

**UNION VALE TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING RD10 ZONE CHANGE LL1 OF
2025: JULY 16, 2025
249 DUNCAN ROAD, UNION VALE, NEW YORK
UNION VALE TOWN HALL 7:30 PM
PRESENT: Supervisor Steve Frazier
Town Council: Kevin Harrington, Kevin Durland, Kevin McGivney, John Welsh
Town Clerk: Andrea Casey
Highway Superintendent: Ed Kading (Absent)
Town Attorney: Jim Nelson, Hannah L. Atkinson**

Supervisor Frazier motioned to enter an attorney client meeting motioned by Councilman Harrington seconded by Councilman Welsh. Upon returning from the attorney client meeting, Supervisor Frazier opened the floor to public comment for the RD10 public hearing

Joe Fuscaldo, property developer, he was shocked about allegations about his personal character and integrity. He came to find a rural farm to build a private wedding venue. He is a local from Pleasant Valley and did not come to disrupt anything in Union Vale. He said he has been to multiple weddings and none have ended in police or ambulance calls. He asks for some form of resolution and hope to create something special. He noted there will be no adverse environmental impact, no sound impact and minimal exposure and maximum safety. He hopes the town board will not be steamrolled for a minority rather than the bigger picture.

Michael Cote, Darren Road, spoke about the lack of consideration of the current owners and noted they inherited this parcel and need to sell it and are having a difficult time because of the way it is zoned. He worries about the towns exposure for preventing this from going through. He noted these venues are coming to Dutchess County and spoke about the long-term benefits such as lowering the residential tax base and asks the Town to not get caught up in the short term

Amy Hardisty, Liberty Way, she is a lifelong Dutchess County resident a spoke about her background and her love for the town from her childhood and how she worked hard to build a home here in a private, quiet setting. She highlighted all the items such that present an issue and the lack of support from the community other than those directly affected by the sale. She hopes the Town Board will consider the voices of the residents.

Paul Canevari, Bruzgul Road, spoke about the love of the area and the worry of the increased traffic and issues already with the road, he cited examples of this and wholeheartedly expressed that he is against this change.

Motion to Close Public Hearing

Councilman Harrington made a motion to close public hearing 7:50pm seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

Attorney Nelson advised the board could continue this at a later date even though the hearing is closed which can be done during the regular business meeting.

Supervisor Frazier explained that this has become a very complicated matter and wants to give it the attention it deserves and do it properly rather than quickly and is unable to give a date due to this reasoning.

Respectfully Submitted,



Andrea Casey, Town Clerk

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Town Attorney: Ian Lindars (Absent)

Supervisor Frazier called the meeting to Order to Order and Salute to the Flag after the conclusion of the RD10 Public Hearing.

Motion Approve Minutes: Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the June 18, 2025 meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Harrington and all were unanimously in favor.

Supervisors Report

- Discussion on alarm system at Town Hall, Councilman Welsh motioned to add this to the agenda seconded by Councilman Durland.
- General Checking: \$1,112,892.00 MSC Receipts: \$74,630.00, General MM: \$211,030.00 General NYCLASS: \$ 2,705,637.00, General NYCLASS-Reserve: \$5,097.00 General NY CLASS- ARPA \$855.00 **General Fund Total \$ 4,110,141.00**
- Highway Checking: \$584,591.00, Highway MM: \$32,872.00, Highway NYCLASS: \$72,596.00, Highway, Highway W. Clove Mtn Bridge \$601,166.00, NYCLASS- Equip. Reserve \$178,562.00, **Highway Fund Total: \$1,469,788.00 Grand Total: \$5,579,928.00**
- June 2025 is favorable by \$516,000.00 vs the budget due to higher revenues and timing of expenses. June YTD revenue is up \$46,000.00 and YTD expenses are also favorable vs the budget.
- Work on salt shed has begun, the footings are dug and formed and this should happen in the next 2 weeks, steel work is to be done.
- New website is getting close to launching complete with the real union vale mail, we encourage pre-subscription.

Board Member Reports

Councilman Welsh- those need roofs in Highway Garage, pavilions at the park and the rental house. Was pleased most of the park buildings were done last year.

Councilman Harrington – request for speed study on Camby Road, not sure how much the town can do, he does encourage a speed study especially heading east to west especially with the elevation drop. He has also been paying attention to roof repairs in the Town.

Councilman Durland- agrees with the sentiments of the other board members, he asked about the Camby Road area and will speak about it later on the agenda.

