

**UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 15, 2020**

**VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE 7:30 PM**

**PRESENT: Supervisor Maas**

**Town Council: Kevin Durland, Kevin McGivney, Steven Frazier, John Welsh**

**Town Clerk: Andrea Casey**

**Highway Superintendent: Ed Kading**

**Town Attorney: Jeff Battistoni – Absent**

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Call to Order and Salute to the Flag at 7:38PM

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES**

Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the August 20, 2020 and September 17, 2020 Town Board Meeting minutes as written, which was seconded by Supervisor Maas and all were unanimously in favor.

**Town Supervisor Report:** 1. Revenue for September was \$34,539 less than Sept. of 2019

(down 45%); Expenses were \$12,197 less than September a year ago.

2. Unemployment Claims with our required payout has reached \$18,714.95 with 6-7 applications still waiting on a determination.

3. Year-end results will probably be negative with some expected bills still looming, like the Engineer Analysis for Furnace Pond Dam so we will be using unallocated fund balance to close out the year.

4. Tonight we will be reviewing the Tentative Budget and also on October 29th - issues we bring up tonight with regard to capital projects, revenue generation, cost savings measures can be discussed again on the 29th before we vote on making this the Preliminary Budget for November.

5. Commercial Insurance Application is in for 2021 - the vehicle and equipment listing is tediously reviewed to make sure coverage and list is accurate. This transfers over to a higher quality list of town assets for accounting purposes.

6. Annual Landfill Report is being completed now. Engineer inspected the Landfill prior to Solar Development Construction taking place so we have a good record of condition. DEC looks to the Town to be responsible for the site.

7. I have received a written request from the Planning Board to 1) review and discuss dormant applicants and 2) review the town code with regard to solar developments. As a result, I asked the Town Planner to review the solar portion of our town code and let us know “where the holes are”. We received that response from Jennifer O’Donnell today and it has been passed on. After reviewing, the Land Use Boards can make recommendations and ultimately the Town Board can make changes as necessary. a. Dormant applications can be handled in their Policies & Procedures, outside of the Town Code.

8. The Solar Development is getting ready to break ground. They have chosen a company called “Common Energy” to be the subscriber aggregator for the project. [www.commonenergy.us](http://www.commonenergy.us) is their website if you would like to look them up before they contact residents directly to subscribe for their discount.

9. Finally, I would like to thank the Dutchess County Chamber of Commerce for the extremely well-run Balloon Festival that they had here at Tymor Park. When the weather finally cooperated, the balloons took off in flight and ultimately landed in the backyards or across the street in fields from many Union Vale households. It was unclear who had more fun, the riders in the balloons or the children who watched them land in their neighborhoods.

An email from Pat Cartlimi read email on solar and updating the code.

**Town Board Reports**

*Councilman Welsh* – thanked Supervisor Maas for putting the budget together in this trying financial season. Councilman Welsh has been utilizing the recycling center and noted it is a good way to save money as it is considerably less money than curbside pick-up.

*Councilman Durland*- spoke about the TGTT program, as a parent in the program, he commented how it really worked out well for his family, the hours are amazing, whole days are available, so thank you to Alison for running the program so well.

*Councilman McGivney*- Spoke about the Balloon Festival, he noted the moon glow was beautiful, overall a really nice event and he is looking forwarding to seeing more like that at Tymor.

*Councilman Frazier*- Reported he has been reviewing the budget. He has also been doing an analysis on 11 Tymor Park Road and will share that later in the meeting. The emergency preparedness presentation is on hold until after budget work has been completed.

**Highway Report** Superintendent Kading reported shouldering was completed on Quinlan and Still Roads. DC Soil and Water did hydroseeding for free and he thanked them. The shouldering material used, was created in August from the pile behind the garage. The crew has also been filling potholes and filling settled cross pipe divots making the roads smoother. There has been an issue lately with roadside sign vandalism including stop sign removal, he did make a report with the DC Sheriff's Office. He noted people are throwing truck tires on the sides of the road and the crew has been removing them. The Superintendent informed the Board the Highway Dept has an old 2004 pickup truck that will no longer pass inspection, plates have been turned in. He would like to put that on auction with Board approval, tires will be removed and kept if the Parks Dept can use them.

**MOTION TO SURPLUS HIGHWAY TRUCK**

Councilman Frazier made a motion to surplus the Highway 2004 Chevy Silverado, single cab with +240,000 miles with the intent to auction it. This was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

**TOWN CLERK**

Town Clerk Casey reported on the new recycling tags for 2021. They will be a hanging tag from the rear-view mirror which will easily be transferable to other vehicles in the household and is a cost savings from even last year.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** Sue Kilcrease, thanked the Board for considering allowing campaigning signs early due to early voting.

**CAC (Conservation Advisory Council) Report**

Read by Councilman Welsh Dated October 15, submitted Aki Busch, Chairman. Due to the virus the CAC postponed summer events. Saturday Oct. 3, 2020 'Food for Thought' did take place and was a success. More detailed report on file in the Town Clerks office.

