

## UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING AUGUST 27, 2025

249 DUNCAN ROAD, UNION VALE, NEW YORK

UNION VALE TOWN HALL 7:30 PM

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Steve Frazier

**Town Council:** Kevin Harrington, Kevin Durland, Kevin McGivney, John Welsh

**Town Clerk:** Andrea Casey

**Highway Superintendent:** Ed Kading

**Town Attorney:** Ian Lindars

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Supervisor Frazier called the meeting to Order to Order and Salute to the Flag.

**Motion Approve Minutes:** Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the July 16, 2025 meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Harrington and all were unanimously in favor.

### Supervisors Report

- Asked for an amendment to the agenda to add ‘discuss hiring of a specific person’ during executive session, motioned by Supervisor Frazier, seconded by Councilman Durland, all in favor.
- General Checking: \$1,264,000.00 MSC Receipts: \$ 120,763.00, General MM: \$233,933.00 General NYCLASS: \$ 2,715,159.00, General NYCLASS-Reserve: \$5,115.00 General NY CLASS- ARPA \$858.00 **General Fund Total \$ 4,078,092.00**
- Highway Checking: \$526,059.00, Highway MM: \$33,774.00, Highway NYCLASS: \$72,852.00, Highway, Highway W. Clove Mtn Bridge \$603,282.00, NYCLASS- Equip. Reserve \$179,191.00, **Highway Fund Total: \$1,415,158.00 Grand Total: \$5,493,250.00**
- Overall YTD is favorable by \$269,000.00 vs the budget due to higher revenue (\$69,000.00) from higher rental of solar farm and franchise fees, cablevision, equestrian and mortgage tax.
- YTD Expenses are favorable \$200,000 vs the budget.
- The cell tower bill that was passed by the State Legislature has been signed by the Governor and waiting for a copy to present to the contractor.

### Board Member Reports

*Councilman Welsh-* in anticipation of the budget, he is looking into capital projects to consider around the park and town further discussion later, watching salt shed construction, noted they did a great job with concrete and framing.

*Councilman Harrington –* Has been keeping up to date with the library issue. No changes but is hopeful in the near future he will have more information. He has also been thinking about the 2026 budget.

*Councilman Durland-* has been watching the salt shed, looks great for longevity and doing 2026 budget research.

*Councilman McGivney-* Encourages residents to attend the balloon festival. He also commented on the salt shed and the very sound construction being done.

### Town Clerk Report

Clerk Casey reminded residents she will be selling the discounted tickets until the day before the festival and touched on a few highlights of the event. She also reminded residents of the pet supply drive Assemblyman AJ Beephan is hosting as Town Hall is a drop off site for items as well as the ongoing non-perishable food drive for St. Vincent DePaul’s food pantry.

### Highway Department Report

Superintendent Kading reported the salt shed construction is under way, trusses arriving this week with roof and shingles by end of next week. He is very pleased with the contractor the Town chose. The department is down to 3 full time employees due to departure of an employee and are looking to fill this vacancy as soon as possible.

They are shouldering roads that were resurfaced, getting trucks prepared for the winter, he would like the town to purchase an equipment trailer to replace the existing one.

**Highway Trailer Discussion-** The Board agreed this did need to be replaced due to condition and safety. Mr. Kading recommended the Kaufman trailer as it is the lowest and funds are

available, the attorney can draw up a resolution for next meeting including the extra hitch and spare tire 82-inch width.

### **Motion to Draft Trailer Resolution**

Councilman Durland made a motion to direct the attorney to draft a resolution up to 9500 for a 20-foot trailer for replacement for the highway department. This was seconded by Councilman Harrington and all were unanimously in favor.

### **Animal Control Report**

June 2025 During the month of June, there was 1 lost dog, 3 found dogs and 1 wildlife call referred to DEC.

July 2025 - During the month of July, there were 2 lost dogs, 5 found dogs, and 2 dog complaints.

