

UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING MAY 20, 2021

VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE 7:30 PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Maas

Town Council: Kevin Durland, Kevin McGivney, Steven Frazier, John Welsh

Town Clerk: Andrea Casey

Highway Superintendent: Ed Kading

Town Attorney: Jeff Battistoni - Absent

Call to Order and Salute to the Flag at 7:30PM

Supervisor Maas noted the June 17th work session will be noticed due to a vote that evening. She also pointed out the April 15th minutes had an attachment that needed to be added and will be voted upon at the next meeting.

Supervisor Maas read the Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation for the week of May 2 – May 8th.

Supervisors Report

- Attended a seminar about the American Rescue Plan Act. List said town gets \$510,000, Dutchess County: \$57 million – It is not clear what we can use this money for according to list, some criteria may be water/sewer and broadband but it may change. An account has been set up so the money is not comingled.
- Thank the Union Vale Fire Dept. for the ‘Orange Bag’ clean up campaign along with the UV Highway Dept., Steven Styles, Dennis Spinney and Clove Valley Bible Fellowship, Sue Kilcrease, Nany Redkey, Jeff Clum and his daughter.
- Town Board members have received the list of warrants/abstracts; cash receipts, escrow reports, Building Dept. report, performance vs budget report and lists of all deposits made in both the General Fund and Highway Fund.
- Department of Labor returned \$15,927.49 for what was paid in unemployment claims and \$7,000 in shared services.
- At 110% of revenue budget for the month of April and at 65% of expenditures
- Cash Flow for the year is 101% and expenditures is 77%
- General Fund Balance \$3828,970.00
- Highway Fund Balance \$1,117,734.00
- Bonavenia applicant to remove a stipulation in the town code for the Town Center District, a planner and lawyer will work the Board to analyze – applicant would pay for update in the Town code between \$1200-\$1500
- The Annual Update Document (AUD) was submitted before the deadline
- Tax penalties from property tax was over \$13,000
- Solar development will energize next week as a test then shut down until all items are complete – She asked Board members to visit
- Two complaints about the appearance of the solar panels on the landfill side. Experts say it needs to follow the curvature of the land due to being above the landfill cap. DEC has inspected on a regular basis and said it is where it should be. She apologizes but points out it is a good thing and a revenue maker for the Town.

Board Member Reports

Councilman McGivney said that he was impressed at the outpouring from our community during the Earth Day Clean up.

Councilman Welsh has been working on the annexation project and how everything was disputed on Beekman’s response was incorrect. He has been giving information to the Town Attorney to help give a proper account to be reviewed by the courts. He has also been speaking with the Constables about the security issues that will be discussed later.

Councilman Durland had nothing to report at this time

Councilman Frazier said he appreciates the work the Fire Department did in helping with the clean up event and noticed the improvement on the roadways in town.

Highway Report

Superintendent Kading reported that the blacktop overlay for 2021 has been completed. Camby,

Mallory and Verbank Club are now done end-end. Robinwood and Shaughnessy have also been done as well. The past few months equipment maintenance is being done and is always ongoing. Starting Monday oil and chip sealing will happen on Flint Road from the town line to Camby Road. Bloomer Road end to end, Oswego from the town line to the four corners and Jordan Court end to end. This will preserve the paving investments from last year. He is aware the roads up near Blueberry are in rough shape, they will be patching, but are waiting for the heavy construction of the subdivision to end before the road will be resurfaced. The Highway Garage is no longer accepting brush as some people have brought in full trees and stumps regardless of the sign (no larger than 3 inches in diameter). The Highway Crew is down one man as he is out on medical leave for most of the summer. They have started mowing road sides, street sweeping and are changing the last of the old steel culverts on Tompkins Road in preparation for paving in 2022. They are still repairing potholes and Mr. Kading told the residents to call if there was anything that needed attention.

Supervisor Maas explained there is a voucher submitted for all the work Mr. Kading described in the amount of \$512,708.00. The Highway-284 that was signed, totals up to \$565,939.00 which was slightly over what was originally budgeted for the project. Oil and Chip was budgeted at \$63,706.00 according to the 284. The two numbers on the 284 totaled to \$576,414.00, which means it is \$10,475.40 over the 284 document. What was not included in these calculations, is the CHIPS money reimbursed from the state which totals \$79,196.00. It was determined that since the original amount was already approved, the board would vote on the budget transfer of the overage.

Town Clerk Report

Town Clerk Casey reported business as usual however she has been helping with some exciting CAC events that we will be discussing later in the meeting.

Supervisor Maas noted the CAC is holding a “Food for Thought” even this Friday night, May 22 at 6:00 pm where Chet Kerr will be discussing pollinators.

Parks & Recreation

Park Manager, Jake Gosnell spoke about summer camp, it is almost full and some sessions have been waitlisted. Mr. Gosnell wanted to thank all the staff for their excellent work. There will be an Equestrian Center event this weekend. Swimming season begins soon, the pool will be open on weekends on June 5th and 7-days a week June 28th. Pool passes are currently for sale. It is mowing season and it has been busy with the frequent rain.

Supervisor Maas thanked the Recreation staff for the help they provided to sign a contract with the Hudson Valley Dolphins who will be using the pool for their swim team before and after the pool opens and closes during the day.

Mr. Gosnell also thanked Aquatics/ Summer Camp Director, Alison Croke for teaching the lifeguard certification class and will have another upcoming. This class encompasses Tymor Park lifeguards as well as anyone who needed the class from the public.

