

UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING/ BUDGET HEARING NOVEMBER 6, 2024
249 DUNCAN ROAD, UNION VALE, NEW YORK
UNION VALE TOWN HALL 7:00 PM
PRESENT: Supervisor Steve Frazier
Town Council: Pat Cartalemi, Kevin Durland, Kevin McGivney, (Absent) John Welsh
Town Clerk: Andrea Casey
Town Attorney: Attorney Jeff Battistoni

Budget Public Hearing 2025, Supervisor Frazier opened the public hearing for comment on the 2025 Union Vale Town Budget. There were no comments from the public.

Supervisor Frazier held the hearing open until at 7:30pm and as there were no comments from the public he motioned to close the hearing which was seconded by Councilman Cartalemi and all were unanimously in favor.

Supervisor Frazier motioned to re-opened the public hearing for the continuation of the RD10 zoning change, seconded by Councilman Cartalemi.

Supervisor Frazier explained they were anticipating some more information from the county and the town planning board and that did not arrive until this morning which was not adequate time to put together resolution and address the comments. They will postpone or reopen this meeting for the public hearing on November 20th.

Councilman Welsh motioned to postpone the continuation of the RD10 public hearing until November 20th which was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

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 October 2, 2024 Meeting minutes which was seconded by Councilman Cartalemi and all were unanimously in favor.

Supervisors Report

- The Equestrian Center is holding a year end celebration and awards brunch at the Links on North Parlman Rd., November 17th from 11:00 a.m. to 2: p.m. There is a limited number of tickets available reservations are required and tickets can be reserved online at through the town website and Facebook. They are accepting donations as prizes for raffle.

Board Member Reports

Councilman Welsh – reviewing the 2025 budget and a pancake breakfast for a member who had major surgery on Sunday, November 10th from 7am to 11:00am

Councilman Cartalemi- working on the 2025 budget

Councilman Durland – reviewing the 2025 budget attended the joint meeting for the library

Councilman McGivney- reviewing the 2025 budget

Town Clerk Report

This past Saturday, Mike and Heather Siless who are Town residents hosted a snowmobile safety class here and which very well attended with representation from the New York State Park police. Mike and Heather would like to come to a meeting as it was a really huge benefit to the kids who want to ride snow mobiles in the area look forward to hosting another next year

Recreation, submitted by Recreation Director Maggie Collins

Students K-5th have enjoyed the park on their days off from school last month with fall themed crafts and games, and as much time outside as possible on our playground and hiking trails. Remaining Fall dates as well as dates during the local school district's Winter Break are open for registration on our Parks and Recreation website.

Our Parks and Rec team has begun planning the annual Grand Illumination and we are excited to have residents and their family and friends back again for this cozy winter event! This will take place on Saturday December 7th from 4:30pm-6pm. More information will be posted on our social media pages and website within the coming weeks.

Parks Report November 6, 2024 Submitted by Vincent Germano

- The section we cleared between the creek and the disc golf course has been seeded and should grow in nicely by next year.
- We have been clearing the corner of the wood line at the #2 rental house, it had become overgrown and had a few precarious trees that were in danger of falling.
- We continue to try and keep up with the leaves on the trails and around the park.
- Preparations are being made to start putting up lights for the grand illumination this year. We will be renting a lift to redo the lights along the main park building's roofline that had to be taken down during the roofing project and replacing some lights in other areas that are old and not working.
- Seasonal Bathrooms will be closing this week, sorry for the inconvenience. As usual, there will be a portable toilet in front of our maintenance shop in the parking lot during the cold seasons until we open up the bathrooms again next spring.

Library Report

Submitted by Amy Watkins, Library President:

I would like to report that several trustees and our Library Manager had a very positive meeting with the Seniors as well as a public forum in support of the library. We are aware of the survey question and look forward to scheduling a time to discuss our next steps with all parties involved soon.

Comments on Agenda Items- None

Supervisor Frazier motioned to table the RD10 code change discussion until the November 20, 2024 meeting which was seconded by Councilman Cartalemi and all were in favor.

Supervisor Frazier noted he emailed the Board quotes for constable vehicles. He sent out a request to about 20 of the qualified dealers that are listed on OGS and received four quotes, three of them for in stock vehicles for 2024 in stock vehicles and one for an ordered 2025 vehicle which um interestingly is the lowest quote 2025 F3 or F-150 pickup four-door cab and short bed This was compiled by conversations with constable in charge and code enforcement officer. The building department brought in \$24,000 in excess revenue as well as funds in the contingency fund therefore they could make this purchase in 2024 as to not impact the 2024 budget. They all agreed the 2025 model would be best and possibly transferring the light bar setup. The Supervisor will prepare the items for next meeting quoted for \$43,346.00.

2025 Budget Discussion

Supervisor Frazier noted the figures for the insurance, specifically workers comp, are actual now and included, as prior were estimated and overbudgeted by estimated \$34,000.

Councilman Cartalemi noted his biggest concern is expenditures and \$113,000.00 is salaries and is worried this will be an issue in years ahead. He feels interest income may be a shortfall and is concerned for revenue. Building Fees 101% increase, sales tax, franchise fees, summer camp etc. all up and is overall concerned that these should be more conservative.

Supervisor Frazier noted these are only slightly higher than actual year to date revenues that have come in for 2024. Sales tax is at \$252,000 to date and there is still one quarter to collect.

There was discussion about increases for elected officials and how to go about that perhaps spread it out over years.

Motion to Send Excel Spreadsheet

Councilman Cartalemi made a motion to send the excel spreadsheet to the Town Board which was seconded by Councilman Welsh

Roll Call: Councilman Cartalemi- Aye
Councilman Welsh- Aye
Supervisor Frazier- Nay
Councilman McGivney- Absent
Councilman Durland- Aye

Attorney Battistoni stated that this must be adopted by November 20, 2024 if no action is taken the preliminary budget becomes the 2025 budget.

Public Comment:

Jean Moore, Darren Road, spoke about the library proposition and the vote of 2/3 towards the town not having a library. She noted it represented a binding abolition proposal as set forth by law. She asks that the library be dissolved as stated by the vote on November 5th general election.

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 8:10 PM Councilman Welsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilman Cartalemi and all were unanimously in favor.

Next meeting is November 20th at 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Andrea Casey