

UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING JUNE 15, 2022

249 DUNCAN ROAD, UNION VALE, NEW YORK

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: Jeff Battistoni

Supervisor Maas called the meeting to Order and Salute to the Flag at 7:20 PM

Motion Approve Minutes: Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the May 18th 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

Girl Scouts, Robyn and Deborah Duque, spoke about their Bronze Award project of collecting and recycling old crayons. They will have a bin located at Town Hall for any residents who would like to drop off old or broken crayons.

Town Supervisor Report

*May 2022 Cash Flow: 104% of budgeted income and 83% of budgeted expenses

*Claim into FEMA for approximately \$37K from damages incurred during Hurricane Ida. There has been several rounds of questions and more information will be given as updates come

*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 Highway and General Fund.

*Cash Balance General Fund: \$2,899,747.00 Highway Fund: \$813,045.00 = Total \$3,712,792.08

*Facility Rentals at 233% of budget, Clerk fees are \$49% over budget, Pool Fees 101%

*Interest Rates \$1000.00 was anticipated currently the Town has made \$1,560.00 to date

*Mortgage Tax at 182% for year and the distribute was \$118,252.61

*Tax Collector will turn the books over after June 1. Tax penalties collected were \$12,420.00 vs 2021 which was \$17,000.00.

*Health Insurance MVP will raise rates 11.8% for premiums next year

*County DPW advised a road Closure on Camby Road between Brush Hill & Chestnut Ridge Rd estimated from end of June until November to repair a culvert

*Case in front of apelet court for annexation oral arguments begin on June 27

*County sent out notice about NYS Public Health Law prohibits the use of pesticides in children's camps – we do not use them in the park or anywhere near the children

Board Member Reports

Councilman Welsh reported he has been studying notes from the meetings with the library consultant to stay up to speed with all new developments.

Councilman Durland nothing to report.

Councilman McGivney reminded everyone about the UVFD car show on Sunday from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Union Vale Middle School

Councilman Gusikoff noted that the Recycling Center shed has been delivered and they are moving forward on the customization.

Highway Report

Superintendent Kading reported that all major 2022 projects, including road resurfacing, have been completed. They are now mowing roadsides and repairing catch basins throughout the town. They are doing truck restorations in the shop to the plow truck, sold excess equipment which was successful.

Town Clerk Report

Town Clerk Casey reminded everyone that document shredding day will occur Wednesday, August 3rd and the time will be posted on the website the day before the event. She also urged the public to check with DEC before declaring a wild baby animal orphaned.

Public Comment

None

Board, Committee, Commission & Council Reports

Equestrian Center

Loretta Ryan, Director spoke about the annual horse pull and thanked the sponsors and those that help organize the event. They began with an opening ceremony and she thanked the Pony-sitters of JL Performance Horses who sang the national anthem. There are T-Shirts and hats that are available for sale. Please contact Loretta for any merchandise. As always, a special thank you to Betty and Rich Albrecht for assisting.

Park Report

Jake Gosnell, Park Manager spoke about the auction results the truck sold for \$38,500.00 on the 2015 Ford. The Town Board was pleased with the results and Mr. Gosnell will email Absolute Auction. The Full Moon Hike was nice last night and will resume again in October. Community Night will happen June 24th for fireworks and food trucks. The pool is open on weekends and the 27th will begin the weekday pool opening. The bandshell renovation has been completed and they have started pressure washing on the long barn.

Boyde plumbing came in to give a professional opinion on the well set up for the park and had complimentary things to say and noted as a backup plan when needed, if any of the 3 pressure tanks should be replaced which would cost approximately \$20,000.00 total this is not an immediate need. The tanks can be isolated and replaced as needed.

Recreation Report

The Traditional and TLC programs are officially full, Kids Camp is full for session two through four with two seats left in session one. We are continuing to prepare the park for all of our campers. Pool Membership party for all of our current membership owners this Friday June 17th from 6PM-8PM. Members will be able to enjoy the pool as well as music and refreshments. Members can register for the party on the MyRec website. They attended the Vail Farm Elementary School Block Party event. We were able to reach out to parents about our summer programs and our programs we run during the school year. We will be running our full-day TGTT program this Monday for the ACSO day off for Juneteenth, and then have a final Half Day TGTT for the last day of the school year. Community Night event on June 24th from 6:00PM-9:30PM. Residents will be able to enjoy this tailgating event outside the town hall building with participating food trucks, music they can tune into from their cars, and end this fun night with a firework show.

