

UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 21, 2024

249 DUNCAN ROAD, UNION VALE, NEW YORK

UNION VALE TOWN HALL 7:30 PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Steve Frazier

Town Council: Pat Cartalemi, Kevin Durland, Kevin McGivney, John Welsh

Highway Superintendent Ed Kading

Town Clerk: Andrea Casey

Town Attorney: Attorney Jeff Battistoni

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

Motion Approve Minutes: Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the February 7th 2024 Meeting minutes which was seconded by Councilman Cartalemi and all were unanimously in favor.

Supervisors Report

- General Checking: \$420,325.00 General Savings: \$4,813.00 Msc. Receipts: \$327,594.00 General Maint. Money: \$97, 304.00 Investments: 2.5 million another investment account with approx. \$500,000.00 Totaling \$3,872,000 in assets. Highway Fund \$158,366.00 in checking, highway savings \$102,039.00. Maintenance: \$33,487.00. Investments \$67,613.00 and \$142,758.00 Totaling \$504,263.00
- Previously the Town Residents were receiving UnionValeMail which was represented as the official town email system. This is no longer the case and these are not originating from Town Hall but an outside entity and should not be considered to be the opinions of the Town of Union Vale.

Board Member Reports

Councilman Durland – no report this month

Councilman Welsh – has been keeping up on correspondence and activities.

Councilman McGivney- busy with interviews with respective board vacancies, thank the snow removal crews of Parks and Highway. Reminds residents taxes are due February 29th and residents are invited to come Saturday 9-12.

Councilman Cartalemi- nothing to report this month.

Highway Report- Superintendent Kading stated they may have to adjust the 5-year road plan this month due to the rough winter. They have been salting and plowing. He has been working with town engineer on the pipe on West Clove Mountain Road near Wisseman Road, bottom of pipe is eroded, try to engineer a new pipe needs this due to class 5 stream and needs DEC approval, DC soil and water will assist with permitting and will do it for free. Looking to update drainage pipes on Blueberry Drive before resurfacing

Town Clerk Report Clerk Casey stated the Valentines for Veterans event was successful, and thanked resident Demar Osika for allowing us to use her stationary supplies as well as Erna, President of the UV Seniors Club. The cards were distributed to the VA Hospital Montross in Peekskill, NY.

Tax Collector Report

Tax Collector Sagliebene thanked the Board for allowing her to switch banks to M&T as it has made deposits much easier and faster. They also receive 10% interest payments with the account which as of now is \$35.30. With the account, a check scanner, checks all included free of cost. As of January 31st, 20% of payments were received and as of today, she has collected 41%. Check has been cut to the General Fund for \$300,000.00 and paid Highway Fund in full. Hopes to have the Union Vale Fire Districts funds ready by next week. After February 28th she will pay out the remainder of the General Fund Balance.

Recreation, submitted by Recreation Director Maggie Collins

Last month our Department hosted another successful Paint and Sip event. Family and friends enjoyed an evening of fun and creativity while following step by step with a talented art instructor. We thank everyone who attended the event and future Paint and Sip events will be posted on our social media pages and our Parks and Rec website as they are scheduled. Our Traditional and Kids camp Summer programs are full for all four sessions; parents and

guardians can call the park office to be added to our waitlist for each session. Our Teen Leadership Program has very few seats left in most sessions so we encourage parents and guardians to sign up their 14 and 15 years olds as soon as possible.

On Saturday March 30th we will be hosting our annual Egg Hunts for All at Tymor Park. We will be running two Traditional Egg Hunts for ages 6 and under and 7-10 years old, a Wheelchair Accessible Hunt, Visually Impaired Accessible Hunt, and Sensory Friendly Hunt. Registration is required for these egg hunts and more information will be posted on our social media pages as well as our website. Additionally, we plan to once again host volunteer hours to help us stuff the eggs. Those dates will also be posted on our social media and our website.

Parks Report January 2024 Submitted by Vincent Germano

- We have finished cutting up and disposing of the old pool filter tank and its filter sand, and have taken the opportunity to replace some of the chemical lines that are usually blocked by the tank.

