

TOWN OF URBANA  
Regular Board Meeting  
March 15, 2016

The Urbana Town Board held its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 6:30p.m., at the Town Hall, 8014 Pleasant Valley Rd., Bath, New York.

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

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: James Johnson, Doug Robinson, Wade Stopka, Jill Staats, Anne Green, Mary Jo Savino, Ray and Wilma Poehlein, Barba Yunis, Lance Locey, Cameron Dunlap, Dave Oliver, Brian Harris, Steve Veley and Nancy Snyder.

**Minutes**

On a motion made by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Turner and carried, all voting Aye to approve the minutes of February 9, 2016.

On motion made by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Stull and carried, all voting Aye to approve the minutes of February 23, 2016.

**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.

**Accounting Transfers**

On a motion made by Councilman Stull, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye to approve the accounting transfers below:

DB Fund			
From:	DB 599	Unencumbered Fund Balance	\$34,326.28
To:	DB5130.200	Equipment/Capital Outlay	\$34,326.28

**Public Input**

Supervisor Webster told the audience about his new public comment process. Barb Yunis asked for clarification and voiced her concerns. There were other members in the audience who would like to make comments during an agenda item discussion or at the end.

Mary Jo Savino was recognized by the Supervisor and addressed the board. Ms. Savino talked about the tour boat update, the Depot 2<sup>nd</sup> floor use, the new process for public input, minutes from the Waterfront Committee and the design and spec process of the tour boat.

Barb Yunis was recognized by the board. She commented the public input process.

**Property Maintenance**

On a motion by Councilman Shaw, seconded by Councilman Stull and carried, all voting Aye to schedule a public hearing for Local Law 2016 – 1 Property Maintenance at a special meeting which will be held on March 29, 2016 at 6:30PM. Councilman Presley would like to have the agriculture district exempt from the law which would exclude 98% of the town properties from the law. Councilman Stull wants the law brought back to the table if it's not working.

**Section 105 Zoning**

On a motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Shaw and carried, all voting Aye to schedule a public hearing for Local Law 2016 -2 Section 105 Zoning at a special meeting which will be held on March 29, 2016 following the Property Maintenance public hearing.

**Tour Boat Update**

Councilman Presley said that he, IDA Director Jamie Johnson, and Jeremy Fields met and had a discussion about moving forward with a license agreement. On a motion made by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Stull and carried, the vote was passed by roll call vote:

Councilman Shaw	Aye
Councilwoman Turner	Abstained (no reason)
Councilman Stull	Aye
Councilman Presley	Aye
Supervisor Webster	Aye

**Engineering Proposals (Pier Specifications)**

Attorney Ryan would like more time to review the proposals. This agenda item will be reviewed and then discussed at the March 29, 2016 special meeting.

**Depot**

The Board discussed possible uses for the Depot. Councilman Stull said he agreed with Ms. Savino and would like to see the building used for water related businesses realizing the Town would need zoning approval. The Board agreed that water dependent or water enhanced businesses makes sense. Councilman Presley would like to follow the study. Councilman Shaw wants it rented to generate income and wondered why there is no retail allowed when the salon that was renting sold products. The Board agreed they will advertise for what they would like and see what businesses show interest.

**Waterfront Committee**

Councilman Presley said that minutes are approved at each meeting. Mr. Presley told the Board that the committee recommends putting the bridge across the creek into Curtiss Park should be placed on the lake side of Wambold’s property and would like the Town Board to approve their recommendation. Supervisor Webster said he wasn’t interested at this time because the pier and the tour boat are the priority. Councilman Presley said this was the third waterfront study done and he would like to follow the plan regarding water dependent or water enhanced businesses and agreed with Ms. Savino that we don’t want another law office. Councilman Presley also said he would bring all of the Waterfront Committee minutes to the Board for their information.

**Local Law to Allow Code Enforcement Officer to Live Out of Town**

Supervisor Webster said he went to NYC for training and learned that the Town Code Enforcement Officer has to live in the Town he/she works in. Mr. Webster said Attorney Ryan recommends passing a local law to allow it. Councilman Stull submitted to Supervisor Webster a copy of the Town of Urbana Code which allows the Code Enforcement Officer to live out of town. Attorney Ryan suggested amending the wording to counties in NYS that border Steuben County.

On a motion made by Councilman Stull, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye to have the law amended.

**Health Insurance – Wait Period Change**

There are new regulations in place regarding the wait time before someone is eligible. The Town will need to sign up a new employee by the 91<sup>st</sup> day of employment or they would have to wait until the next open enrollment period which is January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The change would affect the highway employee’s union contract.

On a motion made by Councilman Stull, seconded by Councilwoman Turner and carried, all voting Aye to offer employees the option to sign up for health insurance by the 91<sup>st</sup> day, if they choose.

**Approve Conference Attendance**

On a motion made by Councilman Stull, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye to approve attendance for John Webster, Mary Farmer, Mike Slowinski, Marietta Nye, Bill Hewson and Bill Yahn at the Southern Tier Regional Leadership Conference on March 31, 2016 at \$40.00 each.

**Purchase a 2017 Ten Wheeler**

Deputy Highway Superintendent Tim Slayton handed out information on his search for the best price for the truck the Town needs. The truck will replace a 1990 truck and the purchase can be done by piggybacking on the Onondaga County purchasing contract. Attorney Ryan will determine if the Town is purchasing using lowest responsible bidder or best value. Councilman Shaw noted that Mr. Slayton did an excellent job getting the price he did for the truck. Councilwoman Turner agreed.

**Park Use Application – Donna Sommer**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Turner, seconded by Councilman Shaw and carried, all voting Aye to approve the Park Use Application for September 17, 2016.

**Friends/Dave Oliver – Event to Donate Trailhead and Request for Benches**

Mr. Oliver represented the Board of the Friends of Hammondsport Area Trails and Parks and invited the Town Board to a Friends Event on April 23, 2016 for the dedication of the Trailhead to the Town. Mr. Oliver also made a request for the benches in the basement of the Town Hall to be used at the Trailhead.

On a motion made by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Shaw and carried, all voting Aye to approve giving the benches to the Friends for installation at the Town Hall Trailhead.

**Public Input on Non-Agenda Items**

Mary Jo Savino addressed the Board and gave clarification on her comments from a previous meeting. She talked about agenda items, public input, her proposal for Depot use and safety concerns of a tour boat.

Nancy Snyder asked the Board to reconsider the new comment process.

Ray Poehlein asked if the Board knows the laws about handicap assessments for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at the Depot.

Steve Veley expressed concerns about moving ahead with an agreement with Jeremy Fields when Mr. Fields hasn't submitted any designs, engineered plans, business plans and hasn't been attending meetings.

**Other**

At 7:48PM on a motion made by Councilman Stull, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye to enter into executive session for personnel/assessor discussions.

At 8:17PM on a motion made by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilman Shaw and carried, all voting Aye to come out of executive session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. Farmer  
Town Clerk