

UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2022
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING 249 DUNCAN ROAD, UNION VALE, NEW YORK
UNION VALE TOWN HALL 7:00 PM
PRESENT: Supervisor Betsy Maas
Town Council: Kevin Durland, Perry Gusikoff, Kevin McGivney, John Welsh
Town Clerk: Andrea Casey
Absent: Attorney Battistoni

Supervisor Maas opened the public hearing at 7:00 PM

Glenn Morrison- Spoke about suggestions most cost effect health insurance options and asked about the capital project money that was set aside for the year and hopes those projects will be completed.

There were no further comments from the public.

Supervisor Maas closed the public hearing at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Casey, Town Clerk

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Supervisor Maas called the meeting to Order and Salute to the Flag at 7:30 PM

Moment of Silence in losing Peter DeForest and Tom Russell and for 28-year-old Matt Wabshinak who was severely injured in an accident and is still in the hospital. The 3 men had/have a major impact in different ways on the Town of Union Vale.

Executive Session

Councilman Welsh made a motion to enter executive session at 7:33 PM for the purpose of discussing potential litigation which was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

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Councilman Welsh made a motion to exit executive session at 7:55 PM which was seconded by Supervisor Maas who noted no voting took place, and all were unanimously in favor.

Motion Approve Minutes: Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the July 20th 2022 and August 7th 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

Supervisor Report

- Town Board members have received the list of warrants/abstracts; cash receipts, escrow reports, Building Dept. report, performance vs budget report and lists of all deposits made in both the General Fund and Highway Fund.
- First round of budget meetings with Dept. Heads are complete
- Cash Flow: 111% goal and at 99% expenses for the year
- Received the AIM Payment, State Aid for \$10,500.00
- CHIPS money was reimbursed for \$192,000.00 for Highway POP is still yet to be received but it should be around \$30,000.00 which was approved
- FEMA grant from July 2021 hopeful for a check of at least \$20,000.00
- General Fund: \$2,798,000.00 Highway Fund: \$414,666.00 Total: \$3.2 Million
- Oktoberfest 2022 stats: largest crowd 1900, lots of locals, everyone had a good time
- Attended the chamber of commerce breakfast, HV balloon fest had 20,000 people attracting tourism for the whole county

Town Board Reports

Councilman Welsh has been working on the TC Zone changes, interviewing candidates for the Library Trustees and assisted with the emergency pool tank repair.

Councilman McGivney- nothing at this time.

Councilman Durland has also been working on TC zone changes.

Councilman Gusikoff noted it was great to witness swearing in of trustees, working with parks on recycling center shed.

Highway

Superintendent Kading reported the Highway Dept. is still working on catch basins throughout the town, Meadow Ridge, Cooper Dr., Galle lane, Cunningham as a result, they will develop a new standard passed through the town engineer for less maintenance in future. Shoulder material on new asphalt, repairing never ending potholes, prepping trucks for snow season. Highway dept will pick up deer on the road, they are not prohibited to enter anyone's property.

Last week 1 crew member left for another agency, so they are down 1 crew member.

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Casey advised that the school taxes are out now and collected by each school district, not by the Town. DMP's will not be on sale during the month of October, but reopen on November 1st with a limited selection.

Public Comments

Glenn Morrison – asked about capital projects

CAC Conservation Advisory Council

Rhonda Sundlof, CAC Member, stated they are continuing to work through the town's conservation certification. They are also still working on and planning the pollinator gardens. Upcoming activities include Stargazing Saturday, October 1 at 6:30 PM and rain date of October 2nd as presented by the Mid Hudson Astronomical Society.

October 15th Reforestation of Tymor to replace damaged or deceased trees, planning to replace 115 trees all volunteers welcome, Brian Scoralick will assist with delivering. Supervisor Maas mentioned that the Town has \$875 from last year as the Dutchess County Soil and Water paid for the trees last year.

Parks Report

Jake Gosnell, Park Manager reported the balloon fest team is amazing and the event was well run and the clean-up was impeccable. The aging pool tank burst Councilman Welsh assisted in the temp repair. Oktoberfest 2022 went very well with a record number of attendees and they are excited to plan next years. A special thank you to Will Woolley for lending the hay for the barrel racing and for pouring beer in support of Matt Wabshinak. Summer camp again was a great experience for staff and campers.

