

**REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE OF ENDICOTT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OCTOBER 19, 2020
7:00pm**

Mayor: Linda Jackson

Attorney: Robert McKertich

Village Manager: Anthony J. Bates

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

Absent: Cheryl Chapman

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

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

2. Mayor's Announcements

After interviewing five companies, we will be making our decision on the company to head up the Washington Avenue project shortly. It is so exciting to be finally going ahead with this project after three years!

Deputy Mayor Chapman and I met with Niki Post from the new Community Center. We are working on our Community Outreach Committee program. Deputy Mayor Chapman had planned on having a job fair at the Visitor Center for people in our neighborhoods who are looking for jobs, and need a little help with applying. (Like attaining a high school equivalency diploma, etc.) Niki offered to hold this at the Community Center with volunteers to help people in this endeavor.

Our next CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) meeting is the 20th. We have been working with the police, Village code, fire department, our code lawyer, and heads of our departments. We are attacking as many problems as we can. I have given our police department permission to go to New York City and bring back absent landlords who refuse to follow the laws and do not feel they need to show up in court. The idea is that once we prove we mean business, many will obey. We all support our Police and Fire Departments. This way we can work with them and help with projects to benefit the whole Village.

Our next police Reform Group meeting is the 22nd. This is a remarkably interesting group. We have so many points of view to work on problems with. We are making a lot of progress in uniting our Village.

At our Water Board meeting the chairman reported a lot of progress. The Hayes Avenue project bid has been awarded and will be starting soon. This will provide better waster pressure on the hill, mainly in case of the fire hydrants being turned on for a fire or flushing. The Smith Drive pipeline project is completed, Pine Street tank valve replacement should be done this week, maintenance on both pumps at the Ranney Well have been completed, hydrant flushing will be completed for the year the first week of November, the drilling of a potential well on Davis/Argonne Street in Endwell should be completed by November. We want to see if another well is possible for this area. Both South Street wells cleaning will begin November 9th. As I have reported in the past, we must provide filter systems for our wells to remove unwanted chemicals.

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This will be dictated by the Health department. We have been working with them for over a year now on what we will be required to have. Since we must go to the expense of these filters, we will be also addressing the iron and manganese issues. Our water department is very proactive in preparing for this process, and our engineering firm is helping with additional grants for the cost.

We have not had any new business come to our industrial area since IBM left. We are happy about these battery companies who are now interested. Deputy Mayor Chapman met with a company that Manufacturers glass recycling equipment for ideas and prospects, our Broome County Landfill, and interested parties. Economic Developer Joe Moody is setting up an interview with an interested party.

As far as open meetings are concerned. We have always enjoyed keeping our Board room open. I miss some of our regulars! But we must follow rules! Here in our board room we have limited space. WE need to continue to meet in our Board room because that is where all the equipment is for zoom, and the acoustics are best here.

Had an electric commission meeting. We have 208 new electric meetings in the process of being installed. Now our electric department can read the meter, connect, or disconnect service from the shop. Our car charging units are now being used.

3. Committee Reports- (video not avail for the 1st few minutes of the meeting starting time)

4. Public Hearing(s)

Public Comment re: Tobacco Retail License

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

5. Approval of Minutes

VOE 10/5/20

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

Ayes –3

Nays –0

Absent -1

6. Bid(s)

Per the request of VOE Water & WWTP department Chief Operators:

Chemical Bid rejection of (2) received bids on 10/8/20 and to Re-bid the Chemical Bid on 10/29/20 (Holland Co & JCI Jones)

A motion to reject the (2) bids and go out for rebid was made by Trustee Konecny and seconded by Trustee Dorner

Ayes –3

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7. Communications for filing

a. Town of Union Regular Meeting 9/16/20; Special Meetings 9/21/20, 9/28/20 and 10/1/20; Agenda 10/7/20; Work Session 10/13/20

b. Liquor License Renewal, Joey’s Italian Ice, 200 Oak Hill Ave, Endicott

c. Notice from the NYS Department of State- filing of Local Laws #20-18 through #20-23

d. Broome County Association of Municipal Clerks Meeting- 9/17/20

e. Notice from the NYSDOT re; Access Highway Request

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

Ayes –3 Nays –0 Absent –1

8. Communication for Action- None

a. Participation Agreement for the Comp Alliance for the 2020-21 term

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

Ayes –3 Nays –0 Absent -1

b. Engagement letter from Cwynar & Company

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

Ayes –3 Nays –0 Absent -1

c. Small Wireless Facilities Master License Agreement

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Konecny

Ayes –3 Nays –0 Absent -1

A motion to **table** this item was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Dorner

