

UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING APRIL 19, 2023

249 DUNCAN ROAD, UNION VALE, NEW YORK

UNION VALE TOWN HALL 7:30 PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Betsy Maas

Town Council: Kevin Durland, Kevin McGivney, Perry Gusikoff John Welsh

Highway Superintendent Ed Kading

Town Clerk: Andrea Casey

Town Attorney: Attorney Jeff Battistoni

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

Presenters:

Virgil Capollari, Director of Veterans Affairs, NY State Assembly, Office of Assemblyman Anil Beephan, Assembly District 105

Brittany Hedrick, CAC Member, “Low Mow May, Helping Spring Pollinators in Union Vale”

Motion Approve Minutes: Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the March 15, 2023 meeting minutes and public hearing, seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

Supervisor Report

- DC Legislature Agriculture District Resolution and information post on bulletin board
- Correspondence 1930 Germond Family Murders, Dr. Cookingham letter about cold case, asking if any towns would like him to give a report on the history
- Received \$72,203.24 first quarter sales tax, got growth tax last month
- The Town paid the property tax \$239.78 this month for Redl property that was donated
- Habitat for humanity at recycling center last week, very well received
- This Saturday 9:00 a.m. the annual orange bag campaign to clean the roads is underway
- All department heads are doing their job and watches the budget, had a pheromonal year in 2022. Highlights: Recreation net 135k, Recycling Center made 19k, Highway up 128k, Building Dept. up 23k, Events \$898.00, Courts lost \$34,000 comptroller’s office will research with DC Supervisors and Mayors, 65% of the towns lose money, when was the last time the towns raised their fees and what can the comptroller’s office do. Strong net income over 600k total fund balance including, capital and reserve \$4,520,346.

Town Board Reports

Councilman Welsh has been busy with annexation hopefully the result is coming forth soon

Councilman Durland- nothing specific to report

Councilman McGivney- encouraged everyone to participate in the orange bag campaign this Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Councilman Gusikoff – noted that the Highway Superintendent gave him the opportunity to refurbish the Oshkosh trucks and was happy to gift it to the Highway Department.

Highway Report

Superintendent Kading spoke about the work scheduled for the 2023 Highway-284 – oil and chip the roads that were done last year to seal them: Cutler, Barmore, Tymor Park Rd. and Clapp Hill Resurfacing tentative: Tompkins, Verbank Village, Bush Hill small section at top of hill Hoofprint entire road. All dirt roads have been graded, new berm at clove valley intersection which will need landscaping, wanted to thank Councilman Gusikoff for the refurbish and the tailgate. The crew is mowing along roadsides. Getting calls on dead trees, did increase tree removal budget. Bags will be available at highway garage. Supervisor Maas mentioned Royal Carting will be donating a dumpster at highway garage for this campaign. Superintendent Kading asked if we can proceed further for salt shed repair. Supervisor Maas noted the short answer was yes. Mr. Kading noted he needs an architect for concrete base, looking into pole barn kits and which supplies the engineer with the package. Supervisor Maas said the Board will need a proposal to vote on. Looks to start between may 1- mid may

Motion to Vote on Highway 284 for 2023

Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the Highway-284 as submitted, which was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

Town Clerk Report

Clerk Casey reported Document Shredding Day is scheduled for September 27, 2023, time provided the week of. She also noted that the resolutions for 2023 needed to be renumbered as there was a sequencing issue. All have been corrected and are available on the website.

Public Comment Agenda Items: Tillman – would like copies of financial report for the public.

CAC- Chair, Josh Redinger met with the DC Land Conservancy as an educational meeting focusing on open space preservation. Secondly, a prior CAC was working on a scenic road map, the current CAC will review and update it for review from the Town Board and potentially for use to assist with town code as well as the environmental overlay.

The No mow May was timelier so that is their focus he will come back to discuss invasive at a later date. Set up/ remodeled informational Instagram, hopes to set up Facebook in tandem, will send on UV Mail.

Bird walk with Waterman Bird Club through Tymor Friday, June 16th at 8:00am

Spoke about insects declining is a major global concern which is not getting the coverage it deserves.

Parks Report

Manager, Jake Gosnell informed the Board, the patch for the pool tank is still holding the tank is supposed to be shipped towards the end of April and then they can plan a proper timeline Composting toilet – they will build a deck and use that as the platform for the toilet and structure of the building. Will be not mowing a section near the disc golf area to assist with the CAC's initiative. All outside bathrooms will be open next month. Trails are in immaculate shape thanks to the Park's crew. Race is May 21 for Tymor Trail series, the first of 4.

