

**UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING MARCH 16, 2022**

**UNION VALE TOWN HALL 7:30 PM**

**PRESENT: Supervisor Betsy Maas**

**Town Council: Kevin Durland, Perry Gusikoff, Kevin McGivney, John Welsh**

**Town Clerk: Andrea Casey**

**Highway Superintendent: Ed Kading**

**Town Attorney: Jeffery Battistoni**

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After the close of the public hearings Supervisor Maas called the meeting to Order and Salute to the Flag at 7:57 PM. She also asked for a moment of silence for the Country of Ukraine.

Supervisor Maas also noted donations can be dropped off for the Country of Ukraine here in Town Hall until Saturday, when they will be brought to the County for shipping.

**Motion Approve Minutes:** Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the February 16, 2022 and March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

**Supervisor Report**

- Cash Flow- 101% of revenue budgeted at 115% of expenses, higher due to the \$45,000 paid to DC for Workers Comp, tax bill printing, highway garage repair
- Sales Tax update later in the meeting, a check is coming for \$239,478.00 from DC
- Taxes collected 86% of tax revenue
- Received the \$5,000 for the composting toilet
- Filed for May 1 extension for AUD as per usual protocol
- Comp Alliance has given the Town a \$500 bonus check for member loyalty award
- 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.
- All Escrow checks will be distributed for any abandoned or closed accounts
- Habitat for Humanity will be back on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Recycling Center
- Seeking Volunteers for the Tymor 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party Planning
- Orange Bag Cleanup Campaign with UVFD is approaching date TBA

**Town Board Reports**

*Councilman Welsh* has been working with the committee on the MS4 withdrawal based on town population. He is hopeful at some point Union Vale will be removed from the program even though we adhere to the guidelines, they would like to eliminate the expense of the report.

*Councilman Durland* nothing to report at this time

*Councilman McGivney* nothing to report at this time

*Councilman Gusikoff* – noted the cameras have been ordered for W. Clove Mountain Road and will soon be installed to mitigate the littering in Town.

**Highway Report**

Superintendent Kading spoke about the 5-year maintenance plan. He also spoke about the culvert issues in town. Mr. Kading spoke with DC Soil and Water and is unsure if DEC needs to be involved at this point. He is waiting for pricing and it may need to be advertised for public bid. He will adjust his projects based on pricing. Supervisor Maas noted that they will review any grant opportunities that may assist with the financial end. Superintendent Kading spoke about the need for a york rake which maintains the dirt roads in town. This is necessary but can wait using the existing rake which is a bit smaller than the needs. He will wait to get the prices on culvert pipes before moving forward on this purchase. They have replaced 90% of the average size culverts but there are 4 that are of future issue. The 284 will be prepared for next meeting.

**Public Comments** – None

## **Board, Committee, Commission & Council Reports**

### **Parks**

Submitted by Park Manger, Jake Gosnell. A reminder to residents and guest that dogs are allowed on the West side of Town Hall. Due to evening temperatures falling below freezing the park bathrooms will remain closed until the weather warms up. Mr. Gosnell asks that the public stay off the soccer fields until the ground becomes firmer. Fishing season is approaching and residents may obtain a fishing pass from Town Hall for Tymor Park. Upcoming projects include tree work, the resident pavilion updates and general spring cleanup.

### **Recreation**

Submitted by Alison Croke, Recreation Director. Registration for summer camp is increasing daily. Traditional camp is up to 75% full for all session, Kids Camp is almost full and the response to the new Teen Leadership program has been very positive with 2 session close to reaching max capacity. Pool membership and pool membership party is available for registration on the park website. The St. Patrick's Day themed TGTT party is underway and they are looking forward to a full week of TGTT during Spring Break. Upcoming events including 'Egg Hunts for All' on April 16<sup>th</sup> which includes traditional hunt, wheelchair accessible, visually impaired and sensory friendly.

### **Constable Report**

Submitted by Head Constable, George Treadwell. February 2022. Constables patrolled approximately 553 miles of roads including town properties filling the explorer with 34.2 gallons of gas. Court dates totaled 53 cases with 33 actual appearances and no incidents to report. Reported During Patrols: 2-13-22 issued parking violation for snow ordinance after prior verbal warning. 2-21-22- Ford Explorer 5,000-mile service & new battery installed at 78,625 miles.

