

TOWN OF URBANA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 17, 2012

The Urbana Town Board held its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Schlechter, Dave Walczak, Bub Robinson, Phelan Bacon, Valerie Pollay, Bev Webster, Martha Treichler, Anthony Moretti, Peter Gamba, Mary Beth Gamba, Donna Joseph, Mary Perham, The Leader, Gary Vogt, Pete Yartym, Rachel Treichler, Bob Hicks, Kathleen Burns, Anne Green, K. Michael Hanna, Legislator, Rita Hunter, Steve Veley, Don Patoine, Jean O'Connell, Gary Rouleau, Katrina Remaily, Debbie Meritsky, Marc Rothman, Karen Trepes, Paul Trepes, Larry Ebert, Luther Perkins, Pat French, and Gregg Bittler.

Supervisor Webster opened the meeting at 6:33 pm.

Minutes

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Jensen and carried, all voting Aye to approve the minutes of December 27, 2011.

On motion by Councilwoman Kolo, seconded by Councilman Chadwick and carried, all voting Aye to approve the minutes of January 3, 2012.

Abstracts

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Kolo and carried, all voting Aye to approve Abstract # 14 from 2011.

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Kolo and carried, all voting Aye to approve the January 2012 Abstract.

Old Business

Prepaid Bills – The Board discussed the need to prepay certain bills each month so that the Town does not incur late charges. On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Kolo and carried, all voting Aye to request a list of the required prepaid bills from the bookkeeper. The Board will put a limit on each.

Keuka Watershed Improvement Cooperative

On motion by Councilwoman Kolo, seconded by Councilman Chadwick and carried, all voting Aye to schedule a Public Hearing on February 14, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of the KWIC Wastewater Treatment Law.

Inter-Municipal Agreements

Supervisor Webster had given the Board a detailed breakdown of his notes regarding the Inter-Municipal Agreements. He let the Board members know the Village Trustees did not accept his request for more financial contributions to the agreements.

Lance Locey

Supervisor Webster spoke to Mr. Locey and explained that nothing can be done at the waterfront until the Keuka Maid is gone and the dock is repaired or replaced.

Town Hall Address

Supervisor Webster talked to the Board about changing the mailing address and to have all mail come directly to the Town Hall instead of the PO Box.

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Jensen and carried, all voting Aye keep the Hammondsport mailing address.

Legal Representation Contract

On motion by Councilman Chadwick, seconded by Councilwoman Kolo and carried, all voting Aye to accept the proposed contract with John Ryan of Buck, Danaher, Ryan and McGlenn.

New Business**Mark Schlechter**

Mr. Schlechter presented a local law draft moratorium known as "Moratorium on and Prohibition of Gas and Petroleum and Extraction Activities, Underground Storage of Natural Gas, and Disposal of Natural Gas or Petroleum Extraction, Exploration, and Production Wastes." Mr. Schlechter expressed his concerns that the Federal and State laws do not allow enough protection and wants to make sure Urbana is protected. Supervisor Webster told the public that the Board will review the draft, talk to the Town attorney and will discuss it at the February meeting.

Mike Hanna, County Legislator

Mr. Hanna came to give the Board an update on what is happening at the County. He said sand is being used more than salt on the roads and he requested that salt be used on County Routes 76 and 87. He said the County is looking for privatization for the Steuben Health Care Facility and Mental Health. Mr. Hanna also reminded the Board to take advantage of the County Work Program.

Kathy Burns, Office for the Aging

Mrs. Burns gave a presentation on the Steuben Senior Services Fund, Inc. The program works with existing community services in helping aging community members (60 years and older) stay at home. The program has been successful for 2 years in Pulteney and recently received a \$25,000 grant to replicate the program in Urbana. The Board unanimously endorsed the program.

Southern Tier Regional Planning and Development Board Contract

Supervisor Webster described the proposed contract for IT services. On motion by Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye to approve a contract of 42 hours rather than by the day.

Jean O'Connell and Gary Rouleau, J. O'Connell & Associates

Mrs. O'Connell and Mr. Rouleau talked about NYS grants, newly established regional councils and multiple deadlines this year with new guidelines. Mr. Webster said the Board needs to discuss what the Town needs are and what the Board wants to do. **Councilman Presley brought up the fact that we had tried to find grants for starting a wine incubator in the past but without success. He suggested that with the recent changes to the zoning laws regarding farm wineries, we should continue to search for funding. He would like to continue having conversations about this topic.**

Accounting Transfer

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

Debit	B1990.400	Contingent Account	\$100.00
Credit:	B8090.400	Contractual: Watershed	\$100.00

Public Input

Rachel Treichler, Rita Hunter, Peter Gamba, Michael Moretti, Dave Walczak, Marybeth Gamba, and Debbie Meritsky all spoke and gave their support of the moratorium on fracking.

Gary Vogt had questions regarding the budget.

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Chadwick, seconded by Councilman Presley, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. Farmer
Town Clerk