

**UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING AUGUST 16, 2018  
TOWN HALL 249 DUNCAN ROAD LAGRANGEVILLE NY 7:30 PM  
PUBLIC HEARING: 2019 BUDGET**

**PRESENT: Supervisor Maas**

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

**Attorney: Jeffery Battistoni**

**Town Clerk: Andrea Casey**

**MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING**

Councilman Welsh made a motion to open the public hearing at 7:17PM which was seconded by Councilman Frazier and all were unanimously in favor. Supervisor Maas informed everyone that the budget process is just beginning and they are starting to meet with Department Heads but she wanted to get comments from residents that want to give their input on ideas or how to handle the process.

*Anne McCabe- Darren Road:* Tax payers can only discuss the Towns Financial decisions if they have access to all the Boards conversations about priorities and expenditures. This Board had reduced the ability for taxpayers to hear those conversations by refusing to have a written agenda and written minutes for the work session meetings, there is no public record of these even 3 of the televised official meetings have had sections removed or have lacked sound. Supervisor Maas explained that this discussion was supposed to be directly relating to the budget and invited Mrs. McCabe to call or stop by Town Hall any day to talk about these concerns. Mrs. McCabe continued her discussion explaining If the Board wants the trust of the community and input on the budget, the Board will have to ensure that all non-executive session meetings have hard-copy written agenda and minutes and provide open, dependable, electronic access. At the January 18<sup>th</sup> official meeting of the Board, a motion was made and passed to use \$18,171.00 of tax payer money to pay 50% of supplemental retirement insurance of 5 individuals who she later found out due to FOIL were not employees but sworn officers of the Town. Mr. Welsh's motion followed Mrs. Mass's comment that none of these individuals were told they would have to pay 50% of their supplemental bills. When asked Mrs. Maas did not answer the question if they had been elected officials and she feels there are many unclear aspects about the spending of the \$18,171.00 this year and the possibility of spending it again in the next few years. She asked why Mrs. Maas had not revealed that these were elected officials all of whom were supposed to be living by the Town Code and some of whom may have even written it. Is there money that was not paid by these individuals between 2003 and now, if so, has anyone made any attempt to get the monies back? The rapidity of passing that motion compared to the inability of the Board to act on the budgetary issue of the Mid-Hudson Library Contract raises questions also. The Board had a year to consider the hard work of the Library Steer Committee, and examine the survey of the Town Residents who overwhelmingly supported the Library where Councilman Welsh said was statistically worthy so the question arises, why the delay? Does someone wish to not have public funds spent on public projects? Will these libraries on a private level afford the taxpayers the same amount of value that they are getting through public use of funds through public libraries? She is asking the Board not to put monies in the budget for paying the 50% supplemental insurance premiums of those 5 individuals and to pass to pass the library contract as originally stated.

*Betty Albrecht, Equestrian Center Director,* wanted to give input into the Equestrian Center Budget line. In past years they have always been given \$2000.00 while this last year they were given \$1,000.00 and money was taken out in the amount of 1,200.00 for the horse pull that Richard Albrecht holds for Community Day. She notified the Board that Richard will not be holding the horse pull so the Board does not have to put money aside for that as he has done it for 24 years and is finally retiring that event to give the Town another chance to do another type of equestrian activity such as a horse show. She asked if that money could be placed back into her budget line. She also quoted the line "if you want to make money, you have to have money" and for 8 years she asked the former Park Manager to increase the budget line from \$2,000 in order to make money on clinics and horse shows and there would need to be money to pay the judges, get ribbons and such. Consequently, they rely on outside vendors to come in and rent the facility. If the Board would like more use of the Equestrian Center, she would be happy to give a list of ideas and the money involved to facilitate this. Supervisor Maas replied that the upcoming Department Head meetings would be the perfect place to discuss all these ideas face to face. She commended Betty on all the activities that have been going on their year. Mrs. Albrecht reported they have been doing a lot and bringing in a lot of money, over \$6,000. She spoke about the driveway leading to the Equestrian Center to which Supervisor Maas reported that it was on the

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infrastructure list already as well as sand. Although it is on the list, the Board still must prioritize before they determine a schedule of when it will be completed. Supervisor Maas said they can discuss this in detail as well as who can do the work in the Department Head meetings at length. Councilman Welsh thanked Richard Albrecht for the 24 years of hard work with the horse pull.

