

UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 15, 2018
TOWN HALL 249 DUNCAN ROAD LAGRANGEVILLE NY 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Maas

Council: Corrina Kelley, David McMorris, Steven Frazier & John Welsh

Town Clerk: Andrea Casey

ABSENT: Attorney: Jeffery Battistoni

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE FLAG SALUTE.

Supervisor Maas began the meeting by outlining the budget process and reviewed the highlights of the 2019 budget.

There will be a Public Hearing after an overview of the 2019 Budget is presented.

Town Supervisor Report – Presentation of 2019 Budget

Budget Notes:

- The tax cap will not be exceeded but the total levy will increase by \$73,712
- Homeowners with a house assessed at \$300,000 who paid \$930 in town taxes in 2018 will pay \$954 in 2019
- For 2019, health insurance premiums went up 12.5%; workers' compensation insurance went up 215%
- Focus for 2018 was to re-align "businesses" or revenue producing departments so they would no longer lose money
- No services were cut or diminished but all departments and employees were cautious spenders
- Over-reliance on professional services was curtailed to save on expenditures
- Local law instituted by Town Board permitted collection of escrow fees by ZBA to save taxpayers' money
- Given 2.2% – 2.4% rate of inflation, employees were awarded a 3% increase in addition to several greater increases for merit & longevity
- Town Board is working on 5-year capital projects plan & multiyear financial plan so much needed maintenance and purchases can be scheduled
- IT contractual expenditures, aside from new Sullivan Data retainer, decreased from 2018/2017 to 2019; but equipment and capital outlay increased to pay for much needed hardware including firewall and security protection.
- Work in progress for future revenue:
 - o Solar developers
 - o Cell tower
 - o Rental house

Supervisor Maas reported overall, the Town is in good financial shape.

2019 FINAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Councilman Welsh made a motion to open the public hearing which was seconded by Councilman McMorris.

There were no comments or questions from the public so the Board moved to close the hearing.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Councilman McMorris made a motion to close the public hearing as there were no comments, questions or phone calls from the public which was seconded by Councilman McMorris.

COROSPONDENCE

- Letter from DCSO about annual hourly rates and contract for DC Sheriff – these would be if the Town needed extra personnel for large events.
- AOT Courses Schedule for 2019 February 17th -20th
- Speed limited changes on Camby Road and S. Parlman & Rt 55 – discuss at next meeting
- Dept. of Public Service with NYS with regard to energy costs
- Farm to School Grant Program from Senator Schumer

- DEC reimbursement check for landfill closure in the amount of \$313,150.00 as worked on by Tom St. Onge

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Councilman McMorris is continually working on the solar project. He also went to Ulster County for recycling of solid waste management. He mentioned that China was not taking the US recyclables as a large percentage is contaminated. He offered that Tom St. Onge may be able to come and discuss this further.

Councilman Frazier had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Kelley has been working with the seniors and met with Jamie Zeolla, the new President for the Senior Citizens group. The two are brainstorming ideas with Councilwoman Kelley to gain services to Union Vale such as meals on wheels and “are you okay” program with the DC Sheriff’s dept. She would like to increase connections with the community to bridge gaps between the two. Supervisor Maas added her concerns with establishing a database with those seniors in need during storms especially with no heat or electricity.

Councilman Welsh spoke about his work with the 2015 CDBG and the progress has finally neared completion. He also spent time on Furnace Pond Dam project at meetings to resolve the issue in favor of the Town and residents.

Town Highway Superintendent Report - New Truck Specs., review for December discussion; 284 to be submitted in December for discussion and a vote in January. He was unable to attend tonight however he will be at the December meeting to address those items.

Town Clerk Report

Town Clerk Casey spoke about the potential State Archives Share Service Grant that the Town may be applying for. This would include any other political subdivision who would like to partake and up to \$150,000 could be awarded for the preservation of records. 2019 Recycling center passes will be on sale soon.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

Departmental Reports

Recycling Center – Passes for 2019: As the vendor fees have increased substantially, the recommendation was made to increase the annual permit fee as the trash card was already increased prior in the year.

Permit passes have not been increased since the 80’s and due to the current situation in order for the center to break-even the new price point will be \$75 for resident and \$100 for nonresident, the senior pricing has been eliminated. Even with the price increase it would still be about a \$200 savings to use the center as opposed to curb side pickup.

Councilman Welsh asked for an advertisement for the Town channel to remind residents to get maximum benefit for all of 2019.

Park Department – Kiddie Pool Update: fiber glass line has been removed and the outer concrete has also been cut away and they can resume construction in the spring season to have it ready for use in the summer. Insulation of Highway Department has been completed and installed 2500 sq/ft of roofing insulation and they were able to do it less than estimated amount. Building, Handicapped Parking Lot Update drainage has been installed, Auctioned off mower for \$2,500. Griffen Pump Service came to address a pipe issue and began diagnosing it from the well and it was discovered the Town Hall was in need of a new well pump however, it did not correct the problem. Mr. Gosnell and his team eventually did find the solution and have fixed it. The bill is \$4,275 which was an unbudgeted expense which can be paid for from the remainder of the contingency budget line. Ice rinks will be put up this week.

MOTION TO USE CONTINGENCY FUND

Supervisor Maas made a motion to pay Griffen Pump service from the contingency fund as this was an unbudgeted expense to pay for the replacement of the well pump in the amount of \$4,275.00 which was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

Recreation Department – Paint Night, well attended, Festival of Lights Dec 1, and Santa will be in attendance for pictures and there will be light refreshments with caroling. Event Dates for 7 main events 2019 have been added to the Town Calendar,

Event Coordinator Interviews are ongoing and each person and the team have been working with Shelly Knight for the summer camp program.

Councilman McMorris added November 15th is the first day of the snow ordinance and reminded all residents that there is no parking or standing on Town roads.

Solar Developers for Landfill and Vacant Land- This will be discussed further in executive session but is a work in progress.

Furnace Pond Dam Exploratory Committee

Supervisor Maas, Councilman Welsh, Tom St. Onge, Jake Gosnell, Tom Farmer, Dennis Dunning and Brian Scorlick are all a working team to correct the issues with Furnace Pond Dam.

Workers Compensation – Future Considerations however they did decrease the annual payment- This will be discussed in more detail in executive session.

County Shared Service Agreement for Procurement

They have hired someone to help with bid specs or any other purchases. Supervisor Maas had many questions which she was promised answers after they had been researched. This can be signed any time and pay as you go contract. All of them had many concerns and decided to put it on hold until a revision has been made that and Councilman Frazier agreed that they can use OGS for competitive purchases.

Payroll in 2019 – Change Everyone to Bi-Weekly Cycle

Some employees are paid biweekly and others are monthly. To save money and time Supervisor Maas asked that everyone be on the same pay cycle.

MOTION TO CHANGE PAYROLL SCHEDULE

Supervisor Maas made a motion to move everyone to a biweekly pay schedule for 2019 and beyond. This was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

MOTION TO APPROVE 2019 BUDGET

Councilman Frazier made a motion to approve the 2019 budget which was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

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

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Welsh made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel related and land lease issue which was seconded by Councilman McMorris and all were unanimously in favor.

MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Welsh made a motion to exit executive session and stated no decisions were made nor was money spent. This was second by Councilman McMorris and all were in favor.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Supervisor Maas made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 18th, 2018 Town Board Meeting which was second by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilman Welsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilman McMorris and all were unanimously in favor. Special Meeting: December 6th / Agenda Meeting: December 13th

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Casey
Town Clerk