

UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 17, 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 (Absent)

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

Meeting minutes will be tabled until next month, motioned by Councilman Welsh seconded by Councilman McGivney.

Supervisors Report

- General Checking: \$962,998,000.00 MSC Receipts: \$ 8,325.00, General MM: \$113,758.00 General NYCLASS: \$ 2,724,707.00, General NYCLASS-Reserve: \$5,133.00 General NY CLASS- ARPA \$861.00 **General Fund Total \$ 3,815,781.00**
- Highway Checking: \$320,776.00, Highway MM: \$23,071.00, Highway NYCLASS: \$73,108.00, Highway, Highway W. Clove Mtn Bridge \$605,403.00, NYCLASS- Equip. Reserve \$179,821.00, **Highway Fund Total: \$1,202,178.00 Grand Total: \$5,0173,959.00**
- Overall YTD is favorable by \$63,000.00 vs the budget due to higher revenue and timing of expenses.
- YTD Expenses are favorable \$73,000.00 vs the budget due to rental of real property, rental of solar field, franchise fees income etc.
- Overall the YTD expenses are flat vs the budget
- We hosted Oktoberfest, well attended and nice event, he received compliments from many attendees.
- Working on the 2026 budget and will discuss capital projects later in meeting
- The old website is reaching the end of its usable life, the new website will be ready next week along with email distribution system.

Board Member Reports

Councilman Welsh- has been reviewing capital projects in preparation for budget discussions

Councilman Harrington – Met with the Recycling Center Manager to discuss updates and improvements.

Councilman Durland- nothing to report

Councilman McGivney- echo the Supervisor comments on the Oktoberfest and thank the Park staff for their work

Town Clerk Report

Clerk Casey agreed the whole town staff has been busy preparing for Oktoberfest and it turned out to be a great event. The DOE tag lottery will close October 1 and reopen November 1.

Highway Report

Superintendent Kading noted the salt shed is progressing very nicely and they will button up the roof by weeks end. Dutchess County has offered to provide the manpower and machinery to pave the inside of the salt shed and the town will purchase the blacktop itself which is a huge savings. The oil and chip will be finished this week on roads such as Walsh, Obrien Hill. There will be a new employee starting next Monday. He invites the board to visit the garage to see the fleet of trucks as they are spending lots of money on repairs, would like to think creatively about plans for replacements but avoiding new vehicles. The board agreed and has seen some of the rust damage. This will be advertised as ‘Town Board Meeting’ at the highway garage to assemble

Animal Control submitted by ACO, Mary Jean Calvi

During the month of August, there was 1 lost dog, 1 found dog, and 1 wildlife call.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Hans Hardisty, Liberty Way, questioned if they were taking action on RD10 zoning. The Supervisor advised, they are not.

RESOLUTION NO. 56 OF 2025 HIRING MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT (see attached)

Tax Assessor Retirement

Tax Assessor is looking to retire after his term expires due to personal reasons. The Board thanks Eric for his years of service for the town.

RESOLUTION NO. 57 OF 2025 APPOINTING TOWN ASSESSOR (see resolutions)

Revisit Capital Improvements

Dam – the engineering firm the town has been working with already alluded to the dam not being able to be fixed. The Supervisor suggests they have a firm prepare 2 proposals, 1 plan to salvage, 1 plan to remove it and come up with a finance plan and have the town vote on keeping the pond. This will be done in the Spring. The Supervisor has also reached out to MJ engineering as a potential firm capable of preparing the proposal.

Supervisor Frazier noted DEC has not corresponded however there was a notation that if the level was lower the water level. Councilman Durland advised that they were successful in the past of lower the safety class and that might be able to be done again. There was further discussion on the change in danger classification.

- Generator for the Highway Garage
- Pool Cover
- Replacing the Windows for Highway Garage
- Roof and Electrical panel
- Bridge behind the pool needs to be addressed. The highway Superintendent had looked into it but there was never any further investigation after his assessment.
- Propane tanks at the Parks

Public Comment on Town Issues

Leah Struzzi, Wingdale Mtn Road, has concerns about the event entitled "escape room" and is worried about increased liability and expanded programming while the library is suing the town. She urges the Board to halt the event until insurance requirements are met and has purpose.

Jean Moore, Darren Room, is also worried about the safety of the escape room and echoes the prior comments, she is concerned at the already unsafe shelving

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.

Executive Session Councilman Harrington made a motion at 7:58pm to enter executive session for an interview, to discuss potential litigation and legal advice, which was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

Executive Session Councilman Welsh made a motion to exit executive session at 8:35pm 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.

Town Justice Vacancy

One of our town justices has moved and resigned this month. We have reached out to 5 attorneys and 4 declined, Andrea Malin, Esq. has agreed to fill the position.

