

**UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 20, 2020 TOWN HALL  
249 DUNCAN ROAD LAGRANGEVILLE, NY 7:30PM**

**PRESENT: Supervisor Maas**

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

**Highway Superintendent: Ed Kading**

**Park Manager: Jake Gosnell**

**Town Clerk: Andrea Casey**

**Town Attorney: Jeff Battistoni**

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Call to Order and Salute to the Flag at 7:30 PM

**ROLL CALL**

Supervisor Maas	Present
Councilman Welsh	Present, recusing himself on UVFD business
Councilman Frazier	Present
Councilman McGivney	Present
Councilman Durland	Present

**MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Supervisor Maas made a motion to enter executive session at 7:37 PM for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue which was seconded by Councilman Durland 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 7:44 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 January 16, 2020 meeting as written, which was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor

**SUPERVISORS REPORT**

Town Supervisor Report: Monthly Financials, Tax Collector's Taxes, Review of Financial Reports - Performance vs. Budget Year to Date (YTD), Legal Fees for Article 78, Census 2020 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, cash and cash flow report and the year-end performance vs budget. The Cash report will also be distributed as a new recommendation form the Comptroller's office. She also highlighted the Recreation revenue that was higher in the month of January due to the discount for early sign up in summer camp registration. She further spoke about the legal fees slightly exceeding \$29,000 for the Article 78 from Town of Beekman. 2020 Census is ongoing and the Supervisor urged the residents to be sure to be counted. Lastly, she spoke about the monthly performance vs budget which was also included in the Board packet and this is dispersed to each Department Head so that they may keep their budget in check.

**Board Member Reports**

Councilman Welsh – did not attend AOT but did stop by the Blood Drive for Hannah and reported 68 people showed up and 61 pints were collected and he thanked everyone for their efforts. He also noted the recently elected Tax Collector has received many compliments and she is doing a great job. Supervisor Maas echoed this as well of Kathi Wellman as well as all of Town Hall. Councilman Frazier spoke about his experiences with Association of Towns and will have an in-depth report next meeting. Councilman McGivney could not attend the AOT training but did attend the blood drive this weekend. Councilman Durland attended Association of Towns and learned a multitude of information.

### **Town Highway Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Kading spoke about the 4-day work week for the Summer season with a 10-hour day as opposed to an 8-hour day as this makes for a more efficient and productive workload. The recommendation was April until weather permitting. The Board agreed to go with the adjustment of Superintendent Kading. The Highway Department has been busy fixing catch basins on Rose Court, Blueberry Drive, Pleasant Ridge extension as well as mowing and piping. They are still working on the Highway Garage clean up grossed about \$5,300 from surplus equipment. He will meet with the Town Engineer on the repaving of the next line up of Town Roads.

He received quotes of \$4,500 and \$6,500 for grinding the brush pile the Board advised to go with the lower figure.

Plow truck #10 is 10-years old as a cheaper alternative he prefers to get this truck refurbished rather than replaced as a major cost savings as there is only around 30,000 miles on the truck.

### **Town Clerk Report**

Town Clerk Casey spoke about the Recycling center and being involved in more in depth reporting. Currently there have been 344 resident permits purchased and 300 non-resident and patrons are still purchasing them through the various portals.

### **Public Comments on Agenda Items**

Brian Reiter – Mennella Road, is on the Library Board on the Beekman, feels this issue needs to be resolved rather than replacing services or restricting services. He knows there is a line item in the budget and feels the price that is fair per capita. He would like permanent library use for the residents.

Glenn Morrison- Bloomer Road- Mentioned he is very impressed with Superintendent Kading and is very pleased with his work and looks forward to meeting with “the Kevins”. He is wondering what is taking over 8 months to resolve regarding the library issue and would like to understand. He thinks the Board needs to move on and prefers a multiple year contract.

Corrina Kelley- West Clove Mountain Road- was expecting a vote on the library during tonight’s meeting as the deadline is approach and is disappointed and she also commented she has never seen an issue bring so many people to the meeting.

Kathy Speziale- Waterbury Hill Road- expressed how much the library means to her and her family and feels this is a breakdown of community to not have services available. She is upset and thinks there should be something productive done about this going forward.

Joy Poskitt – Grangevale Road- Expressed how passionate she is about the library and echoed the others comments and sentiments about the importance of the library. She will do whatever she can to have this issue resolved.

Mim Tannen (email read out loud by Councilman Durland) – In her letter she expressed and acknowledged the hard work Supervisor Maas has done to come to an agreement but feels the MHLS will not make any changes. She feels the Town should accept the existing contract which, in her opinion, is fair. She implores everyone to think of the community and the need for having access to the library as the piecemeal service idea leaves out libraries and librarians.

