

UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING JANUARY 16, 2020

TOWN HALL 249 DUNCAN ROAD LAGRANGEVILLE, NY 7:00PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Maas

Council: Kevin Durland, Kevin McGivney, Steven Frazier & John Welsh

Highway Superintendent: Ed Kading

Code Enforcement Officer: George Kolb

Town Clerk: Andrea Casey

Town Attorney: Jeff Battistoni

Call to Order and Salute to the Flag at 7:08 PM

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Maas made a motion to enter executive session at 7:09 PM for the purpose of discussing potential litigation which was seconded by Councilman Frazier and all were unanimously in favor.

MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Maas reported that no action was taken, Councilman Welsh made a motion to exit executive session at 8:15 PM which was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the December 18, 2019 meeting which was seconded by Councilman McGivney and all were unanimously in favor.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Maas spoke about the expenses and carry over from 2019, she will give a full report after all the bills have been paid. Supervisor Maas described the packet the Board receives each month which will include the Building Dept. Report, deposit list for the month for General and Highway Fund, abstracts, escrow report, and the year end performance vs budget.

Supervisor Maas read a thank you letter from the Baird Family for the recognition of the donation of the paintings that were gifted to the Town. She also spoke about the new school bus camera ticket law. The DEC will be visiting the land on owned by the Town on Pleasant Ridge for the purpose of tracking the New England Cotton Tail Rabbits.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Councilman Welsh spoke about being busy negotiating a contract that he is currently involved with. Councilman Durland has been attending seminars to learn more about his role and urged residents he has not met to contact either Town Hall or visit the website for his contact information. Councilman Frazier has been preparing for the annual Association of Towns training conference. Councilman McGivney stated although he is new, he is looking forward to getting a lot of positive things done in Union Vale.

Highway Superintendent Report

Superintendent Kading reported he has been fielding complaints from residents and trying to appease everyone. Two of the older plow trucks have not moved off the Highway Dept. property in several years therefore are not usable as well as a trailer, all plated and insured. He would like to work with Absolute Auction to get rid of these items. Councilman Welsh and Frazier advised that a list of the items be prepared so they can formally vote on those items as surplus.

Superintendent Kading has been busy cleaning the exterior of the Highway garage of scrap metal by hiring a dumpster to haul away the unneeded material. There was also discussion of a fence being constructed for the Highway Garage.

He asks residents to refrain from having residents dump brush as it has not been dumped in the best location. He also spoke about Highway Materials bid needing to be resubmitted due to needing to adhere to the proper policy.

MOTION TO DECLARE EXCESS EQUIPMENT (HIGHWAY)

Councilman Frazier made a motion that pending the list prepared by Superintendent Kading all items be declared surplus equipment. This motion was seconded by Supervisor Maas and all were unanimously in favor.

Town Clerk Report

Town Clerk Casey reported on new flag being purchased for Town Hall as the former was retired after years of use.

Tax Collector Report

Town Clerk Casey reported on behalf of Tax Collector Kathi Wellman. The tax bills were all mailed on January 9, 2020, if residents have not received them by this weekend please call Town Hall. As of next Tuesday, the link to obtain a tax bill or receipt will be available on the Union Vale website.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CAC Report

CAC Chair, Acki Bush, brought the Board up to speed on the initiatives and goals set for 2020. She spoke about their project of adding building Bluebird houses to Tymor and the survey for the Recycling Center. Food for Thought had its first meeting in October with the topic ‘How to Cultivate Fruit Trees’ by Shady Knolls owner Andrew Richards. They want to continue with the aforementioned programs and would like to build a natural resources inventory which would include items such as forest, wetlands, farmland as well as cultural resources.

Fire Advisory Council

Monday Jan 6th the Fire Advisory Council reviewed the plans for the solar project. They determined there was ample access to the site with fire equipment and approved the site plan with the provision that a walkthrough and safety training is provided due to the high voltage. They also request that if changes are made to the original plan, they are sent to the Fire District for approval.

MS4

Mr. Kolb spoke about the history of this government mandated program regarding ensuring clean water flows to the waterways in New York. He further spoke about the audit that was performed in the Summer of 2019 which in his opinion went very well. The only issue that does need attention is the Highway Garage. This location may or not be in the purview of MS4 as it is not located in an urbanized area. He will keep the Board updated to ensure all is in compliance. He submitted a total report for 2019 in addition to the monthly report which is on file with the office of the Town Clerk.

The annual fire safety report has been completed and submitted to the State.

Recreation Department

Nina Bartholomew, After School Program Director, spoke about the new initiatives and programs to attract a wider audience. New programs such as ‘Parents night out’ which allows parents to bring their kids to Tymor for fun while they are able to go and spend and evening out and Cupcake decorating for kids.

Avenues for marketing include Facebook, Instagram, Flyers go to Noxon school, Vail Farm and Beekman Elementary in print form.

Park Report

Jake Gosnell was unable to attend however Supervisor Maas mentioned that the windows in 11 Tymor Park house have been replaced as planned and the holiday lights have been removed for the season.

Solar Development Test

Supervisor Maas stated that the Central Hudson CESAR test was completed. The results were very good and the Solar Development Project is moving forward 100% which is great news for the Town. They will soon sign the decommissioning plan and a building permit will then be issued by George Kolb, Building Inspector.

There will be subscriptions for residents and information will be provided as the project gets closer to completion.

Furnace Pond Dam

This is still moving forward although at the time Supervisor Maas has no new details other than turning in the maintenance plan to ensure the dams longevity. She will have more information as they begin the engineering analysis.

