

**TOWN OF URBANA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 18, 2013**

The Urbana Town Board held its Regular Meeting Tuesday, June 18, 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
	Kelly Harris	Deputy Clerk
	David Buckley	Highway Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Ed Stull, Bub Robinson, Gary Vogt, Anne Green, Don Patoine, Lance Locey, Alan Locey, Steve Veley, Nancy and Brian Snyder.

Supervisor Webster opened the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Public Hearing on Fracking Moratorium

Bub Robinson wondered if there are any preparations for the high volume road use and heavy traffic from large trucks already. Supervisor John Webster stated we will use the engineering firm Delta when ready to step forward with it. The Board decided not to move forward till they see what happens with fracking. It can be revisited at any time when the Board feels ready to move forward with it.

Motion made by Councilman Chadwick to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Presley.

Public Hearing closed at 6:38.

Minutes

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Chadwick and carried, all voting Aye to approve the Minutes of May 21, 2013.

Abstracts

On motion by Councilwoman Jensen, seconded by Councilwoman Kolo and carried, all voting Aye to approve the June 2013 Abstracts except #833.

On motion by Councilman Chadwick, seconded by Councilwoman Kolo and carried, all voting Aye to approve June 2013 Abstract # 833. Councilman Presley abstained.

Old Business

DA Fund

Supervisor Webster stated the Board has the ability to create a DA Fund. All winter expenses and equipment we buy can be spread out town wide. Savona and Bath do not have a DA Fund but the Towns of Milo and Macedon do. Is the Board interested in creating a DA Fund? Supervisor Webster wants to know for the fact that next month they will be working on the budget. Supervisor Webster will spend some time talking to the Office of the State Comptroller to see what can be included in the DA Fund and what would be charged to the entire town and not just the people outside the Village. Exceptions would be lawnmower repairs or purchase. Supervisor Webster asked the Board if they want to pursue creating a DA Fund that would spread the cost out and it would be a little over \$350,000 and if equipment repairs are added it will be over \$400,000. Based on last year's assessed values, it works out to be a Village tax increase. It would be \$127.00 for a \$100,000 home or \$1.27 for every \$1,000.

Outside the Village it would be a decrease of 24 cents for every \$1,000 or \$24.00 on a \$100,000 home. It will be a little different if we add the equipment. Supervisor Webster would look into details of what can be included. Law states a motion be made to create a DA fund. Councilman Jensen has issues with the DA fund. It could create quite a difference in Village taxes but not Town taxes. We haven't done it in 160 years, why start now. Councilwoman Kolo asked why start now. She wondered if Supervisor Webster has spoken to anyone in the Village and he had only spoken to himself. Councilman Webster stated you can't get in and out of the Village without going on Town roads. Councilman Chadwick says it will have more of a negative impact to the Village than a positive one for the Town. Councilman Chadwick asked Supervisor Webster if he was going to look into it further and he replied only if we were going to go that way. Councilman Presley supports the DA Fund. Mr. Presley compared it to the same process of assessments becoming 100 %, it will create a true and fair tax.

Councilwoman Kolo made a motion to create a DA Fund and Councilman Presley seconded. Vote: Councilman Jensen-Nay, Councilman Presely-Yes, Coucilwoman Kolo-Yes, Councilman Chadwick-Yes, Supervisor Webster-Yes. Motion carried and DA Fund is approved.

Commercial Use of Park Property

Supervisor Webster wants to focus on commercial use of park property first. Councilman Jensen stated it would be best to do it as a whole. Supervisor Webster said to go ahead and do it as a whole.

Survey Price \$1,700

\$1,500 for survey for proposal to the school to exchange property and \$200 to put all Town recreation property on one map. On motion by Councilman Chadwick, seconded by Councilwoman Kolo and all voting Aye, motion carried to approve.

Parks Advisory Committee report

Estimate for Transportation and Investment Grant if \$5,300. It is recommended that the Town put in \$1,000 and the Village put in \$1,000 and Steuben IDA will put in the rest. Motion to support by Councilwoman Kolo, seconded by Councilman Chadwick and all voting Aye, motion carried to approve. Curtiss Park drain would need 100 ton of #3 stone with a cost of \$1,150 for stone and the money would come from last years grant. On motion by Councilman Presely, seconded by Councilwoman Kolo and all voting Aye, motion carried to approve.

New Business

Re-appoint Dave Oliver, Assessor.

Motion by Councilman Chadwick and seconded by Councilman Jensen, all voting Aye to Re-appoint Dave Oliver as Assessor.

Conferences

Approve Conference Attendance for Dave Oliver-June 21 and July 19

John Webster, Mary Farmer, Marietta Nye, Bob Magee, Terry DeBuck, John Ryan, and Gary Vogt to attend the SEQR Training July 24

Betty Fitzpatrick-July 26th Planning Training

Mary Farmer-September 18th Notary Public

Motion made by Councilman Chadwick, seconded by Councilwoman Kolo, all voting Aye to approve training attendance.

Accept Summer Recreation Donations

Motion made by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Kolo, all voting Aye, Summer Recreation Donations accepted. A list will be included.

Music in the Park Sponsorship

Motion made by Councilman Chadwick, seconded by Councilwoman Kolo, all voting aye, Music in the Park Sponsorship approved.

Light Replacement in the Town Barn

Lights will be replaced with LED at no cost for the lights, just installation. It will cut the bill in half for the 1st year. Motion made by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Chadwick, all voting Aye, Lights Replaced in Town Barn approved.

Boat Launch Tow

The Board talked about setting up a contract with the towing company T&R Tow, and make signs. Attorney Ryan recommended a Resolution be made for no parking. The Board recommended calling 911 for towing. There will need to be a Public Hearing for a new law. It was also recommended to get License Plates added to the contract. Videos are going to be added and Councilman Jensen recommended 3 cameras to cover the area.

Lance Locey

Lance wants approval for temporary removable docks at Champlin Beach at his cost for one summer to help with increased traffic at the Boat Launch. He presented a proposal to the Board. Supervisor Webster recommends Councilman Jensen go to Parks Advisory Committee for a discussion and come back to the next meeting with a recommendation.

Public Input

Anne Green commented that you can get in and out of the Village without going on Town Roads and she does not think traffic on Town Roads in the Village is a lot. For the DA Fund, \$1.24 per \$1,000 tax rate increase is a lot and the talk about the Village Police doing work for the Towns Boat Launch but no pay to cover their work from the Town. If you want to allocate costs, we will allocate cost.

Bub Robinson didn't see anything posted outside in on the message board. Supervisor Webster said the Fracking and Court information is on it. He is looking for an electrician to put a light in it.

Anne Green stated it would be nice if there was something to walk on so you don't have to walk across the grass to read it.

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Jensen, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Carried unanimously by all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Harris
Deputy Clerk