

TOWN OF URBANA BOARD MEETING
May 20, 2008

The Urbana Town Board held its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 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: Joe Sheehan, Larry Foster, and Mary Perham.

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

Supervisor Lanphere reported on the New Building and that all of the unfinished items are still being worked on. The Supervisor reported that he will contact Hunt Engineers and have a manual door with a key mechanism installed and remove the complete computer system connection. The system is not adequate, the bar recently installed is a band aid fix and isn't acceptable.

There was a question of how the Town Hall acquired a Certificate of Occupancy without potable water and Councilman Presley stated that the Town was exempt from its own rule, to the best of his knowledge.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman Martuscello, seconded by Councilwoman Cook and carried, all voting Aye, to approve the **Minutes of April 8, 2008**.

Old Business

Bulletin Board

Councilman Presley reported that the bulletin board is not been rebuilt yet.

Joint Meeting with the Village

The Board reviewed the joint meeting and commented on how well it went and all hope that there will be more than just one more meeting this year. Councilman Martuscello noted that some important points that were not addressed were the services we currently share such as Town Attorney, Zoning Officer, Building Inspector, Court, and Town/Village Highway in addition to services we should share such a building.

On motion by Councilman Martuscello, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye, to provide Bob Magee, Zoning Officer, employee benefits according to the Inter-Municipal Agreement.

On motion by Councilman Martuscello, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye, to offer employee benefits to Starr Perry, Deputy Clerk.

Dog Control Officer

Supervisor Lanphere reported that he did speak to the Wayne Officer and that he may be interested in the position. Supervisor Lanphere said he has not contacted Pulteney yet. The Board tabled the discussion until next meeting when there is more information.

Depot Park

Councilman Martuscello reported that there isn't that much that needs to be done at the park other than cutting and some planting and weeding around the Depot. If the Town could buy some hanging plants and mulch, Lela Martuscello, Village Clerk, has offered to take care of it. Highway Superintendent, Dave Buckley, offered the assistance of the highway personnel to weed the Park on Fridays when they mow.

The Board discussed the problems with the geese and said that the dogs at the school aren't working so it's not an option.

Councilman Presley presented a new layout with pricing of \$800.00 to purchase it. The Board briefly discussed the proposal and decided there were more important issues to address and that this is an unnecessary item. Councilman Presley will look into vinyl lettering and other options.

On motion by Councilwoman Martuscello, seconded by Councilwoman Cook and carried, all voting Aye, to table the discussion on a plaque for the New Town Hall.

Parks & Recreation

Councilwoman Yahn reported that the Committee met and is moving ahead with all program activities starting on July 7, 2008. The Committee has received \$950.00 so far in donations. The Board discussed the clean-up effort at the lake front property and Councilwoman Cook handed out a report from Tom Chadwick.

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Cook and carried, all voting Aye, to authorize the volunteers working on the park property limited use of the \$6,700.00 left after the purchase, with prior approval. The volunteers request for money to rent a skid steer and to put an ad in the Shopper was approved.

Councilman Presley requested approval to move railroad tracks at the waterfront property to put in an access road. The Board concluded with general consensus to clear the way for access to the lake front property. Councilman Martuscello suggested that we wait and contact Mike Doyle about sharing the driveway.

Website Update

There is nothing to report at this time.

The Board discussed options regarding the old Town barn on the corner of Liberty and Mill St. There was discussion of whether to reconsider selling the property that stores highway equipment or the possibility of a parking lot due to the lack of public parking. The Finger Lakes Antique Boat Museum has also shown interest in the property.

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Cook and carried, all voting Aye for Supervisor Lanphere to contact Gus Hilligus to clean up and mow the cemeteries for Memorial Day weekend. A new yearly contract will be voted on at the June Board meeting with Gus Hilligus.

Town Hall Landscaping

There was discussion that the Board could put the landscaping out to bid but that the parking lot has to be done first. Highway Superintendent Buckley said that the highway crew would work on the parking lot and put top soil down, even things out, and call Knight Settlement regarding top soil and that if he hydro seeds the lawn there could be grass in two weeks. Councilman Presley and Superintendent Buckley have volunteered to lead the effort on the grounds of the New Town Hall.

On motion by Councilman Martuscello, seconded by Councilwoman Cook and carried, all voting Aye for the Town Board to support and explore options moving forward with the economic development of Water District #3.

Councilman Presley described a meeting that he had with Jim Sharon from IDA, Jean O'Connell and Gary Rouleau from J. O'Connell & Associates to discuss how to move forward with Water District #3. The group also discussed the engineering study that was done in 2005 funded in part by Bully Hill and Heron Hill Wineries. Jean O'Connell wants a business plan done to complete a feasibility study to prove the new district will increase business and create more jobs. Jean indicated that there is money available from Southern Tier Central Planning.

Councilman Presley does not want to go back to the wineries for more money therefore the Town will need to invest money. In addition, in order to apply for grants the Town will need Village participation and endorsement.

Councilman Presley stated that it shouldn't cost the Town money to find grants since we have grant writers on retainer. He stated that the wineries need water and must be willing to contribute capital money. Supervisor Lanphere has also spoken to them.

Chestnut Grove Cemetery

Councilman Presley requested approval to change the name of Chestnut Grove Cemetery in honor of his father, Sam Presley, for the work he did at the Cemetery. Councilman Presley said that in exchange for the name change, he would refurbish the cemetery. Due to community members that are upset about the change and challenge the idea, The Board decided to table the discussion in order to gather more information.

Park Facilities Permit

The Board reviewed the application for vending in the Town Parks and the Town Code relating to it. The Board agreed that the Town allows organizations to do one time events but does not authorize ongoing individuals to vend.

On motion by Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye, to deny the Park Facility Permit Application from Michael Anthony.

Other Business

Supervisor Lanphere brought up the Main St. Extension, Route 54, and Back Valley Rd. concerns that certain residents are being served in areas that are not in a legally formed water district. Water District #1 running to Great Western is also not in a legally formed district by NYS law. The Abstract identified as District #1 is the perimeter of the former Taylor Great Western only, not all the properties along the way that have tapped on. Supervisor Lanphere said that he will take responsibility for drafting new water lines.

Another issue brought up was a property on 54A where a house has been rebuilt had water lines buried. The Village stopped water supply to four cottages north of the property with no notification or reason.

On motion by Councilman Martuscello, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye, to approve Charlie Egresi's resignation as Chairman of the ZBA.

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Cook and carried, all voting Aye, to appoint Richard Watson as Chairman of the ZBA.

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Martuscello and carried, all voting Aye, to appoint Greg Gardiner as temporary Town Hall cleaner.

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

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

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Yahn and carried, all voting Aye, to approve one reserved parking space for the Hammondsport Police car at the Depot.

Councilwoman Cook brought a request from the Village for two reserved parking spaces for police cars. The Board approved one space since there is only one police car due to limited parking for visitors and the community already.

Public Comment

A member of the community asked who owns the monument in front of 41 Lake St. and what will happen to it. There was discussion of different options of where it could be relocated and Supervisor Lanphere offered to call Arbor Development to ask them to move it where we want it. The issue was tabled for more discussion at the next meeting.

9:33 p.m.

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Martuscello and carried, all voting Aye, to close the public meeting and reopen the Executive Session from April 8, 2008.

10:15 p.m.

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Cook and carried, all voting Aye, to close the Executive Session.

With no further business, on a motion by Supervisor Lanphere, seconded by Councilman Presley, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. Farmer
Town Clerk