

UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING **JANUARY 21, 2016**
TOWN HALL 249 DUNCAN ROAD LAGRANGEVILLE NY 7:30 PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Tompkins
Councilmen: Steven Frazier, Corrina Kelley, David McMorris, John Welsh

ABSENT: None

The meeting was opened with the flag salute.

OPEN MEETING TO DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Cindy Fairchok handed out a spread sheet with data regarding usage and financial support of the Mid-Hudson Library System by Union Vale and neighboring Towns.

Lisette Hitsman mentioned that she had attended a meeting on Solar Power and there is solar power for electric and solar for water and Union Vale is primarily interested in solar for water.

As there were no further comments from the public, the regular order of business was resumed.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

Supervisor Tompkins mentioned that she had attended the recent Dutchess County Supervisor and Mayors meeting and Marcus Molinaro and the Dutchess County Emergency Response Team were present. They will be attending Town Board meetings throughout the County with a program for Citizen Preparedness Training. They will be providing back packs for attending residents. Residents need to sign up for these meetings. Corrina Kelley and David McMorris recently attended a meeting for newly elected officials sponsored by the New York State Association of Towns. It was reported by Councilwomen Kelley that it was a conflict of interest to offer recycling permits to Fire Department volunteer members at a cost of one dollar who serve on town Boards. The Town will honor this past practice. Councilman McMorris mentioned that the classes at this meeting were very informative.

SOLAR PANEL REPORT

George Kolb, Code Enforcement Officer spoke regarding solar panels regulations to be addressed in the Union Vale Code Book. He has been issuing permits for residential units and most times they are for roof mounted electrical solar panels. It hasn't been an issue but Mr. Kolb does have issues with ground mount devices. Currently there is nothing in Town Code to address these issues. They are treated as an accessory structure and are done with the proper setbacks. These things need to be addressed in the code. There is a concern for firefighters regarding these installations because of the fact these panels contain electricity even after the electric panel has been shut down. In the last month Mr. Kolb has had discussions with residents and the Arlington School District about putting sizable ground mount arrays in Town, acres of these panels. There are a lot of things that need to be addressed. Mr. Kolb would like input from the Town Board and town residents. Contact him by telephone or email. Mr. Kolb included sample codes from other towns in the State in the report to the Town Board. Mr. Kolb would like input back within the next month or so.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

Robert Mattes, Parks and Recreation Director reported that the only good thing about the weather being so warm was that the park staff was able to take down the majority of the Christmas lights. The last week of December about ten of the summer staff came in and painted the large hall. There was a big issue with the sprinkler system and it has been taken care of. The compressor had to be replaced. Wire mesh has been placed in front of windows that have been broken in the past so that won't have to be dealt with anymore. A lot of trail work has been done also. All programs are on line. Next Friday will be movie night and please call and sign up. There will be a limit to number of attendees. The tickets are free. On the fifth of February there will be an overnight program and registration is a must. There will be games and snacks in the evening and breakfast in the morning. Whenever there is no school there is a program Thank Goodness There is Tymor so that kids have something to do when the parents have work. The Park is on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook so be sure to check this out. This summer the Kids program will be full time 9 to 4 and there will be a survivor camp to teach out door skills.

COMPACT/ RECYCLE REPORT

Tomas St. Onge reported that Gerard Bocker worked at the Recycle Center for close to two years and he had to leave and he has been replaced with Mike Novak. The annual inspection was done at the center in December and there were no problems. Mr. St. Onge received a letter from the Vasco Company who has been taking the used motor oil stating that they can no longer pay the Town for the oil. Last year the Town received \$730. For the oil. They will continue to take it. In bad weather, snow storms etc. there may be delays. The Tymor Scholarship Fund group is still collecting the five cent deposit bottles.

AUTHORIZE SIGNING OF LIBRARY CONTRACT

Councilwoman Kelley spoke regarding the Library contract and offered a motion authorizing Supervisor Tompkins to sign the contract and get a voucher and check ready to be mailed.

The motion was seconded by Councilman McMorris. Councilman Welsh stated that he didn't consider this a change from the original submission. Supervisor Tompkins asked the Town Attorney Thomas Jacobellis to address this. Mr. Jacobellis said that he spoke with the attorney for the Mid-Hudson Library System and there is definitely a two percent increase year to year and it is a three-year contract. For the first year the amount is \$73,000. There is a ninety-day op-out period. Councilman Frazier stated again he was not prepared to vote on this and would like it to be tabled until the next meeting so that he has time to look at it. He feels that there is no protection that the same increase again. Mr. Frazier feels that any increase should be tied in with the tax cap that the Town is obligated to follow. Supervisor Tompkins mentioned that she would like to get this resolved so that the residents can get back into the library as soon as possible. The motion was passed with the following vote:

Supervisor Tompkins	voting	aye
Councilwoman Kelley	voting	aye
Councilman Welsh	voting	aye
Councilman McMorris	voting	aye
Councilman Frazier	voting	nay

DISCUSSION REGARDING TYMOR PARKING LOT

Councilman Frazier stated that last summer there were some near misses with pedestrians and cars crossing the road going into both the Senior Center and the Rec Center. Mr. Frazier thinks that a big cause of this is the amount of space allowed for people to cross. Mr. Frazier had a sketch of a plan that he thought could help with the situation. If a four to five-foot median strip was added with a fence and a five foot opening at the east end, this would funnel the people from the parking lot to one spot where a crosswalk could be installed. To add additional security to the park a gate across the drive that goes to the rear and the gates at the ends could be removed. Mr. Frazier would like to see this portion implemented and see how it works. In the future concrete sidewalks could be installed in front of the parking area that is on the side of the barn so people crossing over to that side have somewhere to walk. Mr. Mattes said that the park staff could handle the gates and fencing and Mr. Mattes said that \$1000 would probably cover this cost. In order to pave the parking lot something needs to be done with the storm water runoff.

