

TOWN OF URBANA BOARD MEETING
January 19, 2010

The Urbana Town Board held its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.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: Erwin Robinson, Terry Bretherton, John Jensen, Steve Veley, Brian Snyder, Jean O'Connell, Gary Rouleau, Ed Stull, Brett Stevens, David Buckley, Lance Locey, Belinda Trickey and Bethany Leggett.

Supervisor Lanphere opened the Meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Public Input

Erwin Robinson thanked the Clerk and the Board for entering his comments into the minutes from the last meeting. Mr. Robinson said that he likes the public input at the beginning and would like it at the end as well.

John Jensen talked about the Chamber of Commerce meeting and the need for a lease agreement for the Chamber to be able to start construction.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman Martuscello, seconded by Councilwoman Yahn and carried, all voting Aye, to approve the Minutes of December 29, 2009. Councilman Carroll abstained from the vote as he was not a Board member at that time.

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Martuscello and carried, all voting Aye, to approve the Minutes of January 5, 2010.

Pay Schedule

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Martuscello and carried, all voting Aye, to change all Town employees pay schedule to bi-weekly.

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Carroll and carried, all voting Aye, to approve the 2010 Salary Schedule.

SALARY SCHEDULE – 2010

Supervisor	\$ 10,836.00
Councilperson (4 @ 2,340.00)	\$ 9,360.00
Superintendent of Highways	\$ 41,604.00
Town Clerk	\$ 18,706.00
Tax Collector	\$ 4,215.00
Registrar	\$ 6,999.00

Deputy Town Clerk	\$ 18,276.00
Bookkeeper	\$ 10,000.00
Budget Officer	\$ 1,700.00
Town Attorney	\$ 7,500.00
Litigation	\$ 10,000.00
Assessor	\$ 25,091.00
Dog Control Officer	\$ 3,630.00
Town Justice (William Hewson)	\$ 12,360.00
(Thomas Kressly)	\$ 3,935.00
Clerk to Justices (Hourly)	\$ 5,000.00
Code Enforcement Officer/Inspector	
Watershed	\$ 18,620.00
Watershed Clerk	\$ 1,270.00
Building	\$ 18,620.00
Clerk	\$ 1,270.00
Zoning	\$ 11,260.00
Building Custodian/Groundskeeper	\$ 6,600.00
Parks & Rec	\$ 3,360.00
Planning Board Secretary (hourly)	\$ 9.00
ZBA Secretary (hourly)	\$ 9.00
Board of Assessment and Review (3-hourly)	\$ 700.00
BAR Clerk (hourly)	\$ 9.00
Use of personal vehicle for Town business – Paid at IRS rate per mile	.50
Zoning Board – each meeting	
Chairman	\$ 35.00
Members	\$ 25.00
Alternate Member	\$ 25.00
Planning Board – each meeting	
Chairman	\$ 35.00
Members	\$ 25.00
Alternate Member	\$ 25.00

New Business

Terry Bretherton asked the Board how the pending legal matter dated April 22, 2009 is going regarding his mothers property on Liberty Street. Mr. Bretherton said Empire Abstract has researched the deeds and wondered if the Town wanted to end up in court. Supervisor Lanphere responded that in September of 2009, the Board made the decision not to challenge the litigation and Attorney Reed will figure out how to transfer the deeds.

Old Town Barn

Supervisor Lanphere discussed the proposal to purchase the barn at the end of Liberty Street. The board discussed the idea and decided not to sell at this time.

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Carroll and carried, all voting Aye

to approve Nancy Clark and John Jensen as new members of the Ethics Committee.

Charter for Parks & Recreation Committee

Councilman Presley brought up the matter that a Charter is in place and was Councilwoman Yahn aware that there needs to be certain representation on the Committee from the School, Village and the Town. Mrs. Yahn said that she already has the required representation.

There was a brief discussion about the Town of Pulteney contributing money towards the Assessors benefits since Mr. Oliver works there one day each week. Supervisor Lanphere said the Pulteney Supervisor agrees and is going to speak with his Board.

On motion by Councilman Martuscello, seconded by Councilman Carroll and carried, all voting Aye to appoint Mary Jo Hanna as Library Trustee.

Jean O'Connell handed out a status report of grants submitted, approved and denied. There was discussion about the Justice Court Grant, Legislative Member Grant, and possible grants for a water district. Supervisor Lanphere will check with Tom Becker regarding money for a study. Ms. O'Connell said she is waiting for a study from Hunt Engineers and maybe with the study, the Town could find loans through Rural Development, Office of Community Renewal or the Environmental Facilities Program. There was a lengthy discussion on water district planning and development, funding and EDU standards. Below is a letter of commitment from Congressman Massa's Office to the Town Clerk dated 8/19/2009.

