

**UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 21, 2019 TOWN HALL  
249 DUNCAN ROAD LAGRANGEVILLE, NY 7:30PM**

**PRESENT: Supervisor Maas**

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

**Attorney: Jeffery Battistoni**

**Town Clerk: Andrea Casey**

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES**

Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for December 13, 2018, January 3, 2019 and January 17<sup>th</sup> 2019 as written which was seconded by Councilman McMorris and all were unanimously in favor.

**Special Guest Speaker Dutchess County Legislator Faye Garito (Beekman & Union Vale)**

Dutchess County Legislator Faye Garito spoke about the various committees she is involved in, the highlights of the prior year and projects she has been working on. Legislator Garito also offered any one in need of senior services either a senior or an advocate to call 845-486-2555 for the Office of the Aging. They are also always looking for volunteers especially if anyone is retired and looking for a way to give back to the community. Recently the legislature passed a resolution to provide supplemental funding for the construction on an education hanger at the Dutchess County Airport for Dutchess County Community College Aviation program. This program will be 60% hands on 40% classroom training. She also spoke about road construction in the Beekman Road area the County providing funding for a 230-acre parcel along Lake Walton Road adjacent to the rail trail for the purpose of passive recreation. Lastly Legislature Garito spoke about rectifying certification requirements for the Renegades Baseball Stadium in order for them to host the minor baseball team and how the funding was obtained to continue this tradition for years to come and other highlights of 2018.

**Town Supervisor Report**

Spoke about the 2018 P&L and remarked that it was a strong year due to tightening controls and spending. She also highlighted items on the January 2019 cash flow statement. Supervisor Maas discussed the flow of the abstracts and the process for the audited claims and warrants to be paid. The East Light Partners solar array project is still ongoing and connection to Central Hudson is being investigated as well as the proposed cell tower off of DeForest Lane deep into Tymor Park. Comp Alliance, the new Worker's Comp Insurance Company, came and did an overview safety inspection.

**Town Board Member Reports**

Councilman Welsh offered to check on the upgrades for the defibrillators as the existing ones may be obsolete for maintenance. Councilwoman Kelley has been working with the Seniors and has 2 couples enrolled in the 'meals on wheels' program and she continues her work gaining access for this populations. She had meetings with the Recreation Department with upcoming camp seasons approaching. Councilman McMorris spoke about his sessions at Association of Towns in New York this past week. Councilman Frazier also attended the Association of Towns meetings and is also working on the Town Hall parking lot lights.

**Town Highway Superintendent Report**

Although Mr. Wisseman was not in attendance tonight, Supervisor Maas spoke about the Local Highway Data project. This is a steering committee to gather data such as costs, culverts and other pertinent information that can be used for reporting. Supervisor Maas mentioned that Superintendent Wisseman was not interested in joining as there has been mixed reviews. She also mentioned the surplus equipment plan for the Highway Department which will be discussed later in the meeting.

**TOWN CLERK REPORT**

Town Clerk Casey spoke about the current recycling center permit numbers for 2019. Residents permit holders: 332 Non-Resident 286 which includes 5 new residents and 23 new non-residents.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**Departmental Reports**

**Equestrian Center**

Loretta Ryan spoke about the Equestrian Center Meet & Greet scheduled for Monday February 25<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of becoming acquainted with the Equestrian Center. Loretta will discuss the history, current attractions and new initiatives planned for the future.

## **Recreation**

Jake Gosnell, Municipal Park Manager, spoke about camp registration which went live on February 1<sup>st</sup>, Egg Hunts for All is set for April 13<sup>th</sup>. March 15<sup>th</sup> Egg Stuffing Party to prepare the eggs for Egg Hunts for All, all are welcome to help from 3:00 to 5:00pm.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Reduction of Speed Limit on Camby Road**

The certified resolution was mailed to the County and the Town is waiting for further details after it is reviewed.

### **Association of Towns Meeting**

Supervisor Maas said the training was well worth it to keep all Town Officers up to date and current in their respective fields.

### **Meals on Wheels**

Meals on Wheels was spoken about the Councilwoman Kelley earlier in the meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Master Fee Schedule**

Supervisor Maas spoke about the updates to the fee schedule. Updates include the recycling center permits and trash cards, dog redemption fee as to be in line with the Town Code and fees under planning Sketch Plat Review.

### **MOTION TO APPROVE 2019 MASTER FEE SCHEDULE**

Supervisor Maas made a motion to approve the 2019 draft of the master fee schedule as is which was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

### **Request for Zoning Change**

Larry Mattiello spoke about the history of why there is a need for a change in zoning. He and his wife purchased two parcels of land one residential, and the other airport commercial. He initially purchased the commercial land in January 2008 and eventually purchased the residential lot after the prior owner had difficulty selling because it was discovered that the house is extremely close to the lot line. They would like 3 acres of airport be zoned as residential to protect the home and boundary especially since the land is not suitable for airport commercial as it consists of 75-100-foot pine trees and rolling hills. Attorney Battistoni spoke about Article 11 'Amendments' and the process involved beginning with a petition from the property owners, lot line adjustment from the planning board, environmental review and a local law change. There was further discussion on the topic and they will continue the research and carry this forward.

