

UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING AUGUST 16, 2023

249 DUNCAN ROAD, UNION VALE, NEW YORK

UNION VALE TOWN HALL 7:30 PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Betsy Maas

Town Council: Kevin Durland, Perry Gusikoff, John Welsh

Highway Superintendent Ed Kading

Town Clerk: Andrea Casey

Town Attorney: Attorney Jeff Battistoni

Councilman Kevin McGivney (Absent)

Supervisor Maas called the meeting to Order to Order and Salute to the Flag at 7:30PM.

Special Presentation - 32nd Annual Balloon Festival by *Frank Castella Jr., President & CEO, Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce*

Supervisor Maas asked for a moment of silence for town resident, Mark Del Vecchio who is currently hospitalized and waiting for a kidney and for all others that have fallen ill. She asked everyone to take a moment to think of them and wishes a speedy recovery.

Motion Approve Minutes: Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the July 19th 2023 Meeting Minutes seconded by Councilman Gusikoff and all were unanimously in favor.

Supervisors Report

- Community night was wonderful, great weather and thanks all involved
- The Town has taken over the collection of the deposit cans at the Recycling Center. Proceeds will be reinvested into the operating costs to keep costs down
- Meeting with Highway Super. and the head of DEC streams and wetlands, with Assemblyman Beephan's Office, asks residents to call tomorrow with any requests
- Submitted initial FEMA claim for municipal flooding relief
- 2 additions to agenda, local law #2 relieve residency requirements for constables, and new historical society president to speak
- Revenue is 112% expenses 97% cash flow is strong and departments are doing well
- Cash Balances General Fund: 3,849,789.00 Highway Fund: \$521,113.00 Balance \$4.4
- Town Board members have received the list of warrants/abstracts; cash receipts, escrow reports, Building Dept. report, performance vs budget report and lists of all deposits made in both the General Fund and Highway Fund.
- September 6 work session will include short term rental comments from the County, Highway Road storm damage issues, exec session will be about town hall security upgrades
- Reforestation of UV is back and Girl Scouts are coming to assist October 14th is the scheduled date. DC SOIL and water Brian Scoralick and resident will supply the purchased trees
- Budget preparation will begin with department head meetings and public hearings

Town Board Reports

Councilman Welsh commented that community night was successful enjoyed by public, recently been working on GAA field

Councilman Durland has also been working on the GAA field project

Councilman McGivney- Absent

Councilman Gusikoff commend Frank Castella on his impeccable organization and safety for the Balloon Fest. Is at a stale mate with the Highway plow truck, many parts needed sandblasting, the company he contracts with is low staffed but is a work in progress.

Highway Report

Superintendent Kading reported on the 3 major rain storms, damage on west clove on both ends, Bloomer road, Robinwood, Barmore, Oswego, Cole, Seeley, and Mennella. Most is now passable, worst is W. Clove Mtn road. Driveway pipe failed and took out the opposite side of the road. Down 25% of crew as 1 member is out, County Highway gave town shouldering material from chestnut ridge road millings.

Town Clerk Report

Clerk Casey's reminded everyone about DEC Sportsman sales and document shredding day is Wednesday, September 27.

Public Comments- none

Union Vale Library – Art Mattiello, Secretary, Board of Trustees

Mr. Mattiello stated they have hired new library director. Trustee, Janet Meyer had to resign due to conflict with work timing, looking for replacement. He Spoke about process for getting chartered. They have created Facebook and Instagram pages and revamped library services tab on the website. Regularly meeting with MHLS and visiting other libraries to see what works for UV. Megan already reached out to other directors and school principals and had a meeting with MHLS director and is formulating a long-term plan. Everyone has been attending monthly training sessions based off trustee handbook and meet 2x a month. In addition, Megan is working on a children's program will present to trustees next week, and establishing an opening day collection.

Union Vale Historical Society, President, Cassandra Redinger

Last meeting was a picnic on August 9th. Meetings will be the 2nd Wednesday each month at the Senior Center, all are welcome to join who are interested in town history or doing research. The treasurer position is still available. Email is UVHistoricalSociety@gmail.com

Parks, by Park Manager, Jake Gosnell

- Community Night was successful as well as the addition of the tables
- Weather has been difficult but no major storm damage to the park
- Last week of camp and recreation has done a wonderful job

- Upcoming projects are the Godfrey Park playground demo and reno

Recreation, submitted by Recreation Director Maggie Collins

Our final session of Summer Camp ends this Friday. We want to thank all the staff in the office, aquatics, camp, and maintenance that helped make this another successful Summer season. We hope everyone has a great school year, and look forward to welcoming campers back at Tymor Park next Summer. Starting this Monday, we will be running our Summer TGTT program for students K-5TH, and will run on weekdays 8am-6pm until September 1st from. Dates are filling up quickly; registration is open on the Parks and Rec website. We are looking forward to planning our annual Oktoberfest event, to be held on Sunday September 17th from 12pm-7pm. The public will enjoy music, dancing, themed games with prizes, and of course traditional German food and drinks. More information will be posted on our social media pages as we get closer.

Constable Report Submitted by George Treadwell, CIC

Constable Monthly Report for July 2023:

Constables patrolled approximately 645 miles of town roads including all properties filling the Explorer with 30.6 gallons of gasoline. The (2) town court dates totaled 10 cases on the dockets with 1 actual appearance and 2 cases were plead not guilty by mail. There were no issues to report. Constables reported the following during patrols:

- 7/10 - Parking Ticket issued for parking after hours at Tymor.
- 7/18 - ATV riding at Equestrian Center, Town Hall then into park, no officer contact with operator.
- 7/19 - Appearance Ticket issued for Noise Violation.
- 7/21 - (2) Parking Tickets issued for parking after hours at Tymor.
- 7/28 - Responded to noise complaint, homeowner complied and lowered volume no further action required.