Constable Report

Submitted by George Treadwell, CIC, Monthly Report for May 2022:

Constables patrolled approximately 574 miles of town roads including all properties filling the Explorer with 25.0 gallons of gasoline.

The (3) town court dates totaled 40 cases on the dockets with 23 actual appearances and (9) cases were dismissed for failure to prosecute (officer failed to show for court). There were no issues to report.

Constables reported the following during patrols:

*5/14 - (1) ticket was issued for unregistered ATV and (3) tickets were issued for trespassing in park after hours.

Library Services

Supervisor Maas spoke about the Library meeting on June 2nd and spoke about the restrictions in place and the ideas for a future library in the Park. To date the Town has been able to provide residents with alternate sources of eBooks and audio books from which residents are on restriction. One of the troubling items parents mentioned to Supervisor Maas was the ability for their children to attend a Storytime program as per the Library restrictions. There were discussion on this as it is harder to duplicate than replacing the other items. The next steps and the Town Board and Library consultant having a strategic discussion about the preliminary library analysis report which will be a public meeting.

Animal Control Report

Animal Control Officer, Mary Jean Calvi, reported April 2022: no lost or found dogs, 2 chickens who were dumped on a private property. While chickens are not necessarily under the control of this office, no one should irresponsibly abandon an animal. Residents who find themselves in a

difficult position with their animal can contact the ACO who will assist in finding organizations who will provide for the welfare of the said animals. She urged anyone who need to rehome their animals to contact a rescue or herself to assist in being responsible. Supervisor Maas noted that the Town has signed an agreement with HVARs or Hudson Valley Animal Rescue and Sanctuary and no longer using the DC SPCA.

Land Use Moratorium to Review Town Center Zone & Private Roads

Supervisor Maas explained that this is continually being worked on and extensively this week. Once the changes are wrapped up there will be a meeting with the Town Board and Planning Board to have further discussion.

Town Gift of Land from Redl Family – Status Update

Building Inspector, George Kolb did an inspection, no observance of any above grade issues. There are wetlands and a stream on the parcel. There may be a historic point as noted on a County map denoting a significant viewpoint in the County. The family is doing an appraisal then, the deed will be transferred over.

Library Consultant – Preliminary Analysis

The Preliminary Analysis will be distributed early next week and discussions will continue.

Playground at Godfrey Park – Playground Committee Established

Mike Myers offered to be on the resident committee and will assist in developing design concepts. The awarding of the grant will be announced at a later date, approximately 2 months.

Review Capital Projects List and Available Quotes

Supervisor Maas highlighted the projects that are underway.

The cement bridge has been measured but no prices yet, Superintendent Kading will be very knowledgeable in assisting in these repairs. Now have quotes for gutters for long barns, 6 downspouts on each side, 6-inch commercial grade gutters, 6 3/4 downspouts at a price of \$30,950.00. Quotes for the doors for town hall through Williams \$2,800 \$2,276.40 will come primed and park will paint and install them. Many calls are out but all hinges upon waiting to hear back from the suppliers on when materials can be expected for the remainder of the projects.

Tymor Park Dog Park Proposal - Discussion

Resident, Ilana Nilsen spoke about advocating for a dog park in Tymor as an exploratory idea. This would hinge upon proper vaccinations and immunizations which would be required upon access during registration. One potential location idea is behind Town Hall in a fenced in and locked area. As the cost is unknown she feels this is something that can be fundraised for by a group of interested residents.

Animal Control Officer, Mary Jean Calvi, who is also a licensed vet tech for 30 years specifically treating dogs, gave her input. She stated although this sounds like a lovely idea she has reservations as dogs exhibit behavior outside their home environment and interacting with other animals that is sometimes unexpected. She also had concerns about infection control. She urged the Board to seriously consider these aspects and speak to other people that use dog parks and get their perspective.

Supervisor Maas noted that it is wonderful to get resident input and appreciates getting input and feedback.

Mary Calvi's Family Donation of 9-11 Memorial to the Town

Mary Calvi explained that she, and her whole family have been called to public service in various capacities. Through their work they came across a stone that resembles a headstone or grave marker that is engraved as a September 11, 2001 memorial. As everyone in this area was deeply affected the family thought it would be nice to donate to the Town and create an area for residents to reflect and remember. The Town Board graciously thanked the Calvi Family.

