

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

Supervisor Tompkins offered a motion to close the executive meeting and open the meeting to the regular order of business at 7:30 p.m. Councilman Frazier seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote.

#### **OPEN MEETING TO DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Supervisor Tompkins opened the meeting to comments on agenda items.

There were no further comments on agenda items and the regular order of business was resumed.

#### **SUPERVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Tompkins mentioned that she had met with residents who had complaints regarding the filming of the Town Board meetings. She explained that the equipment was getting old and needed replacing. Mrs. Tompkins also mentioned meeting with Legislator Marc Coviello who will attend the February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to speak regarding the Hudson Valley Hero's Project. There are plans for a meeting at the Town Hall on March 14<sup>th</sup> with the Emergency Response Team. Anyone interested in attending should call the Town Hall and sign up.

Councilman Welsh mentioned that at the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting there was a problem with the Town Board members belonging to the Fire Company getting a discount at the Transfer Station. It was said by a Councilperson that this was an ethics violation and Mr. Welsh stated that he didn't feel that his was true because of the three members of the Town Board who are also firemen Mr. Welsh stated that he always pay full price and the other two Board members don't use the Recycle Center. Supervisor Tompkins thanked Mr. Welsh for clarifying this.

Councilman Frazier mentioned that there was a program coming up involving Central Hudson for LED conversion interior and exterior lighting in the Building. Mr. Frazier met with consultants at the Town Hall this afternoon and they did a survey of the building. Central Hudson will pay 70% of the cost of the conversion. At that point on the LED lights themselves will save close to 70% of the energy requirement of the lighting. Mr. Frazier will report more on this after he gets the numbers back. This includes all the buildings the Town owns including the Highway buildings. The consultants will meet to discuss this with Mr. Mattes at the Park. Councilman McMorris stated that he converted his home to LED lightbulbs and there has been a tremendous savings. The program hasn't been finalized yet but should be in the next few weeks.

Councilwoman Kelley mentioned that the Town Board had been invited Sunday to a Donor Reception at the LaGrange Library. Ms. Kelley attended and stated that there were very few people there from Union Vale. Since the last Town Board meeting the Library Contract was signed. On receipt of the check the restrictions on the Town will be lifted.

Councilman McMorris stated that he will be attending a meeting regarding solar power. He also met with the Constables and discussed what is expected of them and also talked about setting up a maintenance schedule for the Constable vehicle.

#### **AUTHORIZE HOURS / SALARY FOR PLANING / ZONING SECRETARY**

Councilwoman Kelley offered a motion to authorize the hours of the Planning Secretary to work three hours per week at a rate of \$16.00 per hour and authorizes the Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary to work two hours per week at a rate of \$20.81 and any request for additional hours shall be made to the Supervisor in writing and will be made available at the Town Supervisor's sole discretion. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Tompkins. Councilman Frazier mentioned that in the event there was an increase in business for these Boards there should be an increase in hours and salary. Supervisor Tompkins stated yes. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Tompkins and passed with a unanimous vote of the Town Board.

#### **APPOINT PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD MEMBERS**

Councilman Welsh stated that the Town Board had interviewed candidates for these positions before the meeting and moved to table the appointments until the February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Councilman Frazier seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote.

#### **RE-APPOINTMENT OF KEVIN DURLAND TO PLANNING BOARD**

Councilman Welsh stated that he would like offer a motion to confirm that Kevin Durland was being re-appointed to the Planning Board with the term to expire December 31, 2018. Councilman Frazier offered a motion to second the motion to reappoint Kevin Durland to the Planning Board. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Town Board.

#### **APPOINT LIBRARY STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND CHAIRPERSON**

Councilman McMorris offered a motion to table the motion to appoint the Library Steering Committee until the February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frazier and passed with a unanimous vote of the Town Board. Councilman Frazier stated that he would like a clear objective in writing and approved by the Town Board before a committee is appointed. The motion to table passed with a unanimous vote. Supervisor Tompkins stated that she felt that anyone interested should be allowed to be on this committee.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY STEERING COMMITTEE LIAISON**

Supervisor Tompkins offered a motion to appoint Councilwoman Kelley as the Town Board liaison to the Library Steering Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman McMorris and passed with a unanimous vote.

#### **AUTHORIZE EQUIPMENT TO BE SURPLUSED**

Councilman Frazier offered a motion to authorize the Town of Union Vale to use Auctions International and to declare certain town equipment as surplus, a 2004 Dodge Durango and 4 Dell Computers and excess them through Auctions International. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Tompkins and passed with a unanimous vote. Ralph Mondello is clearing the excess radios and will bring them and the light bar from the dodge in Monday.

#### **AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR ARBOR DAY GRANT**

Supervisor Tompkins offered a motion to authorize the Town Supervisor to make an application for an Arbor Day Grant and also to authorize the Town Supervisor and Town Clerk to sign all necessary paperwork for the grant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Welsh and passed with a unanimous vote of the Town Board.

