

**UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING JUNE 19, 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

**Motion Approve Minutes:** Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Meeting minutes which was seconded by Councilman Cartalemi and all were unanimously in favor.

**Supervisors Report**

- Finance Report: General Checking: \$1,393,525.00 General Savings: \$4,816.00, MSC Receipts: \$17,578.00, General MM: \$32,737.00 General NYCLASS: \$2,575,312.00, General NYCLASS-ARP: \$ 513,087.00 **General Fund Total \$4,537,055.00**
- Highway Checking: \$734,911.00, Highway Savings: \$102,125.00, Highway MM: \$22,250.00, Highway NYCLASS: \$69,100.00, Highway NYCLASS- Reserve \$145,896.00, **Highway Fund Total: \$1,074,281.00 Grand Total: \$5,611,336.00**
- Recently attended a regional EMS meeting, EMS Response time is fastest in the County
- Town has received \$574,000 FEMA money for the bridge repair on W. Clove Mtn Road.
- Motion to Blueberry Drive update to the Highway Section of the meeting, this was motioned by Councilman Cartalemi and seconded by Councilman Welsh, all in favor.

**Board Member Reports**

*Councilman Welsh* – obtained information on town financial status through all of last year and the highway funds which is worthwhile information and is reviewing it and appreciates it.

*Councilman Cartalemi*- one of the trucks almost caught fire, do not put in batteries in your regular garbage, please be aware for everyone’s safety.

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

*Councilman McGivney*- spent some time asking for donations for Community Night. A reminder to check on elderly neighbors with the extreme heat.

**Town Clerk Report** Clerk Casey reported that her Deputy is back after maternity leave. Also a reminder to the residents that bears are very active this time of year and to leave your garbage indoors until garbage day to avoid a visit.

**Highway Report**

Superintendent Kading reported 2024 paving is complete, scaled back due to Blueberry Drive major repairs and drainage replacement. Shouldering is done where there is new black top, roadside mowing ongoing large pipe on Mack Road replaced, crew had it done in 2 days, wasn’t closed completely for more than a few hours. FEMA money, thanked former Supervisor Betsy Maas for starting it and thank Supervisor Steve Frazier for following through with it.

Blueberry- major project , drainage side alone \$160,000 for pipe, labor and material, and also will need to be paved which is another \$91,000, he would like to have Peckham road reclaim the road as the base is clay, they will grind the surface inject Portland cement, compact it the total cost of Blueberry is in excess of \$360,000 after all state and federal funding is added in he feels that this will covered with budgeted expenses, which was also verified by the Bookkeeper. This needs to be done as the drainage and road is failing

**Motion to move forward with Blueberry Drive**

Councilman Welsh made a motion to spend up to \$330,000.00 on Blueberry Drive which includes the quote from Clove Excavators for upgrading the road and drainage as outlined. This was seconded by Councilman Cartalemi.

**ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:**

Councilman Durland Aye  
Councilman Cartalemi Aye  
Councilman McGivney Aye  
Councilman Welsh Aye  
Supervisor Frazier Aye

**Tax Collector Report**

Tax Collector Kaye Saglibene noted the town will close out 2024 tax cycle at 95%. She submitted a check today for penalties collected \$13,568.13. Total of 51 unpaid bills, submitted to the county on June 17th, last year was 43. She also would like to increase the \$1.00 mailing fee to \$2 as postage has increased over the years and this has not been updated.

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

Today we hosted our final TGTT day for the 2023/2024 school year. Thank you to everyone who attended throughout the year. We had fun playing outside, making crafts, and playing games with you all. During the Summer we will post the 2024/2025 schedule of dates on the Parks and Recreation website and our social media pages. We all look forward to seeing you all after the Summer. Next Friday June 28th we will host our Community Night event at Town Hall. Residents and their family and friends can tailgate outside of Town Hall and enjoy food from various food trucks, games, and kick off the Summer season with a firework show. Multiple Town Departments will be tabling at the front of the building to advertise town programs and facilities, as well as answer questions. We will also be selling raffle tickets for various prizes from local businesses. Tickets will be cash only, and they will be priced at \$1 per ticket or \$5 for six tickets. Residents will also be able sign-up for our Town Newsletter at the Town Clerk's table to receive a free raffle ticket. This Friday the Town of Union Vale Senior Club will be hosting an open house from 10am-3pm at the Senior Center. Senior Citizens can feel free to drop by and stay any length of time during the open hours to learn more about the club. During the next week and a half, the Parks and Recreation team will be working hard to clean and set up the required rooms and facilities throughout the Park, organize supplies and equipment, and overall get ready for the start of our Summer programs. The pool will be open during the weekdays from 12pm-6pm Monday-Friday starting July 1st. An update on the camp shirt costs: after working with Courtney our Aquatics Director, we found that we will be able to cover the costs of the camp shirts by using the money left for the "Pool Shirt" and "Medical Supplies" budget lines.