### **UVFD President Report**

Kathy Welsh, President and PIO for the District. She reminded everyone they are still running the aluminum tab campaign, drop off location is town hall, if you can't get out please call. Thanks to everyone who has contributed, 80lbs so far. Appeal letter will be mailed out which asks for volunteers and monetary contributions. We are running a new recruitment campaign to gain new members to avoid having a paid dept and substantially increasing the fire tax on your property tax bill. Please look for yellow and blue. It will be a multi prong approach with intercepts at the Recycling Center and Hangers Café, with posters, post cards, videos, increasing social media. The volunteers will be at the Balloon fest as a fundraiser for Trees for Troops a program for donation of Christmas Trees for Troops. They will be serving Equestrian Center food.

### **Public Comment on Agenda Items- None**

### **Old Business:**

**Employee Handbook Amendments** – hoped to have them tonight but after reviewing it each section needs more attention than previously thought so he can do a comprehensive overall and correct anything that is confusing.

### **Review Surplus Sales Results**

Ford Explorer \$5,400.00

Parks Dump Truck \$33,500

Mower - \$350 expecting \$50

### **Motion to Accept Sales Results**

Councilman Welsh made a motion to accept all of the aforementioned auction results, seconded by Councilman McGivney and all were unanimously in favor.

### **Review Alarm System Upgrade Quote**

Supervisor Frazier summarized the total price for the upgrade will be \$5,940.00 for the new wireless units which will help make the system more trouble free. All agreed this was essential to increase safety. They are the current provider and their inspection was what brought these issues to light.

### **Motion to Accept Alarm Company Proposal**

Councilman Harrington made a motion to approve the contract with the alarm company and procedure with formal resolution at the next meeting which was seconded by Councilman McGivney and all were unanimously in favor.

### **Review RD10 Code Change Proposal**

Supervisor Frazier feels this code change is a good change for the town despite the opposition and realizes that any change brings forth opposition and would like to cross the finish line. He feels it is essential to bring in limited commercial enterprises into the town rather than just subdivisions so the tax burden is not only on the residents.

Councilman Durland disagrees, he would not like to move forward and would like to take a more comprehensive approach and take a look at the entire zone. He agrees he too would like to bring in business but not in this specific instance. He would like to look at each zone and also include an update to the comprehensive plan and feels this does not fit.

Councilman Harrington feels they should proceed, it's important to realize that it was not for one particular property in fact, 32 other properties are affected and important to protect the rights of land owners to make a change. This project is beneficial not because of this one parcel but because it would apply to all the properties in RD10.

Councilman Welsh feels this should have brought forth in front of the ZBA rather than change RD10 throughout the entire town.

Supervisor Frazier explained it wasn't an approved use and the ZBA is not capable/allowed to give use variances that is not appearing in the code, and this would very likely to be challenged in court.

Councilman Durland noted it will affect 32 other lots and one project is what brought about the discussion. Supervisor Frazier noted this is an opportunity for farms not in use to have the ability to generate funds to keep their larger parcels.

Both agreed they do need to look at the comprehensive plan, and there was further discussion on the topic.

#### **Motion to Advise Attorney to Prepare Resolution**

Supervisor Frazier made a motion to direct the Town Attorney to prepare a resolution to vote on the RD10 zoning change which was seconded by Councilman Harrington.

This motion passed with a 4-1 vote.

Roll Call:

Councilman Harrington	Aye
Councilman Welsh	Aye
Supervisor Frazier	Aye
Councilman McGivney	Aye
Councilman Durland	Nay

#### **Public Comment Town Issue**

None

#### **Approve Budget Adjustments, Transfers, Warrants, Pay Bills**

Councilman Welsh made a motion to pay the bills and which was seconded by Councilman Harrington and all were unanimously in favor.

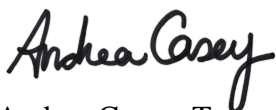
Next meeting is September 3, 2025 at 7:30pm

**Executive Session** Councilman Welsh made a motion at 8:15pm to enter executive session to discuss hiring a specific employee, which was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

**Executive Session** Councilman Welsh made a motion to exit executive session at 8:39pm to resume the regular meeting which was seconded by Councilman Harrington and all were unanimously in favor. Supervisor Frazier advised that no decisions were made and no money allocated.

**Motion to Adjourn** At 8:40PM Councilman Welsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilman Harrington and all were unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Andrea Casey, Town Clerk