

**UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING JANUARY 17, 2019 TOWN HALL
249 DUNCAN ROAD LAGRANGEVILLE NY 7:30PM**

PRESENT: Supervisor Maas

Council: Steven Frazier, David McMorris, Corrina Kelley & John Welsh

Attorney: Jeffery Battistoni

Town Clerk: Andrea Casey

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE FLAG SALUTE

Special Presentation by **Commissioner of the Department of Public Works: Robert H. Balkind, P.E.**

Mr. Balkind presented Dutchess County's DWP spring project affecting Union Vale. They plan to replace 2 bridges on County Route 21, Bruzugul Road, between Shaughnessy Road and the Clove Circle. The projected detour route requested by the County is Shaughnessy Road. During the presentation the Town Board asked the following questions/ requests be made.

- Weight Limit test on Shaughnessy Road due to culvert have engineers evaluate current state
- Local Traffic only on Shaughnessy Detour Signs
- Temporary reduced speed limit signs can go as low as 10mph- 15mph below posted (40 currently) on Shaughnessy
- Permanent speed limit reduction on surrounding roads
- Ask Sheriffs / State Police to increase patrol in the area
- Can a sign be placed on Route 55 alerting detour to avoid excess cars who can use 55 to stay on longer
- Temporary Speed bumps?
- Will the County consider repaving Shaughnessy after detour is complete?

Mr. Balkind will investigate these questions and concerns and relay back to the Town Board when complete.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2018 Town Board meeting which was seconded by Councilman McMorris and all were unanimously in favor.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Maas reported the staff did an excellent job managing their budgets and came in at 85% of budget for expenses. She further discussed the cash flow statement and highlighted the larger periods of expenses and revenue. The fund balance less expenses from 2017 to end of 2018 has increased from \$1.4 million to \$2.2 million. It has been a very strong year in addition to the rebate from DEC. Supervisor Maas also mentioned some of the larger projects upcoming for 2019 such as the land lease. The new Worker's Compensation carrier is now Comp Alliance as of January 2019 and they already came to do a training with the Finance team. Overall things look good and she is pleased with the outcome of 2018.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Councilman Welsh had no new business to discuss but mentioned stamps are increasing on January 27th as a reminder to the public. Councilman Frazier and McMorris also had nothing to report. Councilwoman Kelley reported on working with the Union Vale Seniors. She is creating a 'Senior Fair' event for Union Vale which plans to include explanation of bills, scam warnings, transportation for medical and recreational, Medicare & Medicaid, estate planning, exercise programs and other items that would be important to this population or caretakers for them. They are hopeful to increase the awareness and resources for the elder population in the Town.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Superintendent Wisseman put together the 5-year road maintenance plan which was chosen by the ratings from the County. This will also be added to the website for the public to view. These are tentative choices and can change also with regard to a reduction in blacktop prices or other price points.

Highway 284 for 2019- Robinwood & Bloomer and additionally Tymor Park Road when phase 2 of the CDB grant is ready for completion.

Mr. Wisseman then read the 5-year projections which are subject to change. There was further discussion and questions regarding shoulders being put on the roads which Mr. Wisseman replied that it will be done in the Spring.

Councilwoman Kelly asked about the budget vs CHIPS as more was in the 2019 adopted budget \$113,825.00 and the summary page is \$142,000. Mr. Wisseman replied that he used the \$16,000 that was left over and will be getting a check back soon. There was further discussion on this topic. It was decided

to approve the work the funds are present for and then after the check arrives approve the remainder of the project.

MOTION TO APPROVE 2019 HIGHWAY 284

Councilman Welsh motioned to approve the work on Robinwood Lane at \$65,000, Bloomer Road at \$170,000 and at a later date Tymor Park Road can be discussed. This was seconded by Councilman McMorris and all were unanimously in favor.

New Highway Truck: Councilman Frazier spoke about the truck with a utility body and how it will essentially be a workshop on wheels to fix any number of highway projects. It is through the NYS OGS system and meets the procurement policy requirements. There was further discussion about it being a sander but it was decided not to be included. This will be ready in September of 2019 and will be purchased upon arrival.

MOTION TO PURCHASE 2019 CLASS 5 DODGE FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Councilman Frazier made a motion to purchase from the OGS procurement system a 2019 Class 5 Dodge chase equipped with utility body and snow plow purchased from Robert Green \$68,779.00, seconded by Councilwoman Kelley. All were unanimously in favor. Supervisor Maas felt it did not make sense to pay finance charges to finance the vehicle as there is excess in the fund balance as a result of being frugal in the prior year.

Local Highway Data project

Supervisor Maas was invited by Town Supervisor of Fishkill, Bob LoColla, if they choose to participate, they will be given an iPad to compile information for projects to speed up the process by allowing all logs and other pertinent information to be readily accessible. After the meeting Tuesday they will have more details.

MOTION TO AUCTION VEHICLES

Councilman Welsh made a motion to surplus and auction the old International and the L8000 Ford as per the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent. Supervisor Maas seconded the motion and all were unanimously in favor.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

All tax bills were mailed Monday, please call if you have not received it by Friday for a duplicate copy or visit the website to print out a copy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rachel Peterson, Quinlan Road- spoke about the excess litter on County Route 21 and was hopeful something can be done to alleviate the excess trash. It was recommended that the highway clean-up be more often & Rachel also decided to join the CAC and further spearhead the project.

RECYCLING CENTER

Tom St. Onge spoke about the 2019 and increasing fees and attracting new members and spoke about the services that are offered and the refer a friend program. Mr. St. Onge encouraged people to talk to their neighbors about all the services the Recycling Center offers, for their efforts they will receive a \$40 trash cards for their recruitment efforts. Supervisor Maas explained that if member participation increases, they will revisit the price and will be able to re-introduce a cost savings for groups such as the senior population. Please keep in mind the Recycling Center may be closed during bad storms.

