

**UNION VALE 2023 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING OCTOBER 19, 2022
249 DUNCAN ROAD, UNION VALE, NEW YORK
UNION VALE TOWN HALL 7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Supervisor Betsy Maas

Town Council: Kevin Durland, Perry Gusikoff, Kevin McGivney, John Welsh

Town Clerk: Andrea Casey

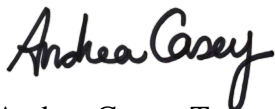
Supervisor Maas opened the public hearing at 7:01 PM

Glenn Morrison- stated he recalls this time last year, several projects baked into the budget, website redesign, digitization, AV improvements, he wonders if they are finished, if they are not, would this be baked into the budget for 2023. He is still confused about the library, he will have further comments after viewing the budget

Elfriede Tillman – inquired about the projects in the works, expecting budget to show a list of projects that have been approved but not completed. Things are being generated but not approved. Would like a list and when will that be shared with the tax payers. What are contractual expenses? For example, core samples for the dam, were they done, haven't seen any breakdown or heard, would like to see that kind of information included especially if prices increased. She inquired if the reserved fund balance is 2 million, she does not think taxes should go up if we have money in the bank, why a huge amount.

As there was no further public comment, Supervisor Maas closed the public hearing at 7:09 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Andrea Casey, Town Clerk

UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 19, 2022

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UNION VALE TOWN HALL 7:30 PM

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Town Attorney: Attorney Jeff Battistoni

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

Special Presentation on the Life & Contributions of Mr. Pete DeForest by Tom Martell

RESOLUTION # 37-2022: AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS FROM PRIVATE DONORS TO PAY FOR A BENCH IN TYMOR PARK IN HONOR OF JOHN PETER DEFOREST (See Resolutions)

Motion Approve Minutes: Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the August 17th 2022 and the September 17, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

Supervisor Maas asked for a moment of silence for the Strehl Family who suffered a great loss. Councilman Durland explained they lost their young son Jack, earlier in the month and the Town and the community have them in their thoughts and prayers.

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.
- The 9-11 Memorial stone that was donated by the Calvi Family has been placed under the flag pole at town hall
- Cash Flow: 108% over goal for cash in and at 3% below expenditures for the month
- FEMA check arriving, \$51,000.00 which is larger than expected for the HWY Fund
- Ag& Markets has sent the municipal shelter inspection report and HVARs which passed with 100% and the Dog Control report was submitted October 3, 2022
- Cash Balances: General Fund: \$3,014,347.00 which includes the ARPA money and investments Highway Fund: \$541,256.00 Total: \$3.55 Million

Councilman Welsh mentioned there was a garbage truck fire in Town today that UVFD responded to. The contents needed to be dumped on the road to be extinguished. The highway department arrived to help clean it up quickly and safely and he thanked them for their assistance.

2023 Budget Presentation by Supervisor & Budget Officer, Supervisor Maas

Town Board Reports

Councilman McGivney- nothing at this time.

Councilman Welsh has been working on the 2023 budget with emphasis on the capital improvements.

Councilman Gusikoff stated the new shed has been relocated to the Recycling Center and started construction and prepared for the electrical work that needs to be done

Councilman Durland agreed that the 811 ‘dig safely’ team has been called and are awaiting approval before the new flag pole can be placed.

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Casey spoke about the upcoming Rabies clinic offered by DC. Early voting will begin and BOE has a schedule of the locations and times available on their website. The J-Cap grant for the Justice Systems phones has been submitted and accepted.

Highway

Superintendent Kading reported the Highway Dept. is looking to fill a vacancy of 1 crew member. They have been shouldering roads with the material they created a few years ago which means minimal expense to the town. DCSW will hydroseed those areas next week, weather permitting. They are still in the process of repairing catch basins throughout the Town. They will speak about truck purchases next meeting when all the information has been received.