Capital Projects

Supervisor Maas gave the Board a list of upcoming capital projects, she would like to add updating the playground in Godfrey Park. She hopes each Board member could “adopt” a project to work with her on the help administer.

Councilman Welsh offered to work on the Salt Shed, Councilman Frazier the AC units and cement bridge in Tymor Park. Councilman Durland chose the tennis courts, and all hands for the Furnace Pond Dam. 11 Tymor Park House: Supervisor Maas feels that this could be utilized as a short-term rental as recommended from DC Tourism and projected larger revenues. There was Board discussion on the possibility of this. Councilman Frazier has concerns about the return on revenue and would like to see these items on paper. Councilman Durland realizes that short term does create a higher revenue however, wants to see that it is managed accordingly being that the turnover is much more frequent. Supervisor Maas said there will be more research done in order to make a better-informed decision. There was further discussion on this topic.

Workers Compensation

Supervisor Maas spoke about the history of this with the former carrier with Dutchess County. The County has required the Town to pay some kind of liability since the Town left the plan. This will be decided in January or February.

2020 Event Calendar

This will be distributed as shown to the board in prior correspondence.

MOTION TO WAIVE FEES FOR UVFD

Councilman Frazier made a motion to waive the Building Department permit fees associated with submitting applications for the Union Vale Fire District. This motion was seconded by Councilman McGivney all were unanimously in favor however, Councilman Welsh recused himself from the vote. Supervisor Maas mentioned that the Fire Department would be responsible for escrow fees related to this project.

Soccer School to Rent Tymor Park

The Town has been approached by a group to utilize the park for their soccer school. This would include \$2,000/ month plus utilities and would use the park from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM approximately 20-40 students. They did ask the Town to partially winterize the summer bath stall facilities for their use. The estimated cost for this would be around \$10,000. This is for consideration as this will be under Board review in preparation to discuss it further at the next meeting.

Gaelic Games- This would be a rental for the entire park for one day: May 30th – Councilman Frazier feels the damage deposit should be higher due to the wide use of the park. \$500 damage waiver was decided.

Resolutions (See Resolutions)

Resolution #20-18

Resolution #20-19

Resolution #20-20*

Resolution #20-21

MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION #20-20

Councilman Frazier made a motion to remove the language “due to poor plan management” from the resolution. This was seconded by Councilman McGivney.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment:

Amendment passes 4-1

Supervisor Maas Aye

Councilman Welsh Nay

Councilman Durland Aye

Councilman Frazier Aye

Councilman McGivney Aye

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON TOWN ISSUES

None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

At 9:35pm Councilman Frazier made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Casey

Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 20-18: RESOLUTION CORRECTING RESOLUTION 20-10
SETTING SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution 20-10 from the January 2, 2020 Organization Meeting overstated the salary of the Town Clerk by \$1,368.00. This mistake occurred when the 3% raises were taken away from elected officials during the budget process and the number was carried over incorrectly;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the correction will be made in the January 2nd minutes as required by law and it is acknowledged that the total salary of the Town Clerk for 2020 is \$47,077.00.

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

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

Supervisor Maas	Aye
Councilman Welsh	Aye
Councilman Frazier	Aye
Councilman Durland	Aye
Councilman McGivney	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

DATED: Union Vale, New York
January 16, 2020



Andrea Casey, TOWN CLERK

RESOLUTION # 20-19: RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE WAIVING OF FEES FOR THE SENIOR CENTER RENTAL FOR THE BOCKER FAMILY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gerard Bocker Family has requested to utilize the Senior Center in Tymor Park for a second blood drive for Hannah Bocker;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the blood drive will be sponsored by the NY Blood Center, the same sponsor of the first successful blood drive;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Union Vale does hereby waive the \$275.00 rental fee for the Bocker Family for the blood drive to be held on February 16th, 2020.

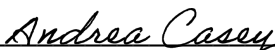
Councilman Frazier introduced the following resolution, which was seconded by Supervisor Maas, as follows:

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

Supervisor Maas	Aye
Councilman Welsh	Aye
Councilman Frazier	Aye
Councilman Durland	Aye
Councilman McGivney	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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RESOLUTION # 20-20: RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SETTLE THE WORKERS COMPENSATION LIABILITY WITH DUTCHESS COUNTY* Amended

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Union Vale exited the Dutchess County Worker’s Compensation Plan on 12/31/18 because the proposed premium fees were increased by 379%;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dutchess County has requested that the Town of Union Vale meet and negotiate a final payment of outstanding liabilities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Union Vale does hereby instruct the Town Supervisor and an Attorney to negotiate on behalf of the Town to get closure on this outstanding liability in early 2020.

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

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

Supervisor Maas	Aye
Councilman Welsh	Aye
Councilman Frazier	Aye
Councilman Durland	Aye
Councilman McGivney	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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**RESOLUTION # 20-21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF UNRESTRICTED
FUND BALANCE FOR PAYMENT OF LEGAL FEES**

WHEREAS, that the Town of Union Vale has incurred unbudgeted legal fees as a result of the having to respond to the Town of Beekman's Article 78 in relation to the Cell Tower Proposal in Tymor Park;

BE IT RESOLVED, that since the legal fees were unbudgeted it is appropriate to pay those fees from the Town's unrestricted fund balance:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Union Vale does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to pay all fees related to the Article 78 from the Town's Fund Balance after getting Town Board Signatures on all vouchers;

Councilman Durland introduced the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Frazier, as follows:

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

Supervisor Maas	Aye
Councilman Welsh	Aye
Councilman Frazier	Aye
Councilman Durland	Aye
Councilman McGivney	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

DATED: Union Vale, New York
January 16, 2020



Andrea Casey, TOWN CLERK