

UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING MAY 4, 2017

TOWN HALL 249 DUNCAN ROAD LAGRANGEVILLE NY 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Tompkins

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

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE FLAG SALUTE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Tompkins made a motion at 7:02PM to enter into executive session which was seconded by Councilman McMorris and all were in favor. At 7:12 PM a motion was made by Supervisor Tompkins to exit executive session in which she stated no money was spent and no decisions were made. This was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

PRESENTATION BY DEB JARRY OF HUDSON VALLEY SWARM

Deb Jarry brought information to the town about why it is important to protect pollinators such as bees, birds and butterflies. She presented that scientists have determined the cause of the collapse of the colonies is believed to be pesticides. These cause the bees to be disoriented and cannot find their way back to the colony. Another creature that is being affected is the monarch butterfly. The rusty patched bumble bee has disappeared by 87% of its historic range and has been added to the endangered list thought to be caused by lack of environment. Pesticides that are the most harmful are those that contain Neonicotinoids (Round-up) which can harm not only the bees but also the plants and other animals. There other options for pest control such as types of nematodes that eat such insects as grubs. Mrs. Jarry recommended www.beyondpesticides.org as a great resource for organic pest control.

Supervisor Tompkins went to the Supervisors & Mayors meeting on Tuesday where she spoke to Barbara Zuloff, Supervisor of Town of Beekman, in regards to the tax collector position and the changes they are making by consolidating duties. After speaking to the Tax Collector, Edna Bonk, she submitted a letter in which she said she will fill out the remainder of her term but then would like to retire and agrees the position can be handled differently. She hopes the Town Board will review the information and decide if they are to pass a resolution to consolidate the Tax Collector Office into the Town Clerk's office.

Supervisor Tompkins would like to propose a resolution at the next meeting May 18, 2017 to eliminate the Tax Collectors position as elected and give the duties to the Town Clerks office. This discussion came about after Edna Bonk informed the Supervisor of her retirement.

Also at the supervisors & mayor meeting she spoke to Dave Kelly, Supervisor of Town of Pawling, regarding the Dam in Whaley Lake and he offered to lend a hand in reference to our Dam issues. She will contact him next week and plan to meet with him to discuss solutions. Supervisor Tompkins met with Joseph Guerra who is a local New Your Life insurance agent with no cost to the town he is offering life insurance policies to employees at a very cheap rate with payroll deduction of \$5 a week. If anyone interested contact the Supervisor's office as she would like to see if there is interest before she peruses this further.

As a reminder, Jane Geisler will be honored May 22, 2017 at 12:00 noon at Villa Borghese.

There is a guest book in the Town Clerks Office for notes to Jane for those of you that cannot attend. A basket is also available for cards if you wish to drop one off.

Councilman Welsh thanked the park staff for having a great fishing derby and all that attended.

Councilman McMorris said he, Jake Gosnell and Tom St. Onge will be attending a seminar on Solar Power next Tuesday as well as taking a webinar and he will provide a report on these items.

Councilman Frazier spoke to the owner on Breezy Hill for further information on the property he would like to donate. This was stated as an "unconditional donation" and he will look into more questions but would like the town attorney to do a title search on the property. Mr. Frazier noted that this is the same owner who donated the property on Pleasant Ridge as well and the

gentleman was unsure if that was part of the recreation program or if it was for the Fire Company and will speak to the Fire Commissions at their next meeting on the matter. Councilman Frazier also visited Godfrey park and noted the playground equipment does need updating and does not meet the current standards although is grandfathered in. Rather than repairing he feels it would be best to replace it. There is a recreation fund that is earmarked for this sole purpose. Bookkeeper Courtien will have a number in the budget for the balance in the Recreation Fund and work with the Parks directors to complete the project. Councilwoman Kelly pointed out that “Love Your Park Day” is May 14 which will help clean up and revitalize Godfrey Park from 10:00-1:00PM.

DISUCSSIONS ON PESTICIDE CHALLENGE

Deb Jarry will be finding more information to provide to the Town after meeting with Jake Gosnell and Jessica Dickinson. Councilman Welsh suggested that she make the presentation to the camps to keep them informed and interested about the environment.

SWEEPING ROADS

Supervisor Tompkins wanted to inquire about the status of the street sweeping as the County bid is not the lowest and she hopes to find a better deal that is not an hourly rate, but rather by the job. This would be most advantageous for an efficient process.

TOWN CODE BOOK

Supervisor Tompkins spoke to George Kolb, CEO, and the Town Engineer and Town Planner are working on changing the verbiage on several of the codes which they will present to the Board.

HIGHWAY TRUCK REPAIRS

Supervisor Tompkins found some discrepancies that she wanted to ask Mr. Wisseman about. The truck repairs should be completed so she will follow up with him at another time.

Councilman Frazier made a motion that a title search be done on the Breezy Hill property that is being offered to the Town. This motion was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

RESOLUTION #17-41 APPROVING TITLE SEARCH

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale hereby authorizes the Town Attorney to perform a title search on the Breezy Hill property that is being offered to the Town of Union Vale as a donation.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENA ITEMS

Jane Geisler- asked if the property on Breezy Hill was adjacent to State land. Councilman Welsh said it is not and it is close to 11 acres and is connected to the lot that the Town owns on Pleasant Ridge Road.

Bill McCabe- asked why this is being gifted and what is being planned for this property. Supervisor Tompkins said his grandfather placed the subdivision and they cannot sell the lot and is paying taxes on the parcel. Supervisor Tompkins said it is an approved building lot with no structures on it. Councilman Frazier will find out more information so the Town may make an informed decision.

Jane Geisler also asked if the Route 82 speed limit be reduced. After speaking to the State, she recommended that since there is a currently a detour and traffic is slower she advised the 45 MPH limit be extended to Tompkins Road. Mrs. Geisler said she sent a letter to Councilman Welsh which stated that it is up to the Town Board to contact the State to make the request. Supervisor Tompkins agreed that we could investigate. Councilman Welsh suggested adding to the next agenda to write a letter to New York State DOT and as for a reduction in speed on Route 82 from North Clove Road to Tompkins Road.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for May 18th.

Councilman McMorris made a motion to adjourn at 8:14PM which was seconded by Supervisor Tompkins and all were unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Casey

Town Clerk