

UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING APRIL 20, 2022

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

Town Clerk: Andrea Casey

Highway Superintendent: Ed Kading

Town Attorney: Jeff Battistoni

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

Presentations:

Habitat for Humanity – April 23rd – Recycling Center – Donations Needed!

Presenters: Maureen Lashlee, Brian Nesheiwat, Jess Miuccio

Angels of Light 5K – April 23rd – Tymor Park – Runners & Teams Welcome!

Presenters: Lori Decker and Trisha Jaffer

Central Hudson – Update on Recent Billing Issues & Pricing.

Presenters: Corporate Communications & Staff to assist with Residents' Questions

Motion Approve Minutes: Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the March 16th meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

Supervisor Report

- Recreation trend lines from 2019 – 2021 are going up from net income of \$930,000.00 to 1.1 million to \$1,265,000.00.
- Recycling Center trend lines 2019 the Town made \$983.00, in 2020: \$9,200.00 and in 2021: \$38,118.00
- The Parks Department absorbs many of the expenses therefore it was decided to give the rental house income to offset the expenses since they maintain them as part of their territory. Last year it cost the town \$142,000.00 to run the park which is outstanding for a 500-acre park.
- Building Department trend lines are up from 2019: \$ \$11,000.00 and in 2021 \$37,486.00
- The Town net income in 2019: \$387,000.00 in 2020: \$399,000.00 and in 2021: \$539,000.00
- The total fund balance, which includes liabilities against it, 2019: 2.9 million, 2020: 3.3 million then 2021: 3.9 million. Financially the Town is in great shape and has excellent managers
- Tax Collection season is nearly complete, 121 second reminder notices will be mailed out. The town has collected to date, \$30,281.00 in penalties. This time last year was \$10,280.00
- A resident letter was received today encouraging the 'Monarch Pledge' which is restoring habitats for Monarch Butterflies, this is an interesting idea and good to plan for 2023
- Letter on Traffic Signals, Union Vale has 1 installing generator transfer switch at that intersection
- On March 25 the Town received a check for \$239,478.00 for sales tax growth payment
- DEC post closure use modification for the Union Vale landfill the solar array construction certification report has been received. A letter from DEC states all is in good order and condition #11 has been satisfied and all tests have been passed along with all approvals
- Cottontail survey was done by the DEC and they reported seeing "plentiful pellets" and also saw the American Woodcock which is often illusive.
- The DC Median residential sales price is now \$375,000.00 which has increased
- The Public Service Commission approved the new area code in the 845 region, the 845 will exhaust all available numbers in the 3rd quarter, all current numbers will be retained.
- Resident and Girl Scout, Molly McMorris will be holding her gold award project at the Verbank Cemetery, all volunteers welcome from 10-2 on Saturday. The 2nd annual Orange Bag Campaign is May 1st 9am to 12 noon
- Cash flow high balances that are consistent with the general fund being high
- The oil tank at the recycling center update, Supervisor Maas called the company who collects our waste oil, right now they reported it is not worth anything yet, possibly be able to reduce pick up fee, hopeful during asphalt season demand for waste oil increases.

- Town Board members have received the list of warrants/abstracts; cash receipts, escrow reports, Building Dept. report, performance vs budget report and lists of all deposits made in both the General Fund and Highway Fund.

Board Member Reports

Councilman Gusikoff presented the cost and sample of the new Recycling Center booth proposal with modifications such as heat/ ac, electric and proper windows is \$11,349.00. He is hopeful it can be passed tonight.

Councilman McGivney nothing this month.

Councilman Durland gave an update on the flag pole project at the solar farm. He advised he is coordinating with the Highway Superintendent and plans to have the structure assembled before Memorial Day.

Councilman Welsh reported he continues to work on MS4 with the Supervisor and Code Enforcement Officer.

Highway Report

Superintendent Kading discussed the 5-year plan. He is still waiting on CHIPS reimbursement amounts. He is working with Supervisor Maas pursuing engineering on large culvert, and possibly use grant money, some storm damage from last rainfall, being addressed. Subdivision street sweeping will begin as the company's time allows. Earth day pick up bag, call highway garage and leave a message. Please take the empty bags from the highway garage. Mr. Kading would like to recognize an employee with 20 years of service in 2021, Brian Butts, he is very dedicated and knows where every underground pipe in Town is located. He thanks him for all his years with the Town. Also, Supervisor Maas extends a thank you to Christian Pesano for his help with the FEMA reporting.

