

TOWN OF URBANA BOARD MEETING
November 17, 2009

The Urbana Town Board held its regular meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall, 8014 Pleasant Valley Road, Bath, New York.

PRESENT:	Gordon Lanphere	Supervisor
	Connie Cook	Councilwoman
	Paul Martuscello	Councilman
	Jim Presley	Councilman
	Barb Yahn	Councilwoman
	Mary Farmer	Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Charlie Egresi, Dave Buckley, Gary Vogt, John Jensen, Joe Carroll, Lance Locey, Erwin Robinson, Ed Stull, Steve Veley, Ed Stull, Larry Foster and Bob Hicks, Delia Stull

Public Hearing on the 2010 Budget opened at 7:02 with a Pledge to the Flag.

Copies of the 2010 Budget were available for review and Supervisor Lanphere talked about the Board's goal of not raising taxes and how the Board was able to lower it by two cents per thousand. There were questions and discussion about payments from the sale of scrap metal, money for the Town Historian and highway reimbursement for work at the Town Hall. Supervisor Lanphere will get the answers. With no further discussion on the 2010 budget, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:21 p.m.

Supervisor Lanphere opened the Meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Cook and carried, all voting Aye, to approve the Minutes of October 20, 2009.

Town Dock

Supervisor Lanphere reported that the Fire Boat has been moved and the dock will be closed to everyone until further notice. Mr. Hick's attended the meeting and was agreeable about removing his boat.

Charlie Egresi

Mr. Egresi presented a new survey map of his property and the piece he would like to purchase. The Town will need to declare it as excess property and will be subject to permissive referendum.

Park Planning

Supervisor Lanphere talked about a meeting he had with the DEC where they walked the water front properties to determine wetland delineation.

Resolution 11-09

Workers' Compensation

WHEREAS, there has been proposed a "New York State Municipal Workers' Compensation Alliance Plan Document" pursuant to Section 50 3-a of the Workers' Compensation Law (hereinafter "the Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Urbana is eligible for membership in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Urbana has made an independent investigation of the Plan and reviewed the Plan document, and has concluded that it would be in the interests of the Town of Urbana to participate therein; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Urbana enter into membership in the Plan pursuant to Section 50 Subdivision 3-a of the Workers' Compensation Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Gordon E. Lanphere be and hereby is authorized and instructed to execute the Plan's charter document on behalf of the Town of Urbana; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the custody of all joint Plan moneys by the Plan Administrator under the Plan is and the same hereby is approved.

A MOTION was made by Councilman Martuscello, seconded by Councilwoman Yahn to adopt the above resolution by the Town Board of the Town of Urbana and its November 17, 2009 meeting, all voting as follows:

Town Supervisor Lanphere	Aye
Councilwoman Cook	Aye
Councilman Martuscello	Aye
Councilman Presley	Aye
Councilwoman Yahn	Aye

Gordon E. Lanphere, Town Supervisor

Town Clerk Fees

The Town Clerk submitted \$1,967.62 of the \$4,292.45 generated in November 2009.

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Cook and carried, all voting Aye to approve the Application for Use of Park Facilities for the Wine Country Classic Boat Show for July 16-18, 2010.

October 2009 Supervisor's Report was tabled until corrections can be made.

On motion by Councilman Martuscello, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye to approve the October 2009 Abstracts.

Public Input

Christmas in the Park decorating donations

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Cook and carried, all voting Aye to donate \$200.00 to the Chamber of Commerce for Village Christmas decorations.

A representative from the United States Postal Service addressed the Board and asked for their support for the United States Postal Service to cease and desist the proposed consolidation of Postal facilities and presented a resolution.

12-09 Resolution

United States Postal Service

A Resolution requesting that the United States Postal Service to cease and desist from consolidating the Elmira and the Rochester Facilities until the effect of such proposal on service to the community is fully investigated.

WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service is considering the consolidating of the Elmira and the Rochester Facilities; and

WHEREAS, this consolidation would not serve the public interest; and

WHEREAS, service to the community would be negatively affected; and

WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service has failed to consider community input on the plan; and

WHEREAS, this consolidation would have an especially detrimental effect on senior citizens, the physically challenged, and residents who rely on public transportation,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Urbana Town Council,

Section 1. That the Urbana Town Council does hereby demand that the United States Postal Service cease and desist from consolidating the Elmira and the Rochester Facilities.

Section 2. That the US Congress intervene and place on hold any efforts to close or consolidate these facilities; and

Section 3. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

On motion of Councilman Martuscello, seconded by Councilwoman Cook and carried, all voting as follows:

Town Supervisor Lanphere	Aye
Councilwoman Cook	Aye
Councilman Martuscello	Aye
Councilman Presley	Aye
Councilwoman Yahn	Aye

Mary M. Farmer
Urbana Town Clerk

Date

Other Input

Councilman Martuscello suggested we should fulfill our campaign promises.

- 1.) The taxpayers voted for a \$.05/k or \$15,000 library budget increase
- 2.) The Town will save around \$40k in health insurance vs. the new budget
- 3.) We should move \$40k from insurance budget line plus the \$15k for the library and create new budget item of \$55k in Account# 6989.
- 4.) Economic Opportunity & Development-other, a valid item from the Uniform System of Accounts

Supervisor Lanphere said he did not want to do this at this time & we could do a resolution in the future to move the budget funds. He also did not believe the \$40k insurance saving was correct as we also have to pay retirees insurance.

Councilman Martuscello suggested that the proper way to do the budget was to include the best estimate of how we intend to spend the taxpayer money and if we do not intend to create this fund we should give the taxpayers back the \$40k of insurance savings. In addition there is an additional \$40-50K of the new town building encumbrance which could be the source of the development funds or this tax savings should also be given back to the taxpayers in the form of lower taxes. He concluded by saying he would no longer support any expenditure's on Parks or this Building both which our taxpayers did not support, until we address economic development.

2010 Budget

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Cook and carried, voting to approve the Town of Urbana 2010 Budget all voting as follows:

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

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Cook, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. Farmer
Town Clerk