

**Urbana Town Board Meeting**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**August 17, 2021**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
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The Urbana Town Board held its regular board meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 8014 Pleasant Valley Road, Bath, New York.

PRESENT:	Edward Stull	Supervisor
	Jim Presley	Deputy Supervisor
	Mary Farmer	Councilwoman
	David Shaw	Councilman
	David Luppino	Councilman
	Deanna Tompkins	Town Clerk
	Elizabeth Oklevitch	Attorney

**Others Present:** Christine Rechichi, Nichole Dresser, Steve Dresser, Don Howard, John Hoch, Charity Hoad, Calvin Weaver, Shelly Fisher, Richard Niles, Sandra Niles, Alan Carpenter

**Open Meeting**

Pledge

Supervisor Stull opened the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Supervisor Stull introduced Penny Wells as the new Secretary for the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board.

On a motion made by Councilman Luppino, seconded by Deputy Supervisor and carried, all voting Aye to approve the minutes from July 20, 2021.

On a motion made by Councilman Luppino, seconded by Councilwoman Farmer and carried, all voting Aye to approve the minutes from June 28, 2021.

On a motion made by Deputy Supervisor Presley, seconded by Councilman Luppino and carried, all voting Aye to approve Abstract #8 of 2021.

On a motion made by Councilman Shaw, seconded by Councilwoman Farmer, and carried, all voting Aye to accept the Department Reports.

**Public Input on Agenda Items**

**None**

**Old Business**

**Marijuana Dispensaries**

The board asked for public input about Marijuana Dispensaries:

- One person is strongly against in our community.
- One person brought up that dispensaries could be used for medical and purposes.
- One person is for dispensaries because Marijuana is legal and Urbana would be missing out on tax revenue

The Town has until December 31<sup>st</sup> to say no to dispensaries in the Town of Urbana. The meeting tonight is the first meeting to gather information.

We need to find out what percentage of revenue will come to the Town of Urbana if they get a dispensary.

Councilman Luppino will attend the Village of Hammondsport board meeting on Sept. 14 if they are talking about Marijuana Dispensaries.

The Town can make restrictions on the time of operations of a dispensary.

The board will talk to people about what they think, and next month will decide.

#### **Pier Project Update**

No contract yet

#### **Bridge Project Update**

The signed contract was submitted to the State. The Town is still waiting on the MWBE waiver. The contractor is still planning on building the bridge when the ground is frozen and the water is down.

#### **Grants**

A grant was submitted that would allow the Town to do the upgrades at Curtiss Park. The Town is only responsible for 15% of the cost. There is the potential of receiving \$945,000.00, the Town would be responsible for \$130,000.00 and a large portion of the \$130,000.00 could be paid with in-kind work.

Each board member is going to contact eight people on the Southern Tier Economic Council to them about our grant.

Jean O'Connell is looking for grants for Rails to Trails also.

#### **Geese Removal Discussion**

The Town will not purchase the strobes for geese removal at this time.

#### **New Business**

#### **Policy and Procedure Following Board Action Vote**

Councilman Farmer wants the board to understand that when the board votes yes on moving forward and someone is tasked to do something, private conversations and decisions should not take place. If the board votes yes on something, it gives the authority to do what the action was voted on.

## **Look into Hiring an Engineering Firm**

There was a discussion about hiring an engineering firm for Town projects. It was decided it will be on case by case basis instead of on a retainer.

## **Depot Park Dock Issues**

Steve DiMarzo submitted the letter below about issues with the dock of depot park.

RE: Depot Park Dock Issues

To whom this may concern;

My name is Steve DiMarzo and I am a resident of The Town of Urbana, residing at 10277 Glen Grove Pt, Hammondsport, NY 14840.

Keuka lake is such a wonderful asset to this community and one of the main reasons for the community's successful existence. This lake unlike most other Fingerlakes has numerous unique destination opportunities by both land and sea. The numerous restaurants accessible by boat in addition to the walkability to The Village of Hammondsport by boat from Depot Park most importantly, is unparalleled.

There are many problems with the public docks at Depot Park, including:

- 1) The current floating docks are in disrepair causing a high risk of safety hazard
  - a. There are numerous loose & partially rotten deck boards;
  - b. No cleats to tie-off boats;
    - i. To tie-off a boat on the current dock one must tie their line to the rusted bar joists beneath the deck;
- 2) The docks are not Handicap accessible i.e.: they do not meet ADA standards currently;
- 3) The slips are too short for most boats;
- 4) There are not enough slips to accommodate the number of boats wishing to dock and walk into town;
  - a. Currently there are 14 slips of which 2-3 are allocated to the boat rental people and 1 is used for boaters utilizing the adjacent boat launch leaving approximately 10 slips available to the public. Of the 10 remaining slips only 3 can accommodate a vessel greater than 16 feet long;
  - b. In the new design I would propose somewhere in the range of 30 boat slips or about 1% of the total number of waterfront residences

Benefits to new and increased number of public docking facilities:

- 1) Potential decrease in insurance premiums due
- 2) Potential for State Grant or private funding
- 3) Potential for revenue generation through a minimal cost hourly rate parking meter for

boaters to utilize the facility

4) Increased utilization by boaters relates to increased Village business revenue

With the above mentioned items being taken into account, I respectfully request the Town of Urbana to include dock replacement and expansion in their 2022 budget. With municipal bond rates as low as they are, increased revenue from higher value home sales and increased interest in the general area, this is the most advantageous time for The Town to make this investment into the community public dock infrastructure

Sincerely,

Steven M DiMarzo

Cc: Town Clerk

Keuka Lake Association

There was a discussion about the docks. Supervisor Stull will call Jean O'Connell, the Grant writer to see if the Town can get additional money for docks.

### **Liquidate 1 Ton Truck**

On a motion made by Deputy Supervisor Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Farmer and carried, all voting Aye that the 1 Ton Truck is declared surplus equipment.

### **Public Input on Non Agenda Items**

#### **Keuka Watersports**

Deputy Supervisor Presley made a motion that the Town of Urbana give Keuka Watersports 50 percent of their rental payment back for their slip at depot park because the Town of Urbana cannot enforce laws at the docks. Motion Failed for a lack of a second.

#### **Curtiss Park**

Supervisor Stull will discuss with the person who owns the four lots near Curtiss Park to see if they would exchange 40 feet that they would have to give up to make a road and give them an access point of their choice from the Curtiss Park parking area, for an equal area next to the current park north boundary.

With no further business, on a motion made by Deputy Supervisor Presley, seconded by Councilman Luppino and carried all voting Aye to close the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanna Tompkins,  
Town Clerk