

MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 12TH, 2013

Vision Statement: "The Union City area is a thriving rural community of families, businesses and organizations dedicated to encouraging growth while maintaining small town values"

The meeting of the Union City Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Brumagin. The meeting was held at the Union City Area High School Large Group Instruction Room.

Councillors present were Brumagin, Bowes, Hoban, Kolaja, McCrillis and Steadman.

Officials present were Borough Manager Cheryl Capela Mayor Bill Hinkle, Police Chief Kevin Jones and Solicitor Timothy Wachter.

Visitors present were Bob King, Ahmed and Sharon Syed, Tom Lohse, Robin Long, Ed Penoyer, Berdina McWilliams and Ken Calfo.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Councillor Hoban and seconded by Councillor Kolaja to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

MOTION ON MINUTES: It was moved by Councillor Kolaja and seconded by Councillor Hoban that all Councillors having read the Council Meeting held October 8th, 2013 and the Work Session held October 22nd, 2013, be approved. Motion carried.

MOTION ON SECRETARY'S REPORT: It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Hoban that the Secretary's Report be accepted and made a part of the minutes of this meeting. Motion carried.

MOTION ON BILLS: It was moved by Councillor Hoban and seconded by Councillor Bowes

that the unpaid bills be ordered paid and those paid be approved.
Motion carried.

HIGBY PROPERTY ON MAIN STREET: Thomas Lohse said he is wondering what is going on with the property that is currently blocked off on Main Street.

The Borough Manager said that this property is owned by Mr. Higby and that he has signed an agreement donating the property to Union City Pride. She said once the Pride owns the property, their plans are to tear it down.

WASTE MANAGEMENT: Robin Long said she was cited for not having garbage service.

She said she is wondering why she has to go with Waste Management.

Solicitor Timothy Wachter said the Borough of Union City has an ordinance requiring all residents to have garbage service. He said the Borough Council goes out for bid and it happens to be that Waste Management is the lowest bidder.

President Brumagin said if you are a resident that only has one bag, it might be beneficial to you to go with bag service.

Councillor McCrillis said the bags are sold at Tops at a cost of \$5.00 per bag.

Mayor Bill Hinkle said he calculated it out and it cost the residents 50 cents per day for unlimited garbage service.

RESIDENT COMPLAINS ABOUT VANDALISM: Ed Penoyer said he lives at 10 Kilburn Street and in the past two months, he has had problems with the juveniles walking in the road and not moving. He said he also has had his keys taken from his truck.

He said something needs to be done with the juveniles in this community.

He said he would like to know if there is something that he can do within his neighborhood.

Chief Jones said he can form a neighborhood watch. He said if Mr. Penoyer is interested in forming a neighborhood watch, he can stop at the Police Department and I will provide him with the information.

Robin Long said she is wondering if anyone was charged with the beating that occurred to the gentleman who has the long pony tail.

Chief Jones said yes, individuals were charged with that attack.

COUNCIL TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION EXONERATING DELINQUENT TAXES ON ABANDONED OR DESTROYED MOBILE HOME: The Resolution exonerating delinquent taxes on abandoned

or destroyed mobile home was read by the Borough Manager.

MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION EXONERATING DELINQUENT TAXES ON ABANDONED OR DESTROYED MOBILE HOME: It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by

Councillor Hoban to approve the Resolution exonerating delinquent taxes on

abandoned or destroyed mobile home known as 1 Highland Drive, Union City, PA

16438. A roll call vote was taken. All Councillors voted yea. Motion carried.

COUNCIL TO ADVERTISE THEIR INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF UNION CITY TO JOIN WITH OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AS A MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL HEALTH INSURANCE COOPERATIVE (PMHIC) TO ENTER

INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINING THE PMHIC

AND TO PARTICIPATE AS A MEMBER OF THE PMHIC: The Borough Manager said due to the

Health Care Reform Act, the Borough of Union City's insurance rates were going to

go up as much as 60 percent. She said by joining the PMHIC the Borough of Union

City will be able to provide the same health care services to the Borough employees.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE THEIR INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF UNION CITY TO JOIN WITH OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AS A MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL HEALTH INSURANCE COOPERATIVE (PMHIC) TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINING THE PMHIC AND TO PARTICIPATE AS A MEMBER OF THE PMHIC: It was moved by Councillor McCrillis and

seconded by Councillor Steadman to advertise their intent to adopt an Ordinance

authorizing the Borough of Union City to join with other political subdivisions as a

member of the Pennsylvania Municipal Health Insurance Cooperative (PMHIC) to

enter into an intergovernmental agreement for the purpose of joining the PMHIC and to

participate as a member of the PMHIC. Motion carried.

MOTION TO TABLE APPROVING THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL HEALTH INSURANCE

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT: It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by

Councillor Hoban to table approving the Pennsylvania Municipal Health Insurance

Cooperative Agreement. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE DIRECTING THE BOROUGH SOLICITOR TO PROCEED WITH MAKING THE NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO THE CURRENT PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE: It was

moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Hoban to approve directing the Solicitor to proceed with making the necessary amendments to the current Property Maintenance Code. Motion carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Councillor McCrillis said the Parks and Recreation Commission will be holding a Holiday Home Decorating Contest for residents located in the Borough and Township.

He said the Parks and Recreation Commission's "Santa Claus Coming to Town" event, will be held on Friday, November 29th at St. Teresa's Church. He said they will be having a coloring contest at this event.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councillor Kolaja said the new siren was put up on Saturday morning.

Councillor Kolaja asked the Borough Manager if she is interested in using the Firehall as the collection site for the disposal of electronic items.

The Borough Manager said yes, she is interested.

Councillor Kolaja said he will check on what dates are available.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councillor Steadman said the plow trucks are out this evening.

He said the new truck has been burning off the fuel in the exhaust system. He said they will be working on resolving this issue.

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: There being no objection, the Informational Summary will stand approved and be made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: President Brumagin called for an Executive Session at 7:51 P.M.

to discuss personnel. Council reconvened at 8:10 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Councillor Hoban and seconded by Councillor Bowes

that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Manager