

**UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING JULY 17, 2024**

**249 DUNCAN ROAD, UNION VALE, NEW YORK**

**UNION VALE TOWN HALL 7:30 PM**

**PRESENT: Supervisor Steve Frazier**

**Town Council: Pat Cartalemi, Kevin Durland, Kevin McGivney, John Welsh**

**Highway Superintendent Ed Kading**

**Town Clerk: Andrea Casey**

**Town Attorney: Attorney Jeff Battistoni**

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Supervisor Frazier called the meeting to Order to Order and Salute to the Flag at 7:30PM and a Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday to former Town Supervisor of 15 years, Lisette Hitsman who still serves the community as fire company treasurer and fire police and involved with the Verbank Cemetery.

**Motion Approve Minutes:** Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the June 19, 2024 Meeting minutes which was seconded by Councilman Cartalemi and all were unanimously in favor.

**Supervisors Report**

- Motion to add Animal Control to item 8 on the agenda, motioned by Councilman Welsh and seconded by Councilman Durland, all were in favor.
- Finance Report: General Checking: \$1,156,279.00 General Savings: \$4,817.00, MSC Receipts: \$77,190.00, General MM: \$194,660.00 General NYCLASS: \$2,586,353.00, General NYCLASS-ARP: \$ 515,286.00 **General Fund Total \$4,534,585.00**
- Highway Checking: \$707,757.00, Highway Savings: \$102,172.00, Highway MM: \$43,307.00, Highway NYCLASS: \$69,396.00, Highway NYCLASS- FEMA \$574,662 Reserve \$146,522.00, **Highway Fund Total: \$1,643,816.00 Grand Total: \$6,178,400.00**
- Received 6 months report from bookkeeper, overall June YTD net income is favorable with \$1,189,000.00 vs the budget higher revenue \$847,000 and lower expenses \$342,000 due to expenses coming later in the year and the revenue is from FEMA. More detailed information on file in the finance office.

**Board Member Reports**

*Councilman Welsh* – reviewing for upcoming budget season

*Councilman Cartalemi*- nothing to report at this time.

*Councilman Durland* – nothing to report at this time.

*Councilman McGivney* Reviewing emails and correspondence.

**Town Clerk Report** Clerk Casey reported that balloon fest tickets would be offered to UV with residents with proof for about 50% off at her office courtesy of Chamber of Commerce. Reminder the recycling center takes electronic recycling and the textile recycling shed.

**Animal Control Report May 2024 submitted by ACO, Mary Jean Calvi**

During the month of June there was 1 lost dog, 1 found dog, who was reunited with his owners, and one dog bite.

**Recreation, submitted by Recreation Director Maggie Collins**

Our staff and campers enjoyed a fun first session. Thank you to Two by Two Animal Haven for a fun and educational show for our campers last week. It is always a pleasure and an amazing opportunity for our campers and staff to interact with animals you may not see every day, such as a bearded dragon, a very large tortoise, and a baby kangaroo. Our team hopes that their fundraiser event this weekend at Tymor Park is successful. Our second session has begun with a lot of fun theme days and our campers will enjoy a Raptors and Reptile show brought to the park by Robinson's Wildlife. There are still a few spots open for our various swim lesson levels for sessions 3 and 4. More information and registration can be found at the Parks and Recreation website as well as our daily pool hours.

### **Parks Report July 17, 2024 Submitted by Vincent Germano**

- The pool is running well and the pool vacuum has been repaired.
- We have been having problems with some of our mowers but we have been able to make do and keep the grass in check, the parts arrived today and the mowers have been fixed.
- We cleaned the gutters and power washed the rental house at 2 Tymor Park Road and have scheduled a tree service to take down 2 trees that are close to the house and trim some branches that are hanging over it.
- In preparation for a charity trail race this past Saturday we have been doing a lot of trail maintenance.
- We have been brush hogging and trimming trees along the trail behind the upper soccer fields to widen the trail and keep the overgrowth in check.

### **Library Report**

Library Trustee President, Amy Watkins spoke about updates from the Library:

- There will be a program at the library on July 19th from 2-3 PM with author Susanna Hill reading her own Moon's First Friends. This program is for children ages 4-8. Parents interested in bringing their children to listen should email the director at [director@uvlibrary.org](mailto:director@uvlibrary.org)! All story times include a related craft! Space is limited!
- Future Story Times are scheduled for July 26th, at 2 PM, and Thursdays on August 8, 15, 22, and 29th at 2 PM too!
- We have a Teen Volunteer working in the library over the summer. Welcome to Eve.
- We still need volunteers! If you or your teen are interested in volunteering, please email our director.
- We are excited to share that Karen Foley is now a certified Ambassador for Dutchess Tourism. She can assist our patrons and visitors to great places to visit. There are many hidden gems in our area to check out. This a worldwide program and a great way to share our community with tourists too!
- Summer is a great time to check out all the puzzles, games, CDs, and DVDs in the library.
- The library is open Tuesday-Saturday in the afternoon. The hours are posted on our social media pages on Facebook and Instagram.
- As always, if you don't have a library card yet, call, stop in the library, or email the library director at [director@uvlibrary.org](mailto:director@uvlibrary.org) or through the link on the Library Services tab on the website.

Councilman Cartalemi also noted the charter for the library was approved last week and stated the library is officially chartered by NYS.

**Public Comment Agenda Items-** None

**Home Town Hero's** – rescheduled

### **Motion to ACP Meeting**

Councilman McGivney made a motion to move the Senior Center/ Library space discussion to attorney client privilege session which was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

**Employee Handbook** Supervisor Frazier noted he has received some information from DC HR, one position has been approved to be merged and they are working on a template. The second has not. The difficulty is no other towns in the Dutchess County has done this and we are unique in size. The other position is the Land Use Secretary and Deputy Town Clerk is filled by the same person. Payroll asks permission to continue treating that position as a full-time position as has been done in the past.

**Motion to Continue Land Use/ Deputy Town Clerk** Councilman Welsh made a motion to continue acknowledge present Deputy Town Clerk/ Land Use Secretary as a full-time employee on temporary basis which was seconded by Councilman McGivney and all were unanimously in favor.

**Public Comment Town Issues**

Cathy Speidel, Pleasant Ridge Road, would like to speak about the firework issue, spoke about a tragedy involving illegal use of fireworks and the death of a horse and citing it being a public safety issue as well of these large Arial displays. Looking for guidance from the Town, not receiving it from the State Troopers.

Supervisor Frazier offered to call the State police on her behalf to see if he can assist in drawing more attention to the issue.

**Approve Budget Adjustments, Transfers, Warrants, Pay Bills**

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

Next meeting is August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

**Motion to Adjourn** At 7:50 PM Councilman Welsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilman Cartalemi and all were unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Andrea Casey, Town Clerk