Recreation, submitted by Recreation Director Maggie Collins

Town Board Update 4/19/23

Our Egg Hunts for All was a successful event, and was a beautiful day for families and friends to enjoy the beginning of Spring. We would like to thank the staff who assisted at the event and to everyone who came out days prior and the day of to volunteer for our various accessible egg hunts!

Our Spring Break TGTT program was full of sunshine and outside play, and we welcomed many new faces to the program. Students K-5th enjoyed Spring themed crafts and activities, and enjoyed their days off at Tymor Park. Registration for Full and Half TGTT days are open on our website. This Friday we look forward to hosting our Spring Adult Paint and Sip event. Patrons will enjoy following an instructor step by step and practice their creative skills while having fun with family and friends. While registration for this event is full, information on the next event in June can be found on our website and registration is open. Our first Trail Race of the year will be at Tymor Park on May 21st with check-in at 9AM and the race starting at 10AM. This will be a fun event for the whole family, and participants are free to run or walk at their own pace while enjoying the park trails. Upon registration, participants will receive a custom wooden medal sourced from the park, a discount code to use towards Territory Run Company, and automatically be entered into a raffle to win merchandise from Territory Run Company! For more information and to register, visit the link on our website as well as our social media pages. Our team continues to plan and prep for our Summer Camp programs and we look forward to another great Summer season!

Constable Report Submitted by George Treadwell, CIC

Constable Monthly Report for March 2023:

Constables patrolled approximately 510 miles of town roads including all town properties filling the Explorer with 33.0 gallons of Gasoline.

The (3) town court dates totaled 32 cases on the dockets with 10 actual appearances. 10 cases were plead not guilty by mail and 1 case was dismissed for failure to prosecute (officer did not show to court). There were no incidents to report.

Constables reported the following during patrols:

*3/13 - Issued parking after hours violation at the Equestrian Center driveway.

Animal Control, submitted by ACO Mary Jean Calvi

During the month of March 2023 there were no lost or found dogs. There was one animal complaint and one wildlife call regarding a resident attacked by a potentially rabid raccoon.

Dealing with Junk, Rubbish & Debris

This is being reviewed by Attorney Battistoni and Code Enforcement Officer, George Kolb, they will continue to finalize the language and definitions and adding a paragraph for property management.

Guidelines for Short Term Rental Units

This is for fire, safety and for littering for the towns database. The only issue that needs possible attention is parking- this will be a public hearing and resolution as part of upcoming meetings.

Expanding Residency Requirements for Constables

Use deputy town clerk language, all these town code changes will be done together for May

Redl Property Donation to Union Vale has Officially Closed

The property taxes have been paid, more resident discussions on how the space can be used.

Furnace Pond Dam

Missed opportunity last August for the boring test and low water levels as there is only 1 company that has the equipment to perform the test. Hopefully for test this August when water levels are typically lower historically.

Playground at Godfrey Park

The down payment has been paid and a matter of timing regarding arrival, will advise

Improper Foreclosure of Property by Dutchess County – Update since Resolution was Passed in March

Supervisor Maas advised all paperwork is submitted, the town is seeking a determination if the County violated their own resolution in regards to notice of the foreclosure.

Recycling Center

Supervisor Maas along with Councilmen Welsh & Gusikoff, visited town of Kent recycling center for an educational viewing. Want to do other services such as document shredding, possibly a thrift shop, or any other ideas via a survey to permit holders.

Seniors in Union Vale – Dept. of the Aging

Supervisor Maas suggests making this part of the recreation department so that the recreation Dept. can plan events for them. Many prominent members have passed away creating the need for this to attract and retain members.

Motion for Senior Club into Recreation

Supervisor Maas made a motion to bring senior club into recreation dept for 2023. This was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

Rennia Engineering Proposal to Design New Drainage System – Converting Baseball to Soccer Fields

The Parks Dept. removed the old backstop and fencing and bleachers in front of the ball field in Tymor Park – viewed survey by Resident and Engineer Bob Oswald

Motion to Support Survey

Councilman Durland made a motion to support survey and proceed and spend up to \$3,200.00 on field design, this was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

Resolutions & Motions: (see Resolutions)

28-2023 Resolution to Accept a Generous Gift from resident, Robert Oswald

29-2023 Resolution to commit newly acquired to property for a public purpose & request tax exemption

Motion to Enter Executive Session At 9:24 PM Councilman Welsh made a motion to enter executive session to discuss litigation which was seconded by Councilman Gusikoff and all were unanimously in favor.

Motion to Exit Executive Session At 9:45 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 Gusikoff and all were unanimously in favor.

Public Comment- None

Motion to Pay Bills Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve budget adjustments, warrants, transfers & pay bills, which was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

Motion to Adjourn At 9:50 PM Councilman Durland 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

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