*Cynthia Mercier*- wanted to encourage the pool department, not the recreation department, to gain better control of its finances and the return on it since 75% of the people are not Town Residents. She also believes they will be able to 'think differently' for their students than has happened in the past and she thinks separating it out would give more ownership and control to the right people who already run the pool and have something to say about it as was seen in the last televised meeting where the Aquatics Director came in to ask about the chair to get disabled persons in the pool. She thinks that most Town residents would like to see a breakdown that is more specific as to the use of the pool and to be able to say the use of the pool costs this much just for camp verses this much for other programs. Mrs. Mercier also thinks everyone would be much more informed for things like the swim team which most people did not know we had as was remarked at that meeting. She asks the Town Board to think about this and added it would also help in the career development with students getting better attention but the career development of the people that work there would make their employment more desirable.

As there were no further public comments, Councilman Frazier made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:28PM which was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

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### THE MEETING WAS OPEN WITH A SALUTE TO THE FLAG

### MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes from July which was seconded by Councilman McMorris and all were unanimously in favor.

### **Special Presentation: Raymond Vergati, Regional Manager, Homeland Towers, LLC, Regarding Proposal to Lease Town Property to Install a Cell Tower**

Mr. Vergati began by making sure everyone knew it is a long process for this type of endeavor but explained that his company builds towers and then lease out to carriers such as Verizon and other cellular companies. Homeland Towers is active through NY and CT but recently more in Dutchess. Mr. Vergati wants everyone to understand it is not an issue about cell coverage but, about public safety. Route 55 is a dead zone, and there is no existing towers or land that would work well and be useful to site on municipal property. When looking for an appropriate spot, Mr. Vergati looks as if he was a resident of the community thereby choosing a location with the least visual impact. The parcel of interest to him in Union Vale is an area near the border with Beekman off Deforest Lane, this is to open a dialogue with the Board. As this is an opportunity for the town to make money they must ensure all deed restrictions are met or relieved. He further explained the process and offered to answer any questions or concerns.

Councilman Frazier asked if it would service radio police and fire as well? Mr. Vergati said yes public safety, fire, police, public safety, is allowed on no charge and the Town will be allowed on no charge, even if the spot fell on private property, but responsible for own utilities we put on site.

Supervisor Maas asked if this was chosen, what would the tower look like?

Best way to answer they work with carrier who justifies the height and need. The tower would need to be above the trees and capable of handling 4 carriers with adequate separation for antennas. These are all based on propagation and Town Code and depending on location would affect both Beekman and Union Vale. The Town has the ultimate say in what it will look like and further explained the process.

Mrs. Tillman mentioned as when the deed was created the Connor's who donated the land tried to think of all future advancements. Mr. Vergati replied that he noted in the deed the verbiage of

“perpetual recreation use, no motorized vehicles” and other restrictions put in place. Mrs. Tillman further inquired if technology persists further will they take this tower down. Mr. Vergati answered that if the tower is defunct, the developer must take it down, and if the company no longer exists, they do issue removal bonds which will be used to dismantle although, trends show no signs of this technology becoming obsolete.

Supervisor Maas also asked if they do move forward with the project, could the Town dictate in contract if the money could go back into caring for the Park? Mr. Vergati replied that this can be handled internally by the Town. Supervisor Maas asked about the chances of going from 1 carrier to 4 carriers? Mr. Vergati replied that the goal is to have more than 1 carrier to outweigh the costs and at least 4 carriers is preferred. It is a matter of time as these other companies such as T-Mobile and AT&T move into the area. He also spoke about the potential use of radio as in AM/FM for use of the tower that can be looked into.

Councilman Welsh asked if the towers have an assessed value –what is it? Assessor can assess based on income, market, or cost. There was further discussion and questions with regard to dates for site visit which will be emailed and run past the Board.

### **TOWN SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Cash flow: This last month is the largest outflow due to summer recreation staff / summer camp staff. The incoming cash totaled \$165,318.00 and outgoing cash was \$259,346.00 at 103% budgeted income goal at 82% of expenditure goals.

She wanted to make sure the Board is aware that the escrow process is up and running, the first official transfer – general fund into escrow account little over \$8,000.00. The Towns wants to do this expeditiously as the applicants finish they want to refund the unused funds.

The biggest receipts from July were from the Recreation Department over \$53,000.00 and a sales tax payment from the County at \$55,000, State Aid and DEC came in at \$14,000.00.

Supervisor Maas would especially like to thank Brian Scoralick, Executive Director for Soil & Water for staying on top of the reimbursement as they have been waiting for it for 3-years and he worked hard to get the money to Union Vale. Councilman Welsh asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Scoralick, superiors to thank him for his diligence.