Supervisor Frazier noted that a resident requested opening the pool on this holiday and kids are off, everyone thought it was a great idea and would like to implement it for 2024.

**Parks Report June 19, 2024 Submitted by Vincent Germano**

- The pool has been running well, we painted the section inside the pool house that had to be rebuilt and repaired a portion of the diving board that was rusting.
- We have started brush hogging the taller areas in the disk golf course, to keep it in check and hopefully help people avoid losing their frisbees.
- We have gotten the last of our new portable toilets, this one is located at the Recycling Center. The new company was very helpful and quickly delivered so there was a bathroom available there for the weekend.
- We are still getting the grounds and park facilities ready for summer camp, summer rentals, and equestrian center events.
- We have begun prepping around town hall and the adjacent field for Community Night.

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

During the month of May there was 1 lost dog, two found dogs, one reunited with their owners, and one brought to our shelter and later adopted out and one complaint.

**Library Report**

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

- The Library will have a table for Community Day on June 28th. Residents can sign up for a library card, get bookmarks, and other assorted items!
- Karen has been working to build a Seed Library for our residents. Residents are encouraged to stop in to see what is available. This is a first step in becoming a Sustainable Library with MHLS and ALA (American Library Association)
- As a reminder to all residents, digital content and e-books are available! If you are having trouble logging into Libby or do not remember your PIN, call the library!
- Press Reader (for newspapers, periodicals) and Kanopy (film) are also available through the Library Services link on the Town website.
- In addition, Karen recently donated the following to our Library of Things: a neck massager, air compression boots for neuropathy/circulation disorders, foot massager, weighted blanket, compression socks and games/puzzles.
- The final touches are being reviewed in preparation for the launch of our new website.
- This will still be accessible from the Town website.
- We have a few vouchers to be signed this evening to allow us to continue moving forward with the design of the library.
- 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.

### **Public Comment on Agenda Items- None**

New Business:

#### **Fuel Discussion**

Councilman Cartalemi provided a spreadsheet with information compiled from November of 2023. His estimated cost of savings is \$3,400.00 with an annual savings potentially of \$7,000 a year by piggybacking off state contracts.

This will be a savings between .40-.50 cents a gallon. He provided copies to the Town Board, Highway Superintendent and the Attorney for review and further discussion at the next meeting. The only drawback would be to have multiple vendors whereas the Town has formerly chosen the same vendor for gasoline, propane and diesel. Bid list has been based on commodity and he didn't notice it in the notes, Councilman Cartalemi offered to show the bid awards that guarantee the prices.

Old Business:

#### **Archives Room A/C**

The Board was provided with 3 quotes, low bid is \$9,880.00 from Temp Control who did the work in the meeting room when that needed repair. The highest is \$11,040.00, these were all identical comparison. They had questions about the warranty and service contracts that were mentioned in the quotes.

#### **Discuss Amendments on Employee Handbook**

Councilman Cartalemi asked about the employee record keeping which is done electronically. Everyone agreed the amendments proposed were in line with their thoughts. The Town Board agreed they need to establish consistent work hours for the employees so the calculations are equal for PTO. Supervisor Frazier also noted there are a few employees that have 2 job titles to create a full-time job which is in touch with Dutchess County HR. There was other conversation about discrepancy to full time and part time. One of the concerns is making the threshold for full time status too low that it makes more eligible and increases the budget substantially. Discussion on this topic ensued to explore other resources to assist in assessing the PTO issue and hours worked such as Association of Towns and a labor attorney. Supervisor Frazier offered to call AOT to further assist in rectifying these issues.

#### **Public Comment on Town Issues**

Richard Ott, Reilley Road, proposed development behind Alexey Lane and Clapp Hill, wanted opinions on this project. He noted that residents like Union Vale like low population and open spaces. He advocated the utility road be a main road with access to Clapp Hill or a right turn lane on CR-21.

Supervisor Frazier explained it will consist of 48 units of town homes, one area separated by 2 roads, supposed to also include a utility road to Clapp Hill – this project meets the town code. Councilman Cartalemi further explained the project in depth and the history as he was Planning Board Chair during much of this project.

**Public Comments on Town Issues-** None

**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 July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm

**Motion to Adjourn** At 8:29 PM Councilman Welsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilman Cartalemi and all were unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Casey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrea Casey, Town Clerk