

TOWN OF URBANA BOARD MEETING
April 13, 2010

The Urbana Town Board held its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall, 8014 Pleasant Valley Road, Bath, New York.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Erwin Robinson, Erica Webster, Bill Kocher, Steve Dresser, Pete Yartym, Tracy Yarbrough, Dick Hamilton, Pete Swarthout, Rob Loudon, Marlene Locey, Rock Locey, Sharon Rooks, Todd Patterson, Ray Poehlein, Wilma Poehlein, Katrina Remaily, Donald Patoine, Tom Bush, John Jensen, Melissa Carroll, Bob Hicks, Gary Vogt, Shelly Rice, Brian Snyder, Nancy Snyder, Gail Wilson, Paul Wilson, Daniel Schoeffler, Kevin Bennett, Dave Buckley, Kyle Bower, Lance Locey, Jeff Streeter, Barb Yunis, Dick Leonberger, Bret Llewellyn, Curtis Cranmer, Steve Veley, Carmen Ball, Jessie Veley, Robert Deuel and Delia Stull.

Supervisor Lanphere opened the Meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Carroll and carried, all voting Aye, to approve the Minutes of March 16, 2010.

On motion by Councilwoman Yahn, seconded by Councilman Carroll and carried, all voting Aye, to approve the Minutes of March 29, 2010. Supervisor Lanphere explained the reason for this meeting was strictly for attorney client privilege regarding union negotiations.

Public Input

Brian Snyder talked to the Board about Lance Locey's marina proposal and the DEC applications with both the Town as the owner and Mr. Locey as the agent listed on them. Mr. Snyder also asked about the terms of a lease between the Town and Mr. Locey. Supervisor Lanphere explained that there is no lease agreement at this time and added that Mr. Locey has a lot to go through with the Planning and ZBA Boards.

Todd Patterson wanted clarification on rumors going around about the Town applying for the permits and Supervisor Lanphere again explained the process of applying and who needs to be on the applications. He explained that just because the Town is on the application as the owner of the property it doesn't make the Town the applicant. Mr. Locey is the applicant.

Dick Hamilton asked the Board if they could declare the land surplus and sell it so that it would go on the tax roll. There was a brief discussion about the idea.

Nancy Snyder told the Board that she is angry and confused and doesn't understand how lance can just move to town and do what he plans to do when he doesn't own the property, the tax payers do. Supervisor Lanphere again explained that Mr. Locey started coming to the Town Board in 2004 with his idea of a marina and the Town Board has given him approval in 2005 to go ahead but Mr. Locey didn't do it at the time. He also explained that anyone could have come with the idea but Mr. Locey has been the only one until now. Supervisor Lanphere said he realizes Mr. Snyder had wanted an opportunity to submit a proposal for a marina as well.

Kevin Bennett said the minutes don't say anything about a marina. He said there is no clarification on how many slips are being proposed and again Supervisor Lanphere explained that

Mr. Locey is just starting the process with the Planning Board and that there has been no discussion of a lease yet.

Pete Yartym asked the Board what plans there are for the old town barn and could he work with the Town to use it for his business. Councilman Presley explained that at one time he wanted to lease it for his business and found out that he would be unable to run a business on the property per the Village.

Barb Yunis addressed the Board and explained that she lives out of the area and that no one seems to have known all of this was going on. Ms. Yunis said the audience expressed some very valid concerns and asked the Board if they would be willing to change their minds.

Jeff Streeter said that a marina would devalue his property and that his taxes should be cut in half.

Supervisor Lanphere told the audience that all comments will be taken seriously and into consideration.

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Yahn and carried, all voting Aye to approve Katherine Meade as Library Trustee.

Resolution 1-2010

Hammondspport Chamber of Commerce Main Street Grant

WHEREAS, the Town of Urbana supports the efforts of the Hammondspport Chamber of Commerce to help business owners within targeted areas to improve façades, renovate buildings, and enhance the streetscape.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, RESOLVED, that the Town Board for the Town of Urbana does hereby support the efforts of the Hammondspport Chamber of Commerce, and be it further,

RESOLVED, That the Town Board for the Town of Urbana will review any request made by the Hammondspport Chamber of Commerce on a need by need basis, beginning on the date of this resolution.

<i>Supervisor Lanphere</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Presley</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilwoman Yahn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Carroll</i>	<i>Abstain</i>

I, Mary Farmer, Clerk of the Town of Urbana, do hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the trustees of the Town of Urbana on April 13, 2010.

Signed by the Clerk: _____ and Dated: _____

There was an extensive discussion about the Chamber of Commerce building improvements and lease. John Jensen explained the work plan submitted.

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Carroll and carried, all voting Aye to approve the facade plan for the Chamber Building.

The lease needs to be signed by the Town and the Chamber before April 23, 2010 in order to apply for the Main Street Grant.

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Carroll and carried, all voting Aye to allow Supervisor Lanphere the authority to sign the lease.

Brett Llewellyn owns the building connected to the Chamber of Commerce building and submitted a proposal to the Board to purchase the building. Councilman Carroll and Supervisor Lanphere gave several reasons why it wouldn't be in the Town's best interest to sell the building at this time.

The Planning Board sent a letter to the Town Board asking "Under what Federal, State, or Local Statute, and authority did the Board act in granting Mr. Locey "exclusive" and "preferred" status for development of public property in the absence of a competitive bid process?" Supervisor Lanphere explained that he has written confirmation from attorneys at the Association of Towns and the New York State Comptroller which provides the Towns right to give preferred status to one developer.

Lauren Welch submitted a letter to the Board in regards to the Planning Boards approval of an ice cream stand at Van Scoter's Green Grocery and his concern about parking. Supervisor Lanphere explained that the Town Board can not over rule the Planning Boards decision.

Park Use Permits

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Yahn and carried, all voting Aye to approve the Park Use Application for the Mason's during the Classic Boat Show and Seaplane Homecoming weekends.

On motion by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilwoman Yahn and carried, all voting Aye not to publish an ad in the Bath Area Chamber of Commerce.

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

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Carroll and carried, all voting Aye to approve the March 2010 Supervisor's Report.

Other

Councilwoman Yahn talked about the Curtiss Park area and that again this year people are having bon fires and sleeping over. There was discussion about posting signs around the park area.

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Carroll and carried, all voting Aye to take the F550 Ford Dump Truck to Geneseo for auction.

Geese – Supervisor Lanphere talked about the ongoing problems with the geese and ways to deal with the native geese not the migrant which will leave.

Dick Leonberger talked about the parking problems on Williams Street and through the Village maybe the possibility of making it one side of the street parking. The Board agreed to let the public park their boats/trailers in the old Town Barn for now.

At 9:43pm on motion by Councilwoman Yahn, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye to enter into Executive Session for legal purposes regarding Union negotiations.

At 10:07pm on motion by Councilwoman Yahn, seconded by Council Presley and carried, all voting Aye to open the regular Board meeting.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Yahn,

the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. FarmerTown Clerk