Update on furnace pond dam: This has been going on for many years. She spoke with people and also Jake Gosnell, Park Manager, about avenues for a conclusion. There are 4 choices from DEC as follows:

1. Take it down
2. Reinforce increase spillway
3. Replace
4. Lower the pond by notching the dam

Rating went down from A to B due to basement access from houses in Beekman. After speaking with an engineer from DEC, his opinion was that all are very expensive options that the Town will not be able to afford. He advised that he will help the Town change their rating back to an A by working with our engineering firm and also having a meeting in Albany to solve the problem. Councilman Welsh posed a question to the Town Attorney. The dam is located in Beekman due to the permit from Beekman to allow a basement living space thereby lowering the rating of the dam, is legal action necessary? Attorney Battistoni replied, on first thought no but, he will look into it. Supervisor Maas wondered if the Town of Beekman would indemnify Town of Union Vale from any issues. After further thought, the Board decided to wait to hear from DEC before they moved forward with another plan. Councilman Welsh offered as a 5<sup>th</sup> option to do nothing therefore allowing the water to naturally leak out and lowering the water to a more desirable level as this process is happening naturally now but advised that they should have the meeting in Albany.

Supervisor Maas reported that Workers Compensation Insurance is going up which will cause more budget pressures. She will have a meeting with the County on Monday to learn of the new rates and also mentioned the health insurance rates will also be increasing by 12% which they have been reviewing and will lay out price options for the Board in September.

Supervisor Maas also reported she attended a TAP CMAP meeting in July about transportation air quality which is basically a grant program and may generate a revenue source to replace the cement bridge in Tymor Park. It would be a matching grant therefore money would need to be budgeted for 2019. There are many opportunities within these grants however these take a while so the Town should begin sooner than later

The salt shed grant has been submitted and she wanted to thank Assemblyman Kiran Lalor for writing letter in support of the grant and also and again, Brian Scoralick who gave much necessary information to assist in submitting this. Additionally, Supervisor Maas reported she

will be meeting with Department Heads in August to go over the 2019 budget and the tentative budget will be presented in September and further discussed the timeline.

Councilman McMorris was on vacation and can only report not to lose your keys in Disney World. He also mentioned the next step for solar is to put out an RFP for utilizing for solar on the landfill. Harlem Smith sent letter rather than 577 kw he said 1.1 megawatts and further explained the revenue Town of Rochester receives. NYSERDA has already provided a template RFP and can have it out as soon as next week or after review to see who the interested parties are. The contract would determine the responsible party for issues typically; he would assume the developer would act quickly. Councilman Frazier asked what the Towns roll would be and thinks it needs to be decided before an RFP is put forth. The models that have been looked at allow the Town to be the landlord only. There was further discussion on the topic but all agreed to move forward.

Councilman Frazier and Supervisor Maas met with the Mayor of the Village of Wappinger who have gained enough power to offset the costs running of their water plant although Wappinger was able to take advantage of grants that are no longer available. The Mayor also advised if all works out would be interested in purchasing power from Union Vale. Supervisor Maas has concerns about costs associated with rural lines ported into the area. They all agreed to move forward with the RFP and proceed from there.

Councilman Welsh spoke about benefits of salt shed grant and has also been doing preliminary budget work in preparation for the budget process.

Councilwoman Kelley did webinar for Community choice Aggregate and spoke about benefits and how it ties in with NYSERDA grants. As a long range plan she hopes the Board invites Jeff to a December meeting to discuss Union Vales concerns.

Supervisor Maas also mentioned the Town has selected a new IT management Company- Sullivan Data. They serviced many other municipalities and came highly recommended. Union Vale will be on boarded after Labor Day and this will also satisfy the Comptrollers requirements.

#### **TOWN CLERK REPORT**

Town Clerk Casey informed everyone that DEC hunting & fishing license were on sale as of August 1. She also reported on the Veterans that will be attending the Veteran Parade on September 30<sup>th</sup> representing Union Vale. The participants are Wayne Butler, David McMorris, Jim Pynch, Steven Schmoke, Jim Smith, Michael Conger, Richard Corrado, William Meyer, Larry Mattiello & Peter Bonk. The Town thanks everyone for their service and for attending the Parade.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

*Anne McCabe* - TV presentation, who will be working it? It must be transparent as a government agency for accountability – TV isn't working

2) Proposed resolution on the Receiver of Taxes? She would like to know if this is a new job for receiver of taxes full time and benefits?