### **Animal Control Report**

Submitted by ACO, Mary Jean Calvi. February 2022: no lost dogs, 1 found dog, 1 wildlife call and 1 call regarding dogs/town code.

### **Land Use Moratorium to Review Town Center Zone & Private Roads & Common Driveways: DC & PB Responses**

Supervisor Maas noted on April 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a public hearing, this will not be on the details of any changes, this is just to permit the time to research the Town Code.

### **Library Consultant- Using a Professional to Help Determine the Next Steps**

Supervisor Maas explained that the Town has engaged the services of A. A. Cohen & Associates. Mr. Cohen has created a survey that will be distributed through the website and UnionValeMail. There will be a series of public meetings at various time during the day and week to capture a wide audience to get all resident feedback in order to advise the Town Board. This will all begin in April and the schedule will be published on the website as well as channel 22, and possibly publish it in the Northern Dutchess News.

### **Capital Projects & ARPA Expenditures**

Supervisor Maas asked all department heads to review the list and move forward.

### **Parkinson's Awareness Month**

Resident, Nancy Redkey, writes the Town every year to pass an annual resolution to declare April 'Parkinson's Awareness Month'. Supervisor Maas thanks Nancy for submitting this each request.

### **Dutchess County Sales Tax Update**

Supervisor Maas reported that this year we received an unexpected \$239,000.00 that we were not expecting and how important this is for the Town. Going forward, over the next 10 years, the County has proposed each Town getting 9.5% percentage of the tax, based on population. This will keep us in line with what the Town has been getting which is between \$230,000 to \$270,000.00. The Town must be conservative moving forward and planning for the years ahead and budget lower than the projected percentage as this can change unexpectedly.

**Discussion NY Stretch Code, Consider Pros & Cons for Union Vale**

Supervisor Maas stated that Code Enforcement Officer, George Kolb attended a webinar training and reported that the bottom line was about a 2% extra in cost but the savings are amazing and some aspects of the presentation were terrific. Now the Town must consider the pros and cons for what is best for Union Vale. The Town Board has received a copy of the presentation for review and Supervisor Maas offered to have Mr. Kolb present next month. Overall it is appealing due to the long-term savings.

**Resolutions & Motions: (See Resolutions)**

Resolution 21-2022 Parkinson's Awareness Month

Resolution 22- 2022 to Report Standard Work Day Hours for Elected & Appointed Officials

Resolution 23-2022 Accepting Dutchess County Sales Tax Proposal for 2023

Resolution of Adoption for Local Law Amending and Expanding Senior Citizens Exemption under RPTL §467

Resolution of Adoption for Expanding the Residency Requirements for Planning Board Members (Tabled)

**Local Law Residency Requirements**

Supervisor Maas suggested tabling this resolution as the feedback was very informative and wants to work on the language.

**Motion to table Residency Requirements**

Supervisor Maas made a motion to table voting on this to review the language which was seconded by Councilman Gusikoff and all were unanimously in favor.

**Motion to Enter Executive Session**

Councilman Welsh made a motion to enter executive session at 9:15 PM for a personnel matter which was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

**Motion to Exit Executive Session**

Councilman Welsh made a motion to exit executive session at 9:32 PM which was seconded by Councilman Gusikoff and all were unanimously in favor. Supervisor Maas noted that no action was taken during this time.

**Motion to Appoint Planning Board Member**

Supervisor Maas made a motion to appoint Anita Fina Kiewra for the vacancy on the Planning Board which was seconded Councilman Welsh 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 Comment on Town Issues**

*None*

**Motion to Adjourn**

At 9:37 PM Councilman Welsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Supervisor Maas and all were unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Casey, Town Clerk



**TOWN OF UNION VALE TOWN BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 21 OF 2022:**

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING PARKINSON’S AWARENESS MONTH**

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Welsh, seconded by Councilman Durland, to wit:

*WHEREAS*, Parkinson’s disease is a progressive neurological movement disorder of the central nervous system, which has a unique impact on each patient; and

*WHEREAS*, according to the Parkinson’s Foundation, the American Parkinson’s Disease Association and the National Institutes of Health, there are over one million Americans diagnosed with Parkinson’s Disease; and

