

TOWN OF URBANA BOARD MEETING
July 27, 2010

The Urbana Town Board held its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 27, 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: Tom Noteware, Donna Noteware, Ed Stull, Tom Chadwick, Brett Stevens, Larry Foster, Dick Leonberger, David Ridge, Carla Ridge, John Ridge and Carly Presley.

Supervisor Lanphere opened the Meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Carroll and carried, all voting Aye, to approve the Minutes of May 18, 2010.

On motion by Councilman Martuscello, seconded by Councilman Carroll and carried, all voting Aye, to approve the Minutes of June 15, 2010.

Public Input

Old Business

Park Property – Councilman Presley reported that the grant writers have submitted a park grant on time and was very well done. He said that the Town will be notified in October.

Councilman Presley submitted a rendering of a park concept sign done by Brett Somers and requested to have it put on Town property at the entrance to the park on Liberty Street. The sign will be 3'x 5' and at no cost to the Town. Mr. Presley also said that a contractor has been to the park property to look at what needs to be done to grade the park land and also Steuben County Soil and Water is going to do a topographical map for drainage planning. He also explained how the park will be a low impact park with solar lighting and gravel parking and walkways.

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Carroll, all voting Aye to allow the volunteers to put up the park concept sign of future park possibilities.

Parks & Rec – Councilwoman Yahn talked about the summer program and how enrollment has increased this year. She said the free food program has again been successful and that all field trips were covered in full.

David Ridge – Mr. Ridge presented a project he would like to complete for his Eagle Scout Project and asked the Board for their approval. His plan is to complete a new trail spur which would enhance the trail system. He explained that he already has permission from one landowner, is waiting to hear back from another and will need the Town's and the Finger Lakes Trail System's permission as well.

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Yahn and carried, all voting Aye to give David Ridge permission to complete his Eagle Scout Project on Town property.

Retirement Incentive - Supervisor Lanphere spoke to NYS Retirement and after a lengthy discussion about the option of offering early retirement the Board decided it wasn't affordable.

Inter-Municipal Water Agreements – The Board discussed the Agreement they received from the Village and have several questions and concerns. Supervisor Lanphere will contact Emery Cummings about setting up a meeting.

Laptop/Projector Request – The Board discussed the request and decided that Supervisor Lanphere would talk to Planning Board Chairman Randy Robinson.

Park Use Permit Application – A small group of boaters from Ontario, Canada requested use of the Boat Launch and use of parking at the Town docks for the weekend of August 21 – 22nd. Because they are a small group, don't have proper insurance and is the weekend of the Craft Show, the Board decided it wasn't a request they could consider at this time.

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Martuscello and carried, all voting Aye to deny the Park Use Permit Application from John Storey.

On motion by Councilman Martuscello, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye to approve May 2010 and June 2010 Supervisor's Reports.

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Martuscello and carried, to approve the July 2010 Abstracts except for payment to Empire Graphics, all voting as follows:

Town Supervisor Lanphere	Nay
Councilman Carroll	Nay
Councilman Martuscello	Aye
Councilman Presley	Aye
Councilwoman Yahn	Aye

Other

There was discussion between the Board and the Public about and the rules and regulations of the Boat Launch, parking at the old Town barn.

Councilman Martuscello believes the Town Board needs to place tighter controls on accounting and payroll. Supervisor Lanphere agreed and said we will fix any irregularities.

Councilman Martuscello submitted a letter regarding Snug Harbor and has requested it be read into the minutes of this meeting.

Snug Harbor

It is my opinion the disgruntled neighbors adjacent and nearby the Snug Harbor Restaurant which was established in 1890 need to cease the constant complaining regarding the noise from the restaurant.

- 1.) I attended the establishment back in June and sat on the deck above the "band" (a guitar player & Atty. On bongos). My wife, son & I had a nice meal and easily conversed throughout dinner. It is beyond me how any real neighbor several doors down could whine about the music it was neither loud nor offensive.*
- 2.) I feel the planning board's decision regarding the music at Snug Harbor is unsubstantiated and just wrong. I have heard from my grandfather, father, and friends about the many instances of music and frivolity at the Snug, Wheel and Switz over the years. Apparently the members of the planning board have short memories or they simply withered under the constant pressure and whining from the disgruntled residents and anti-business code enforcement officer.*
- 3.) It is my opinion the residents of the Town of Urbana support the Snug Harbor restaurant and desire its continued operation. A range of over 200 to over 225 people wrote emails and letters in support of Snug Harbor in renewing its NYS liquor license.*

Please read this letter into the records of the Town as a reference illustrating the support the community has for this business. Let's hope future Zoning or Planning or Town boards will consider their rulings more seriously with the understanding such resolutions may in the future result in the unintended consequence of imposing the whims of a few over the many.

Paul Martuscello

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Carroll, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. Farmer
Town Clerk