Motion to Approve Highway 284 for 2022

Councilman Welsh made a motion to accept the Highway 284 as outlined, which was seconded by Councilman Guiskoff and all were unanimously in favor.

Town Clerk Report

Town Clerk Casey reported that she met with Molly McMorris to assist in the Town website additions that compliment her Gold Award project. DEC fishing licenses are on sale as well as Tymor Park fishing permits. Document Shredding day is scheduled for August 3rd and more information along with the time will be given as the date approaches.

Public Comment

Lalita Malik is hopeful the Optimum contract means Union Vale has more options.

Board, Committee, Commission & Council Reports

CAC (Conservation Advisory Council)

March 2022: Submitted by Chair, Jen Rubbo. The Climate Smart Community (CSC) committee is working to compile documents to complete the CSC certification. They are also seeking funding support and technical expertise for the solar field pollinator garden. They are also looking for ways to integrate the NRI into Town Planning Board decisions. A questionnaire will be drafted for the applicants to provide insight into making land use decisions. The Town Code references environmental overlay districts as well as scenic overlay districts but maps have not been produced. The CAC will work on mapping these as well as historic resources as well.

“No Mow May” initiative Lalita Malik, CAC Member, spoke about the need for bee preservation, they ask residents to not mow during May to help encourage their habitat in flowers. \$7 for a lawn sign to show you are participating in the program which can be picked up at Town Hall. You can also donate \$3 for the pollinator garden as well. Supervisor Maas noted that the solar farm has agreed to join the initiative as well.

Parks Report

Park Manager, Jake Gosnell gave the March 2022 report.

- Upcoming Projects: Pressure washing, painting and installing the new garage doors on the long barn.
- The cement bridge below the dam has been repaired for better passage
- All outdoor seasonal bathrooms are open

- The Parks staff has painted much of the interior of Town Hall
- The deck by the dam will be painted in the upcoming week, weather permitting
- The carriage trail along the creek is being cleared to gain access to the creek

Recreation Report

Our summer camp programming is nearly full with sessions 2, 3, and 4 of Tradition Camp completely full and one spot left in session 1. Kids Camp has only a handful of seats left across the summer, and our new Teen Leadership Camp has two spots left for session 1.

Our Egg Hunts for All was a successful event, with positive comments all around. We would like to thank the staff that helped during the prep and to everyone who came out and volunteered for our various accessible egg hunts, especially to Kimberly Scoralick and her family.

The Spring Break TGTT program was full of sunshine and outside play, and we welcomed many new faces to the program. We continue to plan and prep for our Summer Camp programs and run ASP in the afternoons.

Constable Report

March 2022: Submitted by George Treadwell, Head Constable

- Constables patrolled approx. 593 miles of town roads and used 40.4 gallons of gas
- The 3 Court dates totaled 44 cases on the dockets with 19 actual appearances, 3 cases dismissed for failure to prosecute and no issues to report
- The Ford Explorer was in for an exhaust repair costing \$540.00
- No incidents to report during the month of March

Animal Control

During the month of March, there were no lost dogs, no found dogs, 1 complaint regarding dogs running at large. Residents should be aware that, even though Union Vale is a rural town, dogs running at large not under the control of their owner are in conflict with our Town Code Chapter 92, Article 92-2.

Library Services Coordinator, Laura Sumner

Ms. Sumner spoke about the digital services that are available through the Town Website.

There are meetings for community engagement, many small meetings up to 10 people and also 2 larger public meetings. To RSVP for either, email Ms. Sumner at Library@unionvaleny.us.

Town Center Zone & Private Roads & Common Driveways

Supervisor Maas advised that Town Center Zone & Private Roads & Common Driveways moratorium is in effect. The Town has received the first report with recommendations from the planner. They will have more meetings with the Town Attorney, Town Engineer, Planner and Planning Board Chair. This is a work in progress and Supervisor Maas will give updates as they become available.