Public Comments-None

CAC Conservation Advisory Council

CAC member, Josh Redinger spoke about the upcoming star gazing event, October 22 at 6:30 PM and noted the vast array that can be seen from rural Union Vale. Reforestation, trees for Tymor, November 5th pushed back due to drought will replace 115 trees lost in town, asking for donations for \$5 per tree or volunteers to assist in planting.

Parks Report

Jake Gosnell, Park Manager reported the GAA festival went very well the group was organized and he thanks them and the constables for keeping everyone safe. Fall prep and beginning the festival of lights. Shed was moved to the recycling center. The Highway Dept shouldered roads near Tymor park and graded areas that needed it.

Recreation, submitted by Recreation Director Maggie Collins

Last Friday evening we held our annual Halloween Movie Night outside in front of the Bandstand. Patrons got to enjoy watching a movie after the sunset and enjoy food and drinks from Fanelli's Food Truck. Thank you to all who attended, and we look forward to hosting another movie night in the future. We have been running our After-School program and welcomed new and old friends to enjoy the park for another school year. Registration is open for multiple full and half day TGTT programs during the upcoming fall months, and seats are filling up fast. This Friday we look forward to hosting students K-5th at our TGTT Halloween Party. We will enjoy Halloween themed games and crafts and get a chance to show off our costumes!

Constable Report Submitted by George Treadwell, CIC

Monthly Report for September 2022

Constables patrolled approximately 621 miles of town roads including all properties filling the Explorer with 23.4 gallons of gasoline.

The (3) town court dates totaled 25 cases on the dockets with 15 actual appearances and (5) cases were dismissed for failure to prosecute (officer failed to show for court). There were no issues to report. Constables had nothing to report during patrols this month.

Additional note: Constables provided security at the Hudson Valley Balloon Festival (9/2 - 9/4) and the October Festival (9/18) events held at Tymor Park. With large amounts of visitors at both events there were no major issues to report.

Animal Control, submitted by ACO, Mary Jean Calvi

September 2022, there was one lost dog, two found dogs and one wildlife call.

(Due to confidentiality issues, additional information can be found in the Animal Control Officer's log book.)

Furnace Pond Dam

Supervisor Maas explained we are still waiting to do boring test, they have not called, one company that has the right size and engineers are trying to get us on the calendar.

Land Use Moratorium to Review Town Center Zone & Private Roads

Supervisor Maas noted they are to extend to the second extension that is built in, hopes the new town code revisions will be ready for review next week.

Playground at Godfrey Park

Supervisor Maas informed everyone they are waiting for 1 more design and residents will have 4 to choose from and share their thoughts with the Board.

Library Update – Trustees, MHLS

The Trustees have had their second meeting and are signed up for trustee training and have read their handbook. There is an open house Trustee reception on October 26 from 5:30-7:00 PM so that the community can meet them.

Replace Town Hall Flooring Project

Jake Gosnell, Park Manager spoke about the skim coat will be placed on floors before the material is placed to seal the concrete from any moisture. Mr. Gosnell did a moisture check and noted little to no levels for moisture and agrees that the skim coat will be sufficient without the need for an additional \$5,000 expenditure for a membrane.

Drainage Improvements – Hoofprint Road

Superintendent Kading has been working with Engineer, Tom Harvey for drainage improvements on Hoofprint and an analysis will be done this week and next week.

N. Clove Turning onto Rt. 82 – County Engineering Designs

DC has come up with designs in making that intersection safer. Residents from On The Green will review with the town as they will be utilizing it the most. There will be more information and a public hearing to help assist in choosing the best proposal.

Proposed purchase: New Commercial Grade Mower for Parks

Mr. Gosnell explained they have been using the same mower for 19 years but will soon need a replacement. Mr. Gosnell provided comparable machines and Brady's offered the state bid for a 52 inch will be an identical replacement and it will need a bagger system as well. The size is idea for the spaces they are mowing such as the pool and cemetery.

