

**Urbana Town Board Meeting
Regular Board Meeting
October 18, 2022
6:30 p.m.**

The Urbana Town Board held its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 8014 Pleasant Valley Road, Bath, New York.

Present:	Edward P. Stull	Supervisor
	Jim Presley	Deputy Supervisor (Left approx. 7:15 p.m.)
	David Luppino	Councilperson
	Mary Farmer	Councilperson
	David Shaw	Councilperson
	Deanna Tompkins	Town Clerk
	Elizabeth Oklevitch	Attorney
	Tammie Nelson	Bookkeeper

Others Present: David Oliver, Dave Bornholdt, Pam Gratzner, John Hoch, Monique Page, Bill Olmsted, Robert Lack, Paul Zaidel, Art Sable, Tara Fuller Dan Shearer.

Supervisor Stull opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Councilperson Luppino, seconded by Councilperson Farmer and carried, all voting Aye to approve the Board Minutes from September 20, 2022.

Approval of Abstract

On a motion mad by Councilperson Luppino, seconded by Councilperson Presley and carried, all voting Aye to accept Abstract #10 of 2022.

Accept Department Reports

There was a brief discussion about reviewing the current setback variance along the Keuka Lake shoreline properties that Marvin Rethmel referred to in his report.

Supervisor Stull showed a map of where the electrical and water is at Depot Park. Highway Superintendent Doug Robinson and Code Officer Chuck Cagle will sign off on Park Use applications going forward.

On a motion made my Councilperson Luppino, seconded by Councilperson Shaw and carried, all voting Aye to accept the Department Reports.

Exclusive Use of Park Facility at Depot Park for Wine Country Classic Boats – July 13-16, 2023

On a motion made by Councilperson Farmer, seconded by Councilperson Luppino and carried, all voting Aye to approve the Exclusive Parks Facility Application at Depot Park that Wine Country Classic Boats submitted for their show on July 13-16, 2023.

Old Business

Gold Seal Complaint

A letter was submitted by Tim Bates and signed by residents that live around Gold Seal. The residents want to know what is happening with the Gold Seal Building. Ben Dancy, from Field Construction was at the meeting to answer questions. Some concerns that were voiced were:

What is being dumped?

Crushed concrete and broken pieces of concrete are being dumped. They are raising the grade for future building. The Public were wondering if there was still a silt fence. Ben Dancy said yes it was just covered up.

Supervisor Stull asked Ben if they could mend the fences and clean up things in the front yard.

Ben explained that there is a permit being filled out to take down the middle section. They are trying to save the newest addition, its still not in great shape. The floor needs to be replaced in sections. Demo for the middle section will take place in early spring at the soonest.

Does that section of that what will be demoed contain asbestos?

Most of it was abated. There was a report done before Jeremy Fields bought Gold Seal. It will be followed up by the Code Office with the demo permit.

A resident brought up Property Maintenance Code because the Gold Seal property is not in good shape.

Did the Town set a time line set for fields construction and would be fines imposed?

Supervisor Stull explained that there was not a timeline. If Fields Construction does not start the work The Town will refer to code enforcement.

Have you tried to get any historical grants?

They have tried but didn't have any luck.

Bridge, Pier and Grants Update

Dan Shearer from Saratoga Associates gave an update on the Bridge, Pier and Grants.

Phase 1: The design is completed for the railings and cable for the boardwalk section. The town will need to approve the purchase for the cable. There was an issue with the change order that is associated with the seconded bump out. There is a possibility the change can be associated with Phase 2 of Curtiss Park.

Phase 2: We don't have the contract for the grant yet. The DEC had reservations about putting in more boardwalk and a bird viewing tower without adequate programming. Dan Shearer, David Oliver and Deanna Tompkins will be meeting with DOS on Friday to discuss reallocating some of the funding to lighting and permeable asphalt. The budget for the grant needs to be finalized.

Pier: There were some issues getting the permit from the DEC. The SEQR application was submitted for the pier but the docks will need another SEQR. This application has been in the DEC hands for a number of weeks. There has been no response yet. Most of the steps have been completed. There is a 20 day notification period. We should have the SEQR approval by the first of November and the OGS permit sometime in December.

Deputy Supervisor Presley left due to sickness at approximately 7:15 pm

Review Boat Launch contracts and Chapter 37 of Town Law- Beaches and Boating

The board reviewed the boat launch contracts and they are good with the new format.

Ethics Policy

Attorney Oklevitch is currently working on completing the policy.

New Business

On a motion made by Councilperson Shaw, seconded by Councilperson Farmer and carried, all voting Aye to approve placing a military marker on the grave for Soldier David Hawkins who fought in the Revolutionary War. He died in December 1844 and is buried at Mt. Washington Cemetery.

Senior Exemption

David Oliver explained the Senior tax exemption. The exemption for seniors is \$15,000. If their income is below \$15,000 they get half off for property taxes. With the raise in social security, seniors are going over the limit and not getting the exemption. It is proposed we go on a sliding scale and move up the lower income limit.

ZBA and Planning Board Expirations

The board was notified that ZBA Chair Scott Berg and Planning Board Chair Julie Vargo's term expires on 12/31/22.

Teamsters Audit

Tammie Nelson, The Town of Urbana Bookkeeper worked with John Tierney, an Auditor from NYS Teamsters Council to examine the Towns payroll records. The board would like to thank Tammie because the Town was given a one-time only request for relief that saved the Town \$20,000 in fines.

Tax Cap Local Law

On a motion made by Councilperson Farmer, seconded by Councilperson Shaw and carried, voting Aye to schedule a Public Hearing to Override the Tax Cap Law on the following Roll Call Vote.

Roll call vote:

Supervisor Stull: AYE

Deputy Supervisor: ABSENT

Councilperson Shaw: AYE

Councilperson Presley: AYE

Councilperson Luppino: NAY

Boat Trailer Parking

Highway Superintendent Robinson has some room behind the compost pile at the Highway Department to bulldoze flat so people could temporarily park their boat trailer for a fee. If this goes forward we need to research insurance and the Towns legal responsibilities

Executive Session

On a motion made by Councilperson Shaw, seconded by Councilperson Farmer and carried, all voting Aye to enter into executive session for Acquisition of Securities and Contract negotiations and Personnel Issues at 8:00 pm, inviting in Ben Dancy, Fields Construction, Dan Shearer, Saratoga Associates, Deanna Tompkins, Town Clerk and Elizabeth Oklevitch, Attorney for the Town.

On a motion made Councilperson Luppino, seconded by Councilperson Shaw and carried, all voting Aye to come out of Executive Session at 8:49 p.m.

With no further business, On a motion made Councilperson Luppino, seconded by Councilperson Shaw and carried, all voting Aye to close the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanna Tompkins
Town Clerk