

**MINUTES**  
**UNION CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2014**

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.

Councilors present were Brumagin, Conklin, Hoban, Kolaja, McCrillis and Steadman.

Officials present were Borough Manager Cheryl Capela, Mayor Bob King, Police Chief Kevin Jones, Solicitor Timothy Wachter and Streets Supervisor Paul Maynard.

Visitors present were Police Officer George Barber, Jonathan Kowalski, Steve Sears, Barb Simpson, Eric Harvey, Lewis Tittle, District Attorney Jack Daneri and Sergeant Matthew Benacci.

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

**MOTION ON MINUTES:** It was moved by Councillor Steadman and seconded by Councillor Kolaja that all Councillors having read the Council Meeting held March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 be approved. Motion carried.

**MOTION ON SECRETARY'S REPORT:** It was moved by Councillor Hoban and seconded by Councillor Conklin 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 Kolaja and seconded by Councillor Conklin

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

**COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THE WEIGHT LIMIT ON LINCOLN STREET:** Eric Harvey said he currently

owns a towing business. He said he is looking to expand his business in this area. He

said he has been working with a Realtor to purchase a piece of property owned by Carl Boone.

He said currently there is a weight limit on this street. He said he is wondering if

Borough Council would consider changing the weight limit on this street.

Councillor Steadman said he is not sure if this street will withstand the heavy

vehicles that will be traveling this street.

The Borough Manager said if this is something that we will consider, we will have

to amend the current ordinance.

Eric Harvey said he does not want to pursue this any further if there is no way that

Borough Council will consider changing the weight limit on this street.

President Brumagin said this is an issue that Borough Council will need to discuss further

at our next Work Session.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY JACK DANERI AND SERGEANT MATTHEW BENACCI SPEAK TO MEMBERS OF BOROUGH COUNCIL ON WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE WITH RESPECT TO DRUGS AND CRIMES:** Solicitor Timothy Wachter said at the last Council Meeting, Council had some concerns

in regards to the drug problem in the Borough. He said at this meeting,  
if Borough

Council is interested; he would contact the District Attorney's office to  
see if

the District Attorney would be available to discuss Borough Council's  
concerns. He said

present at tonight's Borough Council Meeting is District Attorney Jack  
Daneri and also

from the District Attorney's Office is Sergeant Matthew Benacci.

District Attorney Jack Daneri and Sergeant Matthew Benacci discussed  
resources that

are available who are having issues with drugs and crime in their  
community.

**MAYOR:** Mayor Bob King said he made copies of a letter from Greg Bowes in  
regards to "one

officer per shift with no overlap. He said with the summer months  
approaching, he

would like to schedule two hours of overlap with no overtime.

President Brumagin said this is a topic that Borough Council can  
discuss further at our

next Work Session.

Mayor Bob King said he had a meeting with the police officers. He said  
minutes were

taken at this meeting and he will have copies of the minutes available  
for Borough

Council at the next Work Session.

He said the Police Department has some questions in regards to  
issuing citations for

lack of garbage service.

He said he would like to introduce the Borough's new part-time Police  
Officer Jonathan

Kowalski.

**COUNCIL TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION DISPLAYING OF A BANNER ACROSS A STATE HIGHWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS:**

The Resolution displaying of a banner across a State Highway in accordance with

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation requirements was read by the Borough Manager.

**MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION DISPLAYING OF A BANNER ACROSS A STATE HIGHWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS:**

It was moved by Councillor McCrillis and seconded by Councillor Conklin to approve

the Resolution displaying of a banner across a State Highway in accordance with

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation requirements. A roll call vote was taken.

All Councillors voted yea. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL TO APPOINT A REPLACEMENT TO UNION CITY PRIDE:** The Borough Manager said

according to Union City Pride's By-Laws, one of the members on the board is a member

of Borough Council. Currently, Greg Bowes serves as that member. Since he is no

longer on Borough Council, Union City Pride needs Council to appoint a replacement.

She said she is asking if anyone from Borough Council is interested in serving on the

Union City Pride Board.

Councillor Phil Conklin said he would be interested in serving on this board.

**MOTION TO APPOINT PHIL CONKLIN TO THE UNION CITY PRIDE BOARD:** It was moved by

Councillor Kolaja and seconded by Councillor McCrillis to appoint Councillor Conklin

to the Union City Pride Board. Motion carried.

**COUNCILLOR MCCRILLIS QUESTIONS SUNSHINE LAW:** Councillor McCrillis said at the State

Convention discussion was held in regards to the Sunshine Law. He said he has a

Question for the Borough's Solicitor.

He said he is wondering if committees are required to fall under the Sunshine Law.

The Borough Solicitor said he will need to look into this further.

**MOTION TO APPROVE HIRING JONATHAN KOWALSKI AS A PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF UNION CITY:** It was moved by Councillor Kolaja and seconded by Councillor

Conklin to approve hiring Jonathan Kowalski as a part-time police officer for the

Borough of Union City. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councillor Steadman said that winter is almost over.

**MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES:** It was moved by Councillor Steadman and seconded

by Councillor McCrillis to suspend the rules. Motion carried.

**MOTION TO ADVERTISE THEIR INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE**

**WEIGHT LIMIT ON LINCOLN STREET:** It was moved by Councillor Steadman and

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

amending the weight limit on Lincoln Street pursuant to the information coming

out of the Work Session. Motion carried.

**INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY:** There being no objection, the Informational Summary will

stand approved and be made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** It was moved by Councillor Kolaja and seconded by Councillor McCrillis that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Borough Manager