Recreation, submitted by Recreation Director Maggie Collins

This past Sunday we held our annual Oktoberfest event and had a very successful number of attendees. Patrons came to Tymor Park and enjoyed our themed competitions, German food provided by East Fishkill Provisions, drinks provided by Dutchess Beer, and traditional music played by the group Alpine Squeeze as well as dancing performed by Germania Almrausch. We look forward to seeing all who attend at the next Oktoberfest in 2023. We have been running our TGTT After School program and welcomed new and old friends to enjoy the park for another

school year. Registration is open for multiple full and half day TGTT programs during the upcoming fall months, and we are beginning to prepare for our After-School Halloween Party as well as our Halloween Movie Night. **(Received after the meeting)**

Constable Report Submitted by George Treadwell, CIC

Constables patrolled approximately 114 miles of town roads including all properties filling the Explorer with 15.8 gallons of gasoline.

The (3) town court dates totaled 25 cases on the dockets with 16 actual appearances and (5) cases were dismissed for failure to prosecute (officer failed to show for court). There were no issues to report.

Constables reported these incidents during patrols: 8/21 rails removed from fence at Trail K, officer replaced trails, large amounts of trash left at tree line in parking lot, no officer contact 8/29 (2) dirt bikes in Equestrian center, both drove into woods as officer approached. 8/19- Explorer oil change and tire rotation and NYS inspection performed.

Animal Control, submitted by ACO, Mary Jean Calvi

August 2022 1 lost dog, 1 found dog, 1 unclaimed dog brought to HVARs.

Events Calendar

October 1 or 2- Stargazing

October 8th – Dutchess GAA for the Irish Fest (outside rental)

October 14th -Halloween Movie Night

October 15th – Reforestation of Tymor

November – Town of UV Garage Sale to get rid of excess equipment and supplies

Furnace Pond Dam

Supervisor Maas advised they are waiting for boring test, water levels are low, 2-day job to do the test, no date has been scheduled which will tell the stability of the dam down to the bedrock and will determine the course of action going forward.

Land Use Moratorium to Review Town Center Zone & Private Roads

They will hold a special meeting to approve the language once it comes back from the Planner. This will make it easier for applicants and the town to have more commercial areas. The County is also reviewing and then it will go through the approval process.

Playground at Godfrey- Committee at Work

There are 4 playground designers which will be presented to the residents. They will be able to review and make a decision and hear feedback.

Review Capital Projects List – will discuss tonight

Long Term Lease #2 Tymor Park Road

Renewal began in September 2022 for 2 additional years.

Library Update- Trustees, MHLS

Councilman Gusikoff stated that the TB inducted the new library trustees earlier this week which was their first opportunity to meet each other, had a chance to discuss their attributes and how they can contribute. There will be a reception scheduled on October 26th for the residents to meet the Board of Trustees. The terms are 5 years, staggered, and the board should consist of 5-7 trustees and currently 7 were appointed.

2023 Budget Schedule

2023 budget schedule was passed out, the rough draft will be done by the end of the month and it will be adjusted continually until it is passed in November. They TB has concerns about energy costs but everything else looks good.

Capital Projects:

Filter Tank

Park Manager Gosnell advised the pool tank is from 1990, is rusting from the inside out. It did rupture in August which was repaired to end the season. Again, the roof of the pool shed must be removed which is due to be replaced and 1 wall must also be taken away. The estimate is around 20K and all the work will be done in house.

Motion to Purchase Pool Filter Tank

Councilman Welsh made a motion to purchase the new filter tank up to \$33,000.00 including shipping to be delivered to Tymor Park which was seconded by Supervisor Maas and all were unanimously in favor.

Replace Town Hall Flooring

Hallway carpet is old and needs to be replaced. The consideration would be to switch to vinyl plank as a more indestructible option. Park Manager Gosnell spoke about each of the products and the quotes received. They proposed the OGS for state bid vendor and were a responsive and reputable company.

Motion to Replace Town Hall Flooring in Hallway

Councilman Welsh made a motion to award RVP Flooring Systems located in Carmel, NY due to their bid (Wo243-72) with a total cost of material and labor at prevailing wage of \$15,064.96 as outlined in the September 12, 2022 bid, this seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

Councilman Gusikoff noted that there may be some unforeseen expenses and cautioned to take a second look at what the quote included before it was voted upon.

Gutters on Long Barn

Park Manager Gosnell advised gutters were needed for the long barn both front and back to protect the new garage doors and building. Mr. Gosnell recommends putting 6inch gutters on the building and using Peekskill Seamless Gutters as they have done proper work for us in the past. A line by line review of the quote was discussed after which all were in favor.

Motion to Purchase Gutters for Long Barn

Councilman Durland made a motion to use Peekskill Seamless Gutters for the quoted amount of \$3950.00. This 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 Supervisor Maas and all were unanimously in favor.

Public Comments Town Issues

Glenn Morrison- Based upon the town center revisions he inquired if there would be a public hearing. Supervisor Maas stated there will be which is part of the typical process.

Motion to Adjourn

At 8:58 PM Supervisor Maas made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Casey, Town Clerk