

**UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING JANUARY 19, 2017  
TOWN HALL 249 DUNCAN ROAD LAGRANGEVILLE NY 7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Tompkins

Councilmen: Steven Frazier, Corrina Kelley, David McMorris, John Welsh

**THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE FLAG SALUTE.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Supervisor Tompkins made a motion to enter into Executive Session which was seconded by Councilman Welsh. All members of the Board were in favor.

Supervisor Tompkins made a motion to exit Executive session at 7:28 PM and reported no money was spent and no decisions were made. Councilman Welsh seconded the motion and the regularly scheduled meeting resumed.

**REPORTS OF SUPERVISOR AND COUNCIL**

Patty received a letter from Marc Molinaro thanking the Town of Union Vale for their efforts in the 'Think Differently' campaign. She also reported she and Confidential Secretary, Mary Pearson, were working on organizing her office and discussing grants that Union Vale may apply for. In addition, they have been working on the employee handbook. A meeting was scheduled with a commercial realtor for the Route 55 property however, the broker did not show up for the meeting. She has another meeting with a different agents' office which she Councilman Welsh and Assessor Robert Taft will be present.

Councilman Frazier offered an apology for missing the prior organizational meeting due to illness.

**PARKS**

Mr. Gosnell had been in touch with AECOM regarding the Furnace Pond Dam and had a representative survey the area to assemble a report for an inspection and maintenance log that needs to be put in place and he has been helpful.

A flood in the large hall in happened last week and NYMIR has be very accommodating and responsive. Security cameras have been installed throughout the park. The ice skating rinks are up but not useable until the weather allows temperatures low enough to freeze for approximately a week. They have also repaired a deck to make it safe for use again. Eagle Scout John Cox built 2 ADA compliant picnic tables as part of his Eagle Scout project.

**BOOKKEEPER**

Mr. Courtien reported on the A-Fund Revenues \$86,004.55 A-Fund Expenditures \$298,092.92 and the D Fund expenditures \$123,438.58.

He also reported that he is working on the final numbers from 2016, and preliminary numbers indicate after subtracting the Expenditures from the Revenues that total is a \$194,000.00 which increases the fund balance. He will work with the accountant to determine exact figures. The property tax decreased approximately 4.69%.

Councilman Frazier inquired if the \$194,000 were unspent funds. Mr. Courtien said yes and clarified the numbers.

In summary, the Town spent less money than it brought in which resulted in an increase in the fund balance and therefore taxes went down. He also received paperwork about the Bond the town will be getting and the interest rate is in the high 2% which is lower as the initial estimate which was around 3.25%

**RECREATION**

The recreation registration website is up and running is operational for residents and community members. They can pull up invoices, information for taxes and see level of activity. Credit cards will be accepted as well through the new site. Camp registration will be open February 1<sup>st</sup>. A few upcoming events are free family movie night with "Finding Dori" January 27<sup>th</sup>. Youth entrepreneur's will be beginning this month and each month as well which is a new program along with a free both at Community day. There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> annual kids overnight Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Full Moon Hike on February 10<sup>th</sup> for further information on any program, feel free to reach out by phone and email to ask any questions.

**DOG CONTROL**

No Report

**RECYCLING**

No Report



registration costs are \$100 and therefore any remaining costs may cover the additional lodging. Councilman Welsh said that any money that is not covered can be transferred after all costs have been determined. Councilwoman Kelley added that the costs might even out if Councilman McMorris uses less of the \$800 and Councilman Frazier uses the extra for lodging.

### **DISCUSSION OF JOHN DEER SURPLUS**

Memo from Jake Gosnell: The Parks and Recreation Department has excess equipment that we would like to sell at auction. Some of the equipment is past its usable lifespan, the rest of the equipment is not used and he would like to auction off the equipment to add revenue for the town. The equipment:

- Gator Utility Vehicle 6X4: over 3,000 hours on it; it is past its usable lifespan and has been decommissioned.
- Scag Zero-Turn Mower; model szc36A-19KA; this mower was purchased by a previous park manager and it is rarely ever used. It is too small to be a viable resource for the park.
- John Deere Heavy Duty 72inch Plow & Kit; originally purchased for the Gator Utility Vehicle xuv325i; in the years since it has been purchased, it has never been used.

In his opinion, we should sell these items now before they sit and deteriorate past the point where they cannot be sold.

Supervisor Tompkins said a resolution was created for this item. Councilman Frazier said he would like to use Absolute Auction because they are local, they do not have listing fees and they were used last year. Councilman Frazier also recommended that the profit be put into Mr. Gosnell's Parks Equipment line.

### **PROPERTY**

Supervisor Tompkins noted she had a meeting with a realtor that never showed up. She is currently looking to set up another meeting with another realtor. Councilman Frazier inquired on the last appraisal, things change and that is why Supervisor Tompkins asked Assessor Robert Taft to assist as he is an appraiser as well. Councilman Frazier asked if the workshop sessions can be set up starting next meeting to change things to make the property more attractive to buyers.

### **ETHICS BOARD**

Vacancies are available if anyone is interested in volunteering please contact the Town Hall.

