

**TOWN OF URBANA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 15, 2013**

The Urbana Town Board held its Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall, 8014 Pleasant Valley Road, Bath, New York.

PRESENT: John Webster Supervisor
 John Jensen Councilman
 Jim Presley Councilman
 Tom Chadwick Councilman
 Christine Kolo Councilwoman
 Mary Farmer Town Clerk
 Dave Buckley Highway Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Anne Green, Gary Vogt, Bub Robinson, Lance Locey, Nancy Snyder, Brian Snyder, Chris Thompson, and Mary Perham.

Supervisor Webster opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and immediately opened the **Public Hearing to Override the Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c.**

There was a brief discussion. At 6:32 pm on motion by Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilwoman Kolo and carried, all voting Aye to close the Public Hearing.

Minutes

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Kolo and carried, all voting Aye to approve the Minutes of December 27, 2012.

On motion by Councilwoman Kolo, seconded by Councilman Jensen and carried, all voting Aye to approve the Minutes of January 2, 2013.

Abstracts

On motion by Councilwoman Kolo, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye to approve the last of the 2012 Abstracts #14 and the January 2013 Abstracts.

Accounting Transfers

On motion by Councilman Chadwick, seconded by Councilman Jensen and carried, all voting Aye to approve the following accounting transfers:

Debit:	A1620.450	Computer Hardware	\$ 75.00
Credit:	A1620.480	Computer Programs/Fees	\$ 75.00
Debit:	A5132.440	Garage – Heat	\$ 7.00
Credit:	A5132.450	Garage – Garbage	\$ 7.00
Debit:	DB9030.800	Social Security	\$2,879.53
Credit	DB9060.800	Medical Insurance	\$2,879.53

Old Business

Highway Storage Barn

Highway Superintendent Buckley said he needs to re-clarify some basic specs for the storage barn. Supervisor Webster asked Mr. Buckley to attend the January 30th Special Meeting with new information.

Boat Launch/Parks Advisory Committee

Councilman Jensen said he had looked at other towns and their fees for launching. He said the Town of Urbana is low compared to most. Mr. Jensen also reported the committee is recommending better enforcement of violators as well as a new system and surveillance to track usage and monitor activity.

Parks Advisory Committee Summary of Meeting of 1-9-13

Present: John Jensen, Tom Chadwick, David Oliver, Bub Robinson, Lee Dixon, Carla Ridge, Rachel Nichols, and Lance Locey

Received Email from Clark Wambold (neighbor of Curtiss Park) He wishes to work with us on the trail and bridge development.

Received Email from Kyle Bower: He discussed the trail and bridge idea with the School Board. Kyle suggests a joint meeting between School, Village and Town to discuss this and other issues.

The Committee wants the chair to request a meeting as suggested by Kyle Bower to discuss the park, trail, and bridge. Further, the committee would like the chair to ask the Town's attorney about seeking an agreement in principle with all the parties that must give permission for the bridge location.

The Committee reviewed submission by Dave Oliver and determined the following:

For our purposes (until it is officially named) we will refer to the old Keuka Maid Dock as Urbana Pier.

For our purposes, the name "Curtiss Park" shall refer to that Town Property that begins in the Village at Liberty St and goes to the Urbana Pier, (both sides of stream)

A not-for-profit organization should be formed in order to apply for funding sources that the Town may not. The Chair was to consult with the Town attorney on this subject.

Committee approved Bob Deseyn to work on the proposed trail that would go from Main St to the Museum.

It would be beneficial if the Town's website could include a "Parks" page. And if a not-for-profit corp. is formed, it should have a website of its own.

Tom will ask DEC to provide letter that the chosen bridge location is the most suitable.

Boat Launch...

The Committee reviewed the Towns questions and concerns regarding the boat launch: Specifically: the congestion on summer weekends; whether the fees for launching should be updated; and how enforcement of rules might be improved. The committee discussed the boat launch program at length. We asked Mr. Locey (whose boat rental company uses the launch), many questions. We reviewed how the Urbana Boat Launch program works and the fees charged and we reviewed how other Town launches operate and the fees they charge. The committee discussed the launch at length and agreed on the following recommendations:

Recommendations regarding the Town boat launch program

The Town should upgrade the card key system.