DISCUSSION REGARDING DRONES ON TOWN PROPERTY

Councilman Frazier asked if this could be tabled until the second meeting in February as there will be classes regarding drones at the Association of Towns meeting that that he will be attending. Robert Mattes stated that there are a lot of regulations out regarding drones and how close they can be operated near airports and both parks are less than five miles from Sky Acres. There could be a lot of issues with using the drones in the areas where there are people.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF GENERAL AND HIGHWAY FUND VOUCHERS

Supervisor Tompkins offered a motion to authorize the payment of General Fund and Highway Fund claims and vouchers for Abstract 1 – 2016 on file in the office of the Town Clerk. The motion was seconded by Councilman Welsh and passed with a unanimous vote of the Town Board.

AUTHORIZE CREATION OF LIBRARY STEERING COMMITTEE

Councilman Welsh offered a motion to authorize a Library Steering Committee to study, assess and make recommendation to the Town Board regarding the current library situation in the Town of Union Vale, as well as potential future options of library services; and the committee shall consist of at least eight but no more than twelve members to serve at the pleasure of the Town Board and chairperson shall be appointed from the membership by and to serve at the pleasure of

the Town Board. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Tompkins and passed with a unanimous vote of the Town Board.

AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN

Councilwoman Kelley offered a motion to appoint Kevin Durland as Union Vale Town Planning Board Chairman. Councilman Welsh stated the Kevin has done a great job as Chairman and Councilman Frazier stated that he agreed with Councilman Welsh. The motion was seconded by Councilman Welsh and passed with a unanimous vote of the Town Board.

AUTHORIZE RENTAL AMOUNTS FOR TYMOR PARK ROAD #2 AND #11

Councilman McMorris offered a motion to amend the rental amount for #2 Tymor Park Road from \$1,700 to \$1,600 and rental for #11 Tymor Park Road from \$2,200 to \$2,300. The motion further states that additional items may be added before the meeting is opened to public comment with the approval of the supervisor or three members of the Town Board. Councilman Frazier objected to the section pertaining to adding items to the agenda but the original motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kelley and passed with the following vote:

Supervisor Tompkins	voting	aye
Councilwoman Kelley	voting	aye
Councilman Welsh	voting	aye
Councilman McMorris	voting	aye
Councilman Frazier	voting	nay

AUTHORIZING HIRING TOWN CONSTABLE

Councilman Frazier offered a motion to hire John Harrington as Constable for the Town of Union Vale. The motion was seconded by Councilman McMorris and passed with a unanimous vote of the Town Board.

AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AND DELEGATES FOR ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS

Supervisor Tompkins offered a motion to authorize attendance of the following at the New York State Association of Towns meeting to be held in New York City on February 14, 2016 thru February 17, 2016 and further to appoint Councilman Frazier as voting delegate for Union Vale: Councilman Steven Frazier, Councilman David McMorris and Bookkeeper Ryan Courtien
The motion was seconded by Councilman McMorris and passed with a unanimous vote of the Town Board.

APPROVE REDUCED RATE FOR ARK & DOVE PRESCHOOL PICNIC

Councilman Welsh offered a motion to approve the reduced rate for the Ark & Dove Preschool to use Tymor Park on June 10, 2016 from 8:30 am until 1:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Tompkins and passed with a unanimous vote of the Town Board.

AUTHORIZE GIRL SCOUT TROOP #10312 Councilman Welsh offered a motion to approve the reduced rate for Girl Scout Troop #10312 to use Tymor Park on February 21, 2016. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Tompkins and passed with a unanimous vote of the Town Board.

WAIVE FEE FOR MILES OF HOPE 5K RUN/WALK

Councilman Welsh offered a motion to approve waiving the fee for the Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation 5K Run/Walk on April 23, 2016. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Tompkins and passed with a unanimous vote of the Town Board.

Councilman Welsh thanked Fire Chief Bill Griffin for all of his help with the problems with the sprinkler system at Tymor Park.

OPEN MEETING TO NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Theresa Vittorini spoke regarding comments made a couple of months ago regarding unfair judging at a recent event held at the Equestrian Center made by Councilman McMorris with him also stating that he didn't feel that the center should receive funding. Mrs. Vittorini stated that approximately twenty years ago thirty people with no funding from the Town built the Equestrian Center. They received donations from local businesses and they also pay the town of Union Vale a fee for a permit to use the facility. When they have an event they provide their own insurance. Mrs. Vittorini stated that this facility was built for the people of Union Vale to enjoy as the Connor Family meant when they donated the property. Mrs. Vittorini also stated that the use of drones in Tymor would be a huge liability to the Town, Mr. McMorris stated that he did feel that the event

was very poorly judged. Mrs. Vittorini stated that she felt that was a matter of opinion and that it was wrong for Mr. McMorris to say that the Equestrian Center should not receive any more funds.

As there were no further comments, the regular order of business was resumed.

Supervisor Tompkins offered a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:50 p. m. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kelley and passed.

At 9:05 p.m. Supervisor Tompkins returned from Executive Session stating that no decisions had been. The motion to resume the order of business was made by Councilman Welsh and was seconded by Councilman Frazier and passed unanimously.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Supervisor Tompkins offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frazier and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou DeForest

Town Clerk