Councilman Frazier replied no, this is asking the residents if they want a publicly elected tax collector. Supervisor Maas and Councilman McMorris clarified that this question is if the position of tax collector should be restored as a public office.

*Cindy Mercier* – spoke about drones – specifics about drone's resolution to include day or night. She also requested to include who at sky acres spoke about this and to document the back up. She also sees an opportunity for skills competitions or use for elimination of hornet's nests by drone as long as controlled and permitted. She has concerns about illegal use of cameras.

#### **PARKS DEPARTMENT**

Jake Gosnell, Park Manager, reported aside from rainy weather, grass is growing. He also reported on the silo repair that needs to be addressed in the long barn. When the fire suppression system was installed the caps were removed which caused the disrepair due to weather and birds. Someone was found to reinstall to keep the area clean and in working order. At the request of the Board he is looking into photocells on lights, has made phone calls no returns yet.

#### **RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Jessica Dickinson, Recreation Director, spoke about the upcoming events such as adult volley ball and TGTT days. In September the pool will close for the season and the afterschool program will begin again. She also spoke about the Town's annual Oktoberfest event approaching on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and asked the Board to make a decision on the beer distributor for the event.

**MOTION TO SELECT BEER DISTRIBUTOR FOR OKTOBERFEST**

Councilman Frazier made a motion to select Dutchess Beer Distributor's for this year's annual Oktoberfest which was seconded by Councilman McMorris and all were unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Dickinson also wanted to thank you to Ed Kasche, John Kelly and Dennis Spinney for all their help with T-ball and all the many hours that their time was volunteered. She also called for any volunteers for Oktoberfest with assisting in planning and helping during the day. Call Town Clerk's office if you want to volunteer or show up to one of the Friday meetings to join the team. The Union Vale Fire Dept. will come to last day of camp to be part of hero's day. Lastly, she reported that they exceeded their numbers in not only revenue but in the volume of people utilizing the park from last year's numbers. Councilman Frazier also offered to keep the number of beer choices to a minimum to make selection easier and lines shorter.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Supervisor Maas passed along George Kolb, CEO, latest updated and wanted everyone to know that the credit card service is up and running for his department. He also has some fee schedule changes and code changes which will be in a future discussion.

**CDBG – Tymor Park Handicap Parking Lot**

Jake Gosnell reported that Engineer, Tom Harvey, has been liaison with Dutchess County to finalize parking lot. The county approved the Bid and the bid documents have been submitted to Poughkeepsie Journal. They discussed the design and how this plan has also addressed the drainage problems.

Councilman Frazier asked the attorney to look into making that into a park road or driveway rather than a public through road. Supervisor Maas spoke to the Department of Transportation who advised that it can be done by Town Board resolution. The Town already maintains this section of road but there was further discussion about making Tymor Park Road into a driveway. It was decided to revisit the issue after construction is to see if it resolves all safety concerns.

**LIBRARY UPDATE**

Supervisor Maas reported that MHLS held a regular meeting yesterday to appoint Rebekah Aldridge Smith as the new Director however; there has been no communication at this point on the response to the draft contract. Supervisor Maas will keep the Board informed on any response.

**CLOVE CIRCLE**

Supervisor Maas spoke about this ongoing project for a plan to change the design of the circle to make it safer. She spoke with the head of DPW who will have documents to review at the next meeting. She did advise that it will be an intersection or a circle but will not include the mound in the middle that acts as a ramp to propel cars airborne when impacted. Also, she thanked Carlos Mina for taking care of the flowers that he plants there year after year.

**DRONES POLICY**

Jessica Dickinson approached the Board with needed language regarding the use of drones in Tymor Park specifically in the rental agreement. Larry Mattiello who is very educated in aeronautics, helped write the resolution with the Drone policy which will be voted on tonight.

**GRIEVANCE BOARD**

This was previously discussed as a request by the Town Assessor to make the Board of Assessment Review to 3 members rather than 5.