We feel a system that can read and collect more information is needed. Information about who (specifically) is using the launch, time & day, and how often would be a valuable tool for both management and enforcement. It could provide for different fee options (for example a business might pay a basic fee plus \$ X per launch or a resident might get 10 launches for \$X)

The Town should install a Surveillance Camera and recorder. *And passes showing permit # should be affixed to Trailers or vehicles entering launch area in camera view. We feel this would greatly aid in enforcement especially when combined with the upgraded card key capabilities. We currently have no launch staff, police, or security personnel on site (and putting them there is cost prohibitive). A camera at the gate can provide us the information without the cost of staff.*

We recommend fees be adjusted somewhat higher and have 2 more categories. We find that our fees are low compared to other launches. Additionally we feel that fewer card holders should be allowed to launch “guests” and that the system of allowing all card holders to launch any number of other people’s crafts adds to the congestion of the launch area while it lowers revenue. It is our feeling that if someone doesn’t feel he uses the launch enough to buy a season pass, then he can opt to launch next door. Expected higher revenues should pay for the upgraded security system and raise revenue for future improvements. Additionally we feel residents should get a little better deal than “non-residents” (note: we feel anyone that lives in the town for at least summer should be considered a resident). The categories we’re suggesting are Basic Resident (who would have 1 pass intended for his boat); Resident plus Guest (at resident’s option: they’d get 2 passes for a higher price); Non-resident property owner (who would get only 1 pass) and Commercial (who’s rate should be based on expectations of whether low or high volume user)

(While we aren’t recommending specific fee amounts, here is an example of fees to illustrate our discussion and how we felt the numbers should relate to each other)

<i>Resident Card (intended for resident’s own boat) 1 pass only</i>	<i>\$25/year</i>
<i>Resident-Plus (for resident boat plus a guest pass)</i>	<i>\$40/yr.</i>
<i>Non-resident property owner (1 pass only like basic residential)</i>	<i>\$40/yr.</i>
<i>Commercial (based on expected use... no guest passes)</i>	<i>\$150/yr. to \$300/yr.</i>

John Jensen, Chair

Water District #2

Supervisor Webster talked about the \$485,000 which was earmarked for Water District #3 in 2010 through Eric Massa’s office. He described how the money will hopefully be repurposed to the business district in Water District #2. Mr. Webster explained that there will be no cost to the Town and the line will run from Kwik Fill down State Route 54 to Dave Bauer’s property then loop around Back Valley Rd and back to Main Street.

On motion by Councilwoman Kolo, seconded by Councilman Chadwick and carried, all voting Aye to approve requesting the \$485,000 earmarked in 2010 for Water District #3 be repurposed for Water District #2.

Loader Purchase

The Board discussed the money transferred in 2012 into the Equipment Reserve for the loader and the money encumbered. No permissive referendum is needed.

Jeremy Fields – Keuka Maid

Supervisor Webster said he has not had a conversation in over a month with Mr. Fields. He left a message for him to have a representative at the meeting tonight and that no one attended any meetings in December or January and no rent for either month has been received. The Town also received a cancellation of Workmen’s Compensation. Mr. Webster will ask Mr. Fields to attend the meeting on the 30th.

Park Use Application

The Town is in receipt of a Park Use Permit Application from the Wine Country Classic Boat Show. The Board decided the Boat Launch will remain open on Thursday and Friday.

On motion by Councilwoman Kolo, seconded by Councilman Jensen and carried, all voting Aye to approve the Park Use Permit Application with the provision of Thursday and Friday being open to the public. Supervisor Webster will email Jack Young to let him know.

Planning Board Member Appointment

On motion by Councilwoman Kolo, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye to appoint Gary Vogt as a Planning Board member with a term ending 12/31/2017.

SEQR for Local Law #1 Tax Levy Limit Override

After reviewing the SEQR a motion was made by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Chadwick and carried, all voting Aye to direct Supervisor Webster to check the box that indicates the proposed action WILL NOT result in any adverse environmental impacts and sign the SEQR.

Local Law #1 Tax Levy Limit Override

On motion by Councilman Chadwick, seconded by Councilwoman Kolo and carried, to pass Local Law #1 to Override the Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c all voting as follows:

Supervisor Webster	Aye
Councilman Presley	Aye
Councilwoman Kolo	Aye
Councilman Jensen	Aye
Councilman Chadwick	Aye

Schedule Moratorium

On motion by Councilman Kolo, seconded by Councilman Jensen and carried, all voting Aye to schedule a Public Hearing on February 12, 2013 at 6:30 for a Moratorium on Fracking.

2013 Prepays

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Chadwick and carried, all voting Aye to approve the list of 2013 bill prepays.

Other

Supervisor Webster reminded the Board of their responsibility to audit the Clerk, Court, and Bookkeeper books for 2012.

There was a brief discussion about the possibility of the Parks Advisory Committee creating a 501 c3.

Dave Buckley reminded the Board that he is still without a computer at the garage.

Public Input

None

With no further business, on a motion by Councilwoman Kolo, seconded by Councilman Chadwick, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Farmer
Town Clerk