**Departmental Reports**

Recreation Report: Councilman Frazier read this report submitted by Alison Croke. TGTT and ASP are in full swing due to hybrid learning. Parents can take advantage of the full day program with transportation available from the Arlington District. The Halloween movie night is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. The full report is on file in the Office of Town Clerk.

**Annexation** Supervisor Maas gave a summary of the process to date and re-read Resolution 20-34. There has been a suggestion for a joint hearing on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> involving both Beekman and Union Vale Boards. All Board members agreed to be available this evening. There will be in person viewing in the long barn as well as zoom for all public comments to be heard.

**2021 Tentative Budget Overview** – The Board reviewed each budget line of the 2021 budget.

**Salt Shed Repair** JP Remodeling and Renovations was the low bidder and the most complete packet.

**MOTION TO APPROVE SALT SHED ROOF**

Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the replacement of the salt shed roof, corner trim and soffits at the Highway Garage. This was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

**Resolution #20-35 AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN BUILDING DEPARTMENT SECTION OF TOWN CODE REGARDING THE FEE SCHEDULE AND PERMIT EXTENSIONS**

**PTO Policy Changes:** part employees receive 1 week no tiers of service; this would exclude 2 part-timers who have been here for years prior. There will be no payment for unused vacation, if an employee was terminated with cause or if they do not give 2-week notice before leaving employment. Councilman Frazier wanted to double check if it is allowable to not pay someone

for vacation time in those circumstances. Supervisor Maas said she spoke with someone in Albany at the Department of Labor who confirmed that, if it was in the handbook and part of Town policy it is allowable. This would go into effect after approval or as of January. Councilman Frazier wants to reconfirm and asked for time before the next meeting and Supervisor Maas agreed.

**Sign Law Discussion**

The Board discussed the idea of temporarily amending due to early voting, the attorney advised being consistent with town code. Discussion on this topic ensued. It was decided because last year Union Vale was an early voting site it would be permitted but this year, the Board decided to not take any action.

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS**

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

**Public Comments**

Glenn Morrison– wants an update on new library services. He noted Kanopy was live wants to know when other items will become available.

Supervisor Maas said she would find out, the Library Coordinator has been out on medical leave and there were some technical difficulties but when she has information she will pass it along.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

At 10:19 PM Councilman Welsh made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Frazier and all were unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Andrea Casey*, Town Clerk

TOWN OF UNION VALE TOWN BOARD

RESOLUTION # 20-35:

**AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN BUILDING DEPARTMENT SECTION OF TOWN CODE REGARDING THE FEE SCHEDULE AND PERMIT EXTENSIONS**

**BE IT ENACTED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale, pursuant to a public hearing held on September 17, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, Town of Union Vale, 249 Duncan Road, LaGrangeville, New York 12540, legal notice of which hearing was posted by the Town Clerk on September 1, 2020, and published in the Poughkeepsie Journal on September 3, 2020, does hereby adopt Local Law amendments to Town Code Chapter 105, entitled "Building Permits," and to Chapter 128, entitled "Fees, Land Use", specifically §128-4 "Building permits and related matters", with the language to be added underscored and the language to be deleted stricken through being attached hereto and incorporated herein, and the Town Board ~~does herewith~~ waive the verbatim reading thereof and does direct that the adoption of said amendments be spread across the record as if they, in fact, had been read verbatim; and

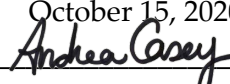
**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED**, that said local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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

Councilman Frazier	Aye
Councilman Durland	Aye
Councilman McGivney	Aye
Councilman Welsh	Aye
Supervisor Maas	Aye

Moved: Councilman Durland  
Seconded: Councilman Welsh  
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

DATED: Union Vale, New York

October 15, 2020  
  
Andrea Casey, TOWN CLERK

**§105-5. Building Permits**

N. Duration of permit. Building permits shall become invalid unless the authorized work is commenced within six months following the date of issuance. Building permits shall expire 12 months after the date of issuance. A building permit, including one which has become invalid or which has expired pursuant to this subsection, may be renewed or extended once for 12 months from the date of expiration or invalidity upon application by the permit holder, payment of the applicable fee, and approval of the application by the Code Enforcement Officer. On written application to the Code Enforcement Officer and referral to the Town Board, it may, on a showing of demonstrated hardship and payment of the application fee, authorize a further renewal or extension of a building permit for such term as it may specify.

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**§128-4. Building permits and related matters within jurisdiction of Code Enforcement Officer. [Amended 7-17-2014 by L.L. No. 3-2014; 8-18-2016 by L.L. No. 1-206]**

The below schedule shall apply through December 31, 2020 to all applications for building permits under the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, all related applications for certificates of occupancy or compliance, and to other applications, requirements and certifications administered by the Town's Code Enforcement Officer, including those for fence permits and sign permits as required under Town Code 210, Zoning. Fees for applications submitted on or after January 1, 2021 will be as set by Town Board resolution:

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<u>Building Permit extension, or renewal of expired building permit within 30 calendar days of expiration</u>	50% of fee as computed on accordance with this chapter
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