

TOWN OF URBANA BOARD MEETING  
April 8, 2008

The Urbana Town Board held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 26, 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
	Bob Magee	Zoning Officer

OTHERS PRESENT: Katrina Remaily, Rich Falvey, Jr., Richard Falvey, Sr., Luther Perkins, Jennifer and Olie Petersen, Terry Bretherton, and Steve Dresser.

Supervisor Lanphere called the Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

### Approval of Minutes

Supervisor Lanphere reported on the new building concerns and that nothing has been completed to date.

On motion of Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Martuscello and carried, all voting Aye, to approve the **Minutes of March 18, 2008**.

### **Old Business**

#### Bulletin Board

Councilman Presley reported that his company will modify an existing board for the Town.

Parks & Recreation – Councilwoman Yahn reported that the committee met the previous Thursday to work on a budget. They are also working on donation letters to be mailed to the community and that everyone had been hired for the summer. There was a question as to the official hours of the parks and Councilwoman Yahn will let the Clerk know and Supervisor Lanphere will contact Jack Merriam.

#### Joint Meeting with the Village

The meeting is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Chamber of Commerce.

On motion by Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye, to accept Marvin Rethmel, Dog Control Officer's, resignation.

Supervisor Lanphere will contact neighboring towns to inquire about the possibility of a shared position for Dog Control.

#### Website Update

Bob Magee reported that all pages are framed out and content is being added. He has received the Town Codes in digital format and will be converting them to PDF files for the site.

#### Highway Department

There was discussion that the Highway Department needs to have direct email for the community to contact them with concerns.

Depot Park

The Board discussed plans for Depot Park regarding planting and maintaining the property. Councilwoman Yahn offered to contact the Scouts to see if this could be a community project for them. There was discussion about the goose mess and the possibility of having dogs similar to those at the school to assist. Councilman Martuscello offered to contact Superintendent Brown for more information on the construction. The Board decided that this would be a good topic for the joint meeting with the Village. Supervisor Lanphere will also compile a list of plumbers and their numbers for the cleaning person.

On motion by Councilman Martuscello, seconded by Councilwoman Cook and carried, all voting Aye, to appoint Roger Tompkins as member of the Board of Assessment and Review.

Advertising

On motion by Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Councilman Martuscello and carried, all voting Aye to approve a business size ad for the I86 Travel Guide and not approve the Chamber of Commerce and Courier Advocate brochures for advertising.

Chamber of Commerce Request

Supervisor Lanphere received a request from the Chamber of Commerce requesting the Town's support for them to put a sign at east end of Main Street on the other side of State Route 54. The sign would be similar to the sign at the west end of Main Street that allows several businesses to advertise on one sign. It was decided that the Chamber needed to get more information for the Town to look at.

FOIL

Supervisor Lanphere stated that if someone wants information, they should get it. He stated that the information belongs to the people and that there is no reason for people to have to wait and there shouldn't be any road blocks. If anyone has a problem getting information Supervisor Lanphere wants to know.

Councilman Martuscello reported that he attended a conference for \$25.00. One of the workshops he attended was on shared services providing information on dissolutions and consolidations showing a substantial savings. He talked about thirteen studies that were done on the topic. Three of the thirteen were successful while some studies showed consolidation some showed shared services. Councilman Martuscello also reported that there is thirteen million in grant money available for shared services.

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

**Other Business**

Terry Bretherton spoke to the Board regarding the Fire Commissioners lease. Mr. Bretherton stated that it's a tedious leased that is renewed every year and suggested a long-term lease. Supervisor Lanphere suggested that Attorney Reed should review the lease and Mr. Bretherton said he will take a copy of the lease to his office. The Board will extend lease after we hear from Attorney Reed.

**Public Comment**

Richard Falvey asked about the \$5,000.00 abstract for J. O'Connell & Associates. The Board responded that the company is the Town grant writers and are paid \$20,000.00, \$5,000.00 per quarter per year with a two year contract.

Mr. Falvey commented about the Keuka Lake output levies controlled by KWIC in the seven townships annually. He also asked how many people attended the NYC conference with an answer that one ZBA member attended this year.

Steve Dresser asked about the Keuka Maid and if the Town had received the money due from Robert Phunter in March. The Board reported that the Town has not received the money for the lease. Mr. Dresser noted that Robert Phunter still owes the Fire Department money for 2007 garbage.

Dick Falvey commented on his road being a mess and that trucks can't get up the road. Mr. Falvey said that he has spoken to Superintendent Buckley about the situation but that it's a band aid fix at this point. He said the job done on the road is very sloppy and a disgraceful situation. Mr. Falvey asked the Board to compare Wheeler and Urbana roads. Terry Bretherton supported Mr. Falvey and asked the Board to take a ride around Bath and compare it to Urbana.

Katrina Remailly asked why the highway employees work 10 hours day and then overtime on Fridays and weekends. Councilman Presley explained that they are on call in the winter.

8:50 p.m.

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Cook, all voting Aye to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

On motion by Supervisor Lanphere, seconded by Councilman Martuscello, all voting Aye to close the Executive Session.

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Martuscello, seconded by Councilman Presley, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. Farmer  
Town Clerk