

TOWN OF URBANA
Regular Board Meeting
January 19, 2016

The Urbana Town Board held its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 6:30p.m., at the Town Hall, 8014 Pleasant Valley Rd., Bath, New York.

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| PRESENT: | Alzina Turner | Councilwoman |
| | Dave Shaw | Councilman |
| | Edward Stull | Councilman |
| | John Webster | Supervisor |
| | Jim Presley | Councilman |
| | Mary Farmer | Town Clerk |

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hanna, Legislator, Steve Veley, Bee Keck, Anne Green and Lance Locey.

Minutes

On a motion made by Councilman Stull, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye to approve the minutes of December 1, 2015.

On motion made by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Shaw and carried, all voting Aye to approve the minutes of December 15, 2015.

On motion made by Councilman Stull, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye to approve the minutes of December 28, 2015.

Abstracts

Councilman Stull had questions about the abstracts in the amount of \$3,485.90 being paid to the retired Town Attorney and his wife. Supervisor Webster said that was an agreement made between the past Supervisor and the Attorney. He said there is a difference between an Attorney for the Town and a Town Attorney. On a motion made by Councilwoman Turner, seconded by Councilman Shaw and carried, all voting as follows to approve Abstract # 14 of 2015.

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| Councilman Shaw | Aye |
| Councilwoman Turner | Aye |
| Councilman Stull | Nay |
| Councilman Presley | Aye |
| Supervisor Webster | Aye |

On motion made by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Stull and carried, all voting Aye to approve January 2016 Abstract's except # 704.

On a motion made by Councilman Stull, seconded by Councilman Shaw and carried, all voting Aye to approve Abstract # 704. Councilman Presley abstained.

Accounting Transfers

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| From: | A1420.410 | Attorney/Litigation | \$ 130.00 |
| To: | A1420.400 | Attorney Contractual | \$ 130.00 |
| From: | A1620.410 | Electricity | \$ 220.00 |
| To: | A1620.420 | Heating | \$ 220.00 |
| From: | A1620.470 | Renovations and Repairs | \$ 685.00 |
| To: | A1620.440 | Misc. Supplies | \$ 685.00 |
| From: | DB5110.410 | General Repairs Major | \$ 5500.00 |
| To: | DB5130.400 | Machinery Contractual | \$ 2240.00 |

Public Input on Agenda Items

None

Property Maintenance Law First Review

Chapter 78-6 was corrected but there are still questions about the code violation enforcement. Officer Magee suggested checking Chapter 105 and changing all enforcement to the Zoning Officer. Attorney Ryan would like to see Chapter 78 enforced by the Code Enforcement Officer and Chapter 105 enforced by the Zoning Officer. Chapter 105 will be brought back for review at the next meeting.

Assessor Inter-Municipal Agreement

There are still changes to be made. This will be on next month’s agenda.

Non-Resident Boat Launch Use

There was a brief discussion.

Speed Limit Reduction Request

Councilman Stull realizes this matter was voted down at the December meeting but brought it back to the table because of his concern for public safety. Councilman Shaw added his firsthand knowledge of the safety concerns on County Route 76.

On a motion made by Councilman Stull to move forward and ask the State to do a study on a portion of 76, Councilman Shaw seconded the motion, all voting as follows:

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| Councilwoman Turner | Nay |
| Councilman Shaw | Aye |
| Councilman Stull | Aye |
| Councilman Presley | Nay |
| Supervisor Webster | Nay |

Mike Hanna, Steuben County Legislature

Mr. Hanna gave County updates to the Board. A 34,000 square foot steel building is going to be built across from the County Building for records storage and storing voting machines. Another 13,000 square foot building is being built behind the County Building for the District Attorney and Public Defender’s Office due to increased cases.

Mr. Hanna conveyed information on the newly trained Cruelty Officer employed by the Sheriff’s Office. The SPCA will pick up the animals and board them.

Mr. Hanna talked about the current state of the landfill and that it’s not running at capacity. The County is looking at possibly privatizing or leasing options.

Highway Committee Appointment

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Shaw and carried, all voting Aye to appoint Councilman Stull to the Highway Committee.

Waterfront Parks and Trails Advisory Committee

Councilman Presley reported on the first meeting of the committee. The waterfront committee would like the Board to approve hiring an engineering firm to write the specifications for the RFP.

On a motion by Councilwoman Turner, seconded by Councilman Shaw and carried, all voting Aye to approve hiring an engineering firm. Councilman Stull would like to get responses from several engineering firms.

Physicals and Drug Testing for Recreation Program

Supervisor Webster asked the Board if they were interested in testing the summer recreation employees at ~ \$100 each which will run \$3,500-\$4,000. Steve Veley said it will be more than that. Attorney Ryan will draw something up to review.

Keuka Watersports Proposal

Councilman Presley asked that the proposal to be sent to the Water front Advisory Committee for their review. Councilman Shaw said it’s a great idea, it’s a floating system that can be moved around, positive for the community, good for Champlin and guarantees income to the Town and Village. Supervisor Webster said it is premature and would obstruct the view.

Councilman Shaw made a motion to move forward and send it to the Waterfront Advisory Committee, Councilman Stull seconded the motion and no one else voted.

Property Damage Policy

Town of Urbana Property Damage Policy

If a Town employee damages another person's property, it will be left to the Town Supervisor, Town Attorney or insurance carrier to determine whether the Town is liable for the damages and as to how they will be paid.

As such, any future incidents will be reported to the Town Supervisor, for liability assessment. In no case shall an employee authorize payment by the Tow for damages. Any such authorization without Supervisor's approval may result in the employee being personally responsible for payment.

On a motion made by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Shaw and carried, all voting Aye to approve the Property Damage Policy.

Approve Highway Contract

The contract has missing pages and is not complete. It will be brought back next month.

Appointment to the Board of Assessment Review

On a motion made by Councilwoman Turner, seconded by Councilman Stull and carried, all voting Aye to appoint Phil Dickson to the Board of Assessment Review.

Zoning Officer, Bob Magee

Mr. Magee talked to the Board about his hours worked. He has already logged 68 hours in the month of January of the 80 required. He has written and revised local laws and wants the Board to understand the time he puts into the job.

Lifeguard Shed

On a motion made by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Stull and carried, all voting Aye to approve the purchase of a new Woodtex shed.

Other

In looking over the high phone bills, Councilman Shaw would like the charges reviewed to see if the Town can get better rates. Supervisor Webster said he would look into it.

On a motion made by Councilman Stull, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye to enter into executive session for the purpose of a personnel matter of a Town employee.

At 9:07 on a motion made by Councilman Stull, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye to close and come out of executive session.

Councilwoman Turner said she cannot see where the board has done anything and asked is there anything the board has done. Supervisor Webster responded that they had passed steep slope laws, a new dog law and have redone policies.

With no further business, on motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Turner, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm. Carried unanimously by all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. Farmer
Town Clerk