**Resolution # 18-18 The purpose of this Resolution is to set policy for the Use of Drones in Tymor and Godfrey Parks in the Town of Union Vale**

This was offered by Councilman McMorris and seconded by Councilman Welsh,

**Whereas**, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has determined that air space within a five (5) mile radius from any airport is to be controlled by that airport and

**Whereas**, Sky Acres Airport in the Town of Union Vale must provide authorization in advance for any drone operating within its airspace and

**Whereas**, Godfrey Park is located 2.8 miles from Sky Acres Airport and Tymor Park, consisting of more expansive land parcels, has some areas which are located within Sky Acres Airport’s controlled airspace, and

**Whereas**, the flying of drones in Tymor and Godfrey Parks would be inconsistent with the goals of “protecting the park’s natural amenities and minimizing conflicts between visitor-types and encouraging respectfulness among visitors” as described in the 1972 “Recreation Management Plan for Tymor Forest”;

**Therefore, be it resolved**, that the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale prohibits the recreational flying of drones in Tymor and Godfrey Parks and /or in the airspace above these parks, but will permit commercial use for one event if a group is renting one of the park facilities and if the operator secures permission in advance from Tymor Park Recreation Department, provides a copy of their FAA Certification and evidence of insurance (required insurance specifics would be provided with application);

**Now therefore, be it further resolved** that permission for commercial operators to fly a drone for commercial purposes in Tymor or Godfrey Parks may be withheld by the Recreation Department if authorization is not given by Sky Acres Airport. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

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 Frazier	Aye
Councilman McMorris	Aye
Councilwoman Kelley	Aye
Councilman Welsh	Aye
Ayes 5	Noes 0

Discussion: It was suggested by Councilman Frazier that the verbiage about “guarantee permission we reserve the right to refuse” – decided the language could go in the rental application as well and have it reviewed by the Attorney.

**Resolution # 18-19 The purpose of this Resolution is to add a Proposition to the election ballot which would enable town residents to make a choice about the Receiver of Taxes in the Town of Union Vale**

Offered by Councilman Welsh, seconded by Councilman Frazier,

**Whereas**, the Receiver of Taxes (a.k.a. Tax Collector) position as an elected official was eliminated by a majority Town Board vote (majority of three) on May 18, 2017 in favor of transferring all duties to the office of the Town Clerk;

**Whereas**, many residents of the Town of Union Vale felt the decision to eliminate a position held by an elected official should be decided by a majority vote of the citizens;

**Whereas**, it has been confirmed that there are no financial, hours of service or performance advantages gained by transferring these duties to the Town Clerk’s office;

**Now therefore, be it resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale intends to give the residents their say by adding the following Proposition to the election ballot on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018:

*“Proposition: Shall the Tax Collector in the Town of Union Vale be restored as a public office selected by citizens voting in the General Election every two years effective 2019?”*

**Be it Further Resolved** that if the Proposition passes, a candidate for the Tax Collector (also known as *Collector of Taxes* and *Receiver of Taxes*) position will be on the ballot in November of 2019; the winner of that election will serve a two- year term beginning in January, 2020 and ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, with each successive term running for two years.

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 Frazier	Aye
Councilman McMorris	Aye
Councilwoman Kelley	Nay
Councilman Welsh	Aye
Ayes 4	Noes 1

Discussion: Councilwoman Kelley thought two paragraphs should be removed as she felt they are leading and make assumptions. The paragraphs were: **Whereas**, many residents of the Town of Union Vale felt the decision to eliminate a position held by an elected official should be decided by a majority vote of the citizens; She did not like the words ‘many’ or ‘felt’. She also wanted the lines “**Whereas**, it has been confirmed that there are no financial, hours of service or performance advantages gained by transferring these duties to the Town Clerk’s office;” removed as she felt this could not be confirmed. She stated the being elected no one could set the schedule. Supervisor Maas instructed that by law the Tax Collector must be available for 3 days a week and the Town Board is responsible for setting the hours for Town Hall and further explained the duties. The Supervisor also touched on the lack of financial gain by comparing the former Tax Collector Salary of \$7,000 to this year \$7,500, due to the hours per week worked and the addition of the Saturday hours. This resolution is to restore the ability for the Town residents to have a say in how the position is handled.

Councilman Welsh and Frazier added that in efforts to campaign door to door their feedback included restoring this position to an elected office. Councilwoman Kelley stated she is in complete agreement of the resolution if those two paragraphs were changed however, the proposition verbiage was straightforward. There was further discussion on the validity of the word choice in the aforementioned paragraphs.

