

TOWN OF URBANA BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2008

The Urbana Town Board held its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 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
	Dave Buckley	Highway Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Falvey, Sr., David Hill, Steve Dresser, Beverly Webster, R.W. Falvey Jr., E.J. Robinson, Jim George, Mary Perham, Eleanor Sample, Bob Magee, Lia Shaw, Autum Makarick, Rick Drain, Luther Perkins, and Terry Bretherton.

Supervisor Lanphere called the Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Martuscello and carried, all voting Aye, to approve the **Minutes of December 27, 2007 as amended.**

ROLL CALL	Councilwoman Cook	Aye
	Councilman Martuscello	Aye
	Councilwoman Yahn	Aye
	Councilman Presley	Aye
	Supervisor Lanphere	Aye

Resolved that the minutes of December 27, 2007 be approved including a correction of the first ROLL CALL VOTE to include 5 Ayes instead of 4 Ayes and OTHERS PRESENT to include Mary Farmer.

On motion of Councilwoman Yahn, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye, to defer the approval of **Minutes of December 28, 2007.**

Councilman Martuscello questioned "Conditions Precedent" (ix) of the RESOLUTION to purchase 7.867 acres of land for park development and if all conditions had been fulfilled before the purchase of the property. There was discussion that Terry Bretherton's letter regarding Liberty St. landowners and their concerns may have been received by the Board seven days prior to the purchase. Also, Councilman Presley was not present as stated in the minutes.

On motion of Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Cook and carried, all voting Aye to approve Supervisor's Report (See attached).

Councilman Martuscello brought up the matter of the budget. He would like a clean budget to start and wants to move specific abstracts to the New Building line. Noting that there are items that should be charged to the New Building budget and many things left to do such as the current punch list items, a parking lot and landscaping. It was decided to leave the charges where they currently are.

Park Purchase Plan

Councilwoman Yahn stated her concern about the Town and its financial situation with the creation and maintenance of a park. She noted that there hasn't been money set aside to fund this. The Board agreed that no taxpayer money should be spent on the project; however, the Board would look into grants once all issues concerning the property have been addressed. There was discussion that litigation could base the outcome of the future of the property and maybe there can be an agreement with the landowners. The Board wants to convey that the Town is not in a position to spend any money at this time.

Joint meeting Town and Village

The Board agreed that it is a great opportunity and Supervisor Lanphere will set it up in the next month or two.

West Lake Road Sidewalk Proposal

Councilwoman Yahn reported that she attended a meeting lead by Larry Foster and Bob Deseyn regarding the development of a sidewalk on West Lake Road. The intent is for a one mile trail for sightseeing and exercise. They are looking for support in order to go to the State. The Board discussed different options and declared that although it's a noble idea, this is not a Town issue at this point.

Voting Machines and Location

It was discussed that the lower level of the Library will be new voting location in Town.

Policy on Publishing Board Minutes

On motion by Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Councilman Presley, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5

Resolved that the Town of Urbana will publish **Approved and Unapproved Minutes Verbatim.**

Dog Shelter Contract

On motion by Councilman Martuscello, seconded by Councilwoman Cook and carried, all voting Aye to approve the contract with Betty Waldon.

Budget Review

The Board discussed the spending that occurred in December 2007. The purchasing of a truck, an excavator, a dump truck, unplanned and unfinished items on the new Town Hall, and additional expenses incurred for the 7.867 acres of lakefront property. The Board discussed that they should review the budget given that these were not budgeted items. The Board will call for a new report listing all accounts detailing Actual, Budgeted, and Balance for a constant and current budget review.

Town of Urbana Website

The Board discussed the development of a new website that Bob Magee and Mary Farmer are working on. Bob Magee reported on the story board development and possible time frame and Mary Farmer reported that she is working on a grant with J. O'Connell and associates that will be submitted on February 1, 2008 with notice some time in May.

Town Hall Justice Court Sign

On motion by Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye to approve the construction of the new Town Hall sign. It is noted that the Board approved moving ahead even though the minutes for the \$2,500.00 haven't been approved.

On motion by Councilman Martuscello, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye to approve the Town Justice Court final audit for 2007.

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Cook and carried, all voting Aye to approve the NYC conference request by Nicole Dresser.

On motion by Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Councilman Martuscello and carried, all voting Aye to Appoint Nicole Dresser Delegate to the Association of Towns at this conference.

Public Comment

Richard Falvey made comment that it was very hard to hear what was said tonight because of loud fan in the ceiling. The Board made note and will have it looked at or the possibility of a microphone, if needed.

Rick Drain addressed the Board and the public offering the potential of Town, Village, and School Boards meeting to work together. The idea was unanimously agreed upon and Supervisor Lanphere said that it will get set up.

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Cook, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. Farmer
Town Clerk

**Amended Minutes
Town of Urbana Board Meeting
December 28, 2007**

- Present:** Jim Presley was not in attendance
- Fourth Paragraph:** Typos fixed from full filled to fulfilled and there to their.
- Fund Transfer Vote:** On vote of Resolution to transfer money Councilman James Presley was not present. Therefore, the minutes will now read four Ayes.
- Property Purchase Vote:** On vote of Resolution to authorize Supervisor to execute all details pertaining to the purchase of Railroad property Councilman Presley was not present. Therefore, the minutes will now read four Ayes.