Ayes –3 Nays –0 Absent -1

9. Presentation and Approval of Accounts Payable –\$482,244.79

GENERAL	\$161,140.23
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$0.00
LIGHT	\$117,086.73
WATER	\$41,621.07
WASTEWATER	\$72,076.23
CAPITAL	\$77,049.37
LIBRARY	\$10,978.10
PARKING	\$53.67
TRUST & AGENCY	\$2,239.39
TOTAL	\$482,244.79

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10. Hearing of Visitors

Paul Connitt- Comments re: SunGeel and comments made to the newspaper

Ellen Tiberi- Comments re: the committee of No Burn Broome is comprised of people that are very concerned that the residents of the Village are going to be harmed by the effects of the battery company. She asked Trustees Dorner and Warner if the option that the Village Attorney brought up at the last meeting to amend the law will be discussed.

Carol Layton-Comments re: negative responses towards the No Burn Committee group. Asked if the DEC has approved the permit. She feels procedures with this company have not been conducted properly and the public has not been properly informed. Asked questions re: grant money and employee status. She suggested the Village of Endicott create a newsletter such as the Town of Union does.

Tammy Lindo- She asked Trustee Warner and Dorner about the oversight of the DEC Impact Study and asked if the Village has an emergency plan for the storage facility that stores the batteries in case there were to be an explosion or a fire in the storage facility. She asked who has oversight on what SunGeel is asking for.

Terri Farrell- Concerns re; the effects on the Battery Company and the Village water quality.

George- Comments on the announcement from the Village that SunGeel has agreed to do a \$40k Environmental Impact statement and feels there is a discrepancy on what the Village said and what was published in the paper.

Rob Tiberi- Comments re: legal counsel. He has requested a written response from the Mayor to Village residents explaining why the Village pays for legal advice and does not take it.

He asked if the Mayor and Trustee Konecny could be present on video.

11. Resolutions/Local Laws

LL#20-24- Tobacco Retail License

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

Ayes –3

Nays –0

Absent -1

Roll Call

Chapman – Absent

Dorner -Yes

Warner-Yes

Konecny-Yes

12. Unfinished Business- None

13. New Business- None

14. Executive Session-None

15. Board Member Comments

Trustee Dorner- addressed a Facebook attack on him this week, talk of the ESD director backing off comments to Trustee Dorner, the DEC has told people in this group that they are not overly concerned about the air pollution but they are terrified about the storage facility. The DEC said it was a big mistake not to look at this closer. Stated how SunGeel came up with the submitted data is a farce. He asked who

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will oversee SunGeel. He stated that going against the advice of our Village Attorney and may bite us in the end.

Trustee Warner- asked of the status of changing the “P” to an “SP” on the Recycling Law. He thanked Paul Connitt for the research and work that he has put in re: SunGeel. He stated that the emergency plan for the storage of the batteries is a total failure by the Village. There has been no discussion on this.

He asked the Mayor to give the residents an update on the trees on Clark St.

He asked about the building on Oak Hill & Clark St and its deterioration. Village Manager Bates stated the building was being worked on over the weekend. He stated Huron barricades were present.

Mayor Jackson informed everyone that prior information re: Brenda Grouper, ESD and her being against SunGeel coming to Endicott are false. She stated that she is not against SunGeel and she stands by the company and its projects.

Trustee Dorner asked if the Village can be sued or held liable for negligence on the building on Oak Hill and Clark if our enforcement to Huron is not strong enough. Attorney McKertich stated we could certainly be sued for it but in terms of liability, he would argue that it is Huron’s responsibility.

16. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 9:02pm was made by Trustee Konecny and seconded by Trustee Dorner

Ayes –3

Nays –0

Absent -1

**Janice Orlando
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer**

Transcript is available for review in the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer’s Office

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