Resolutions & Motions (See Resolutions)

34-2022 Extension of Town Center Moratorium

35, 36 & 37-2022 Authorization of Acceptance of Various Donations

Motion to Approve New Commercial Grade Mower for Parks

Councilman Durland made a motion to approve the Scag mower as outlined in the amount of \$12,643.00 which was seconded by Councilman Welsh, and all were unanimously in favor.

Supervisor Maas noted if any other information is needed for the budget please FOIL our FOIL officer and we will be happy to provide it.

Motion to Pay Bills

Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve budget adjustments, warrants, & pay bills which was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

Public Comments Town Issues

Lalita Malik – spoke about proposition 1 which will be on the ballot this November and explained the position of what it would mean to vote 'yes' which is to allocate funds for state parks, water, wildlife, reforestation and all this will create jobs.

Motion to Adjourn

At 9:05 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

**TOWN OF UNION VALE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION No. 34-2022:**

REGARDING A 90-DAY MORATORIUM EXTENSION

WHEREAS, by Local Law 2 of 2022, the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale (“Town Board”) enacted a 90-day moratorium on the consideration of applications for and the issuance of approvals, variances, and permits for the uses currently allowed in the Town Center (TC) Zoning District, and for common driveway and private road permits in the Town, subject to certain exceptions and subject to extension; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale has commenced a comprehensive review of the Town of Union Vale Zoning Code as it relates to the Town Center Zoning District, and common driveways and private roads within the Town, and is currently working with the Town’s consultants to consider possible amendments to the Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, it is the Town Board’s desire to complete its review of the Zoning Code, and the subsequent development, consideration, and ultimate adoption of any proposed zoning amendments in a deliberate and appropriate manner; and

WHEREAS, Section 6 of Local Law 2 of 2022 provides that the moratorium may, for good cause, be renewed, extended and modified by the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale for up to two (2) additional 90-day periods.

WHEREAS, the 90-day moratorium expired on October 4th , 2022, and it is anticipated that the Town Board will need additional time to complete this process, and accordingly the Town Board desires to extend the current moratorium for an additional 90-day period; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board determines that the extension of the moratorium is a Type II Action not subject to environmental review pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(36),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the recitations above set forth are incorporated in this resolution as if fully set forth and adopted herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid moratorium be hereby extended through January 16th, 2023.

The preceding resolution was offered by Councilman Durland, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Welsh.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Councilman Gusikoff	Aye
Councilman Durland	Aye
Councilman McGivney	Aye
Councilman Welsh	Aye
Supervisor Maas	Aye

Ayes 5

Noes 0

Dated: October 19th, 2022



Andrea Casey, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 35-2022:
AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS FROM PRIVATE DONORS TO PAY
FOR TREES FOR THE REFORESTATION OF UNIONVALE

Councilman Gusikoff introduced the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Welsh, as follows:

WHEREAS, private donors have generously provided unrestricted funds to support a new 2021 program called “The Reforestation of Union Vale”;

WHEREAS, specifically these funds will go to purchase new trees to replace the trees that have died, become unsafe or diseased and removed by both the Parks and Highway Departments annually; and

WHEREAS, replacement trees will be planted by Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts, Parks’ staff and resident volunteers in Tymor and Godfrey Parks, and on any municipal property or right-of way where it is determined that the trees would be beneficial;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale gratefully accepts these generous gift totaling \$875.00 from the following tree lovers within our community, with pleasure and on behalf of the residents of the Town of Union Vale who will enjoy them for many years to come:

Anonymous (2)
Andrea & Rob Casey
David Maureen Faillace
Sarah Gonzales
Girl Scout 106 Troop 10350
Girl Scout- Heart of the Hudson Millbrook
Susanna Hill
Donna Hogancamp
Ed & Cheryl Kading
Sue & Dana Kilcrease
James Lynch
Betsy & Jeff Maas
Kevin & Sue McGivney
Jen & Michael Rubbo
Brian & Kim Scoralick