We are waiting for the ground to be firmer to avoid as much damage as possible when we move the new filter tank and filter media to the building.

- We have been clearing much of the buildup of dead and unwanted plants and trees on Tymor Park Road, including by the main gate on Duncan road and along the creek and the hillside behind the tennis court. We have also started to clear along the pond by the boathouse.
- The roof developed two more leaks at the rear of the main park building and water leaks into rooms that we use for our youth programs including camp and the TGTT program. We have attempted to patch them temporarily and because they are so close to the edge of the roof we cannot put anything under them in the attic to catch the water so there has been damage to the ceiling that will have to be repaired once the leaks are fixed.
- I have been in contact with the installer for the playground at Godfrey Park and have been told that the last part they needed to finish the playground has arrived and they will be there to complete it as soon as their schedule and the weather allow. The park is open in the meantime because the playground is structurally complete.

Animal Control – no report

Library- Letter read by Councilman Welsh from the Board of Trustees which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk. In summary, the Library Board wanted to share their disapproval of Supervisors Frazier’s conversations with the Mid-Hudson Library System without their knowledge and prior to being sworn in as Supervisor and felt this impeded their progress with the restriction removal.

Supervisor Frazier stated he made it clear that the residents deserved to have unrestricted access although he did meet with MHLS it was unofficial and exploratory. He attended a Union Vale Library Committee meeting to negotiate and found they were not interested. He will continue to seek economical methods to fulfil that promise.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- Chuck Richwine, on the Green, spoke about the need for a community library in Union Vale but could not see a need for Mid-Hudson Library System.

Excavator Purchase for Highway Dept.

Superintendent Kading spoke about the quotes he received for the mini excavator, with varying prices. He recommends the Kubota from Sourcewell as it has enough of what he needs without the unnecessary “frills”. He offered to auction of a backhoe that is not needed to offset the cost of this machine. The current excavator will be given to the parks department and will fit their needs nicely.

Motion to Approve Excavator

Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the purchase of the Kubota excavator from Marshall Machine as recommended by Superintendent Kading with the contract price of \$82,773.95 seconded by Councilman Durland.

Motion to Surplus Backhoe

Councilman Durland made a motion to surplus the Highway Terex Backhoe seconded by Councilman Cartalemi and all were unanimously in favor.

Superintended Kading noted that there were items that were previously voted as surplus last year that did not meet his sale expectation at auction and he would like to include them with the Backhoe which the Board agreed would be a more profitable idea.

Electronic Entry

Supervisor Frazier noted he received a quote for \$4,600.00 so employees can use the rear entrance, the purpose was to issue temp codes and was inadvertently put only at the front door. The board felt this was not a priority and decided to revisit the idea at a later date.

Salt Shed Plans

Supervisor Frazier stated the stage of the planning is the get detailed plans assembled and put it out to bid. He supplied the Board with an estimate from the Town Engineer of \$16 - \$22k to complete that task if and when the Town receives the grant. The entire job was estimated around \$365,000 according to the Engineer. There is 50K in the engineering line of the budget which could cover some of that and the Town is also responsible for 25% of the end cost of the building even with the grant funds. The Supervisor would like to move forward so they are ready to move forward.

Resolution #19-2024 Salt Shed Replacement (See Resolutions)

File Cabinet for Building Dept.

It was brought to Supervisor Frazier's attention that the amount budgeted is half of what the actual cost is. This is absolutely needed as many plans are unprotected. Superintendent Kading may have excess fire proof cabinets for building plans that he is willing to donate if they meet the Building Department needs. He will follow up with George Kolb.

Motion to Table File Cabinet

Councilman Welsh, made the motion to table the cabinets as Superintendent Kading may have cabinets he is willing to donate. This was seconded by Councilman McGivney and all were unanimously in favor.

