

TOWN OF URBANA BOARD MEETING
May 18, 2010

The Urbana Town Board held its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 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: John Jensen, Erwin Robinson, Pete Yartym, Ed Stull, Ray & Wilma Poehlein, Brian & Nancy Snyder, Michael Hanna, Charlie Egresi, Bob Hicks, Gary Vogt, Steve Veley and Lance Locey.

Supervisor Lanphere opened the Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Yahn and carried, all voting Aye, to approve the Minutes of April 13, 2010.

Public Input

Erwin Robinson asked if the highway fund had been reimbursed for the work that has been done at the Town Hall by the highway crew. He said that they should be working on the roads instead. Supervisor Lanphere explained that the highway department did some work to prep for the parking lot and mows the lawn once a week. He said the Town is saving the taxpayers money by having them do the work instead of bidding it out and having to pay prevailing wage but added that we will figure it out and make sure the money is put back in the highway budget.

Pete Yartym asked the Board why the highway decided to join a union. Supervisor Lanphere can't explain it other than seven guys voted to join the union and once they did there is nothing the Town can do. He said the Town needs to recognize the union bargaining unit but as their employer, the Town still has the ability to hire, fire and set policies and procedures.

Mr. Yartym asked about the highway guys going from five eight-hour days to four ten-hour days and is there any benefit to the people. He said that in the winter months it's dark early and would like to know what it is they do in the dark all those hours. Councilman Martuscello said he has reviewed the time cards for the last three years and the over-time has been cut in half. Mr. Yartym asked for a report of the hours and Mr. Martuscello agreed to get him a copy.

Mr. Yartym asked what the procedure was when they joined the union and wasn't there anything that could have been to stop them. The Board explained that there was a good argument and there could have been a deposition done but the Highway Superintendent wouldn't do it. Mr. Yartym said the Deputy Superintendent told him that he had to step down from the position because of union. Councilman Presley said that wasn't true and in fact the Deputy has just as much responsibility as the Superintendent and still receives the Deputies pay.

Mike Hanna, County legislature spoke to the Board about workman's compensation and a possible task force being put together to look into Marcellus shale drilling. He said there will be a Steering Committee and then sub-committees from that. Mr. Hanna explained how these large companies come into towns with a lot of money and take over. They bring people and business for approximately five years which the people become dependent on and then leave. From this the Board discussed the roads and the abuse they take when gas companies are drilling. Supervisor Lanphere said he has talked to Delta regarding road recovery after something like this happens. Councilman Carroll said we can not create laws specific to an industry with regard to

the roads.

Old Business

On motion by Councilman Martuscello, seconded by Councilman Carroll and carried, all voting Aye to have the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Agency do another roundup of geese.

Bob Hick's spoke to the Board about using any Town dock to pick passengers up at. He asked if he could rent the ticket office and parking lot at Champlin Beach to take reservations and keep his boat maintained. He said he would have to take the boat to the other end of the lake if he something can't be worked out but wants to be in the Town of Urbana. Supervisor Lanphere offered to meet Mr. Hick's at Depot Park to look at an alternative to the Champlin dock and Councilman Presley offered to get some different options for repairing the dock at Champlin Beach. Mr. Presley will have several options for the dock within two weeks and a special meeting can be called to look at them and decide what to do. Councilman Carroll asked Mr. Locey if the agreement with Mr. Hicks would conflict in any way with his agreement with the Town and Mr. Locey stated that in no way would this be a conflict with his project and has agreed to work with Mr. Hick's and share the use of the ticket booth, dock etc... Mr. Locey said that they have spoken and are willing to work together. Mr. Hick's said he is prepared to sign a lease with the Town and Mr. Locey.

Charlie Egresi came to the Board to let them know he would like to move forward in the process of purchasing the Town property next to his. Supervisor Lanphere said he would find out what needs to be done.

Supervisor Lanphere talked about the Curtiss Park property and how the wind storm took down several trees but that the volunteers are going to clean up the debris.

On motion by Councilman Martuscello, seconded by Councilman Carroll and carried, all voting Aye to have Councilman Presley work with the grant writer's on Park grants for Curtiss Park.

Water Districts - Supervisor Lanphere gave details of a meeting he attended on water districts and what needs to be done to straighten it out.

Supervisor Lanphere talked about a generator needed for the Town Hall and a quote received from Bouille Electric. The quote was much more than the Town Hall needs and Mr. Lanphere will continue to work on more options.

Parks & Recreation

Councilwoman Yahn said the committee met and focused on the summer program which will run from July 6th through August 6th. The meeting included issues such as shared services with Wayne and Pulteney and financial accountability. They discussed transportation contracts and donations received last year.

On motion by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye to have Councilman Martuscello complete the required Court Audit.

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Carroll and carried, all voting Aye to be a sponsor of Music in the Park.

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

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

Other

Councilman Martuscello wants to form a committee to look at codes/laws and help get business in our area. He would like to create incentives for winery start-ups (wine incubators) and to help existing and new business. He would like the community involved especially the local knowledge of the wine industry. Councilman Maruscello talked about other towns that have had success and that we are not participating nor using the assets we have. The Board agreed that Councilman Martuscello should advertise and schedule a meeting of interested community members.

Councilman Carroll talked about the Park Committee's presentation and recommendation. There was a brief discussion regarding Town property, parks and trails.

Erwin Robinson addressed the Board about how tax payer's money is used and that he would like to see an audit done. He also noted that he is against Charlie Egresi buying Town land. He said John Webster and the old Board didn't want to sell it to him before.

At 9:25pm on motion by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilwoman Yahn and carried, all voting Aye to enter into Executive Session for legal purposes regarding Union negotiations.

At 9:50pm on motion by Councilman Martuscello, 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 Councilman Carroll, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. FarmerTown Clerk