Ellen Tiberi-Comments re: the request to update the Recycling Law

Ellen Connitt-comments re updates related to the SunGeel Project. She also feels that the community needs a clarification of a comment made by the Mayor re: an environmental study. She stated that the Planning board did not review the SunGeel Project due to a lack of information given to them, is the Recycling Law a legal law? And can the Board simplify the issue of when the public can speak at meetings.

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

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**12. Unfinished Business**

a. Meeting Procedures- Held Over (Warner)

**13. New Business**

a. Small Wireless Facilities Aesthetic Design Standards

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Chapman and seconded by Trustee Konecny

Ayes -4                      Nays -0                      Absent -0

b. Trustee Warner-Board agenda, & speakers' topics- Motion failed

A motion to have (2) hearing of visitors on the agenda was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Dorner

Ayes -2                      Nays -3                      Absent -0

c. A motion to hold in person meetings beginning 10/19/20 was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Dorner- Motion failed

Ayes -2                      Nays -3                      Absent -0

**14. Executive Session- Personnel**

A motion to enter into executive session at 8:38pm was made by Trustee Konecny and seconded by Trustee Chapman

A motion to exit executive session at 9:13pm was made by Trustee Konecny and seconded by Trustee Dorner

A motion to approve the additional training by Marcia Holdsworth at the Fire dept up to 160 hours at a rate of \$25.00/hrly was made by Trustee Konecny and seconded by Trustee Chapman

Ayes -4                      Nays -0                      Absent -0

Roll Call

Chapman - Yes      Dorner -Yes      Warner-Yes      Konecny-Yes

A motion to approve a salary increase for Jeff Cheney, Water department at a yearly salary of \$80,667.48 effective 10/5/20 was made by Trustee Konecny and seconded by Trustee Warner

Ayes -4                      Nays -0                      Absent -0

**15. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Warner-Huron/dead trees and the unsafe Oak Hill building

**16. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn at 9:17pm was made by Trustee Konecny and seconded by Trustee Chapman

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**Janice Orlando**  
**Deputy Clerk/Treasurer**

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