

## **UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**

**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**

**Highway Superintendent Ed Kading**

**Town Clerk: Andrea Casey**

**Town Attorney: Attorney Jeff Battistoni**

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Supervisor Maas called the meeting to Order to Order and Salute to the Flag at 7:15PM.

**Motion Approve Minutes:** Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the August 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 Meeting Minutes seconded by Councilman Gusikoff and all were unanimously in favor.

### **Town Supervisor Report – Town Updates & Correspondence, Monthly Financials, Budget Schedule, Project Updates**

- Oktoberfest was a lovely town event and it was safe and well attended event
- 2023 Budget process is underway
- MS4 waiver request has been submitted due to decline in population, urbanized change minimized down to 263. The waiver was completed and filed, updates coming, so important to get out and upcoming reporting will be more intense and costlier to comply
- FEMA - West Clove mountain bridge is seriously damaged with road repair on either side, they are hopeful FEMA will assist estimated to cost minimum 300k+
- Dutchess BOCES has been revamped adult learning institute, ag and market section encourages everyone to check it out.
- DEC meeting with Highway Superintendent Kading, Supervisor Maas and DEC Brian Drum visited Wisseman road due to flooding issue, Brian Scoralick from DC Soil & water all agreed trees and brush can be removed from the stream as long as the bed is undisturbed to help minimize flooding.
- Godfrey Park playground has been delivered, demo has been completed by Parks & Highway and local business owner Willie Murphy, Rob Petinilli will be in Sept 21 to help install ribbon cutting in October.

### **Town Board Reports**

*Councilman Welsh* studied details of security system offerings educated himself on all aspects

*Councilman Durland* had a really nice time at Oktoberfest, nice to see Matt Wabshinak with his wonderful group of friends

*Councilman McGivney* commented that the balloon fest was nice and Oktoberfest successful, Jake Gosnell's last week, he will be missed after 8.5 years wishes him well

*Councilman Gusikoff* stated it was a pleasure to work with Jake, hard position to fill with his intent and care for the Town

### **Highway Report**

Superintendent Kading noted the extensive water damage and hopes for some relief from FEMA for the W. Clove Mtn Road bridge. One of the town's 10-wheeler trucks has been assisting another town with oil and chip as they help us as well. The majority of storm damage has been corrected. The guys have been mowing roadsides and regular maintenance Mr. Kading has reconsidered and will be staying on as Highway Superintendent for the upcoming year.

### **Town Clerk Report**

Clerk Casey's reminded everyone about DEC Sportsman DMP sales will end September 30, and document shredding day is Wednesday, September 27.

**Public Comments-** none

### **Union Vale Library**

Union Vale Library Director Megan Fritche and Library Trustee, Amy Watkins spoke about the progress with getting chartered and the tasks they have already accomplished and the updates and upcoming programs that will be in place.

### **Conservation Advisory Council (CAC)**

Char, Josh Redinger spoke about the annual upcoming event, 'Trees for Tymor' happening October 14<sup>th</sup> at 9am with help from the local girl scouts and any volunteers and those that wish to purchase a tree for \$5. There is a significant threat to American Beach Trees which make up many trees in the area caused by microscopic worms and unfortunately there are no known cures. This poses a threat to local wildlife and forest in the area and large land owners should be aware. They also reported the former Redel property had no significant ecosystems and no compelling reason for any further protection.

### **Parks**

Supervisor Maas thanked Park Manager, Jake Gosnell, for all his wonderful work with the Town and wished him well on his next venture. Mr. Gosnell reported that the balloon fest was a success and the Chamber is an excellent partner to work with. Oktoberfest was also successful and added the GAA would be holding their Irish Fest the next weekend. Godfrey Playground demo went well and they are happy to remove the sand and have different bedding. Mr. Gosnell also thanked the Board and everyone for being a wonderful place to work and will miss working for the Town.

### **Recreation, submitted by Recreation Director Maggie Collins**

This past Sunday we hosted our annual Oktoberfest event at Tymor Park. Families and friends enjoyed German food, music and dancing, as well as exciting competitions throughout the day. Thank you to all the vendors who helped bring the spirit of Germania to the park, and thank you to all the staff and volunteers who worked throughout the event. Our team looks forward to next year. Registration is open for our school year TGTT program. Students K-5th can enjoy their full and half days off from school at Tymor Park, where they will enjoy hiking, games, crafts and as much sunshine as possible. More information and registration can be found on the Parks and Recreation website.

### **Constable Report Submitted by George Treadwell, CIC**

Constable Monthly Report for July 2023:

Constables patrolled approximately 720 miles of town roads including all properties filling the Explorer with 44.7 gallons of gasoline. The (3) town court dates totaled 38 cases on the dockets with 17 actual appearances and 5 cases were plead by mail. There were no issues to report.