Roof Replacements

8 Tymor Park is in the worst condition Vanguard came to look at the condition and give their expertise and estimate. Discount of \$39,000 if they were awarded since they would not have to move the equipment. They are part of TIPS and this would alleviate the need to put this out to bid. There is \$500,000.00 in ARPA funds is trying to determine if this job meets their requirements. An amount of \$325,000.00 was earmarked for this job and is available in the fund balance. Town Hall is turning 30 years of age and has several leaks. The shop has visible daylight shining through. The concession Stand, the back portion of the which was an addition is also shingles and needs replacement, preferable metal for durability and to match the other roof on the building.

2 Tymor is also in need of repair possibly done last in late 1980's but is not currently leaking. The repair shop in the Highway Garage is well beyond lifespan and allegedly had a fire that may have been over 30 years ago.

The Board discussed although this is very expensive it is unfortunately necessary. The rules for spending the ARPA money also change. Current with interest is \$502,000. Councilman Durland is not opposed but would like to look at all the Capital projects. Councilman Cartalemi agreed it needs to be done and is in favor of going out to bid even though it may delay the projects. There may be other companies in TIPS in the area and they would like to check into that as well. Supervisor Frazier said he will gather the information for next meeting but mentions Vanguard also promises to have it done prior to summer camp.

Employee Handbook

Supervisor Frazier noted there are a few discrepancies and would like to rectify so the Town is compliant with their own rules. In essence there is no one that is "full time" based on the criteria in the handbook although accruing PTO which will also impact the prior approved parental leave. One option is to simply modify the Handbook or they could change the hours of Town Hall. Councilman Durland said if they are working those hours his input was to adjust the handbook, Supervisor Frazier agreed that would be his choice and the easiest solution. This

came to a head when crediting those for “sick time” what that hour increment should be. Supervisor Frazier said he would email a chart of hours worked to the Board.

Public Comment Town Issues

Chuck Richwine, thanked Ed for his possible file cabinet donation. He also urged the Board to consider going to an electronic building dept file system. He asks the Board if they have children, how often do they visit the library and he believes that answer should determine how much support we should give the Mid Hudson Library System.

Eileen Pucci, Hoofprint Road, said she knows schools as classes go to the Millbrook Library. She used to work at Beekman Library and the amount of people fluctuates depending on day and time. She also noted the Library pays for itself and people pay for the library and has witnessed the library being used and even with lines. She cautions the Board on anecdotal stories on library usage.

Leah Struzzieri, Wingdale Mtn Road, she has learned a lot during this meeting and thanks the Board for researching the library issues to make good choices for the residents. She does use the library however, not often. She does not understand why we need another library as there are many close by. She very much appreciates the Board looking into this matter.

Kevin Harrington, Chestnut Ridge Road, spoke about the roof damage and the severity, he would like to know how long the bidding process will take and how much it will impact future costs as these materials are rising in price and worries about inflation. He is in favor of doing the work sooner to save assets and money.

Approve Budget Adjustments, Transfers, Warrants, Pay Bills

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

Motion to Adjourn At 8:32 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

RESOLUTION # 19-2024: SALT SHED REPLACEMENT

Councilman Cartalemi introduced the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Welsh , as follows:

WHEREAS, The Union Vale Highway Dept. is located at 844 North N Clove Rd, Lagrangeville, NY 12540

WHEREAS, The Union Vale Highway Superintendent must maintain an inventory of rock salt ice melting agent for safe roads

WHEREAS, The rock salt inventory is stored in the Union Vale Highway Dept. salt shed

WHEREAS, The salt shed has reached the end of its life expectancy

WHEREAS, The Highway Superintendent, Town Engineer and Town Supervisor have determined that replacement of the salt shed is a better option than repair

WHEREAS, The next step in planning the replacement of the salt shed is to acquire a set of detailed construction plans

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale does hereby authorize Rennia Engineering Design, PLLC to draw detailed construction plans for the replacement salt shed in the design previously submitted in conceptual drawings for an amount not to exceed \$22,000 to be funded by Union Vale budget line 1440.4

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call,

which resulted as follows:

Councilman Cartalemi	Aye		
Councilman Durland	Aye	Ayes	5
Councilman McGivney	Aye	Noes	0
Councilman Welsh	Aye		
Supervisor Frazier	Aye		

DATED:
Union Vale, New York
February 21, 2024