**Resolution # 18-20: The purpose of this Resolution is to clarify a sentence in the Escrow Fee Schedule**

This was offered by Councilman Frazier and seconded by Councilman Welsh,

**Whereas**, the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale approved the Master Fee Schedule including an Escrow Fee Schedule in April, 2018 and

**Whereas**, there may be an ambiguity with the following sentence and the removal of any ambiguity is helpful to our residents, applicants and consultants:

*“As Escrow funds are depleted down to 20% of your initial deposit, you will be asked to replenish your escrow account before being placed on the calendar for the next Board meeting”*

**Now therefore, be it resolved,** that the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale approves the clarification and update to the following sentence within the Escrow Fee Policy, which will read as follows:

*“As escrow funds are depleted down to 20% of your initial deposit, you will be asked to replenish your escrow account back to its initial deposit amount and will not be placed on the calendar for the next meeting unless and until the account is fully replenished.”*

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 Frazier	Aye
Councilman McMorris	Aye
Councilwoman Kelley	Aye
Councilman Welsh	Aye

Ayes 5    Noes 0

Discussion: Councilman Welsh trusts ZBA is on board, Supervisor Maas stated yes, this was due to misunderstanding and lacking clarity and after reviewing, it was determined the wording was unclear this was a solution to provide explanation.

**Resolution # 18-21: The purpose of this Resolution is to Reduce the number of members on the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) for reasons of efficiency and expediency**

This was offered by Councilwoman Kelley and seconded by Councilman Frazier,

**Whereas,** each local government in the State of New York is required to have a board of assessment review whose members should have knowledge of the property values within the local government, and

**Whereas,** “the board of assessment review shall consist of not less than three nor more than five members appointed by the legislative body of the local government” or the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale; and

**Whereas,** the terms of office of members of the board of assessment review shall be five years and shall commence on the first day of October and terminate on the thirtieth day of September, five years thereafter; and

**Whereas,** five members on the Union Vale board of assessment review is excessive and redundant given the number of grievances brought forth in the Town of Union Vale,

**Therefore, be it resolved,** that the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale approves the reduction of board of assessment review members from five down to three. This reduction will be implemented by a simple method of attrition whereby the next two members whose terms expire, will not be replaced or reappointed.



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 Frazier       Aye  
Councilman McMorris     Aye  
Councilwoman Kelley    Aye  
Councilman Welsh        Aye  
Ayes 5    Noes 0

Councilman McMorris asked about term length which by State law is 5 years. Assessor Robert Taft feels it will be easier to manage.

**MOTION TO APPROVE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM ESCROW AND PAY BILLS**

Councilman Frazier made a motion to approve the payment of bills and the approval of the transfer of funds from the escrow account which was seconded by Councilman McMorris and all were unanimously in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Cindy Mercier* spoke about library issue and appreciated the due diligence the Board has put forth in that library purchases are appropriate she cited other towns having financial difficulties. She believes due diligence is worthwhile and feels they should have a say in how the funds are spent.

*Elfriede Tillman*– A tree was down for 3 days on Shaughnessy Road which was removed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day.

Councilwoman Kelley- former CAC is a great group to talk to as they had mapped out areas to walk in the green space. She hopes to touch base with them to formalize this again. Is Ted Eglit is done with the audit? Supervisor Maas replied not all the way, he is still testing he will write a full report when completed.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Supervisor Maas made a motion to adjourn 9:30PM which was seconded by Councilman McMorris and passed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Andrea Casey*  
Town Clerk

**Monthly Reports Not Read in Meeting:**

Building Department

Online payments are working invite and spoke about fee changes with regard to fences.

**MONTHLY CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

PERIOD OF: JULY 2018

The following report is submitted for your review for the monthly Code Enforcement Report

1. I have requested to the Town of Union Vale Highway Super and Building and Grounds to copy me on all their respective MS4 work forms.

They will be kept in a MS4 binder for our req. records keeping.

2. I have been working on the few remaining foreclosed parcels in the town. These parcels have also been referred to the Dept. of State on their hotline number. Their response has been lackluster at best (see letter copy) I will follow up on these parcels for compliance.

3. A resident's home was struck by lightning July 28<sup>th</sup> with some extensive damage done to the home. This office worked with several agencies to get the home owner back into his home as quickly as possible. I'd like to thank the Fire Depts. for their assistance in extinguishing the fire as quick as they did to keep the fire damage to a minimum.

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**Work outline as follows:**

Inspections preformed	: # 76	Complaints received	: # 7	Complaints acted on	: # 7
Violation Notices issued	: # 5	Violation abated	: # 5	Appearance tickets issues:	# 2
Building Permits issued	: # 12	Residents meetings	: # 16	Fire call outs	: 1
Old Permit C/O's issued	: # 28	Cert. Occupancy/Compliance #	30	Plan review hrs.	: # 16
Municipal Searches	: # 6				