*WHEREAS*, symptoms include slowness, tremor, difficulty with balance and speaking, rigidity, cognitive and memory problems; and

*WHEREAS*, although new medicines and therapies may enhance life for some time for people with Parkinson’s, more work is needed for a cure; and

*WHEREAS*, increased education and research are needed to help find more effective treatments with fewer side effects and ultimately a cure for Parkinson’s disease; and

*WHEREAS*, a multidisciplinary approach to Parkinson’s disease care includes local wellness, support, and caregiver groups; and

*WHEREAS*, April has been proclaimed as World Wide Parkinson’s Awareness Month for all to recognize the need for more research and help in dealing with the devastating effects of Parkinson’s Disease.

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale does hereby proclaim April as Parkinson’s Awareness Month in the Town of Union Vale.

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

Councilman Durland	Aye
Councilman Gusikoff	Aye
Councilman McGivney	Aye
Councilman Welsh	Aye
Supervisor Maas	Aye

DATED: Union Vale, New York  
March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

I, Andrea Casey, Town Clerk of the Town of Union Vale DO, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution offered by Councilman Welsh, seconded by Councilman Durland, and adopted at the meeting of the Town Board, held on March 16, 2022.

  
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Andrea Casey, TOWN CLERK



**TOWN OF UNION VALE TOWN BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 22 OF 2022:**

**RESOLUTION TO REPORT STANDARD WORK DAY HOURS FOR**

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT, TOWN CLERK & BOOKKEEPER TO THE SUPERVISOR TO NYSLRS**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Union Vale is required to report standard work days for hourly, salaried, elected and appointed officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System (NYSLRS) based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Union Vale has received the hours for the standard work day for the Highway Superintendent, an elected official, Town Clerk, an elected official and the Bookkeeper to the Supervisor, an appointed official in the Town of Union Vale, and

**WHEREAS**, the following specifies the standard work days for:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Standard Work Day</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Reportable Days</b>	<b>Participates In Time Keeping</b>
Highway Superintendent	Edward Kading	8	1/1/2022-12/31/2023	22.77	No
Town Clerk	Andrea Casey	6	1/1/2022-12/31/2023	22.06	No
Bookkeeper to the Supervisor	Danielle Carney	6	1/1/2022-12/31/2023	23.11	No

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale hereby adopts and approves the standard work day for its elected official, Edward Kading,

Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk, Andrea Casey and its appointed official, Danielle Carney as included and made a part hereof; and


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of the standard work day hours shall be kept on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

Councilman Gusikoff introduced the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Welsh. The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Councilman Durland	Aye
Councilman Gusikoff	Aye
Councilman McGivney	Aye
Councilman Welsh	Aye
Supervisor Maas	Aye

DATED: March 16, 2022	Ayes 5
	Noes 0

I, Andrea Casey, Town Clerk of the Town of Union Vale DO, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution offered by Councilman Gusikoff, seconded by Councilman Welsh and adopted at the meeting of the Town Board, held on March 16, 2022.

  
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Andrea Casey, Town Clerk



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Received Date

# Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials

SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM ON REVERSE SIDE

RS 2417-A

(Rev.11/19)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Union Vale / 30460 hereby established the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities:

Name	Social Security Number	NYSLRS ID	Title	Current Term Begin & End Dates	Standard Work Day	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted	Pay Frequency	Tier 1
<b>Elected Officials:</b>									
Andrea Casey	██████	██████	Town Clerk	1/1/2022-12/31/2023	6	22.06	<input type="checkbox"/>	biweekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ed Kading	██████	██████	Highway Superintendent	1/1/2022-12/31/2023	8	22.77	<input type="checkbox"/>	biweekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Appointed Officials:</b>									
Danielle Carney	██████	██████	Bookkeeper to the Supervisor	1/1/2022-12/31/2023	6	23.11	<input type="checkbox"/>	biweekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

I, Andrea Casey, secretary/clerk of the governing board of the Town of Union Vale, of the State of New York,  
(Name of Secretary or Clerk) (Circle one) (Name of Employer)

do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board at a legally convened meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022 on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Union Vale on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.  
(Name of Employer)