DC Regional Chamber of Commerce's Annual Balloon Festival – Labor Day Weekend

Supervisor Maas explained that the Chamber would like to utilize Tymor Park for the annual balloon festival. A letter will go out to the neighbors to notify them and give them details on what to expect, a copy has been provided to the Town Board as well.

Parks & Recreation Facility Rental Form – Cleaning & Damage Deposit

Supervisor Maas explained that due to a party held at one of the outdoor pavilions that was left a mess. After reviewing the Facility Rental Form, it was noted that the damage waiver was only for indoor rentals. They would like to add damage deposit to all rentals, not just for indoor use.

Resolutions & Motions: (See Resolutions)

- Resolution 27-2022 Resolution Accepting Franchise Renewal Agreement with Cablevision System Dutchess Corporation (Altice)
- Resolution 29-2022 Resolution Accepting Generous Gift from Mary J. Calvi and Family

Motion to Approve MS4 Annual Report for 2022

Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the annual MS4 report for submission which was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

Motion to Approve Balloon Festival to be Held in Tymor Park Labor Day Weekend 2022

Councilman Durland made a motion to approve the Balloon Festival to be held in Tymor Park Labor Day Weekend 2022 which was seconded by Councilman Gusikoff and all were unanimously in favor.

Public Comments

Isabelle Morton noted it looks nice by the solar fields.

Glenn Morrison questioned about the library consultant, preliminary analysis who will the report be distributed to? He is interested in the plan and business case.

He is hoping the group of volunteers for the library can come forward and describe what they have done and or will do as far as donations.

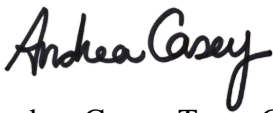
Motion to Pay Bills

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

Motion to Adjourn

At 8:56 PM Councilman Welsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilman Gusikoff and all were unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Andrea Casey, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF UNION VALE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION No. 27-2022:**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FRANCHISE RENEWAL AGREEMENT
OFFERED BY CABLEVISION SYSTEM DUTCHESS CORPORATION
a.k.a ALTICE USA**

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Gusikoff and seconded by Councilman Welsh:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Union Vale has been presented with a ten-year Franchise Renewal Agreement from Cablevision System Dutchess Corporation with an effective date beginning when the New York State Public Service Commission (NYSPSC) grants a certificate of confirmation;

WHEREAS, this new Agreement offers the Town similar financial arrangements on services purchased, a PEG grant in the amount of \$17,000, subject to final approval by Altice USA management, free cable service and a free box for all municipal buildings including a future library at Tymor Park;

WHEREAS, the town of Union Vale Town Board and the Town Attorney have reviewed this Agreement, made comments and accepted the final draft, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk;


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale does hereby accept the Franchise Renewal Agreement between the Town and Cablevision System Dutchess Corporation and authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute this Agreement.

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	Ayes 5
	June 15 th , 2022	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 June 15, 2022.



Andrea Casey, Town Clerk

**RESOLUTION # 29-2022: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A
GIFT FROM MARY J. CALVI AND FAMILY**

WHEREAS, Union Vale resident and dedicated public servant, Mary Jean Calvi serves as an EMT and as the Animal Control Officer for the town; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jean Calvi's siblings, Andrew M. Figura, retired Yonkers Fire Chief and Sr. Madonna, SSCM, pastoral minister, are also lifelong dedicated public servants; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Calvi, Mr. Figura and Sister Madonna have generously indicated they would like to donate a grand and impressive memorial stone commemorating the lives lost on September 11, 2001, in hopes that the residents of Union Vale will never forget and always pray not only for those we lost but also for those who have suffered so much as a result of the unprecedented attacks on our country; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale, will gratefully accept this generous gift from Mary Jean Calvi and family with honor and appreciation on behalf of the residents of the Town of Union Vale. Councilman Welsh introduced the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Gusikoff, as follows:

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 Welsh	Aye
Councilman Durland	Aye
Councilwoman Gusikoff	Aye
Councilman McGivney	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

DATED: Union Vale, New York
June 15, 2022



Andrea Casey, TOWN CLERK