### **RESOLUTION #17-11 TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENTS**

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

***BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale hereby authorizes the payment of all General Fund Claims and Highway Fund Vouchers as set forth in the Abstract #1 of 2017, which is available in the Town Clerk's Office, and authorize the Town Supervisor to make all payments.

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

Councilman Welsh	Aye
Councilwoman Kelley	Aye
Supervisor Tompkins	Aye
Councilman McMorris	Aye
Councilman Frazier	Aye

### **RESOLUTION 17-12 ACCEPTING TOWN BOARD MINUTES FROM 2016**

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Tompkins, to wit:

***BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale does hereby accept the minutes as offered from the Town Board Meeting from 2016.

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

Councilman Welsh	Aye
Councilwoman Kelley	Aye
Supervisor Tompkins	Aye
Councilman McMorris	Aye
Councilman Frazier	Aye

**RESOLUTION #17-13 AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE AT NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS**

The following Resolution was offered by Supervisor Tompkins, seconded by Councilman Frazier, to wit:

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Association of Towns will hold its annual conference for elected officials in New York City from February 19, 2017 through February 22, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, classes will be given at the annual conference where elected officials and town employees can acquire valuable information.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale hereby authorizes the following Town of Union Vale elected officials and town employees to attend the 2017 New York State Association of Towns Conference in New York City:

- Town Supervisor
- Town Council Members (4)
- Town Justices (2)
- Town Clerk
- Tax Collector
- Building Inspector

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that attendees shall be entitled to reimbursement for lodging, meals and travel expenses, subject to review and approval of the Town Supervisor, Town Bookkeeper and Town Board.

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

Councilman Welsh	Aye
Councilwoman Kelley	Aye
Supervisor Tompkins	Aye
Councilman McMorris	Aye
Councilman Frazier	Aye

Discussion: Mr. Courtien stated the price had increased to \$125 and hotel is \$292/night and everything must be registered by Friday of next week.

**RESOLUTION #17-14 DECLARING TOWN PARKS AND RECREATION EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZE AUCTION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Union Vale Parks Director has informed the Town Board that the following Town of Union Vale Park and Recreation equipment has outlived its useful life and should be deemed surplus:

- (1) Gator Utility Vehicle 6X4.
- (2) Scag Zero-Turn Mower; SZC36A-19KA.
- (3) John Deere Heavy Duty 72 inch Plow & Kit.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale hereby deems the below listed equipment used by the Town of Union Vale Parks and Recreation as surplus; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale hereby authorizes that this equipment be auctioned to the highest bidder.

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

Councilman Welsh	Aye
Councilwoman Kelley	Aye
Supervisor Tompkins	Aye
Councilman McMorris	Aye
Councilman Frazier	Aye

**RESOLUTION #17-15 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ZONING BOARD AND PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS BY STIPEND**

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Frazier, seconded by Councilman McMorris to wit:

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale desires to pay the Town of Union Vale Zoning Board of Appeals members, as well as Planning Board Members by stipend; and

**WHEREAS**, each member shall receive a stipend at the year end based on the total number of meetings attended, at a rate of \$100.00 per meeting.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale hereby authorizes payment of the Town of Union Vale Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board members by yearly stipend; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that payment shall be at the rate of \$100.00 per meeting attended and be paid at the end of every year to the respective member based on the number of meetings attending in that year.

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

Councilman Welsh	Aye
Councilwoman Kelley	Aye
Supervisor Tompkins	Aye
Councilman McMorris	Aye
Councilman Frazier	Nay

Councilman Frazier stated he had been a member of the Planning Board in years passed and asked if the meeting was canceled they that be a paid for the meeting as they have allocated time out of their schedule. Supervisor Tompkins agreed she would like to pay everyone however, in some towns that do not pay their boards any money, it is volunteered position.

**RESOLUTION #17-16 PROCLAIMING NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Union Vale desires to proclaim the week of January 22, 2017 to January 28, 2017, "National School Choice" week in the Town of Union Vale; and

**WHEREAS**, Dutchess County is home to a multitude of high quality public and non-public schools from which parents can choose for their children, in addition to families who educate their children at home.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale hereby declares the week of January 22, 2017 to January 28, 2017 National School Choice week 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 Welsh	Aye
Councilwoman Kelley	Aye

Supervisor Tompkins           Aye  
Councilman McMorris         Aye  
Councilman Frazier           Aye

**RESOLUTION #17-17 TO APPROVE REPAIR OF FLY-WHEEL**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale has been informed that the fly-wheel on the 2004 Chevrolet Highway Vehicle is in need of repair;

**WHEREAS**, the lowest bid was awarded to Ed Davis and the Town Board authorizes Highway Superintendent Richard Wisseman to have the repairs done by this auto repair shop;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, if further repairs are needed at the time of the repair work they are authorized to be done at the discretion of the Highway Superintendent.

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

Councilman Welsh           Aye  
Councilwoman Kelley       Aye  
Supervisor Tompkins       Abstained due to a conflict of interest with the auto repair shop.  
Councilman McMorris       Aye  
Councilman Frazier         Aye

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Supervisor Tompkins made a motion to adjourn noting the next meeting will be February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 and Councilman McMorris seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Andrea Casey*  
Town Clerk