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Councilman Gusikoff	Aye
Councilman Durland	Aye
Councilman McGivney	Aye
Councilman Welsh	Aye
Supervisor Maas	Aye

Ayes 5
Noes 0

Dated: October 19th, 2022



Andrea Casey, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 36-2022
AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT FROM SWEET PEET FOR THE
TYMOR PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER

Councilman Welsh introduced the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Gusikoff, as follows:

WHEREAS, the local licensees of Sweet Peet, the “best organic mulch on earth” have generously provided \$1,500.00 in unrestricted funds to support the Tymor Park Equestrian Center;

WHEREAS, these funds will go to enhance the Equestrian Center’s appearance or to purchase supplies for Equestrian Center Horse Shows so that residents and guests can continue to enjoy using the Equestrian Center to its fullest;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale, and Loretta Ryan, Director of the Equestrian Center, gratefully accept this generous gift with pleasure and on behalf of the residents of the Town of Union Vale who sincerely appreciate Sweet Peets’ wonderful donation and thoughtfulness.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Councilman Gusikoff	Aye
Councilman Durland	Aye
Councilman McGivney	Aye
Councilman Welsh	Aye
Supervisor Maas	Aye

Ayes	5
Noes	0

Dated: October 19th, 2022



Andrea Casey, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 37-2022:
AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS FROM PRIVATE DONORS TO PAY
FOR A BENCH IN TYMOR PARK IN HONOR OF
JOHN PETER DEFOREST
June 11, 1933 – August 20, 2022

Councilman Welsh introduced the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman McGivney, as follows:

WHEREAS, private donors have generously provided restricted funds in the amount of \$2,815.00 to purchase a new bench in honor of John Peter DeForest to be placed in Tymor Park, at his family's request; and

WHEREAS, Pete DeForest, who was born in Beekman but lived in Union Vale for most of his entire life, worked simultaneously as a farmer and a dedicated public servant; and

WHEREAS, as a public servant, Pete DeForest served the Town of Union Vale as a Constable, Town Councilman, Town Supervisor and Highway Superintendent, in addition to his most prestigious and important role, serving as Town Clerk Mary Lou DeForest's loving husband for sixty-nine years., living the fullest life imaginable surrounded by his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and siblings;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale gratefully accepts these generous gifts from the many admirers of Peter John DeForest and will be honored to place a bench in Tymor Park engraved with his name as a permanent reminder of who he was and what he gave to his community.

The following people gave gifts in Pete DeForest' s name:

Charles Traver
Danelle Seftner & Darlene DeForest
David & Randi Petrovits
Deborah & Timothy Oconnor
Dorothy Vail
Doug & Jessica Nash
Dutchess County Town Clerk Assoc
Eastern NY Holstein Deb Phillips
Eleanor Dubetsky
Elfriede Tillman
Ellis & Joann Griffin
George & Susan Whalen III
Ita Rahilly & Louis Fish
Janet Vail
Jerod & Carol Pacilli
Jill Jurina
Joe DeForest
John DeForest
Bob & Pamela Ferris
Betsy & Jeff Maas
Carlos & Karin Mina
Amy & Kevin Harrington
Anita & Timothy Pike
Katherine L Hogan
Ken & Betty Andrews
Margaret Farmer
Marilyn & David Brands
Nancy Lynam

Nathalie & Peter Klepp
Noreen Ryan
Patrick & Catherine Reilly
Raymond Jurina
Robert Johnston JR
Robert Madsen
Sam Germond JR
Sharon Lewis
Sharon Peterson
Stephanie De Matte
Susan & Anthony Deman
Susan Kniffen
Theresa & John Sheehan/Farmer
William & Cathy Meyer

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Councilman Durland	Aye
Councilman Gusikoff	Aye
Councilman McGivney	Aye
Councilman Welsh	Aye
Supervisor Maas	Aye

Ayes 5
Noes 0

Dated: October 19th, 2022



Andrea Casey, Town Clerk