TOWN OF UNION VALE TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 31-2022: AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC LIBRARY

RESOLUTION

The following Resolution was offered by ______ and seconded by ______:

WHEREAS, the Town of Union Vale, founded in 1827, in Dutchess County, NY, being in possession of a beautiful 500-acre municipal park called "Tymor" does not have its own public library to honor the wishes of our benefactors, Ralph and Jean Webster Connor; and

WHEREAS, in Dutchess County, the last newly established public library was nineteen years ago in the Town of Clinton, NY thereby making Union Vale the last town in Dutchess without guaranteed and consistent full access to library services; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale is interested in creating a positive change and improving the quality of life for all residents in the Town by establishing a non-profit educational organization where children, teens, adults and seniors can be exposed to and enjoy cultural arts, reading, printed and electronic materials and media, conversation, camaraderie, exciting programming in entertainment and education; where one can pursue new careers, host and attend meetings, record podcasts, make movies and enjoy any tools that develop the mind and make life interesting; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York through its Department of Education provides a governing structure and supports a network of Library Systems designed to provide many independent education services, resources and financial grants that a Union Vale Library and residents of Union Vale can benefit from; and WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale feels that the guidance, oversight and support provided by the Department of Education, along with the requirement that the Town Board appoint five to fifteen Trustees to oversee Library management, means that a new institution would be carefully nurtured and along with the the Town of Union Vale support these important resources in the best interest of the public; and

WHEREAS, this proposed appointment of Trustees involves no physical project or action requiring an environmental review, which review will be conducted as required before the formulation of any proposed action;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale, according to Education Law 255 does hereby take this historic step on behalf of all residents and authorizes the establishment of a public library to be known as the Union Vale Library; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale, according to Education Law 260, will solicit applications for, interview and appoint five trustees for staggered terms of five years, to see our new library through the chartering process, hire a director and properly guide our newest institution forward.

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

Councilman Durland	
Councilman Gusikoff	
Councilman McGivney	
Councilman Welsh	
Supervisor Maas	

DATED: Union Vale, New York July 20th, 2022

Andrea Casey, TOWN CLERK