Sue Kilcrease- (email read out loud by Councilman Welsh) In her letter she urged the Town Board to accept the proposal from MHLS so Union Vale may benefit from unrestricted access to the libraries. She highlighted all the offerings the library has to offer such as story time, computer access and the overall community feeling that is shared by all who use the library. She mentioned many residents have spoken up to support the contract and feels the money is fair when compared to other neighboring towns.

Jean Moore (email read out loud by Supervisor Maas) In her letter Ms. Moore described the library services offered to her by the many libraries in the area and would like to continue doing so. She asks the Town Board to sign the contract as she is not in favor of spending additional resources to build our own library.

Tillman – Shaughnessy Road – spoke about the promise the Town made to Ralph Conner in the 90’s about building a library on Town Property is not feasible. She noted the money is in the budget and would like the contract paid and would like to know why there is a hold on this.

### **Board, Committee, Commission & Council Reports:**

#### **CAC**

Aki Busch could not attend but Supervisor Maas spoke on her behalf. Ms. Busch discovered a grant to develop Natural Resource Inventory. There is a resolution tonight regarding this effort.

**Recreation Department: January Results for Summer Camp Sale, Pool Programs**

Jake Gosnell spoke about the new programs for the pool such as a Senior Aerobic and a “Mommy & Me” on Saturday mornings. He also spoke about potential price adjustments with pricing for the pool with input from the Camp & Aquatics Director.

Next on the Event Calendar: Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> - *Easter Egg Stuffing Party*; April 4<sup>th</sup>- Egg *Hunts for All*.

Next Mr. Gosnell addressed the thought process for determining a new pricing schedule for Tymor pool passes both resident, and non-resident. There was further discussion on this topic.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE POOL PASS PRICE CHANGE**

Individual Season Pass \$50 Resident/ \$100 Non-resident

Family Season Pass (up to 5 people) \$130 Resident / \$275 Non-resident

Family Season Pass (6+ People) \$200 Resident / \$350 Non-resident

Seniors Season Pass (65+) \$25 Resident / \$50 Non-Resident

Children under 2 are free. Season pass holders will also enjoy a night of swimming and s’mores included with their membership.

Supervisor Maas made a motion to pass this new fee schedule based on the staff recommendations and be revisited after the season. This was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

**Parks Department**

There has been non-conducive weather for the ice rinks. Mr. Gosnell is getting quotes for the tennis courts to be lined for tennis as well a pickle ball. They have also been doing a lot of maintenance on buildings and equipment.

**Town Solar Development on Rt. 55 – Update**

East Light Partners are undergoing obtaining financing and expect construction in the late Spring/ early Summer. They will compile a job list which will be open to qualified Union Vale Residents. There will also be subscriptions offered through ELP if residents are interested.

**Furnace Pond Dam – Inspection & Maintenance Report Submitted**

There has been much headway on this project and the criteria needed has already been submitted to DEC. This will include inspections every 3-months as well as, after an ice or heavy rain storm coupled with a report.

**Workers Compensation – Meeting Scheduled for March 12**

The meeting will occur to determine the amount owed to Dutchess County after exiting the County’s Self Insurance Plan last year. Supervisor Maas will keep everyone posted but is awaiting information from Dutchess County which she will obtain by FOIL if necessary, if she does not have this information, it will delay the meeting.

**UVFD New Sign on Rt. 82 – Consultant Fees**

Supervisor Maas gave the history of this project. She asked the Boards opinion on waiving some of the fees of which, \$1,100.00 was already waived. Councilman McGivney & Councilman Frazier agreed as the prior bill was covered as well as the application fee it would be reasonable to ask the Fire Company to pay this bill in the amount of \$295.00

**MOTION TO ASK UVFD TO PAY CONSULTANT FEE**

Supervisor Maas made a motion to pass along the legal bill in the amount of \$295.00 incurred by the Union Vale Fire Company for the ZBA, seconded by Councilman Frazier. Supervisor Maas, Councilman Frazier, McGivney, and Durland all voted in favor of this decision while Councilman Welsh recused himself.

**Highway Bid Responses for 2020**

Superintendent Kading explained the need to rebid the Highway Materials Bid for 2020. After reviewing each response Superintendent Kading advised to accept all bids were accepted based on job locations to save money on trucking fees.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT HIGHWAY BIDS FOR 2020**

Councilman Welsh made a motion to accept bids as outlined by Highway Superintendent Kading which was seconded by Councilman Frazier. All was unanimously in favor of this decision.

### **Town Board Rules of Procedure**

A draft has been provided for the Board to review on the rules of procedure for the Board meetings. Supervisor Maas asked for further discussion the following work session and voted upon at the next meeting.

### **“Best Value” Local Law**

Councilman Durland spoke about how the lowest price may not be the best deal when logistics plays a role or quality. An attorney at a recent training session Councilman Durland attended advised this be passed as a local law to allow the Town Board to use this as a metric.

