

**UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 7, 2017  
TOWN HALL 249 DUNCAN ROAD LAGRANGEVILLE NY 7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Tompkins

Councilmembers: Steven Frazier, Corrina Kelley, John Welsh

Absent: Councilman David McMorris,

**THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE FLAG SALUTE.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**REPORT OF SUPERVISOR AND COUNCIL**

*Supervisor Tompkins* filed the paperwork for the grants and obtained quotes for necessary items such as the parking lot. She also spoke to Quinlan Gas about the prices for the Concession Stand propane tank and forwarded the information to the rest of the Board. There was tax included so she subtracted that to present the final price of \$875. She spoke with Paraco Gas on supplying the Town with Gas for 2018. She also met with Ryan on budget, and attended a meeting with Councilman Welsh, Fire Commissioner Dan Richards and Jake Gosnell on the Highway and Parks plowing the Fire Department during the Winter. On Tuesday she attended a meeting on shared service and signed the document regarding Union Vale's participation. The Town will be putting a box to collect items for Hurricane Victims. Please be advised there will be a Hazardous Waste event on Oct 20. Please visit the Town website for more information.

*Councilman Welsh* attended a staff meeting regarding PTO and other benefits for long term employees. Ideas were generated with the different department heads. He spoke with Dan Richards from UVFD for snow removal hired through the Town.

*Councilwoman Kelley* attended the meeting and changes were brought up. She hopes the ideas could be collected and up for discussion at the next Town Board meeting. She also hopes to add a Cronos sheet and other addendums.

*Councilman Frazier* said a letter was sent out regarding the Cricket Valley project with information from George Kolb, CEO. One concern that was voiced to him was the condition of the road due to the extra truck traffic. He would like to speak to the attorney about having a bond set up with the Town and Cricket Valley due to the potential damage to our roads. Supervisor Tompkins met with Scott Curry, P.E. from Cricket Valley she agrees that these roads, especially Oswego, is not equipped for this type of traffic and she spoke about them being responsible. Unfortunately, this road was on the 284 and she hopes this work can be held off so that the new work is not damaged during the construction. Letters will also be sent to residents regarding the tree trimming and Scott Curry himself will be available for contact for these issues. Councilman Welsh asked if any revenue would be generated by this as when the Iroquois pipeline was put installed, many recreation projects were added such as the pool and certain trails that have benefited the residents. Councilman Welsh offered to inquire for either a donation or grant money made available to benefit the Town.

**FIRE DEPT SNOW PLOWING AGREEMENT**

There was a meeting on Tuesday with Dan Richards, Jake Gosnell and Councilman Welsh. Jake Gosnell let the Board know that he spoke to Richard Wisseman and the Highway Department will clear the area for the trucks to get out while the Parks Department will clean the apron and extended parking area through the storms. He feels strongly that he and Highway Superintendent Wisseman can work together. Financial aspects will still need to be worked out regarding hours including over-time, vehicle maintenance, fuel consumption and salt use.

\$3000 was offered by UVFD but this can be revisited if it well exceeded this amount.

Jake Gosnell and Richard Wisseman have a breakout of hours done during the emergency efforts made by the Highway Department during March 2017 for FEMA reporting and Councilman Welsh said this can be used as a guideline.

Councilman Frazier offered that a contract with clear expectations of what needs to be done should be included as part of this agreement. He pointed out one item such as displaced gravel not be held responsible.

Councilman Welsh said this is not a "shared service" from the County perspective although, he and the rest of the Board feels this is as it a cost savings for the tax payer.

**RENTED GAS TANK AT CONCESSION STAND**

It was decided in a prior meeting that State bid be the provider for gas and propane. The prior supplier had rates much higher than the State bid of .99 cents. Supervisor Tompkins contacted the company and found out that one tank is rented and they gave a quote of purchasing the new tank at \$875 with the addition of transferring the purchased propane in the old tank. The other option is to purchase the existing tank in the amount of \$300.

Jake Gosnell said he could not find a date on the existing tank although, it did not appear to be in bad shape from his perspective. He said either option is viable if they wanted to be certain on a date with the new tank.

Councilman Welsh stated the location is not good and the safety factor of the date being unknown it would be more prudent to have a new safe tank in a better location. Jake Gosnell and the Board agreed this would be best for all.

**ZBA VACANCY**

Chairperson Jane Smith requested that the current alternate member be placed into the full-time slot. The Board would like to do the interviews for both the ZBA alternate and Ethics however there is only 1 applicant who is qualified and expressed interested at this point.

**ETHICS COMMITTEE**

About 10 applicants have applied and Supervisor Tompkins would like to interview the candidates prior to the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting at 6:00pm. One Town Board member needs to be on the committee and they would also like 2 alternates.

