

Members present: Supervisor Patricia Tompkins

Councilmen: John Welsh, Steven Frazier, David
McMorris, Corrina Kelley

The meeting was opened with the flag salute.

OPEN MEETING TO COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Tompkins opened the meeting to comment from the public on agenda items. There were no comments and the meeting was opened to the regular order of business

ROBERT MATTES – RESIGNATION

Robert Mattes announced that he was resigning from the position of Park Manager/Recreation Director and his last day will be Friday July 15th. His time here at Tymor has been a great experience and he has met a lot of great people. He has not been happy with his recent interactions with the Town Board. Mr. Mattes thanked Councilmen Frazier and Welsh for their support through the years. Supervisor Tompkins wished Mr. Mattes well in his next journey. She mentioned that his resume has been on the web for the last two years and she doesn't think Mr. Mattes should blame the present Town Board. Councilman Frazier thanked Mr. Mattes for his years of service. Mr. Frazier stated that the park revenues have been increasing through the years and Union Vale has the biggest recreation department in the County. Councilman Welsh thanked Mr. Mattes for his service to the Town and mentioned that Mr. Mattes has brought a lot of good programs to Tymor Park. Councilman McMorris wished Mr. Mattes well and thanked him for all the programs that he made available for the children and Councilwoman Kelley also wished Mr. Mattes good luck.

Supervisor Tompkins mentioned that she met with Senator Serino and there is a State and Municipal Facilities Capital program and Union Vale is eligible for a fifty-thousand-dollar grant from this program. Ms. Tompkins gave the councilmembers copies of the application and she feels that the town needs to move forward with deciding what the grant could be used for and applying for the funds. Ms. Tompkins spoke with Carolyn Ryan today regarding the construction on Route 55 bridge and read an email with work to be done and the estimated completion date which is mid October. Councilman Frazier feels the that signage at the site is inadequate and misleading. There is a hot line number available for Halmar that is posted on the Town web site and Supervisor Tompkins urges residents to call with their complaints.

Councilman Frazier reported that he has the final numbers for the LED lighting and he received an application to be filled out and signed by Supervisor Tompkins.

Councilman McMorris thanked the State Police and Deputies for the time they are spending patrolling the area of the Route 55 construction site. They are writing tickets which is keeping the Town court busy. Mr. McMorris and was present at a Fire Chiefs Meeting last week and spoke with a grant writer and learned that there is funding available for the park and court security. Mr. McMorris and Councilman Welsh will be meeting with the grant writer the end of July.

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE PICNIC TABLES

Mr. Mattes had submitted proposals for the purchase of new picnic tables. They were not handicap accessible and they very expensive. Supervisor Tompkins went on line and found tables at lower costs that were handicap accessible and copied the specs to the Town Board for their input. Councilman Welsh mentioned that in the past the park staff made tables.

HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS

Supervisor Tompkins has been speaking with Supervisors from other towns regarding health insurance contributions by employees. She stated that the salaries of Union Vale employees are in line with other towns and she feels that it is time that the elected officials and employees contributed to the cost of their health insurance. This policy will go into effect in November when the health insurance policy is renewed.

CONSTABLE WORKING HOURS

The Constables have been working two hours per night on weekends and Supervisor Tompkins was approached by a Constable who felt that the hours should be increased to three hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from the end of July until Labor Day. The constables will be spending more time in the park and the hours will be random. There is money in the budget to cover this. Councilman Welsh feels that the constables should be on duty during the day in the park. Constable George Treadwell turns in a report on the Constables' activity monthly.

LIBRARY STEERING COMMITTEE SURVEY

The Library Steering Committee would like to mail out a survey and this will be checked out with the Town Attorney to determine if it can be done with town funds.

APPOINTMENT / TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councilman McMorris offered a motion to appoint Peter Bonk to the Transit Advisor Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Welsh and passed with a unanimous vote.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Every Town that Supervisor Tompkins spoke with regarding social media and cell phone use has a policy in place and Union Vale needs to look into working on this. The entire handbook needs to be reviewed. Supervisor Tompkins asked each Councilperson to take a section of the handbook to review and make recommendations if changes need to be made and report back with their suggestions.

GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR

The Town has a moratorium in place regarding ground mounted solar systems and Supervisor Tompkins asked that in order to get ahead of some potential issues that the Board member review the possible new code revisions and get back with their concerns. George Kolb has issues with the size of the ground mounted units mentioned. Currently no accessory structure can be placed on vacant land and this needs to be addressed.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING / AMEND TOWN CODE -FEES, LAND USE"

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Welsh and Councilman Frazier, to wit:

WHEREAS, the Town of Union Vale Code Enforcement Officer, George Kolb, has recommended an amendment to the fee schedule for the Town of Union Vale, Section 128-4 of the Town Code entitled "FEES, LAND USE"; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Union Vale Code Enforcement Officer has recommended that the fee for a municipal abstract search for both residential and commercial properties be increased from \$125.00 to \$250.00; and

WHEREAS, a new policy and procedures will be adopted which will require an on-site inspection of both the exterior and interior of the home prior to a sale or refinancing, which should help prevent a property from being transferred to a new owner with a potential code violation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale hereby schedules a public hearing for August 4, 2016 at 7:00 or as soon thereafter as public comment can be heard at Town of Union Vale Town Hall, 249 Duncan Road, Lagrangeville, New York 12540 to seek public comment on amendment to the Town of Union Vale Building Department fee schedule, Section 128-4 for municipal abstract searches; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town of Union Vale is authorized and directed to publish notice of said public hearing in the official newspaper of the Town of Union Vale.

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

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| Supervisor Tompkins | Voting | Aye |
| Councilman Welsh | Voting | Aye |
| Councilwoman Kelley | Voting | Aye |
| Councilman McMorris | Voting | Aye |
| Councilman Frazier | Voting | Aye |

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION FEE REFUND

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Frazier, to wit:

WHEREAS, Christopher Spitzmiller had paid a \$250.00 fee to the Zoning Board of appeals in connection with an application of a “Lot Determination”; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Union Vale Zoning Board of Appeals never issued a determination on this application.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale hereby authorizes the refund of the application fee of \$250.00 to Christopher Spitzmiller in connection with his “Lot Determination” application to the Town of Union Vale Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

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| Supervisor Tompkins | Voting | Aye |
| Councilman Welsh | Voting | Aye |
| Councilwoman Kelley | Voting | Aye |
| Councilman McMorris | Voting | Aye |
| Councilman Frazier | Voting | Aye |

ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

Councilman Frazier offered a motion to accept with regrets the resignation of Robert Mattes, Park Manager/Recreation Director effective July 16, 2016 and be it further resolved that the Town Clerk be directed to advertise for this position in the designated newspaper of the Town of Union Vale and notify Dutchess County Personnel of the vacancy. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Tompkins.

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

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| Supervisor Tompkins | Voting | Aye |
| Councilman Welsh | Voting | Aye |
| Councilwoman Kelley | Voting | Aye |
| Councilman McMorris | Voting | Aye |
| Councilman Frazier | Voting | Aye with regrets |

OPEN MEETING TO NON-AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no comments on non-agenda items Supervisor Tompkins asked for a motion to adjourn. The next Town Board meeting will be held July 21, 2016.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilman Welsh offered a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman McMorris and passed with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou DeForest

Mary Lou DeForest, Town Clerk