

Unadilla Town Board Meeting

Date: October 8, 2024

6:00 PM Audit of Bills

6:30 PM Open Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

Supervisor George DeNys called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

- George DeNys, Supervisor
- Terry Yoder, Town Clerk
- Rodney Renwick, Superintendent
- Don Cole, Councilman
- Jessica Grow, Councilwoman
- Allen Anderson, Councilman
- Larry Crosier, Councilman
- Beth Westfall, Attorney
- Nichole Seymour, Observer

September 10th Minutes

Councilwoman Jessica Grow made the motion to accept the September 10th minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Allen Anderson and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

September 19th Minutes

Highway Supervisor pointed out an error in the Budget workshop minutes on line DA 5130.2. It should have been DA5130.4 for \$41,425.00.

Councilman Don Cole made the motion to accept the September 19th minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Councilman Allen Anderson and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Audit of Bills

Councilwoman Jessica Grow made the motion to accept and pay the bills as corrected. The motion was seconded by Councilman Don Cole and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Audit of Bills

General Fund A	\$ 8,591.29
Gen Fund B	\$ 470.00
Highway (DB) Outside Village	\$ 15,152.04
Highway (DA) Town wide	\$ 12,799.44
Riverside Sewer District	\$ 92.12
Riverside Lighting	\$ 0.00
Rockdale Lighting	\$ 0.00
Wells Bridge Lighting	\$ 29.25

Committee Reports

Highway

Rodney reported that fall brush clearing is ongoing along with culvert and ditch cleaning. The conversion of equipment for snow and ice is in progress.

Rodney requested an ad be placed for Seasonal Roads for the 2024/2025 year.

Resolution for Road Signage on Old Hill Road

He has requested the board do a resolution for Old Hill Road and Route 7 signage for a no left turn. Rodney initially wrote a letter to the state, but they need a resolution from the Town requesting the state to put up the sign. The resolution does not guarantee the state will approve the request.

Rodney recommends that the Board approves doing the resolution

Supervisor George DeNys made a motion to ask NYSDOT to review the intersection of Old Hill Road and Route 7 for the purpose of new signage for a no left turn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Larry Crosier and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Work Study Program

BOCES asked to be considered for a 2 week work study for one of the Unatego students who participates in the Conservation class. BOCES will provide all of the insurance. Hours for the study will be from 11:45 until 2:30 for approximately 10 working days. The Board has no objections to the works study.

Due to the confusion regarding the new 5 year rules for the CHIPS funds, a meeting will be held tomorrow in Cooperstown to go over and explain the new guidelines. Safety day will be held this Thursday in Cooperstown also.

Naming of new Truck

Suggested names from the elementary school classes were submitted to the Board to choose from to give the new 10-wheel truck a name. The Board will be choosing the winning name and the class that wins will be given an ice cream party. The name will be announced sometime in the last week of October at the school.

Shared Services Agreement between NYSDOT & Town of Unadilla

Rodney would like a change to #4 making NYSDOT responsible also to defend and indemnify the Town of Unadilla of any claims arising out of the of NYSDOT acts or omissions under this agreement.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to approve the Shared Service Agreement between NYSDOT and the Town of Unadilla with a mutual indemnification and was unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Finance

September Financial Report was submitted with no questions by the board.

Building

Don and Rodney will measure floor due to sinking at some point. We are all set for the upcoming election next month.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept the Committee Reports. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Grow and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Monthly Reports

Town Clerk's report was submitted with a check totaling \$615.53
Supervisor's Report was submitted
Dog Control Officer's Monthly Report was submitted
Assessor's Monthly Report was submitted

Pilot Program

Supervisor George DeNys, Councilman Don Cole and Attorney Beth Westfall met with developer Bruce Levine of the Unadilla Apartments to discuss renewing the Pilot program that is in place currently. Mr. Levine gave his 581A calculations to Beth and the other two Board members to determine if his 581A calculations or the pilot exemption would be best. In our present agreement, it states that if all financial information is the same after 15 years and they have complied with original agreement, which they have, then we are required to renew the current Pilot. Penny would like to make her own assessment on the property as we do not have to accept the 581A law. Beth and Assessor Penny Haddad both explained their take on the meeting. Beth will send Mr. Levine's calculations to compare with Penny's numbers to review. Penny would like to have all of their books to do her own assessment.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept the monthly reports. The motion was seconded by Jessica Grow and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Old Business

Social Media Policy to help in the aid of administrating Facebook page.