RECREATION REPORT

Supervisor Maas reported that Shelly Knight who has been involved with the summer camps for over 20 years will oversee the camp program and the pool. The ice rinks are open and all are welcome to use them during the day or while the lights are on until 9pm.

Speed Limit Reduction, resolution to follow. It was suggested County Route 21 should also be added to the list of speed limit reductions and can be done in February.

AOT Association of Towns: All are welcome to attend and the Town will abide by the budget to allow all who would like to attend. It was decided not to nominate a delegate until more information is gathered. Councilman Welsh and Councilwoman Kelley have to decline due to prior obligations.

Investment Discussion

Supervisor Maas advised putting 500,000 in checking and the same in savings and investing the rest to gain at least 2% interest. She asks the Board to think about this for discussion next month in February.

Lights around Town Hall: There were complaints about the lights being on all night. There were options with timers, motion sensors or light sensitive sensors. There is a quote from John Giammo and Sons \$1,483 for photovoltaic for supplies and installation. Councilman Frazier spoke about the safety concerns to protect the building or patrons with lights on during all dark hours. Councilman Welsh agrees with the wasted electric he would prefer a motion sensor concept as did Councilman McMorris. Councilman McMorris added to update the timers with something that could also be remotely adjusted as well. Councilwoman Kelley suggested to add more motion sensors and agrees safety is a concern but does not want to add unnecessary light pollution so would like to meet in the middle. There was further discussion on the topic to make the lighting a more efficient and less offensive option around Town Hall.

Meals on Wheels

Councilwoman Kelley spoke about the Meals on Wheels program and how Union Vale was no longer on the list. The director was able to find two volunteers to service Union Vale to now become part of the program again. There is a form that will be added to the homepage for those wishing to gain this service or for anyone who would like to refer someone in need who is either a senior or someone who has upcoming surgery. This is a free program offered by Dutchess County to reach out to assist our elder population however there is no specific criteria. Each senior that signs up will receive hot meal for lunch and cold meal for dinner for the entire week, Monday – Friday.

Resolution #19-16 (See Resolutions)

Resolution #19-17 (See Resolutions)

This was a recommendation from the liability and worker’s comp company which protects her as an employee in this regard or else she would be personally liable.

MOTION FOR BUDGET MODIFICATION

Supervisor Maas made a motion for the 2018 CHIPS budget modification increase budget line D3501 by \$179,635 and D5112.4 CHIPS to both revenue and expenses will match \$179,635 for 2018. This motion was seconded by Councilman Welsh. There was further discussion on the topic. Councilman Frazier abstains from voting however, Councilwoman Kelley, Supervisor Maas, Councilman McMorris and Welsh were in favor.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve budget adjustments, warrants, pay bills which was seconded by Supervisor Maas and all were unanimously in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tillman hopes the lighting gets fixed as this has been a complaint for years.

Robert Adams: 23 Hoofprint Road- spoke about the drainage and the issues he is experiencing on his property due to the new construction ongoing to the lot next door. What was the scope of work proposed for his property. If work has been completed will his lawn be returned to its originally manicured condition. Mr. Adams agreed to give a copy of his requests to the Town Board so it could be researched.

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Frazier made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a land lease issue which was seconded by Supervisor Maas and all were unanimously in favor.

MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Welsh made a motion to exit executive session and stated no decisions were made nor was money spent. This was seconded by Councilman McMorris and all were in favor.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

At 10:24pm Councilman Welsh made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman McMorris and all were unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Casey

Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 19-16 IN SUPPORT OF LOWERING THE SPEED LIMIT ON CAMBY ROAD

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale has received numerous complaints about the excessive speed limits on Camby Road, which are deemed to be extremely dangerous as cars can travel at speeds in excess of 65 mph and;

WHEREAS, Camby Road or CR-90, is a Dutchess County owned road without posted speed limits so cars are permitted to travel at 55 mph; and

WHEREAS, Camby Road possesses both site line and visibility problems due to plant growth in certain seasons and intersecting street access in all seasons. Given the lack of reaction time granted to drivers entering onto Camby Road and the drivers who are passed by other cars driving aggressively at higher speeds, the street is difficult to travel and dangerous for a rural road in a small town;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board acknowledges the danger driving at high speeds on Camby Road presents to residents of the Town of Union Vale and requests that the Dutchess County Department of Public Works change the speed limit by posting signs indicating 45MPH as the appropriate and much safer speed.

The preceding resolution was offered by Councilman Welsh, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman McMorris.

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

Andrea Casey
Town Clerk, Union Vale - Andrea Casey

Dated: January 17, 2019

Resolution #19-16 Discussion

Councilman Frazier spoke about lowering the speed limit becoming ineffective thereby not being able to support this resolution. There was further discussion on the outcome of the Towns request and the ability to respond to resident's request.

RESOLUTION # 19-17 DESIGNATION OF LORETTA RYAN AS
"AUTHORIZED VOLUNTEER"

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale has appointed Loretta Ryan as the Equestrian Director for the Tymor Park Equestrian Center who accepted this position in good faith; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Ryan although not an employee of the Town receives an annual stipend and will be a representative of the Town of Union Vale;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board acknowledges Loretta Ryan as an "authorized volunteer" and affords her every protection that designation provides.

The preceding resolution was offered by Councilman McMorris, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Frazier.

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
Councilwoman Kelley	Aye
Councilman McMorris	Aye
Councilman Welsh	Aye

Ayes 5 Noes 0

Dated: January 17, 2019

Andrea Casey

Andrea Casey, Town Clerk