### **CROSS ORCHARD PROJECT**

Supervisor Maas spoke about this potential apartment/ condo/ townhouse complex on Route 55 across from Wisseman Road. The project team would like to rezone the property from Town Center to Residential as there is a requirement component in the Union Vale Code that Town Center Zoning must contain a commercial component. There was discussion on what the cluster zoning law on density and other requirements. Attorney Battistoni advised that the applicant must first start by filing a petition to the Town Board to move forward. Supervisor Maas asked the Board to entertain the question if they would feel comfortable changing the zoning on that section of land and to explore the opportunity. The next step would be to speak further with Code Enforcement Officer, George Kolb, to gain more information on the project on the acreage for cluster zoning, how much land needs to be rezoned, and other items.

### **POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

In reviewing the policies, Supervisor Mass and Attorney Battistoni suggested to add language that the Town Clerk have administrative ownership and responsibility for all social media accounts as the Office is also the keeper of vital records. It was decided to review each and discuss changes at a work session.

### **HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT PURCHASE**

Supervisor Maas explained that although last year was a good performance year, it is not always repeatable. In order to have money aside for large Highway Equipment purchases a reserve fund can be set up for that sole purpose. Although this has been approved in the past, it has never been created and would be helpful for long term financial planning. There was discussion on having a comprehensive list of what trucks and equipment are already inventoried and projections for replacement. Supervisor Maas suggested a field trip to view the Highway Garage with the Town Board to view all the equipment and assess future purchases. Councilman McMorris volunteered to input the data for the local highway data project as he views this as a helpful initiative for the Town if it moves forward. All Board members agreed the reserve fund would be an important factor in long term planning. Supervisor Maas will compile a list of what is needed from the Highway Department to move forward.

**Resolution #19-20 (See Resolutions)**

Supervisor Maas explained that the Town is ready to invest money and the most sensible option was buying Treasuries as they do not tie up money for long periods of time and they have better rates. NY Class is a company that deals with municipalities and school districts who buy Treasuries and only purchase what New York Town Law permits these entities to purchase. This particular company has assets of 2 billion dollars and provides daily liquidity. The current interest rate with NY Class is 2.28% vs 1.65% and tying the money up for 5 years from another financial institution. This company was formerly MBIA which was approved in the Organizational meeting and the Town had initially started with them in 2007. This resolution allows Supervisor Maas to sign the updated documentation when the companies merged and move forward as we already have 8 accounts with them.

**Resolution #19-21 MOTION TO TABLE**

Councilman Frazier made a motion to table this resolution to gather more data on why the Board should need to approve a private road name which was seconded by Councilman McMorris and all were unanimously in favor.

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON TOWN ISSUES**

None

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

At 9:06pm Councilman Welsh made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman McMorris and all were unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Andrea Casey*  
Town Clerk

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**RESOLUTION # 19-20 ACCEPTANCE OF  
THE NEW YORK COOPERATIVE LIQUID ASSETS SECURITIES  
SYSTEM (“NYCLASS”) MUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT AS  
AMENDED AND RESTATED AS OF MARCH 14, 2014**

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York General Municipal Law, Articles 3-A and 5-G (collectively, the “Act”), the Village of Potsdam and each school district and corporation as defined in the Act (collectively the “Participants”) entered into a Municipal Cooperation Agreement amended and restated as of October 20, 1999, amended April 23, 2012 and amended and restated as of March 14, 2014 (hereinafter “2014 Amendment”; collectively referred to as the “Agreement”);

WHEREAS pursuant to Article 7.2 of the 2014 Amendment, each Participant agreed that any district or municipality as defined by the Act can enter into the Agreement and become a Participant by in part delivering an executed counterpart of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Union Vale desires to enter back into the Agreement, originally signed on September 13, 2007 and become a Participant; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms and conditions contained herein, including the terms and conditions of the Agreement incorporated by reference, the Town of Union Vale agrees to enter into the Agreement and become a Participant pursuant to paragraph 7.2 of the 2014 Amendment and authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the 2014 Amendment.

The preceding resolution was offered by Councilman Welsh, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman McMorris.

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

Supervisor Maas	Aye
Councilman Frazier	Aye
Councilwoman Kelley	Aye
Councilman McMorris	Aye
Councilman Welsh	Aye

Ayes 5

Noes 0

Dated: February 21, 2019

Andrea Casey  
Andrea Casey, Town Clerk