

UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 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 -Absent

Town Clerk: Andrea Casey

Town Attorney: Attorney Jeff Battistoni - Absent

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 January 3rd and January 17th 2024 Meeting minutes which was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

Supervisors Report

- Has been working with FEMA on flood damage projects and is close to having that resolved and getting reimbursement, the engineer is still working on the bridge replacement for W. Clove Mtn Road.

Board Member Reports

Councilman Durland – inquired if the Board could discuss having the first Wednesday of each month a work session.

Councilman Welsh – pointed out the Recycling Center employees had a training on the disposal of used batteries that are potentially fire hazards including storage and safety.

Councilman McGivney- Had a few meetings with different departments and is looking forwarding to the Valentines for Veterans event run by the Town Clerk.

Councilman Cartalemi- had a meeting with the Board and Library Trustees, the Library Board asked if the Town Board could send a letter to the MHLS to ask for the restrictions to be lifted, would like that added to the agenda for discussion. As former Planning Board Chair, he noted some issues that rose with Town Center Zone changes, 3 things that need to be addressed for consistency.

Motion to Motion to Amend Agenda

Councilman Durland made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss the idea of a work session rather than 2 business meetings a month which was seconded by Councilman Cartalemi and all unanimously agreed.

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Councilman Cartalemi made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss sending a letter to MHLS about lifting the restrictions which was seconded by Councilman Durland and all unanimously agreed.

Motion to Motion to Amend Agenda

Councilman Cartalemi made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss Town Center Zone changes (3) seconded by Councilman Durland and all unanimously agreed.

Highway Report- Superintendent Kading could not be in attendance due to family business. Supervisor Frazier made a motion to table the discussion of the excavator purchase until the next meeting which was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were in favor.

Town Clerk Report

On Saturday, February 10th from 10am-12 noon all are welcome to make Valentines Day Cards for Veterans. This event is in collaboration with Virgil Capolari, Veteran Advocate and Laureen Abbatantuono, Town Clerk of Beekman. These will be handed out at the VA hospital and VFW Posts in the area. All are welcome to attend and supplies will be provided.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Jean Moore, Darren Road, spoke about questions and concerns with regard to plans for the Union Vale Library. She discussed a chart she handed to the Board regarding the 2% rate increase, advises to slow the purchasing until the location has been made proper, and hopes the Board is monitoring the money spent. She asks what will happen if Charter is not approved?

Chuck Richwine, Verbank, feels library's in general are not being utilized as they once were. He noted in Millbrook there are more employees than patrons. He understands people still appreciate them but feels the need for the MHLS is diminishing every day. He questioned if it would be cheaper still to purchase items on Amazon for anyone requesting rather than support the library.

Motion to Approve New IT Firm (from Resolution #24-7)

After receiving responses from the RFP and reviewing them, Supervisor Frazier made a motion to select Roberts IT Firm which was seconded by Councilman McGivney and all were unanimously in favor

Discussion: Councilman Cartalemi asked if any of the firms had been vetted. Supervisor Frazier noted that Roberts Firm works for 3 other municipalities and is very familiar and pleased with their work.

There was further discussion on the choice for the legal team the Town Board would like to appoint.

Motion to Appoint Legal Counsel (from Resolution #24-7)

Councilman Cartalemi made a motion to appoint Jeff Battistoni as the Town Attorney for the Town of Union Vale for 2024 which was seconded by Councilman Durland.

Motion passes with a 3-2 vote

Roll Call:

Councilman Cartalemi- Aye

Councilman Welsh- Aye

Supervisor Frazier- Nay

Councilman McGivney- Nay

Councilman Durland- Aye

Motion to update Resolution #24-8 for ZBA Vacancy

Supervisor Frazier made a motion to reinstate Dennis Dunning to the ZBA term exp. 2028 which was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

Supervisor Frazier advised CAC interviews will be next Friday.

Town Hall Hours Discussion- Supervisor Frazier noted the hours do not add up to 32 hours for full time which is what is stated in the current Employee Handbook. The Building / Planning/Zoning hours are 8:30-4 is 7 hours a day and 28 per week – Finance hours are 7.5 hours a day and are 30 hours a week. Discussion on this ensued about actual hours worked. Supervisor Frazier mentioned the issue came from payroll when the software inputs PTO it is not for the full day but not typical hours worked. The two options are to change the hours or change the handbook. Further discussion will continue next meeting.

AARP Defensive Driving Course

Supervisor Frazier reported that AARP approached him and offer to hold a Safe Drivers program to the Town Residents and \$5 discount for AARP members for ta cost of \$30 no non-members.

Councilman Cartalemi made a motion to offer the driver safety course at Town Hall which was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

Work Session Discussion: Councilman Durland stated this worked well and thought the brainstorming meetings helped understand issues that come up, especially with the example of the town hall hours. Councilman Cartalemi offered that town board could also hold a work session in the beginning and then hold a formal meeting after. Supervisor Frazier noted he was on the board then and did not agree with them and prefers the two business meetings.

Library Board Discussion: Councilman Cartalemi stated the Library Trustees sent a letter to MHLS asking to be removed from the restriction list. The Trustees asked the Town Board to send letter to also ask to be removed from the restriction list and give an opportunity to discuss the issue. Supervisor Frazier stated he has no objection with this and hopes to bring our residents back in and restore services.

TC Zone Changes Discussion: Councilman Cartalemi spoke about 3 issues that have come up since the Zone change that are a problem. He explained this routinely happens as when you think you have covered every base; some issues are not discovered until they come up during an application.

- 1) Minor Subdivision, anything with a common drive triggers a major subdivision which creates more burden on the applicant.

Example: Ferris have two pieces of property that is split by power lines, they must do a major subdivision. Another example, Arnold application is also affected.

- 2) Bonnevenia Application- Fire advisory council, requested 26ft road, town code only allows 20ft roads as bigger roads are better for position fire equipment. These will not be the only applicants and feels this should be headed off without sending these applications to the ZBA for variances or the Town Board for code changes.
- 3) Wording on the 2,500 sq/ft 12 units cannot be accommodates in this space. Wording needs to be revisited to protect the intent. TC code states that building footprint cannot be larger than 2,500 sq/ft.

Public Comment 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 McGivney and all were unanimously in favor.

Next meeting February 21st at 7:30pm pricing and options on roofing repairs will be ready by the next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn At 8:07 PM Supervisor Frazier made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Andrea Casey, Town Clerk