

Village of Unadilla  
Minutes  
Public Hearing  
November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT: Mayor Insinga, Trustees Baldwin, Mott, Price, Palmer, Clerk/ Treasurer Riker, SPW Woods

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Rodney Renwick, Rob Ackerly, Cindy Ackerly, Bobbie Armour, Karen Wright, Ken Mazzone, Dwight Mott, Joe Paliotta, Jake Cotton, Sheri Kinsella, Bob Couse, Travis Andrews, Johanna Marr, Kona Knapp, Brendan List, Jerry Ryan, Kate Andrews, Erin Insinga, Jeff Jones, Jay McDermott, Lois Greene, Tim Gould

Executive Session

The Village Board, Clerk-Treasurer Riker, and SPW Woods entered Executive session prior to the regular meeting at 6:12 PM to discuss the fuel bid and closed the Executive session at 6:28PM.

Clerk-Treasurer Riker opened the public hearing at 6:30 PM to pass a local law to opt out of legal marihuana dispensaries in the Village. Clerk-Treasurer informed everyone the purpose of the local law was to not allow marihuana dispensaries in the Village, and the implications of opting out of the law, which could be a potential loss of revenue for the Village. The Village has the ability to pass the local law to opt out and go to permissive referendum and allow the residents to vote on the law and make a decision as a community instead.

Residents spoke out against opting out stating that it is a business opportunity for the Village as well as a potential revenue for the Village. Those for opting out expressed concern for EMS services and increase in calls. In response Travis Andrews cited research that has shown that marihuana legalization has reduced crime and overdoses as well as EMS calls. More discussion was had on the local law, the public hearing was held open until the next meeting on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 PM as the decision must be made by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 or the Village is automatically opted in.

Mayor Insinga opened the regular meeting and the floor to guests.

The Fire Dept asked the Village board and submitted a letter regarding not accepting David Finch's application to be a firefighter at the last board meeting. Discussion was had on the separation between the Fire Department and the Village, the Village approves based on the use of vehicles and the insurance that is covered. Trustee Palmer addressed the issue as David Finch was an employee for the Village and he felt that his behavior during his time as an employee was unacceptable and determined his character which is why he did not approve his application. Mayor Insinga explained that he has a better understanding of the process and asked for a motion to accept David Finch's application.

Trustee Price made the motion, Mayor Insinga seconded motion to accept David Finch's application for the Unadilla Fire Department. Ayes 4, Nays 1, Motion Carried.

Sheri Kinsella questioned what was going on at 12 Main St. and the disrepair and if there was something that could be done. Discussion was had on the issue.

Linda Bickos let everyone know that Santa Saturday will be December 3<sup>rd</sup> and wanted to get the community involved, and asked if the Community House and new tree could be decorated. The caretaker would be putting up lights on the house and the tree, and the Village will invite families to decorate the new tree in front of the Community House.

Trustee Baldwin made the motion, Trustee Price seconded to approve October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Meeting Minutes. All ayes, Carried.

Trustee Price made the motion, Trustee Mott seconded to pay General Abstract #6 for \$ 83,539.63. All ayes, Carried.

Trustee Baldwin made the motion, Trustee Mott seconded to pay Water Abstract #6 for \$1,001.43. All ayes, Carried.

The Bid for Fuel and Gas was announced and some issues were addressed with Bob Couse from Boulder Oil and the Village, concerns were brought up about the Fire Truck being hit by his truck, and why Boulder Oil didn't service the boiler the previous week. Bob Couse let the board know that the contract had expired at the beginning of the month which is why he didn't come out and service the Boiler at the Fire House. He also suggested the Village do bids in June when it might be less expensive for the Village vs. doing them in November. Some more discussion was had and issues between Boulder Oil and the Village were addressed.

Collusive		Bid Price/gallon		Bid Price/ gallon			Bid Price/gallon		Bid Price	
		60/40 Mix	3100 gallons	Diesel	2800 gal		Unleaded Gas	1500 gallons	Fuel Oil	4000 Gallons
X	Fire Dept. 3000 Gal.	\$2.7200	\$ 8,160.00	Fire Dept 1300 gallons	\$ 2.60	\$ 3,380.00	\$2.7388	\$4,108.20	\$2.5363	\$ 10,145.20
	Garage 100 gal	2.72	\$ 272.00	Garage 1500 gallons	\$ 2.60	\$ 3,900.00				
	<b>Mirabito</b>	<b>60/40 Mix Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,432.00</b>	<b>Diesel Total</b>		<b>\$ 7,280.00</b>	<b>Gas Total</b>	<b>\$4,108.20</b>	<b>Fuel Oil Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,145.20</b>
X	Fire Dept	2.399	\$ 7,197.00	no bid for diesel or gas			no bid for regular gas		\$2.2990	\$ 9,196.00
	Garage	2.399	\$ 239.90							
	<b>Boulder</b>	<b>60/40 Mix Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,436.90</b>						<b>Fuel Oil Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,196.00</b>

Trustee Price made the motion, Trustee Palmer seconded to accept Mirabito's bid for diesel at a \$2.6000/gallon rate for approximately 2800 gallons for the 2021-2022 year totaling \$ 7,280.00. All ayes, Carried.

Trustee Price made the motion, Trustee Palmer seconded to accept Mirabito's bid for unleaded gasoline at a cost of \$2.7388/gallon (fluctuating) for approximately 1500 gallons for the 2021-2022 year totaling \$4108.20. All Ayes, Carried.

Trustee Price made the motion, Trustee Palmer seconded to accept Boulder Oil's bid for \$2.399/ gallon for approximately 3100 gallons of 60/40 Mix totaling \$7,436.90 for the 2021-2022 year. All ayes, Carried.

Trustee Price made the motion, Trustee Palmer seconded to accept Boulder Oil's bid for fuel oil for \$2.2990/gallon for the 2021-2022 year totaling \$9196.00. All ayes, Carried.

Trustee Baldwin wanted to let everyone know that there is a beaver on the RDC field discussion was had on the best way to deal with it, as DEC will not allow a live catch permit.

Clerk Treasurer Riker presented the list of unpaid taxes to be sent to the County which will be reimbursed at a later date.

Trustee Baldwin made the motion, Trustee Palmer seconded to approve unpaid taxes of \$38,661.49 for 2021-2022. All ayes, Carried.

Trustee Baldwin made the motion, Trustee Mott seconded to approve Phil Gilbert Jr. and Hannah Oleary to the Unadilla Fire Department. All ayes, Carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Riker informed the board that the Village's insurance is up for renewal and that she met with our insurance rep and will have costs at the next board meeting. Also mentioned the Village is required to attend Sexual Harassment training and Bill VanGorder our insurance rep offered to do a training for the Village.

Requests were made for the radar sign to be on Depot Street or on Main Street. SPW Woods will move it to Depot Street for now.

Zoning officer Tim Gould updated the board and guests on the status of the Zoning issues on 59 Maple Street, the he is trying to create a farm and claims the Village is violating his constitutional rights by not allowing him to do what he wishes on his property. Discussion was had on the issue.

Mayor Insinga introduced Jake Cotten who intends to run for Mayor in the spring. Jake Cotten introduced himself to everyone.

Trustee Price made the motion, Trustee Baldwin seconded to adjourn meeting. All ayes, Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarissa R. Riker, Clerk-Treasurer