Constables reported the following during patrols:

- \*8/9 - (2) Parking Tickets were issued for parking after hours at Tymor Park.
- \*8/12 - Responded to wires down on North Parlman until Central Hudson arrived
- \*8/23 - Served Code Violation Appearance Ticket for Building Department.
- \*8/27 - Responded to (2) noise complaints, no music audible on arrival. Additional Notes:
- \*8/12 -8/13 - Annual Mandated Constable Training completed.
- \*8/26 - Explorer maintenance and DMV inspection completed.

### **Animal Control, submitted by ACO Mary Jean Calvi**

Animal Control Report for the month of August 2023: During the month of August, there was one found dog, later reunited with her owner, one dog bite from an unidentified stray dog, and one complaint.

### **Godfrey Park Playground- Ribbon Cutting in October**

#### **Guidelines for Short Term Rentals-**

Supervisor Maas advised during the work session the Board walked through comments from the County and these were the questions raised:

1. Timeline for existing short-term rentals? Answer: 30 days
2. Processing time for filing application to make sure property complies? Answer: Code Enforcement Officer recommended 60 days
3. Parking - county recommended more specific - want onsite parking required, not on lawns, suitably improved driveway would be allowable
4. Total parking spaces allotted - 2 adults per bedroom, pullout couches count as a bedroom, discussion ensued regarding septic, enforcement - Board decided to leave the language out and

let the size of the house dictate as there are other forms of recourse such as noise, fire safety and littering and other town regulations all apply.

Supervisor Maas noted there are only 12 short term rentals currently. They will advertise the work session as a voting session to vote on this issue with new reflective changes and send to Dutchess County.

**Security System Upgrades-** quotes attached can be discussed during executive session. \$16,141 with \$2,100 annual Doyle. Blue Dragon \$700 less than Doyle, but no annual maintenance. Both companies were lower than Vector and both on State bid.

#### **Escrow Fee Schedule Updates - distributed**

Supervisor Maas advised the changes that were discussed have been made and will be distributed to Planning and Zoning Boards.

#### **Defibrillators for TH, Parks, Pool & Highway Departments - update**

Supervisor Maas noted it will be a month or two before pediatric pads arrive, on backorder, the rest of the supplies have arrived, training is being arranged so staff is prepared. Still in search of a weather appropriate container for a unit at the recycling center recommendations are storage between 32 - 122 degrees Fahrenheit.

#### **Tymor Park Road - Rental # 2**

Supervisor Maas spoke about want to end lease in 2 years which is 1 year early - they offered to repaint the interior and have new renters on deck new tenant seems to be looking for a while, 1 individual who works at Arlington school, consensus is to 1-year \$2500 a month, utilities not included, they are responsible for pumping septic 1x per year, this can be changed as the occupancy is lower. Supervisor Maas stated the security deposit from Pathfinder will not be returned due to maintenance.

Supervisor Maas also noted they are looking to lease #11 Tymor to a business and have new advertising opportunities.

#### **Motion for #2 Rental Lease**

Councilman Welsh made a motion to authorize lease in for 1 year minimum for \$2500, utilities and the tenants name, and release Pathfinder for their lease 1 year early, pending painting and repairs and signature from new tenant. Councilman Gusikoff seconded the motion and all were unanimously in favor.

Supervisor Maas informed that the Town received the AIM funding in the amount of \$10,543 and \$95 for the scrap metal for Godfrey Park. They also received \$10,000 from resident, Ed Sharkey, who left it to the Town in his Will and asks his good friend and fellow resident, Isabelle Morton what his wishes may be to spend the money on.

#### **Resolution of Adoption – LL # 2 – Constable Residency (See Resolutions)**

**Discussion** – Supervisor Maas noted the language is identical to Deputy Clerk language passed in 2021, the preference will go to Union Vale resident which belongs in writing in the employee handbook rather than included in the language of the law. Councilman McGivney had concerns about the language favoring a town resident not being included in the local law or resolution.

#### **Environmental Overlay**

Supervisor Maas explained this was originally compiled by Nate Cyrus. CAC Chair, Josh Redinger, finalized the maps and partial list of historic sites. This document was also reviewed by the Town Planner and will be a tool for the Planning Board.

**Motion to Approve the Environmental Resource Overlay and attach it as an Appendix to the Master Plan**

Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve environmental resource overlay as an appendix and attach it to the to master plan which was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

**Motion to Accept the Doyle Security Systems' Fire/Intrusion & Access with no options (at this time)**

Councilman Gusikoff made a motion for security system as discussed during the work session to accept Doyle Security Systems quote as written, access with no options at this time seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

**Public Comments on Town Issues-** none

**Motion to Enter Executive Session** At 9:00 PM Councilman Durland made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a legal issue which was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

**Motion to Exit Executive Session** At 9:13 PM Supervisor Maas made a motion to exit executive session and resume the meeting, and noted no action was taken, which was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

**Approve Budget Adjustments, Transfers, Warrants, Pay Bills**

Councilman Welsh made a motion to pay the bills which was seconded by Supervisor Maas and all were unanimously in favor.

**Motion to Adjourn** At 9:14 PM Councilman Durland 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