Mary,

It was nice catching up with you on the phone regarding the Urbana Water Project. As mentioned, the Congressman originally highlighted this project as a top priority. While disappointed that he did not receive more funding for this vital project, he is happy that the Town will be able to begin work on the project in the coming months and plans to resubmit the project for more funding in the next fiscal year.

As the project currently stands, the "Town of Urbana for water and wastewater infrastructure" was included in the House Appropriations Subcommittee on the Interior and Environment for \$500,000. The House passed the bill (H.R. 3183) in early July and the Senate passed a similar version toward the end of July.

While the bills were similar in their approach to funding the Energy Department, the Army Corps of Engineers' water projects, the Interior Department's Bureau of Reclamation and several independent agencies, the differences in the bills still need to be reconciled in Conference (the process by which select Senators and Congressman hash out details, make compromises and eventually create the "perfect", identical bill for both Chambers).

After conference, the agreed upon bill will be sent to the President for his signature. Upon signature by Mr. Obama, the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of the Treasury will do an apportionment of funds to the appropriate Department/Agency (in this case the Environmental Protection Agency) and then to the appropriate Account (STAG) and Recipient (Town of Urbana).

According to Chairman Byron Dorgan (D-ND), who is the Chairman of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee, he does not anticipate the conferencing between the two Chambers to be controversial. To that point, if the President signs the bill by October 1st (beginning of FY2010), Urbana could see funds as early as late November. If the process does not go as smoothly as Chairman Dorgan predicts, Urbana may have to wait until January 1st to start spending the federal dollars. As you can see, the process is still playing out, but the hardest hurdle to clear has been cleared. However, given the aforementioned legislative process, Congressman Massa has not been able to formally notify Urbana of the \$500,000 award.

I hope this note will ease any concerns Members of the Board may have had about Congressman Massa's announcement in early July. Congressman Massa is committed to keeping this project funded and looks forward to working closely with you as the development of this projects comes to fruition

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions. I am happy to help.

*Best,
Michael*

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There was further discussion regarding the Chamber building and the possibility of applying for a Main Street grant which would need to be submitted in April though there are no guidelines available yet. John Jensen talked about what the Chamber's plans are. Jean O'Connell explained that Main Street Grants can include up to a three block radius with a maximum request of \$500,000.00 with a 10% match. Councilman Presley will get J. O'Connell & Associates a more complete quote for the application.

The problems with Cold Brook Creek were discussed. Ms. O'Connell said we can apply each year for Water Quality Initiative Program funding. The blockage in the creek is in the Town of Urbana and the DEC seems uninterested in helping us fix the problem. This topic will be revisited and Councilman Martuscello will work with Bob Magee.

Councilman Martuscello's idea for a Winery Incubator was discussed. Mr. Martuscello will send J. O'Connell & Associates his power point presentation. He also briefly reviewed the seminar he attended on Agricultural Land Conservancy.

Jean O'Connell told the Board that Shared Services/Functional Consolidation Grants are being funded including dissolution studies.

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Martuscello and carried, all voting Aye to approve Accounting Transfer:

Debit:	A1990.400	Contingent Account	\$1,389.00
Credit:	A9040.800	Worker's Compensation's	\$1,389.00

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Yahn and carried, all voting Aye to approve the January 2010 Abstracts.

Other

The condition of the Town dock was discussed and how fixing it needs to be a priority especially for the Fire Boat. The Board requested from Mr. Veley options for the dock so that we will have

a baseline to go by and allow us to apply for grants.

Erwin Robinson asked if the Highway fund had been reimbursed from work done on the Town Hall. Mr. Robinson said the road he lives on needs work and would like the highway to have enough money left to fix it.

Councilman Martuscello said the Board needs to be proactive and create a timeline of removing the Keuka Maid. He noted that it has been two years and nothing has been done including no rent and the loss of business and revenue that could have been collected had the boat been removed. Mr. Martuscello mentioned the idea of getting the media involved. Supervisor Lanphere said he has been in touch with Attorney Reed and things are moving forward.

The Town received three quotes to survey the dock repairs.

1. Gardiner Marine Construction \$375.00
2. R & R Docks \$500.00 (deducted from total bill if awarded).
3. Veley Enterprises No charge for survey.

At 8:44pm on motion by Councilman Martuscello, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye to enter into Executive Session to discuss Union negotiations.

At 9:10pm on motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Yahn and carried, all voting Aye to open the regular Board meeting.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Martuscello, seconded by Councilman Presley, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. Farmer
Town Clerk