Library Consultant

Library Consultant, Alex Cohen, has started his work in Union Vale with 2 zoom calls, he is making adjustments with the meeting style changing to more of a classic round table discussion to really hear what residents think. Email Library@unionvaleny.us to be invited to one of the meetings. Mr. Cohen will also prepare a report at the conclusion of these meetings.

Capital Projects & ARPA Expenditures

Supervisor Maas distributed the current list, 19 items on the first page and totals at \$1.8 million, it does not include the 6 Town culverts yet in hopes of grant money. The Chevy Silverado is important, as well as the Recycling attendance booth. The hope is that the ARPA money can be used for the new roof for 8 Tymor Park. She would like the Town Board to consider item numbers 3,7,8 on the capital project list. Supervisor Maas requested a workshop to focus solely on this list with resident input and Town Board.

Maintenance/ Capital Expenditures for Parks

Park Manager Jake Gosnell advised that Johnson Controls services our fire extinguishers and also maintain the fire suppression system in the Concession System. This equipment has met it's 12-year life expectancy and needs replacement. All of the material needed for this is on State Bid with a cost of \$1,931.86.

Motion to Approve Expenditure for Concession Stand

Supervisor Maas made a motion to approve the fire suppression equipment expenditure for the concession stand at the request of the Park Manager which was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

Maintenance/ Capital Expenditures for Parks

The Parks 2015 Ford F-350 is at the Ford dealer now with current issues, needs to be fixed for auction. The total of this repair is \$1,452.13 for the Ford. The recommendation for a replacement vehicle is a gas-powered mid-size pick up and the bids came back in with a Chevy Silverado on OGS.

Motion to Repair Ford F-350 (Parks Vehicle)

Councilman Welsh made a motion to pay the repair fee in order to auction the truck which was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

Motion to approve quote of Chevy Silverado and Trailer King V-plow (Parks Vehicle)

Supervisor Maas made a motion to accept the quote of the 2023 Chevy Silverado at a cost of \$40,897.02 and snow V-Plow at a cost of \$8,695.00 which was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

Motion to Declare 2015 Ford F-350 as Surplus (Parks Vehicle)

Councilman Welsh made a motion to declare the 2015 Ford F-350 as surplus equipment which was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

Motion to Auction 2015 Ford F-350

Councilman McGivney made a motion to auction the 2015 Ford F-350 with Absolute Auction, which was seconded by Councilman Gusikoff and all were unanimously in favor.

Proposed Local Law- Wording Changes on Zoning Amendment Process

Supervisor Maas explained in order to eliminate redundancy to sending moratorium requests to Planning Board and waiting the 45 days. The document will be ready for review and resolution of introduction can be adopted on May 4th and public hearing to follow on May 18th.

Altice/ Optimum Renewal Contract

Copies were given to the Board. This will be discussed at the work session. There are little changes between the other Towns. Free service should be included as it was supposed to have been prior. The will also provide some money for revamping the meeting room audio visual equipment. Supervisor Maas also suggested having representatives from Optimum at the May meeting to hear resident feedback.

Motion to Approve Recycling Center Booth

Councilman Durland made a motion to approve the purchase of a new recycling center attendant booth up to \$12,000.00 as outlined which was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

Motion for New Roof on Tymor Park Road

Councilman Gusikoff made a motion to approve the purchase of a new roof on Tymor Park Road Building and use American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds which was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

Motion for Town Culvert Engineering Analysis

Supervisor Maas made a motion to use ARPA funds up to 20K to provide an engineering studies of the 6 town culverts that are in need of repair. This was seconded by Councilman McGivney and all were unanimously in favor.

Supervisor Maas scheduled a June 1st 2022 work session for Capital Projects wish list review to begin at 6:00 PM. Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Motion for Bank Transfers

Supervisor Maas made a motion to make a bank transfer to cover escrow bills that was paid out by the general fund in the amount of \$8,300.67 back be put back into the general fund. And a

correction of a \$500 zoning fee that was accidentally deposited into escrow and belongs in the Zoning Board Fee account. This was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously 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 on Town Issues

None

Motion to Adjourn

At 10:24PM Councilman Gusikoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Andrea Casey, Town Clerk