

UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING JANUARY 15, 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 the December 14, 2024 meeting minutes which was seconded by Councilman McGivney and all were unanimously in favor. The December 18th meeting minutes were tabled.

Supervisors Report

- Thanked Assembly Beephan for a \$50,000 grant for assistance with the salt shed and plans are nearing completion to begin construction in the spring.
- Wants to discuss MS4, update recycling center rates, Councilman McGivney motioned to add this to the agenda which was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were in favor.

Overall December YTD Net Income is favorable \$449k vs. Budget, due to higher revenue (+\$1,113k), partially offset by higher expenses (\$664k).

December YTD Revenue is up \$1,113k vs. budget mostly due to:

- FEMA Fed & State Aid & CHIPS (+\$636K) – culverts & drainage, W Clove Mtn Rd.
- Higher Sales Tax (+\$152k)
- Refund of Prior Year Expenditure (\$101k)
- Interest earnings (+\$69k)
- Sale of Equipment & Excess Scrap Metal (+\$42k)
- Higher Building permits & court fines/forfeited bail (+\$35k)
- Summer Camp, Facility Rentals, Equestrian & Pool (+\$15k)
- Property Rental (+\$14k)
- Franchises (+\$11k)
- Misc. Other – across multiple categories (mortgage tax, etc.) (+\$38k)

Overall December YTD Expenses are \$664k unfavorable vs. budget, mainly due to the roof expense and Blueberry Dr. work that we received partial reimbursement for (CHIPS).

NOTE: This is a preliminary P&L. We are still awaiting some December invoices, that will need to be paid once we receive them next week.

- Finance Report: General Checking: \$571,435.00 MSC Receipts: \$15,948.00, General MM: \$7,059.00 General NYCLASS: \$2,650,066.00, General NYCLASS-ARP: \$ 837.00
Total \$3,245,345.00
- Highway Checking: \$154,302.00, Highway MM: \$207.00, Highway NYCLASS: \$71,105.00, Highway New Acct for W. Clove Mtn Bridge: \$588,819.00, NYCLASS-Reserve \$150,131.00, total \$964,565.00

Grand Total: \$4,209,910.00

Board Member Reports

Councilman Harrington – nothing to report

Councilman Welsh- reviewing financial information by email and updating himself on zoning regulation on RD10 and zoning requirements

Councilman McGivney- attended pancake breakfast for EMS volunteer, great turnout. The breakfast will be scheduled on a quarterly basis

Councilman Durland- reviewing RD10 zoning due to upcoming public hearing.

Town Clerk Report

Clerk Casey reported they have been selling the 2025 recycling permits and they will be setting a date soon for the annual “Valentines for Vets” card making event.

Town Highway Report

- Looking to address drainage issue on Jennifer Hill
- Second country truck is in service from used sander body and traded scrap steel

- Please report any potholes on town roads
- Hoping to have salt shed empty for upcoming repair work

Tax Collector Report

Distributed warrant to town board this year for 2025 collection is \$3,509,233.45 which is \$11,093.02 more than last year. She further reported the collection totals for each fund. Tax bills were mailed and either she or her deputy will be on site Monday- Thursday & Saturday 9-12. She also advised credit card and e-checks take up to 72 hours for deposit, please be patient.

Recreation Report, Submitted by Recreation Director Maggie Collins-Field

Over Winter Break Students K-5th enjoyed their time off from school for the Holidays at our TGTT Full Day program. We did not let the cold stop us from having fun and enjoyed themed crafts and indoor games. We have our Winter schedule on our social media pages and the Parks and Recreation website as well as further information on the program and registration. We are already gearing up for our Summer Camp programs and registration will be open sooner than you think. This year our four 2-week sessions will run from June 30th to August 22nd. Registration will be open for residents of the Town of Union Vale starting on January 27th, and registration for non-residents will open on February 10th. Registration will open at 12am on those dates. We will once again offer our Kids Camp program for 4 and 5-year-olds, our Traditional Camp for 6-13-year old's, and our Teen Leadership Camp for 14- and 15-year old's. We will also have our Pre and Post Care with limited seating. Pre-care allows parents to drop their children off at the Tymor Park facilities before regular camp time between 7am-8:45am and Post Care allows for pick up after normal camp hours between 4pm-6pm. Please be advised that if you require this you must sign up for each session your child is attending. For further information on our Summer Camp programs please visit our Social Media pages, our Parks and Recreation website, or call/email our team at the Parks Office.

Recreation Director Collins-Field also brought forth an issue regarding the budget and paying the summer staff and the minimum wage requirements of a .50 cent increase which was included in the initial draft of the budget but not included in the adopted budget resulting in pay rates below minimum wage. The park secretary who has always received a customary 3% increase and this was not included as well. She asks for assistance in correcting this issue.

Parks Report submitted by Park Manager, Vincent Germano

- We are taking down Christmas decorations, but with the cold weather a lot of them are stuck in the ground and will need to wait until we get a few warm days in a row to thaw them out.
- The Recreation Director has asked for some changes to the TGTT area, we swapped some doors around, took down most of a dividing wall, and are currently changing the carpet out in a section.
- We have finished most of the seasonal maintenance on our vehicles and equipment and have been doing trail work and brush hogging when conditions allow.
- The hot water heater at the highway department was leaking, we installed a new one and swapped out a faulty breaker and outlet.

Animal Control Report December 2024, submitted by ACO Mary Jean Calvi

During the month of December, there was one found dog and two abandoned goats.

Public Comments on Agenda Items -None

Balloon Festival Contract

An error was discovered resulting in \$1,500.00 error in the towns favor, this change was approved by The Chamber Foundation. Hopeful they are offering discounted tickets for residents.

Motion to Approve 2025 Balloon Festival Rental Contract

Councilman Harrington made a motion to approve the contract and have the Supervisor sign all necessary paperwork, this was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

Supervisor Frazier made a motion to Table budget amendments due to the need for legal counsel and this will address needs of the recreation department which was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

Recycling Center Price Changes

Supervisor Frazier noticed the fee for mattress needs to be updated. Royal Carting is charging just under \$30, would like to update the fee as to not lose money. He also noted there was an 8% increase in hauling fee is also.

Motion to Increase Fee for Recycling Center

Councilman Harrington made a motion to raise the fee for mattress to \$35 which was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

MS4

Supervisor Frazier in speaking with the MS4 coordinator, George Kolb, a requirement to monitor storm drains in the town, up until 10 years ago Union Vale was exempt due to low population however, due to neighboring density we were required to be included by the State. This is an expense due to high costs of filing, they have submitted another request to be exempt again. Asks the board to work with the town attorney to relieve the town of this requirement Councilman Welsh noted their own rule is towns with 5,000 residents and the towns current population has never exceeded that number.

Motion for Legal Counsel on MS4 Exemption

Councilman Welsh made a motion to allow the Town Supervisor to work with the Town Attorney to submit documentation to remove the towns requirement to be included in the MS4 requirement.

Public Comment on Town Issues

Jean Moore- Darren Road, thanked Ed Kading and the Highway crew for their quick response time. Residents are upset about the library money being included in the budget and she presented a chart with comparison for updated costs of the library. A copy of this chart is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk

Approve Budget Adjustments, Transfers, Warrants, Pay Bills

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

Next Meeting February 5, 2025 at 7:00pm with RD10 public hearing

Motion to Adjourn At 8:01 PM Supervisor Frazier 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