

**UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING AUGUST 7, 2024**

**249 DUNCAN ROAD, UNION VALE, NEW YORK**

**UNION VALE TOWN HALL 7:30 PM**

**PRESENT: Supervisor Steve Frazier**

**Town Council: Pat Cartalemi (Absent), Kevin Durland, Kevin McGivney, John Welsh**

**Town Clerk: Andrea Casey**

**Town Attorney: Attorney Jeff Battistoni**

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Supervisor Frazier called the meeting to Order to Order and Salute to the Flag at 7:30PM.

**Supervisor Report**

- Amendment to the agenda, had a request from Vail Farm Elementary and would like to discuss under new business. Councilman Welsh made the motion to add this to the agenda which was seconded by Councilman McGivney and all were in favor.
- A Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Beekman Resident, Ruth Hogan, who was born in Union Vale and has been a pillar of the surrounding community.
- Update on 8 Tymor Roof is about 2/3 done, no huge surprises but damage that was discovered was repaired.

**Board Member Reports**

*Councilman Welsh* –nothing to report at this time.

*Councilman Cartalemi*- (Absent)

*Councilman Durland* – nothing to report at this time.

*Councilman McGivney*- pleased with the roof progress, wished the Town Clerk, Andrea Casey a Happy Birthday.

**Town Clerk Report**

Clerk Casey stated her office received a petition last week for a ballot proposition request. She read a letter written to the Town Board certifying the petition which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk. Habitat for Humanity is teaming up with the Town for a collection day on September 21, 2024 at the Recycling Center for donatable items, information will be online.

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

Our staff and campers have enjoyed our second and third sessions of our Summer camp programs. Thank you to Brian from Robinson's Wildlife for putting on a raptors and reptile show for our campers in the second session, and Jess from Two by Two Animal Haven for an education show on exotic and domestic animals for our current session. This upcoming Monday will be our final session, we hope to make it the best one yet.

After camp and before school starts, we will be running our TGTT program. Students K-5th can enjoy their last few days of Summer enjoying Tymor Park playing games, making crafts, and having fun with their friends. More information on dates, pricing, and registration can be found on the Parks and Recreation website. Saturday August 17th our department will be hosting the Ribbit Theatre Company, a sustainable and accessible Theatre company for young audiences across the Hudson Valley founded by alumni members of the SUNY New Paltz theatre arts department. All ages are welcome and there will be ASL interpretation incorporated into the show. The concert-style show, "A World of Wonder", will take place at 2pm and then again at

6pm at the bandshell at Tymor Park. There is no registration fee but donations to the company are greatly appreciated. Please feel free to bring a blanket or chair to sit on during the show. Fanelli's Food Truck will be selling food and drinks during both showtimes. For more information please visit our Facebook page and click on the event link for the show. Planning and meetings for our annual Oktoberfest event has begun. We look forward to once again hosting this long-held tradition at Tymor Park on September 15th from 12pm-7pm. More information on tickets and the event will be posted on our social media pages and website within the coming weeks.

### **Parks Report August 7, 2024 Submitted by Vincent Germano**

- The roofers have been working on the main park building at 8 Tymor Park Road. They have finished the large hall roof and started on the roof above the senior center, we sanded and repainted the large metal vents on the large hall while they were off the roof. They seem to have encountered some damaged sheathing but no problem with the framing so far.
- We have been brush hogging the fields between town hall and the equestrian center to keep the growth manageable, we have also brush hogged areas of the disk golf course and the upper soccer fields.
- We did a lot of trimming and took down a dead tree at the Theresa court water district; we also repaired some broken split rail fence.
- A tree service came out and took down 2 trees that were possibly in danger of falling and very close to the house at #2 Tymor Park Road.
- The storms have caused some damage to our trails and we have been fixing them when we can, and trying to knock down the grass that has sprung up on them.
- Our team has started having meetings to iron out the final details of our Oktoberfest event on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Library Report**

On behalf of Jonah Ritter and the other Trustees, thank you for sharing some library updates.

- We would like to formally welcome our newest trustee Christine Woodcock. Dr. Woodcock has a rich background in literacy and teaches in higher education. Not only is she a Union Vale resident, she lives in Tymor Park across the street from the library! She will be finishing out the term of Janet Myers.
- In addition, I know Councilman Cartalemi shared this at the last meeting, but we have officially been notified that Union Vale has received their Provisional Charter. We are in the process of scheduling a joint meeting between the MHLS Board of Directors and the Library Trustees to discuss the path to system membership.
- Story Times are scheduled for 2 PM on the following Thursdays: August 8 (tomorrow), 15, 22, and 29th!
- Mark your calendar for August 24th- Campfire Stories! Gather around the firepit behind the pool. Start time is 6:30 PM if you want to come roast a hot dog with chips and water. Stories begin around the firepit at 7:30 until 8:30. Space is limited to 24. To register, please email [director@uvlibrary.org](mailto:director@uvlibrary.org) no later than August 22nd. This is a free event for Union Vale residents.
- We still need volunteers! If you or your teen are interested in volunteering, please email our director.



assessment and get legitimate revenue from these locations which was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

**Vail Farm PTA** – A request came from the school event at Tymor as the school’s roofs are also being re-done and is unsafe. Although the request was for Tymor due to the scheduling conflict of the Balloon fest, Godfrey is being offered if it fits their needs. Supervisor Frazier asked if this is acceptable and to waive the fee to Vail Farm PTA.

**Motion for Vail Farm PTA to use Godfrey Park** Supervisor Frazier made a motion to allow Vail Farm PTA to use Godfrey Park during Labor Day weekend and for any fee to be waived. This was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

**Employee Handbook Supervisor** Frazier heard back from DC HR. The Deputy Town Clerk as well as the Confidential Secretary can be assigned to work for alternate departments which works within the civil service framework as long as all the personnel remains the same. Would like to make a motion tonight but will have a resolution prepared for next meeting to combine these positions. They will need to decide next meeting what full time means.

**Motion to Combine Positions** Supervisor Frazier made a motion to appoint existing Michelle Rief as Confidential Secretary and and Emily Cole, existing Deputy Town Clerk which will become full time positions. This was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

**Public Comment on Town Issues**

Kevin Harrington- Chestnut Ridge Road, wanted clarification on expanding the Deputy Town Clerk position as well in the resolution.

Chuck Richwine- was under the impression Godfrey could not be rented and questioned waiving the fee. He also would like more money allocated to Town road repair.

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

Councilman Durland made a motion to pay the bills and which was seconded by Councilman McGivney and all were unanimously in favor.

**Meeting Date Change**

There is a conflict for August 21 meeting, everyone is available for August 28<sup>th</sup> motion to move the august 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to august 28. This motion was made by Councilman Durland and seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

**Motion to Adjourn** At 7:57 PM Councilman Welsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilman McGivney and all were unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Andrea Casey, Town Clerk