Supervisor Maas added the annual training was completed last weekend, the report was that everyone did an excellent job and all were requalified.

Animal Control, submitted by ACO Mary Jean Calvi

Animal Control Report for the month of July 2023 During the month of July there were two found dogs, one lost dog, one dog bite and 1 complaint.

Godfrey Park Playground – Grant & Installation Update

Supervisor Maas stated the Town received a \$100,000 grant from Dutchess County. A resident committee was established to select a designer and new equipment. The total came to approximately \$158,000.00. The brand that was chosen was Miracle Playground. This week the Parks crew will remove the old equipment and Iron Furnace Owner, Willie Murphy will assist by using his machinery to pull out the footings. The week of September 21-23rd the new playground will be installed. A ribbon cutting will happen sometime in October.

WQIP (NY State) Salt Shed Grant Submitted – Annual Maintenance Report

Supervisor Maas advised the salt shed grant has been submitted, design was submitted by Ed Kading and Tom Harvey that was efficient and cost effective as all of clove valley sits on an aquifer. The supervisor explained the water flow and the total cost was estimated at \$358,000 rather than the \$800,000 they originally estimated. If the money is granted, they require an Annual Maintenance Report which is something Superintendent Kading does anyway.

Dog Housing Contract with Mutts Mansion

Supervisor Maas advised the contract has been signed with Mutts Mansion and accepted and is up and running.

Guidelines for Short Term Residential Rentals – Review Discussion with DC Planning

Supervisor Maas noted this is being deferred until later, one document was missing information but County made unofficial recommendations and will further discuss at the work session and then resubmit for approval.

Security System Upgrades

Supervisor Maas reported quotes from 2 companies have been received, one on state bid and looking for a potential 3rd. This will be finalized and discussed during next month's executive session.

Escrow Fee Schedule Updates

Supervisor Maas noted changes include clarifying - site plan escrow fee: multifamily residential up to 12 units/ \$1000 per unit. Commercial up to 2500 sq/ft \$5000.00. All other projects, depends upon estimates from other consultants, will be project specific.

Defibrillators for TH, Parks & Highway Department

Supervisor Maas spoke of the Cardiac Life quote – all defibrillators are outdated and pads and batteries cannot be replaced, the NYS bid, even builds in reminders when pieces are expired for replacement. Heart Sign Samaritan was the recommendation as it varies to distinguish between adult and pediatric - this was unbudgeted, recommends 4 (total). Includes: pool, park, town hall and highway, total purchase would be \$5,110.00. Another addition may be the Recycling center. Discussion about temperature environments for these units.

Gaelic Football Fields - Update

Supervisor Maas stated a topographical survey was done on the lower field and would be small and require substantial drainage. The field size needs to be 475ft. The upper soccer field can accommodate and GAA was open to it, this location would require grading but not much drainage. There are only 3 other fields one in CT, Bronx and Monroe. Positive reviews on both sides, other topographical survey will need to be done and estimates on grading costs.

Resident, Jean Pfifer – Offering Services

Supervisor Maas spoke to Redl family asked about sign on property, Redl said the Town would be allowed to remove it. Resident Jean Pfifer offered to assist in landscaping. She is extremely

qualified and the town would like to speak with her further and set up an advisory committee

Inter-Municipal Arrangement with TOW for Tax Assessment Review Services

Supervisor Mas said Town of Washington Assessor has communicated and in the event someone on the BAR would like to grieve their own taxes, this agreement would allow them to use either town to hear the grievance.

2023 Dedication - Funds from Oktoberfest Tip Jars

Resident, Matt Wabshinak sustained a spinal injury last summer and has suffered a life altering injury now causing him to be a quadriplegic. Councilman Durland read an update from best friend, Will Woolley:

“Matt has worked extremely hard in the last year since his accident on August 5, 2022. He’s been working with a Physical Therapist and has Occupational Therapist two times per week plus a private physical therapist. Three additional days to try and get the maximal function he can get back. Matt still has a long road but is keeping his head up and is ready to put in the hard work, as he always was a hard-working guy. Quitting is not an option for him, but not being able to work is definitely a struggle for a guy with his ethics. Hopefully we can get there someday. He thanks everyone for all the help last year as it has put him ahead of where he was one year ago today.”

Resolutions & Motions:

Motion to Dedicate Tip Jar Money from Oktoberfest

Councilman Welsh made a motion to dedicate the 2023 tips and proceeds to help Matt Wabshinak, which was seconded by Councilman Gusikoff and all were unanimously in favor.

Resolution of Adoption for Short Term Rental Units in Union Vale – Deferring Vote

Motion to Approve Training Funds for Town Planner

Supervisor Maas made a motion to approve a minimum of to 2 more sessions or as needed out of the contingency fund with the Town Planner, this was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

Councilman Durland offered that this may be built into the escrow fee schedule which all agreed was a good idea.

Motion to Approve Expenditure for Defibrillators

Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the expenditure for the new defibrillators from Cardiac Life as priced out for \$5,110.00 which was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

Approve Budget Adjustments, Transfers, Warrants, Pay Bills

Councilman Welsh made a motion to pay the bills which was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

There will be a blood drive on August 24th from 12-6:30PM organized by a Union Vale Highschool Senior, more information is posted on Facebook.

Motion to Adjourn At 9:16 PM Councilman Welsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilman Gusikoff and all were unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Casey, Town Clerk