### **New LaGrange Planner for Town Use - Jennifer O’Donnell**

Many of the Town personnel have met with Ms. O’Donnell. There is a need for training for the Planning Board as well as an update in the Master Plan with updates needed in zoning. She would be paid as a consultant which gives the opportunity for each of the Boards (Planning, Zoning & Town) to have flexible access to her knowledge.

### **Project Plan for # 11 Tymor Park Road: Feasibility Study & Budget**

The plan for this project in connection with a team compiled of employees, residents and skilled professionals to get a comprehensive look at how this can be used to benefit the Town. Ideas such as long term rentals, short term rentals or a wedding venue are all under consideration.

### **TENTRR - Camping in Tymor Park**

Jake Gosnell spoke about the background of TENTRR who provides a canvas tent, sheets, bathroom, bed, furnishings and fire pit etc. and handle the booking. This will provide a camping or “glamping” site for residents and visitors to rent within the Park. The initial investment cost is \$6,500.00 for the equipment and TENTRR will pay to have it set up properly. Park Manager Gosnell proposed the site be behind the pool area as a potential site. Discussion on this topic ensued and Supervisor Maas asked the Board to review the information to discuss at a later date.

### **Replacement of Library Services in the event of Restriction**

Supervisor Maas & Councilman Welsh did meet with the Library Boards in order to negotiate a contract. Although the meeting was cordial, the Library Boards did not agree to change any terms mentioned. After some correspondence back and forth between the two Boards, no contract has been agreed upon. Supervisor Maas spoke about some of the restrictions on the direct access plan that could be imposed upon Union Vale residents. Supervisor Maas stated if restriction was put into effect there are services the Town could offer such as computer services and DVD’s, e-books, etc. to bridge the gap. Supervisor Maas will keep everyone informed as the situation progresses.

### **Resolutions & Motions (See Resolutions)**

Resolution 20-22: Authorizing the CAC to Create a Natural Resource Inventory

### **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 Comment on Town Issues**

Eileen Pucci- Hoofprint Road- reminds the Board they represent the needs and desires of Union Vale, she feels the residents have been pretty clear about the need for a library contract as she feels the services cannot be replaced. She listed many items that would fall under this category. She feels most people in this Town want library services and wants the Board to authorize the payment.

Karen Snare- Verbank Village Road- feels the Board should sign this contract and does not understand the disagreement of how the amount of money is calculated and feels it should be based on the amount of residents not just the amount of cardholders. The Library Boards are made up of residents and both Millbrook and Beekman include Union Vale residents.

Corrina Kelley- W. Clove Mtn Road -she is unclear as why another correspondence with Kerry Weller, and read this letter out loud and pointed out that the date of February 21, 2020 is a significant date. She also stated that with Union Vale resident, Brian Reiter, Union Vale has a 11% voice on that Board.

Kathy Spezialie- Waterbury Hill Road- is unsure why this bill is not being paid after all

bills were agreed to be paid, she pointed out that everyone was here because they were elected and they are to do what the residents wanted.

Tillman – thanked Superintendent Kading for filling the holes on Shaughnessy Road and asked why the meeting date was changed from Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday February 5<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

At 9:30pm Councilman Frazier made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

Next Scheduled Meetings: March 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm – Town Board Work Session & Discussion;  
March 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm – Town Board Regular Agenda Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

*Andrea Casey*

Town Clerk



**RESOLUTION # 20-22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CAC TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEC HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY PROGRAM TO CREATE A NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY FOR UNION VALE**

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

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“DEC”) Hudson River Estuary Program in partnership with the Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County has offered to assist the Town of Union Vale Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) in 2020 with developing a Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) for the Town, and

WHEREAS, an NRI contains information about a town’s natural resources – groundwater, streams, mineral resources, wetlands, farmland, habitats, plants, and wildlife – that can inform land use planning and decision-making, climate resilience strategies, and serve as an education tool, and

WHEREAS, the DEC Hudson River Estuary Program will provide guidance to create a basic NRI incorporating information from prior Town plans and studies and coordinate with partners to create a series of resource maps at no cost to the Town, and

WHEREAS, members of the CAC have committed to volunteer for the project and will be responsible for public outreach, map review, and contributions to the NRI report,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

That the Town Board of Union Vale does hereby agree to participate in the DEC Hudson River Estuary Program technical assistance opportunity and authorizes the CAC on behalf of the Town to work with DEC to create a Natural Resources Inventory.

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

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

DATED: Union Vale, New York

February 20, 2020

Ayes 5 Noes 0 Resolution No. 20-22

I, Andrea Casey, Town Clerk of the Town of Union Vale DO, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution offered by Councilman McGivney, seconded by Councilman Welsh and adopted at the meeting of the Town Board, held on February 20, 2020.

Andrea Casey  
Town Clerk, Union Vale – Andrea Casey