**RESOLUTION # 17-84 AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO SIGN COMPUTEL CONSULTANTS CONTRACT**

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

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,*** that the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign a contract with Computel Consultants for review of electric, cable and gas utility bills in the Town of Union Vale to see if the Town of Union Vale is entitled to any refunds or credits.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,*** that a copy of the fully executed contract with Computel Consultants shall be kept on file with the Office of the Town Clerk.

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

Councilwoman Kelley & Supervisors Tompkins sent emails out to 3 or 4 other companies and the results were discouraging. For example, one company only did the service for gas and electric, another said they were only servicing Con Edison customers and the last, did not supply the necessary service. Computel was contacted and provided references for their work in Dutchess County. Tom Jacobellis, Town attorney, had only one concern that there was no end date. Computel advised that it a onetime service and if any of their claims go to an appeal level the time in review would be unknown and an end date would not be probable. Again, if no money is recovered there is no payment to Computel. If money is found it is a 60/40 split. Councilman Frazier inquired how far back they research. Councilwoman Kelley said it is based on an account not a date so she believes it would as far back as we have had service by the company. The company would gain access to our accounts and gather their information from the company directly. Councilman Frazier had some concerns about privacy but the other members felt this was not a concern and there was further discussion on this matter.

**RESOLUTION #17-85 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PROPANE TANK**

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

*WHEREAS*, the Town of Union Vale desires to purchase a propane tank from Quinlan Gas.

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, by the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale hereby authorizes the purchase of propane tank from Quinlan Gas at a cost of \$725 to be used at the concession stand.

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

- Councilman Welsh                   Aye
- Councilwoman Kelley           Aye
- Supervisor Tompkins           Aye
- Councilman Frazier              Aye
  
- Councilman McMorris           Absent

Councilman Frazier feels this is a cheap insurance for insuring everyone safety in purchasing a new tank.

**RESOLUTION #17-86 APPOINTING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER**

The following Resolution was offered by Supervisor Tompkins, seconded by Councilman Welsh, to wit:

*BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale hereby appoints Jeffrey Wimmer to the position of regular member of the Town of Union Vale Zoning Board of Appeals for the remainder of the term of former member James Layton, commencing forthwith and ending December 31, 2020.

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

- Councilman Welsh                   Aye
- Councilwoman Kelley           Aye
- Supervisor Tompkins           Aye
- Councilman Frazier              Aye
  
- Councilman McMorris           Absent

Councilman Welsh asked the marquee be advertised, Jake Gosnell said this is on the agenda for Monday. The UFVD 9-11 service will be held at 6:30pm at the Verbank 911 memorial. All of the Public is welcome.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

*Barbara Brzozowski*, Still Road spoke about her concerns 77 days after her initial requests and she would like the deposits highlighted in the bank reconciliation requests. She further spoke about Town credit cards statements which were requested as part of her FOIL request, Mastercard, Sam’s club, in early 2016 late fees were incurred of \$88. Mr. Courtien then paid the bills over the phone she felt that was an unsecure practice. She spoke about the State comptroller’s offices recommendation in internal controls and practices. She feels this needs to be addressed.

*Elfriede Tillman* - Asked about a gray Town of Union Vale truck carrying a chipper on Route 55. It was thought to be transferred from Parks to Highway. She also inquired about Deer Pond Road and the construction project and is hoping to have an update from Superintendent Wisseman.

*Dan Hallock of Oswego Rd*, was driving on North Parliman and noticed that the Highway department with a Tree service was not wearing safety goggles or vests and inquired on the OSHA training requirements as this being a concerning issue. Supervisor Tompkins replied that she would look into this.

*Sadler Baskst* of Oswego Rd, thanked the Board for doing a benefit for the victims of the Hurricanes and also inquired on an update on the Town speed limit. She also inquired about an investigation if it was closed or still open. Councilman Frazier replied that the investigation with the State Police was closed.

Supervisor Tompkins addressed Mrs. Brzozowski's concerns she noted that the list of blanket approval vouchers was put together by the prior administration and she did not add to it, or take anything away. Councilman Frazier inquired about the credit cards being automatically paid. Supervisor Tompkins noted that some bills are paid late but that is only because the Town does its due diligence in obtaining the proper approval and signatures before checks are cut. She noted a \$24,000 voucher that had only 1 signature that was paid by the prior bookkeeper. Barbara Brzozowski asked if anyone from the prior administration could confirm this. The next meeting will be September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

At 7:48 Councilman Welsh made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Supervisor Tompkins, all were unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Andrea Casey*  
Town Clerk