RESOLUTION NO. 58 OF 2025 APPOINTING TOWN JUSTICE TO FILL A VACANCY (see attached)

Event for Concern

A few residents brought to the town's attention an event the library there are questions about the town's liability and patrons' safety. Councilman Harrington motioned to cancel the event which was seconded by Councilman McGivney and all were unanimously in favor.

Next meeting is October 1st 2025 at 7:30pm

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Casey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrea Casey, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF UNION VALE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 56 OF 2025**

**RESOLUTION HIRING MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR
FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Union Vale has a need for a Motor Equipment Operator for the Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, the position of Motor Equipment Operator is a non-competitive position pursuant to the Rules for the Classified Civil Service of Dutchess County; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale has determined it is necessary and appropriate to hire a Motor Equipment Operator for the Highway Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The recitations above set forth are incorporated in this Resolution as if fully set forth and adopted herein.
2. The Town Board of the Town of Union Vale hereby hires Thomas Strudwick to the position of Motor Equipment Operator at a salary of \$27.58 per hour, 40 hours per week.
3. Thomas Strudwick's salary will be paid from the Highway Personnel Budget Line No. D.5110.1.
4. The Town Board hereby authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor and the Town Bookkeeper to file any and all documentation necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

INTRODUCED Councilman Harrington

SECONDED Councilman Welsh

The foregoing resolution was put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Frazier	Aye
Councilmember Durland	Aye
Councilmember Harrington	Aye
Councilmember McGivney	Aye
Councilmember Welsh	Aye

Dated: Union Vale, New York
September 17, 2025


ANDREA CASEY, TOWN CLERK

**TOWN OF UNION VALE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 57 OF 2025**

RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWN ASSESSOR

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law § 310 establishes that the appointed assessor of a municipality shall serve a six (6) year term, beginning October 1 and ending September 30 on the sixth year thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Eric Axelsen, the current Assessor, whose term expires on September 30, 2025, has advised the Town Board that he is not seeking reappointment as Assessor; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy in the office of Town Assessor will exist beginning October 1, 2025, and the Town of Union Vale is required to appoint an Assessor to fulfill the duties in accordance with New York State Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale has determined that Kathy Martin is duly qualified to serve as Assessor and desires to appoint her as Town Assessor; and

WHEREAS, Town Assessor is a non-competitive position pursuant to the Rules for the Classified Civil Service of Dutchess County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The recitations above set forth are incorporated in this Resolution as if fully set forth and adopted herein.
2. The Town Board of the Town of Union Vale hereby acknowledges that Eric Axelsen has served as Town Assessor with dedication and wishes him all the best in his future endeavors.
3. The Town Board hereby appoints Kathy Martin as Town Assessor for a six (6) year term commencing October 1, 2025, and expiring on September 30, 2031, in accordance with Real Property Tax Law § 310.
4. The Town Clerk is directed to notify the Dutchess County Director of Real Property Tax Services and the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance of this appointment and provide them with a certified copy of this Resolution.
5. The Town Board hereby authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor and the Town Bookkeeper to file any and all documentation necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

INTRODUCED Councilman Durland

SECONDED Councilman Welsh

The foregoing resolution was put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Frazier	Aye
Councilmember Durland	Aye
Councilmember Harrington	Aye
Councilmember McGivney	Aye
Councilmember Welsh	Aye

Dated: Union Vale, New York
September 17, 2025



ANDREA CASEY, TOWN CLERK

I, Andrea Casey, Town Clerk of the Town of Union Vale DO, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution offered by Councilman Durland seconded by Councilman Welsh and adopted at the meeting of the Town Board, held on September 17th, 2025.



Andrea Casey, Town Clerk



**TOWN OF UNION VALE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 58 OF 2025**

RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWN JUSTICE TO FILL A VACANCY

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy in the office of Town Justice as the result of the resignation of Stephen E. Diamond effective September 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, such position of Town Justice is a four (4) year term which expires on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Town Law § 64(5), the Town Board, by a majority vote thereof, has the authority to appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term, which expires on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received and considered the qualifications of those individuals that have expressed interest in filling said vacancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The recitations above set forth are incorporated in this Resolution as if fully set forth and adopted herein.
2. The Town Board of the Town of Union Vale hereby appoints Andrea Malin as Town Justice effective September 19, 2025 for a term expiring on December 31, 2025.
3. The Town Board hereby authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor and the Town Bookkeeper to file any and all documentation necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

INTRODUCED Councilman McGivney

SECONDED Councilman Harrington

The foregoing resolution was put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Frazier	Aye
Councilmember Durland	Aye
Councilmember Harrington	Aye
Councilmember McGivney	Aye
Councilmember Welsh	Aye

Dated: Union Vale, New York
September 17, 2025



ANDREA CASEY, TOWN CLERK

I, Andrea Casey, Town Clerk of the Town of Union Vale DO, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution offered by Councilman McGivney seconded by Councilman Harrington and adopted at the meeting of the Town Board, held on September 17, 2025.



ANDREA CASEY, TOWN CLERK