After reviewing last month's suggested Social Media Policy Councilman Larry Crosier made the motion to approve the Social Media Policy as written. The motion was seconded by Supervisor George DeNys and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Teamsters Agreement

A few changes to the Teamsters agreement were made to the Teamsters agreement including the change in the bereavement clause regarding time off for the death of step-siblings. The previous version only included step-parents and step-children. Step siblings will now be included in. The agreement has been sent to the Teamsters.

Councilwoman Jessica Grow made the motion to accept the revised Teamsters Agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Allen Anderson and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Intermunicipal Flood Plain Management Agreement

This agreement goes along with Local Law 1 and Local Law 2 which is next on our agenda. This allows us to delegate our flood plain duties to Otsego County.

Re-adoption of Local Law 1

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept the adoption of Local Law 1 amending Local Law No 1 of 2017 as Local Law 2024 to designate Otsego County Code Enforcement Office as the Local Administrator for Flood Damage Prevention Permits. The motion was seconded by Councilman Don Cole and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept the Intermunicipal Flood Plain Management Agreement. The motion was seconded by Jessica Grow and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Re-adoption of Local Law 2

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept the adoption of Local Law 2 amending Local Law No 2 of 2017 to Local Law 2024 changing the date established for grievance day of Real Assessment Review. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Grow to ask the Board to make a motion to approve the international Flood Plain agreement with Otsego County.

New Business

Appointment of New Health Officer

Supervisor George DeNys wanted to introduce Nichole Seymour and ask that she tell the board a little about herself and her qualifications as a potential new Health Officer for the Town.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to appoint Nichole Seymour as Health Officer for The Town of Unadilla on the contingency she is approved by the County Health Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Larry Crosier and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5, Ayes, 0 Noes.

Resolution in Support of the America250

The state historian is asking our Otsego County village and town historians to support the United States Semiquincentennial (America250)
The Board would like to table this discussion until Sumner Bossler, our Town Historian has a chance to review.

Tentative Budget

The Board agreed on changes to line items 812001 to increase Rodney's pay for Sewer Personal and to 9030.8 to pay Gloria to collect Riverside Sewer revenue.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept the revised Tentative Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Allen Anderson and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Open Public Hearing for 2025 Budget

George DeNys made the motion to exit the regular board meeting to enter into a Public Hearing for the 2025 Preliminary Budget.

Assessor, Penny Haddad ask if her request for \$20,000 to take photographs of properties was granted. Supervisor George DeNys said that it was not at this time. The will meet and some point for a mindful discussion on this matter at a later date.

The new budget reflects a .79 increase in taxes for next year.

With no other discussion on the 2025 year Budget, Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept the Tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Allen Anderson and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5, Ayes, 0 Noes.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to exit the Public Hearing and enter back into the regular board meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Allen Anderson and unanimously carried. Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Correspondence

AOT – Annual Meeting & Training School

Clerk of the Board of Representatives - County Equalization Rates

Privilege of the Floor

No Comments

Executive Session

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to exit the regular board meeting and enter into an executive session to discuss the employment of a particular persons. The motion was seconded by Councilman Larry Crosier and unanimously carried. Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to re-enter the regular board meeting The motion was seconded by Councilman Larry Crosier and unanimously carried. Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Yoder, Town Clerk

Time of Adjournment: 8:47 PM