

UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING JULY 2, 2025

249 DUNCAN ROAD, UNION VALE, NEW YORK

UNION VALE TOWN HALL 7:30 PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Steve Frazier

Town Council: Kevin Harrington, Kevin McGivney, John Welsh, Kevin Durland(absent)

Town Clerk: Andrea Casey

Supervisor Frazier called the meeting to Order to Order and Salute to the Flag at 7:40PM

Motion Approve Minutes: Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the June 4, 2025 meeting minutes and June 10th, 2025 special meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Harrington and all were unanimously in favor.

Supervisors Report

- Asked for an amendment to the agenda to add Park & Recreation reports as well as UVFD recruitment discussion, this was motioned by Councilman Welsh and seconded by Councilman Harrington.
- Last Friday we hosted Community Night, although it was competing with other events, we had good weather and it was enjoyed by everyone that attended.
- Salt shed update: they had a meeting with the contractor, everything set to go to break ground Monday, Superintendent Kading did some preliminary digging to locate utilities
- Grant for the salt shed is on its way more updates to come.
- Core testing was done at the west clove mtn bridge from hurricane damage, soil test to finalize design.
- Preparing for the 2026 budget season.

Board Member Reports

Councilman Durland- absent

Councilman McGivney- noted Community Night was a great event and enjoyed by all

Councilman Welsh- keeping tabs on the two construction projects, he saw materials were delivered for salt shed, glad to know these are moving forward.

Councilman Harrington – thanked all residents to vote on the republican primary and democratic caucus the following night, he appreciated everyone. He was approached on community night, he was asked why the town was “spending so much money” about bridge, salt shed, the library. The salt shed was in very poor condition. The bridge has needed to be repaired and now is the time, we received funding for this and this road is sometimes very critical. Library, town is being sued by the trustees, they refuse to put in the paperwork from the voters to abolish the library, bank records from FOIL, which will cost money for lawyer fees and this marks another expenditure

Town Clerk Report

Town Clerk Casey reported they are partnering with St. Vincent de Paul food pantry and will have a bin at town hall for members of the community to drop off non-perishable food. She also reminded residents that August 1 is the beginning of DEC hunting license sales and DOE tags.

Recreation Report, Submitted by Recreation Director Maggie Collins-Field

Last Friday we hosted the annual Community Night event at Town Hall. We enjoyed kicking off the Summer season with the Town’s residents, family, and friends. Thank you to all the Town Departments, charity organizations for donating raffle prizes, and to the Town Board for reaching out for donations from local businesses. Another large thank you to all the staff, Town Board, and volunteers for helping with set and break down, as well as everyone who tabled at the event, the firehouse and highway for bringing in their trucks and ambulance, the food vendors, the constables for helping with traffic and parking, and Legion Fireworks for another awesome fireworks show. Our team looks forward to hosting this event again next Summer.

Camp is officially in full swing. Our team has enjoyed welcoming new and old friends to Tymor Park for another fun Summer at the park. Reminder that Camp will be off on Friday for the fourth of July and we will resume on Monday. Next week campers will enjoy an animal show brought to us by our friend Brian Robinson from Robinson’s Wildlife.

The pool is officially open during the week with open swim on Monday-Thursday 12pm-5pm and 12pm-6pm on Fridays. We will have lap lane swim hour Monday-Thursday from 5pm-6pm. The pool will be open Friday for the holiday from 11am-6pm. More information on the pool hours can be found on the Parks and Recreation website and social media pages.

Parks Report submitted by Park Manager, Vincent Germano

- We have been able to catch up on mowing with the warm and mostly dry weather. There are a few fallen limbs on the trails from yesterday's storm that we will be taking care of.
- There was a small problem with the pump for the kiddie pool. we were able to get it rebuilt and installed before the pool opened full time. Other than that, the pools have been running well.
- We have been using the new dump truck and getting the old one cleaned up and ready to sell.
- The men's room near the tennis court is currently out of order. It broke today at 4pm but it should be ready for use in a day or two.

Animal Control Report May, 2025 submitted by ACO, Mary Jean Calvi

During the month of May, there was 1 dog bite and 1 dog complaint. There was also one wildlife call referred to DEC.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Discuss Amendment to Employee Handbook

Supervisor Frazier noted it was brought to his attention that the Town does not have a clause requiring a Doctor's note after an extended period of sick days. We do have a clause stating we may require one at any time. A lot of employers have a policy that if you are out sick 3 or more consecutive days a doctor's note was required to return to work. The board felt this was necessary as it protects the towns liability as well as the safety of the employee that they are fit to return to work.

Holidays are set forth in the reorganizational meeting for the year. When a holiday falls on a Friday, when Town Hall is closed, instead of closing another day, this would apply to each department. Supervisor Frazier thought the simplest solution is when the holiday falls on a scheduled day off, pay them for the holiday as per the reorganizational meeting but have the employees work their regular work week, which will not affect overtime, as it is non-worked hours that move them over 40 hours. Everyone agreed this is a fair solution and is not a common occurrence. The Supervisor will draft something for formal approval for a future meeting.

Pool Cover

After many repairs the cover has surpassed its usable life after 15 years. Because it is a custom cover, 3 quotes are needed, which the park manager is working on obtaining and they will revisit this at a future meeting.

Recruitment at Recycling Center for UVFD

UVFD would like to set up a table at the recycling center to recruit from time to time, which the manager also agrees would be a great idea. The board agreed this would be a great way to approach residents to help gain volunteers.

Revisit Highway Garage Maintenance

Supervisor Frazier noted the highway stone building needs repair, the roof, the second story windows, and first story were approved but never done. This building was built during FDR and needs updating. They also will need another solution for air-conditioning as the window unit is inefficient.

Salt Shed Grant Disbursement Agreement Motion to Sign

Supervisor Frazier noted he received correspondence at the end of day. There is a form called the 'Grant Disbursement Agreement', the attorney advised there be a motion for the Supervisor to sign the paperwork. Councilman Harrington made a motion for the Supervisor to be the signatory for the agreement and the town attorney as the opinion of counsel which was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor. They also thanked Assemblyman AJ Beephan for helping the Town secure the grant money.

Public Comment on Town Issues- none

Next meeting July 16th at 7:30pm

Approve Budget Adjustments, Transfers, Warrants, Pay Bills

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

Next Meeting July 16, 2025 at 7:30pm

Motion to Adjourn At 7:51PM Councilman Welsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilman Harrington and all were unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Casey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrea Casey, Town Clerk