Andrea E. Casey  
(Signature of Secretary or Clerk)

Affidavit of Posting: I, Andrea Casey being duly sworn, deposes and says that the posting of the Resolution began on

3-17-2022 and continued for at least 30 days. That the Resolution was available to the public on the:  
(Date)

Employer's website at: www.unionvaleny.us

Official sign board at: 249 Duncan Rd, LaGrangeville, NY 12540 - Town Hall

Main entrance Secretary or Clerk's office at: \_\_\_\_\_

(seal)



**TOWN OF UNION VALE**

**RESOLUTION # 23 OF 2022**

**ACCEPTING THE DUTCHESS COUNTY SALES TAX PROPOSAL FOR 2023**

**WHEREAS**, Dutchess County has to renegotiate a new ten-year sales tax agreement with all cities and towns of Dutchess County for 2023 by June of 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, for the last ten years, the Town of Union Vale, and all other towns have been guaranteed a base sales tax payment along with a growth payment if the collections realized are larger than the base year of 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the average growth rate has been 5 percent with only one year in the last ten, having a down year in sales tax collected (2020); and

**WHEREAS**, Dutchess County is proposing for the next ten years to pay all the towns a flat 9.5% rate based on population in an effort to hold a fixed, predictable amount that is easy to budget for and consistent or better than what towns have experienced in the last ten years;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Union Vale agrees with Dutchess County's sales tax proposal and accepts the terms and appreciates participating in the program that may fluctuate but adds so much to the revenue line.

The preceding resolution was offered by Councilman Durland, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Gusikoff.

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

Councilman Gusikoff	Aye
Councilman Durland	Aye
Councilman McGivney	Aye
Councilman Welsh	Aye
Supervisor Maas	Aye



DATED: Union Vale, New York

March 16, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Casey". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Andrea Casey, TOWN CLERK

**TOWN OF UNION VALE  
LOCAL LAW # 1 OF 2022**

**RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION**

**Senior Citizens Exemption Amendment**

Councilman Welsh offered the following Resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Durland, who moved its adoption:

**WHEREAS**, a Local Law was introduced by the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale as Local Law #1 – 2022, entitled A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF UNON VALE, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK TO AMEND TOWN CODE CHAPTER 196, ARTICLE I, “SENIOR CITIZENS EXEMPTION” TO ALLOW ANY SENIOR IN DEFINED CIRCUMSTANCES, TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION PURSAUNT TO RPTL §467 NOT LATER THAN THE LAST DATE ON WHICH A PETITION WITH RESPECT TO COMPLAINTS OF ASSESSMENT MAY BE FILED; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing in relation to said Local Law was held on March 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., Prevailing Time; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of said public hearing was given pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS**, said Local Law has been on the desks of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale for at least seven (7) days, exclusive of Sunday; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following Local Law, which adds a new paragraph to the end of Chapter 196, Article I, Senior Citizens Exemption, of the Union Vale Code, with the language to be added underscored, is hereby adopted as follows:

Section 1: Any person or persons 65 years of age or older may file an application for an exemption pursuant to §467 of the Real Property Tax Law no later than the last date on which a Petition with respect to the complaints of assessment may be filed, whether such person or persons had previously filed such an application, if the failure to timely file the application resulted from (a) a death of the applicant’s spouse, child, parent, brother or sister or (b) an illness of the applicant or of the applicant’s spouse, child, parent, brother or sister, which actually prevented the applicant from filing on a timely basis, as certified by a licensed physician.

Section 2: Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect upon adoption by the Town Board and filing with the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with applicable provisions of law, and specifically Article 3, §27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Councilman Durland	Aye	
Councilman Gusikoff	Aye	Aye 5
Councilman McGivney	Aye	Nay 0
Councilman Welsh	Aye	
Supervisor Maas	Aye	

Dated: Union Vale, New York March 16, 2022

  
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ANDREA CASEY, TOWN CLERK

I, Andrea Casey, Town Clerk of the Town of Union Vale DO, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution offered by Councilman Welsh, seconded by Councilman Durland, and adopted at the meeting of the Town Board, held on Marh 16, 2022.

  
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Andrea Casey, TOWN CLERK