

UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING MAY 7, 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

Town Attorney: Ian Lindars

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 March 19, 2025 and April 2, 2025 meeting minutes which was seconded by Councilman Harrington and all were unanimously in favor.

Supervisors Report

- Asked for an amendment to add cell tower modification – Councilman Harrington made the motion to add it to the agenda, seconded by Councilman Welsh all in favor.
- General Checking: \$1,427,383.00 MSC Receipts: \$137,778.00, General MM: \$122,010.00 General NYCLASS: \$2,686,976.00, General NYCLASS-Reserve: \$5,061.00 General NY CLASS- ARPA \$849,000.00 **General Fund Total \$4,380,057.00**
- Highway Checking: \$723,227.00, Highway MM: \$29,987.00, Highway NYCLASS: \$72,096.00, Highway, Highway W. Clove Mtn Bridge \$597,020.00, NYCLASS- Reserve \$177,331.00, **Highway Fund Total: \$1,599,661.00 Grand Total: \$5,979,718.00**
- Annual financial report has been filed with the State and in good form
- Applied for .gov and the website company is working with new website company

Board Member Reports

Councilman Welsh- reviewing highway 284, and Renna request for environmental studies for bridge replacement, he has been looking all roads in town, he noted Ed Kading and Highway crew are doing a very impressive job especially after the winter, compared to State Route 82 which is falling apart past Verbank from fire house to Stanfordville, hopes they can lean on the State to correct this stretch of Road.

Councilman Harrington – he reviewed the area in park that needs pavement, large depression that gets puddles, needs to be addressed

Councilman Durland, reviewing upcoming resolutions and fielding calls for RD10 zone.

Councilman McGivney- Easter Egg Hunt was a great event, thanks Maggie and crew, thanks to the bunny for showing up.

Town Clerk Report

Town Clerk Casey announced shredding day is June 4th, please let her office know if you would like to be on the arrival list. The chamber has offered balloon fest tickets for discounted prices for sale at Town Hall for Union Vale residents only.

Recreation Report, submitted by Maggie Collins, Recreation Director

Our Egg Hunt event at the end of last month was a great success; thank you again to all the help for volunteers, staff, and all our families and friends who helped make this annual event possible. We look forward to hosting this again next year. Our team would like to thank the Dutchess County Chamber of Commerce and their Youth Leadership team for coming out to the park this past Saturday; they worked hard throughout the day repainting our pavilions picnic tables and they look amazing for the upcoming season. Our team appreciates all the help and thank you again to Frank Castella for getting them in contact with us. On Friday May 30th we will once again host our annual Arlington Jazz Ensemble Music in the Park event. Details on the timing of the event will be posted on our social media pages and website within the coming days. We appreciate the coordination of this event through the Arlington Band Directors Richard Guillen and Evan Rzodkiewicz and the students and families who help to make this evening of jazz a fun night for our park. The pool is scheduled to open for weekends starting Saturday May 31st. It will open up during the week starting June 30th. Information on hours as well as pricing for memberships and daily pool passes can be found on our Parks and Recreation website.

Friendly reminder to all parents/guardians that any missing medical paperwork for registered campers is due to our Parks Office by June 13th. Please visit our website for information on what paperwork is required and the proper channels to send it into the Park Office.

Park Report, submitted by Park Manager, Vincent Germano

- We are continuing to mow and trim the various places around town we maintain. Some areas are too wet to mow due to the rain so please be careful.
- The pool cover has been taken off. We have started doing some maintenance on the pool house, cleaning the pool and checking the mechanical systems to prepare for its opening on May 31st. We will have to look into sending it out to be measured to get prices for a replacement cover, as this one is past its life expectancy and in poor condition.
- We are working on cleaning up the baseball field at Godfrey Park. The bathrooms there are not open quite yet.
- On the first of the month we had our second and final delivery of trout to stock the creek for fishing this season.

Senior Center Report, given by Vice President, Leah Struzzi

The Kentucky Derby Party was a big success and Mother's Day Tea will be this Friday.

Union Vale Fire Department, President Kathy Welsh

Reminder Union Vale is 100% volunteer fire dept. There are 2 fire houses, one in Verbank one in Clove, always looking for new members for different jobs. Members consist of many different career backgrounds. Burn Ban is still in effect no outdoor burning, check DEC for burning dates. Memorial Day Commemoration is open to everyone on Monday at 9:00am Aluminum beverage tabs are being collected for the Ronald McDonald House, town hall is a collection site as well as the firehouses- to date 81lbs of tabs in the last 6 months. Collection will continue for the remainder of the year. Check Facebook under Union Vale Fire Department.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Resolutions (see attached)

Resolution 2025-36 award Constable vehicle equipment fitment

Resolution 2025-37 accept West Clove Mtn bridge replacement engineering proposal

NO. 38 OF 2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES PURSUANT TO HIGHWAY LAW § 284

Vacation Policy Resolution 2025-39 (next meeting)

Discussion- Councilman Welsh, believes it is fair and sees no additional changes needed, Councilman Durland felt this was adequate as well and feels comfortable with it. The Supervisor will have a resolution will be drafted for next meeting

NO. 40 OF 2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HOME RULE REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF UNION VALE TO ALIENATE AND DISCONTINUE USE OF CERTAIN PARKLANDS

Discussion:

Home Rule Assembly asked that the timeline should be changed from 5 years to 30 years and the resolution to be passed again so the home rule can be resubmitted to both houses, the only changes are the bill number and the timeline.

Attorney Lindars noted the way the bill was worded was confusing and the 40 year went to 30 as an addition of 4x for 10 years.

Public Comment on Town Issues

Jean Moore, Darren Road, wanted to apologize for an incorrect number during last presentation, she is largely disappointed the library trustees are suing the town for a library the majority of the town residents are against and using tax payer money for both sides is very upsetting to her.

She noted 2 of 200 rather than 2 out of 188, as a percentage they are largely the same 1.06% therefore by rounding, only 1% of respondents thought the Town should have a library.

Sharon Sclocum, On the Green, went to the library on May 2nd although she was initially ambivalent and she personally has not felt deprived from Millbrook Library, she attended a talk

on National Parks, it was excellent, informative and great for all age groups. Her mind has changed after viewing it and she will be bringing 4 other people from the community and appreciates the community coming together and hopefully leading to more town involvement.

Leah Stuzzi, Wingdale Mtn Road, as of late the library hours are to change from Wednesday She spoke of the grant she is applying for and noted the new proposed hours are a conflict with the newly posted hours of the senior club 10:30-2:30 day she hopes the Town Board can look into this and come up with a resolution.

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 is May 21, 2025, public hearing for RD10 7:00PM

Motion to Adjourn At 8:11PM 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