

**UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2022**

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

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

**PRESENT: Supervisor Betsy Maas**

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

**Town Clerk: Andrea Casey**

**Absent: Town Attorney: Attorney Jeff Battistoni, Town Council: Perry Gusikoff**

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

**Motion Approve Minutes:** Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the October 19<sup>th</sup> 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

**Supervisor Report**

- 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.
- Thanked Resident Brian Scoralick for all his help with the Tymor Reforestation and supplying the trees and for hydroseeding along the roads in the park
- Thank the Parks Department for their work preparing the meeting room for the new media equipment
- 97% of employees have completed the PESH training annual requirement.
- Annual Insurance enrolment meeting was earlier this month, now offering vision and dental that does not cost the Town any money
- Webinar on “First Amendment Auditors”
- New Conservation Advisory Council Members will join and be at the work session
- TC Moratorium ongoing detailed process and more adjusting to do, they will pass the Resolution of Introduction next Monday at 6:15 PM for the Public Hearing on December 21, 2022.
- Received PILOT and full year of rent from Solar Developers
- Cash Flow: 113% over goal for cash in and at 97% of expense goals for the month
- Cash Balances: General Fund: \$3,040,057.00 which includes the ARPA money and investments Highway Fund: \$581,119.00 Total: \$3.6Million

**Town Board Reports**

*Councilman Welsh* has been aggressively reviewing the TC zoning and trying to keep up with the changes and improvements.

*Councilman McGivney*- nothing at this time.

*Councilman Durland* agreed everyone has been busy working on the zoning changes and he is thankful the budget is done.

### **Highway**

Superintendent Kading reported they have been dealing with beavers on Cutler who are building a dam near the bridge. The crew will be working on tree removal in between snow storms. They are looking at the drainage plan for a renovation on Hoofprint Road that will be scheduled for this Spring or Summer. He is getting many complaints on lawn maintenance companies parking on Town Roads creating safety issues and is unsure how to address it and is requesting assistance from the Town Board. They hired a 4<sup>th</sup> crew member to fill the vacancy who has a lot of experience working for Highway Departments. Two new, used plow trucks purchased from DC that are in great shape and they are making modifications to fit the needs of Union Vale. These were well kept and used at the DC Airport so were a good deal financially and had minimal wear and tear.

### **Town Clerk Report**

2023 Recycling permits are on sale as of tomorrow. No price changes for the permit costs and they can be purchased through the same channels as last year.

### **Public Comments Agenda Items- None**

**CAC Conservation Advisory Council** CAC member, Josh Redinger spoke about the reforestation, trees for Tymor in conjunction with the Girl Scouts, event and noted the trees were great quality and excellent choices of Red Birch, Maple, Black Cherry to stabilize the creekbank and withstand the deer. The emerald ash borer slayed many of the large trees and were lost and will continue to lose them throughout the County. The donation period is ongoing and checks can be made out to Union Vale.

### **Parks**

Jake Gosnell, Park Manager reiterated about the hydroseeding and thanked the Highway Dept for edging the roads around the park. The fence-line has been cleaned up at Godfrey and they will be planting 15-25 shrubs to give a proper buffer. The Town Hall flooring will be placed next Friday, they are also in winter prep mode. The Parks team also has done more work on customizing Recycling Center shed.

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

Last month we held our second annual TGTT Halloween party on October 21st. Students K-5 then enjoyed getting dressed up in our costumes, making a Halloween themed snack and many games and crafts throughout the day. We look forward to our next Full Day TGTT being held on November 23rd. Students can enjoy their day off at our Friendsgiving Party and join in on activities that remind us what we're all thankful for. Registration is open until the end of the business day on November 21st. We have begun preparing for our annual Grand Illumination event taking place on Saturday, December 3rd from 4:30PM-6PM. Families can come enjoy a visit with Santa, holiday cheer, and witness our light display turn on for the first time for the season! This event is free for Residents, and \$5 per family for Non-Residents. Registration is open at [unionvalerec.com](http://unionvalerec.com).

**Constable Report Submitted by George Treadwell, CIC**

Monthly Report for October 2022 Constables patrolled approximately 684 miles of town roads including all properties filling the Explorer with 45.7 gallons of gasoline. The (2) town court dates (October 5th holiday) totaled 22 cases on the dockets with 10 actual appearances and (1) case was dismissed for failure to prosecute (officer failed to show for court). There were no issues to report. Constables reported the following during patrols: \*10/26 - Assisted DC Sheriff's Office upon request searching for possible stolen vehicle in Waterbury Hill Rd. area until other DCSO units arrived.

**Animal Control, submitted by ACO, Mary Jean Calvi**

During the month of October 2022, there was one found dog and two wildlife calls. We also passed our annual inspection by NYS Ag and Markets.

**Land Use Moratorium – Town Center & Private Roads**

The Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM

**Godfrey Park Playground-** There will be a resident meeting upcoming to view the 4 designs and make their recommendation to the Board.

**N. Clove Turning onto Rt. 82 – County Engineering Designs-** The family is donating land, owner Frank Redel spoke with the Town Attorney that this should happen before the end of year. The Town will have recommendations from DC and the residents.

**Library Update – Trustees Reception, October 15<sup>th</sup>-** Jonah Ritter, Library Trustee, spoke and said the trustees are working very well as a team with well-rounded skills, had training with MHLS, have access to many resources to help give back to the Town Residents. They will continue to keep the Town Board abreast of their progress. They continue to gather ideas to help customize it specifically to Union Vale.

**New Gutters on Long Barn Project – completed-** Park Manager Jake Gosnell reported these were installed last week which will help keep the water away from the building and preserve it for longer. The installation went very well and pairs with the new doors.

**Meeting Room Updates – Town Board Meetings -** Supervisor Maas spoke about the meeting room updates and the new technology installed. It will include 2 large TV screens for the audience to see projections.

**Adoption 2023 Town Budget-** Supervisor Maas highlighted the changes included in the 2023 budget. The final budget will be on the website as well as mailed to Dutchess County. Taxes were raised .07 cents/ per \$1000 increase which ends being a \$36,792 increase for the town \$1,927,809 total levy.

**Moratorium on Town Center Zone –** Next week the website will have all the documents and the public hearing will be on December 21, 2022.

**Establishing Reserve Accounts – Save for future (large) equipment purchases & repairs**

Supervisor Maas explained that they want to set up more accounts such as some for Parks, Equipment and repairs. The Highway reserve account has been well utilized.

Councilman Welsh suggested we put a bid in for a Highway pick up truck since the last order was canceled by the dealer as the highway dept has no pick up at the moment.

**Motion to Adopt the 2023 Budget**

Councilman Welsh made a motion to pass the 2023 budget as prepared by the Budget Officer which was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

**Motion to Pay Bills**

Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve budget adjustments, warrants, & pay bills, no transfers this month as they will be done in December, which was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

**Public Comments Town Issues**

*Tillman-* Asked about the broadcast on channel 22.

*Glenn Morrison-* Inquired about speed on town roads, he has noticed there are new signs for reduced speed and asks how this is being enforced.

Ed Kading spoke about this being a legal process that must be approved by the State to be legally enforced after a study is conducted.

*Mary Jane Zukowski-* spoke about in the last week there have been rubber marks peeling out on blind turns creating a dangerous situation on Highview Road.

**Motion to Adjourn**

At 8:39 PM Councilman Welsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Casey, Town Clerk