Councilman McGivney- has working on the hometown heroes' banners and working through the logistics in implementing this in the Town.

Town Clerk Report

Town Clerk Casey reminded residents that August 1 is the beginning of DEC hunting license sales and DOE tags. Balloon fest tickets are available. She also advised that St. Vincent de Paul food pantry has a drop box for non-perishable food at town hall.

Highway Report

Superintendent Kading sent a report: The salt shed got off to a great start with the demo and clean up being completed in three days. Excavation for footing is done and forms are in the ground waiting for concrete. All our oil and chip projects are complete and resurfacing of our roads is also done. We will be finishing changing the last two steel culvert pipes on West Clove Mt. next week in preparation for resurfacing it next year. The crew have been mowing road sides cleaning down trees and branches fixing road signs and clearing plugged culvert pipes. As always, all the crew has been busy.

Councilman Welsh noted Mr. Kading's impressive with the work done to the new plow truck he got a great deal on as well as other equipment.

Tax Collector Report

Ms. Saglibene informed the Board the County has been paid in full as well as the interest money totaling \$958.09. She will meet with the Assessor's office to reviewed any mail that has been retuned to help save postage money. She urges residents to reach out to the Town Clerk for any questions after the close of the season. She noted the Saturday hours from January – March 31 were success and will continue again next year. She attended the tax collector meeting and was told the school taxes will be mailed around Labor Day and reminded everyone that these were paid directly to the district. She also the pay scale/ salary should be corrected going forward for future tax collectors and noted the camp personnel is making more than someone handling that kind of responsibility for the town.

Animal Control Report – no report**Public Comment on Agenda Items- none****Camby Road Speed Study**

One resident asked for this and the Supervisor asked for more resident feedback in order to request this to Dutchess County and then ultimately, to the State. He urges more residents to write a memo to facilitate this study in order to make this case stronger with positive results. Councilman Welsh stated there was a similar situation in 2018 for Camby Road and did not receive much input. Councilman Harrington wondered what the decrease will be if a need is found. Councilman Durland inquired about the amount of accidents

Alarm System at Town Hall

Supervisor Frazier explained, commercial buildings are required to have annual alarm inspections. There were many deficiencies, when the system was updated they used the old sensors and these are triggering the deficiencies and as these are not their equipment they are not covered under warranty. The Town will have to pay to test so therefore it would be cheaper to just have them replaced so they are working and then covered. He will obtain quotes to have this job completed. The new system will also have battery monitoring included as well. The board agreed this was the most sensible and cost-effective solution.

Motion for Replacement of Sensors

Councilman Harrington made a motion to obtain a quote for a full replacement of all sensors to make the entire system up to date and wireless which was seconded by Councilman McGivney and all were unanimously in favor.

Discuss Employee Handbook Amendment Regarding Holidays

Supervisor Frazier explained how some departments are closed regularly Fridays and the Federal Standards are the “in lieu” of day which would create a 3-day work week which is an inconvenience to the residents. He feels just paying the additionally holiday without closing would be the easiest solution. This occurs 4x during the year and would be paid regular time not overtime as it is non-worked hours. If the Board is happy he will draft a resolution which they all felt this was a fair alternative. They will add the stipulation about the 4-day work week being disturbed in the resolution.

Supervisor Frazier also found the verbiage about requiring a doctor note to return to work in another section so they will revise the handbook to reference this section.

Motion to Amend Employee Handbook

Councilman Durland made a motion to direct the town attorney to write a resolution to amend employee handbook as drafted which was seconded by Councilman Harrington and all were unanimously in favor.

Review Maintenance needs of Highway Building

Supervisor Frazier agreed with Councilman Welsh on the roof and windows of the garage and this has been talked about and approved but never done. Also servicing the standby generators as they are dated and unreliable and this should also be replaced. The switching system is not in good shape and the electrical panel box also needs to be updated. He spoke with the Town Engineer and this may go out to bid due to price point, he advised to check into TIPS. This will be reviewed again at a later date.

Supervisor Frazier received the audit report which was very positive and the Town Attorney felt the balances were too high as per NYS audit comparison. He also spoke about the dam, haven't heard back from engineers, he did learn it was a 95% chance of not being salvaged. They may be able to lower the height of the dam and lower the risk which would still allow the lake to exist, more on this later.

Public Comment on Town Issues – none

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 August 6, 2025 at 7:30pm

Motion to Adjourn At 8:35PM 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