

TOWN OF URBANA  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
**October 27, 2010**

The Urbana Town Board held its regular meeting on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 4:00p.m. in the Town Hall, 8014 Pleasant Valley Road, Bath, New York.

PRESENT:	Gordon Lanphere	Supervisor
	Joe Carroll	Councilman
	Paul Martuscello	Councilman
	Jim Presley	Councilman
	Barb Yahn	Councilwoman
	Mary Farmer	Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Gary Vogt, Erwin Robinson, Larry Foster, Jill Regan, Charles Egresi, Dick Leonberger, and Trafford Doherty.

Supervisor Lanphere opened the Meeting at 4:05p.m. and asked the Board if they waive their rights to the 72 hour written notice for a meeting, all voting Aye.

Supervisor Lanphere gave the reason why the Board was meeting. He explained that the Town Board is meeting to discuss the idea of buying the Curtiss School. The Board discussed the desire to keep the school for the community and because of its historical nature, the quality of the building, the schools needs, and the last undeveloped property within the village.

The Board discussed the overall functions to maintain it as a community building and the idea of negotiating with the school board to see if it is possible. The school board set November 1, 2010 as the deadline for purchase offers to be submitted and the Town Board would like to ask for a one month extension.

Members in the audience asked about giving the money that would be spent on the school back to the taxpayers. The Board explained at length how for the last three years the Board has put money towards the taxes and cut the budget to keep the taxes the same or lower. They talked about the cost to maintain the building and how the school isn't currently on the tax rolls so nothing would change.

Supervisor Lanphere said he has been in touch with Superintendent Kyle Bower and had told him that the Town needs to hold public meetings and wants to gather public input. The Board realizes that this extension would not affect the offers already on the table. They also discussed how the Town grant writers could write grants for the Town, school and village and how much more money we would be eligible to receive by working together.

The Town Board talked about making the gym and anything else the school might need available to them and discussed many options referencing Councilman Martuscello's business plan from 2008. There was discussion about how the Town would advertise for tenants.

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Carroll and carried, all voting Aye to ask the School Board to extend the deadline on month to December 1, 2010 in order to explore the options for purchasing the Curtiss School.

Councilman Carroll noted that this is strategic move towards the adopted Comprehensive Plan and that this could be a win win situation for the Town, School and community.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Martuscello, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. Farmer  
Town Clerk