#### **AUTHORIZE DOG CONTROL FUND TRANSFER**

Councilwoman Kelley offered a motion to amend the Dog Control budget by moving \$500 from A-3510.4 (contractual expenses) to A-3510.2 (equipment). The motion was seconded by Supervisor Tompkins and she explained that the previous Dog Control Officer used her own equipment as the Union Vale equipment was lost when the roof caved in where it was stored in Beekman. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Town Board.

#### **APPROVE REDUCED RATE FOR HUDSON VALLEY DOCKDOGS CLUB**

Councilman Welsh offered a motion to approve the reduced rate for the Hudson Valley Dock Dogs Club to use the Senior Room at Tymor Park on February 27, 2016 from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Tompkins and passed with a unanimous vote of the Town Board.

#### **APPROVE REDUCED RATE FOR NOXON ROAD FIFTH GRADE PICNIC**

Councilman Welsh offered a motion to approve the reduced rate for the Noxon Road Elementary School fifth grade picnic on June 20, 2016 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Tompkins and passed with a unanimous vote of the Town Board.

### **AUTHORIZE HIRING DATA COLLECTOR FOR ASSESSOR**

Supervisor Tompkins announced that Robert Taft, Town Assessor interviewed James Kane for the position of Data Collector at sixteen dollars an hour for one hundred and twenty-five hours and Supervisor Tompkins offered a motion to hire Mr. Kane for this position. Councilman McMorris seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote of the Town Board.

### **AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT ASSOCIATION OF TOWN CLASSES**

Councilman Kelley offered a motion to amend a previous motion authorizing attendance at the Association of Towns meeting in New York City February 15<sup>th</sup> through February 17<sup>th</sup> to include Town Justice Paul Pancio, Councilmen Steven Frazier and McMorris. The motion was seconded by Councilman Welsh and passed with a unanimous vote of the Town Board.

### **OPEN MEETING TO COMMENTS ON NON - AGENDA ITEMS**

Jean Moore of Darren Road asked the Town Board to enact a resolution to prohibit the flying of drones within the Town's boundaries as she feels that this could be a liability. Mrs. Moore also asked if there was a limit to the amount of money that could be spent by the Park Manager. She believes in recreation for children. She would like the Town Board to appoint an oversight committee to oversee the spending at the park as it seems that the amount spent exceeds the amount taken in. Mrs. Moore would like to sit down with the Town Board and Robert Mattes to go over the figures. Councilman Frazier asked where Mrs. Moore came up with her figures and she told him she checked with the budget figures. Councilman Frazier stated that he feels the pool and park programs should fund themselves by user's fees. This is a direction that needs to be taken.

Betsy Maas suggested that there be open forums for the budget to allow questions on funding for the library and other items. Councilman Frazier stated that there are budget hearings open to the public. Supervisor Tompkins stated that a budget advisory committee could be formed.

Councilwoman Kelley stated that in the past the budget meetings were opened to the public but the people were not allowed to speak. When the budget public hearing was held the people were allowed to speak but the budget was already decided on. Councilwoman Kelley stated that this would be changed in the future. Councilman Welsh stated that the Budget Hearing was held first and then the budget was approved.

Lisette Hitsman mentioned that in the past the Town Board budgeted \$2000 for the Union Vale Senior Citizens Group and they were given \$1000 in January and another \$1000 in July. Ms. Hitsman also mentioned that committees should have an odd number of members because theoretically if there is an even number the votes could be tied. Ms. Hitsman also agreed with Mr. Frazier regarding the library committee.

Carlos Mina stated that he was a resident of the Town for forty-seven years and is very concerned regarding security in Tymor Park. Supervisor Tompkins stated that the Town Board was working on this. Ms. Tompkins is meeting with the State Police and the Constables regarding additional security. Mr. Mina said that he understood that windows have been broken in the Park. Mr. Mina also said he heard that there was talk about paving the parking lot in the Park but he thinks that the parking lot at the Town Hall should be sealed. Ms. Tompkins said that the Highway Department will be contacted about this.

Robert Mattes said that he will check his numbers with Mrs. Moore. Since 2007 he has been trying to make the Recreation Programs pay for themselves and each year he is coming closer. He will look at Mrs. Moore's numbers and get back to her.

Elfriede Tillman said that no one ever said anything about the beautiful Christmas lights this year and she thanked Mr. Mattes for the great display. Ms. Tillman also mentioned that Lisette Hitsman was Town Supervisor for sixteen years, not fifteen and she also was on the Town Board prior to being elected as Supervisor.

As there were no further comments on non-agenda items, the regular order of business was resumed.

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#### **TOWN HALL UV SYSTEM**

Supervisor Tompkins said that the UV System that the County has stated the Town must install at the Town Hall has been given to Larry Paggi to prepare for proposals so that the Board can move forward with this.

#### **LIBRARY COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS**

The Town Board will be interviewing interested people to serve on the Library Committee.

Councilman McMorris mentioned that he would like to meet with the Constables and work on changes to the Constable Policy and Procedures manual as he feels that money could be saved by making changes to it.

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Councilman Welsh offered a motion to adjourn the meeting 8:31 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman McMorris and passed with a unanimous vote of the Town Board.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Lou DeForest*

Mary Lou DeForest. Town Clerk