

TOWN OF URBANA
Regular Board Meeting
February 9, 2016

The Urbana Town Board held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 6:30p.m., at the Town Hall, 8014 Pleasant Valley Rd., Bath, New York.

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

ABSENT: Alzina Turner Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Slowinski, Mary Joan Ellison, Douglas Robinson, Bub Robinson, David Oliver, Ron Leonard, Lance Locey, Jeff Streeter, Nancy Snyder, Brian Snyder, Steve Veley, Chad Robbins, Barb Yunis and Bob Magee.

Minutes

On a motion made by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Stull and carried, all voting Aye to approve the minutes of January 5, 2016.

On motion made by Councilman Stull, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye to approve the minutes of January 19, 2015.

Abstracts

On a motion made by Councilman Shaw, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye to approve the February 2016 Abstract except # 723.

On a motion made by Councilman Stull, seconded by Councilman Shaw and carried, all voting Aye to approve Abstract # 723. Councilman Presley abstained.

Property Maintenance Law Review

Chapter 78-6 Property Maintenance was discussed briefly. The Building Inspector Mike Slowinski had not had an opportunity to review it. Supervisor Webster asked for a motion to schedule a public hearing on the updated version of the code. Councilman Shaw made a motion to schedule a public hearing at the March board meeting however there was no second to the motion and the motion died.

Section 105 Updates

The Board discussed a few changes. They would like the pages numbered and to strike out 'by the Zoning Enforcement Officer' in the last sentence of §105-30 D.

Highway Contract

On a motion made by Councilman Stull, seconded by Councilman Shaw and carried, all voting Aye to approve the three year Union Contract for the Highway Department.

Peterson Property Update

Supervisor Webster told the Board that Attorney Ryan has two ways to proceed and there has been a new development. Nothing more was said.

Assessor Inter-Municipal Agreement

On a motion made by Councilman Stull, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye to approve the Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town of Wayne.

Speed Limit Reduction Request

Councilman Shaw brought a petition to the Board signed by 18 residents who would like to pursue a speed reduction on a portion of County Route 76.

On a motion made by Councilman Stull, seconded by Councilman Shaw and carried, all voting Aye to approve moving ahead and requesting, through the County, to study that portion of the road.

Pier Bidding Process

Chad Robbins of R&R Dock Building submitted case law information to Councilman Stull regarding illegal bid fixing. Supervisor Webster, Councilman Presley the IDA Director Jamie Johnson had a meeting with Attorney Ryan on February 1, 2016 at which time the decision was made to separate the pier and boat bidding process.

Several members in the audience had questions about Champlin beach and future plans for the area. There was concern that the community didn't have any input in what is being developed. The Board explained how the Town, Village and IDA collectively funded and hired Larson Group, engineering/survey company, to do a waterfront study. They held several community meetings at the high school for public input. Hundreds of people attended and individually prioritized what they would like. An advisory committee was put together of local residents who assisted the Larson Group in the process. The information was compiled and from the communities input, a waterfront master plan was developed.

Original letter from Councilman Stull – January 27, 2016

All Attached (minus Ms. Turner, Clerk please copy and place in Ms. Turner's mailbox)

I received phone calls from two local Marine Contractors; Veley Enterprise (Steve Veley) and R&R Docks (Chad Robbins) both expressed concern on the bidding process for the "Pier/Tour Boat".

I was given the Case Law pertaining to bidding, I advised both parties that I would copy and place in each Board members inbox for review. I advised both parties that I would read the case law however, I am not an Attorney therefore I cannot interpret the case law ruling. I did advise both parties that, I would give the Town Supervisor (John Webster) a copy so that our Town Attorney can review for further action.

Case Law: Plumbing Heating Contractors vs. Egan 86A.D.2d100

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Edward P Stull

Waterfront Parks and Trails Advisory Committee

Councilman Presley announced that the Committee met to discuss the proposal from Keuka Watersports. The Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Town Board move forward with the Mr. Locey's proposal. There was further discussion regarding the possibility of new inventory Keuka Watersports invests in being added towards the two million private match in order to receive \$410,000.

Accept Councilman Stull's Review of Court Records

On a motion made by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Shaw and carried, all Voting Aye to accept Councilman Stull's review of the 2015 court records.

Use of the Depot Second Floor

The Board will come back in March with ideas for water enhanced or water dependent businesses and also businesses they don't want to see at this location.

Appoint Gary Pruyn to Board of Assessment Review

On motion made by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Stull and carried, all voting Aye to appoint Gary Pruyn to the Board of Assessment Review term ending 9/30/2019.

Dave Oliver, Assessor – Assessments

Mr. Oliver expressed concerns about not receiving copies of permits which would affect the town of Urbana's assessments. He said the problem has gone on since 2005 and the problem places a burden across the board to every taxpayer. He is also concerned about the change in his salary compared to the amount of responsibility he has taken by becoming the town of Wayne's assessor. He questioned what happened to the \$15,600 that Wayne is paying Urbana and his paycheck has only an \$18 increase for taking on the additional responsibility of \$283,901,486 in assessments. He won't work under the current conditions.

Other

Bub Robinson asked about town audits.

Lance Locey welcomed everyone in the audience to call him directly anytime. He said he would like to talk to everyone directly and answer any questions anyone might have.

With no further business, on motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Shaw, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm. Carried unanimously by all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. Farmer
Town Clerk