Furnace Pond Dam

The Town Engineer will boat around the pond while taking soil samples and look at the water. The boring test cannot be performed until the water level is lower.

Dutchess County Workers Comp Plan

The Town asked the County to provide data so we can determine the normal exit charge under the contract which will be accepted or not. The request was made over a month ago and although the Town has not heard back yet Supervisor Maas is hopeful this will be received soon.

Union Vale Library Planning

Supervisor Maas explained the residents involved in the fundraising effort have been meeting and would like 2-3 more people to join. They also have a call with a library development team in Albany and will update the Town Board after that.

Union Vale Route 55 Flag Pole

Councilman Durland explained the ongoing project with the flag pole for the solar farm area. He narrowed it down to a 35-foot pole with a 6x10 flag with an aluminum pole. The prices vary from \$3,200-\$3,600. Price differences were size of the base and wind rating. Councilman

Durland may check with DOT to make sure it is the correct distance from Route 55. Supervisor Maas noted in addition to being in a very good financial standing, the \$7,000.00 from shared services was unexpected and funds are available for this project.

Councilman McGivney added we should consider adding lighting so it is property lit at night, possibly a tie in with the solar company. There was further discussion about wind shear speeds and durability of flag and pole. Councilman Durland will adjust the order and this will be approved at the next work session.

Security in Tymor Park - Glen Vilicheck

Resident Glen Vilicheck address the Board about the fire that occurred in the park which prompted his conversation. Due to the location of the fire he noticed it was a tough spot for vehicles to gain access. It was able to spread a bit until they were able to put it out completely by hand. He feels that in order to patrol a park of this size properly, the Town needs invest in a vehicle that is able to drive on all the terrain the park has. He cited the amount of people visiting the park ranging from adults and especially kids and feels the security needs to be increased as there have been other incidents over the years. There is no way a car can access all the areas of the park and he suggested to Town invest in a vehicle such as an RTV to better access parts of the park that are inaccessible. There are models that are fully enclosed, 2 or 4 seats, with heat and windshield wipers all for around \$20,000 or less. This will allow the Town to have better control of problems associated with drinking or drug use in the park, fire or any other hazard. Supervisor Maas stated they had a meeting with the Constables to hear their opinion. She explained the reason she wanted Glen to attend and speak to the Board is to hear about the issue as he is a resident that lives directly next to the park. She also wanted him to share the idea of an all-terrain vehicle and describe the need for a \$16-\$20 thousand-dollar vehicle which is a big expenditure for a Town. Mr. Vilicheck explained that this expense would prevent future damage to the park with better access for prevention purposes, such as if this were a large-scale forest fire. He also noted that although the Sheriff does have these types of equipment, they would need to be called per incident rather than having contestant patrol if it were inhouse. Supervisor Maas added it would cost \$75 per hour for patrol from the Sheriff's Department and an hour minimum.

Long Barn Doors - Purchase 10 New

Park Manager, Jake Gosnell spoke about the 3 estimates to replace the long barn doors and his recommendation was D&D. This was the best price and includes all the hardware, installation and delivery would be performed by the park staff. These doors will not rot, are more secure and are green.

Reduce Number of Unlicensed Automobiles on Property - Discussion

This request came from the Code Enforcement Officer who would like the ordinance changed regarding unlicensed vehicles that you can have in front of your house. The current regulation states 2 are permitted. This has been a regular resident complaint as some houses have from 5-18 vehicles. George Kolb, CEO, would like that number reduced from 2 to 1 as it is helpful for the purpose of writing tickets and enforcement. This will be discussed in more detail in the following meetings.

Motion to Approve MS4 Report for 2021

Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the MS4 report for 2021, this was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor. This will be sent out tomorrow to DEC and posted on the Town website as well.

Motion to Approve Purchase of 10 New Long Barn Garage Doors

Councilman Frazier made a motion to approve the purchase of 10 new long barn garage doors from D&D as quoted under the recommendation of the Park Manager. This was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

Motion to Approve Paid Time Off "Cheat Sheet" with Clarifications

Supervisor Maas explained this was created for the employees as a quick reference guide, rather than looking things up in the employee handbook. The one change that she wanted to make was clear is that unused sick time is not paid out upon retirement, it is intended to be used while you are working for you or close family. Bereavement time was added to the document as well.

Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the PTO “Cheat Sheet” with clarifications for 2021 seconded by Councilman Durland.

Roll Call Vote

Councilman Frazier – Nay
Councilman McGivney- Aye
Councilman Durland – Aye
Councilman Welsh – Aye
Supervisor Maas - Aye

Discussion: Councilman Frazier had concerns about taking time away from employees and looks at this as a penalty for good attendance. He spoke with 2 employees who not happy with this. Supervisor Maas explained there are no changes being made, these were never approved before. In 2019 an increase was made to sick days from 12 days that expired on an annual basis, to allowing carry over up to 130 days. It was never intended as a benefit that gets paid out in retirement and she further explained there is nothing being taken away from employees.

Motion to Approve Updated Cash Handling Procedures

The document was cleaned up and appendixes A, B and C were created for the handling of cash including the pool so we are in total compliance. Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the updated cash handling procedures document for May 2021 seconded by Supervisor Maas and all were unanimously in favor.

Motion to Pay Bills

Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve budget adjustments, warrants, & pay bills which was seconded by Supervisor Maas and all were unanimously in favor.

Public Comment

Glenn Morrison asked when residents can attend work sessions and meetings in person. Supervisor Maas said the first agenda meeting in June.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

At 9:08 PM Councilman Welsh made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Andrea Casey, Town Clerk