

**MINUTES**  
**UNION CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**SEPTEMBER 9<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, Hoban, Kolaja, McCrillis and Steadman. Councilor Conklin was absent.

Officials present were Borough Manager Cheryl Capela, Mayor Bob King, Officer in Charge George Barber, Solicitor Timothy Wachter and Street Supervisor Paul Maynard.

Visitors present were Ahmed and Sharon Syed, Randy Brown, Alice Jane Ross, Roger McCarthy, Roy Hanks, Brett Smith, Cathy Smith, Rick Smith, Lori Palisan, Lewis Tittle and Eric Tichy from the Corry Journal.

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

**MOTION ON MINUTES:** It was moved by Councillor McCrillis and seconded by Councillor Kolaja that all Councillors having read the Council Meeting held August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and the Work Session held August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014, be approved. Motion carried.

**MOTION ON SECRETARY'S REPORT:** It was moved by Councillor Hoban and seconded by Councillor McCrillis 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 McCrillis  
that the unpaid bills be ordered paid and those paid be approved.  
Motion carried.

**RESIDENTS COMPLAIN ABOUT BOROUGH PROPERTY ON BRIDGE STREET BEING USED AS A DUMP:** Cathy Smith said she lives next to the brush pile on Bridge Street. She said when she  
was a child, that area was used as a Recreational area but now it is growing into a  
dump pile. She said there has been huge piles of brush which the Fire Department  
eventually burns however, it continues to smolder for days.

She said she is wondering why the Borough cannot chip the brush and use the mulch  
to put around borough trees in the park and/or give it to the public to use.

She said she has noticed that landscapers are dumping their debris at this site.

President Brumagin said the Borough does own a landfill off of Concord Road. He said  
the Borough would have to check with Department of Environmental Protection to  
see if they can use the landfill to dump leaves and brush.

Rodger McCarthy said he also lives near the dump site on Bridge Street and what is  
being done is not environmentally safe.

Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said DEP has been at this site and the Borough is in  
compliance with DEP.

Randy Brown said he lives next to the dump site on Bridge Street and he sent Danny  
a letter and pictures which was shared with members of Borough Council. He said

this site is becoming a dump. He said he sees individuals dumping there all the time.

He said a sign needs to be posted that says "NO DUMPING".

President Brumagin said Borough Council will look into this and come up with a solution to this issue.

**SAFE-JOURNEY:** Lori Palisan said she is the Director of Safe Journey a local organization protecting women from violence.

She said Safe Journey is doing a fund-raiser where men wear red high heels shoes to show their support that domestic violence is not okay.

She said is asking Borough Council for their support and march in the Homecoming Parade wearing the red high heel shoes.

Mayor Bob King said he will donate \$5.00 to any member of Borough Council who marches in the Parade.

**TOWING COMPANY TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO THE LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT AND STREETS DEPARTMENT:**

Lewis Tittle said he opened up a towing company and he would like to offer his services to the Borough. He said he would like Borough Council to consider calling him first before any other towing company. He said he would make sure his prices are lower than any other towing company.

President Brumagin said we can have the Borough Solicitor draw up an agreement if that is what you are looking for.

Lewis Tittle said if that is what it takes to make sure that he is the towing company that is called first.

**MOTION TO APPROVE CLOSING OFF PART OF HOGAN'S ALLEY  
PARKING LOT FOR COMMUNITY DAY EVENT TO BE HELD ON  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2014:** It was moved by

Councillor Kolaja and seconded by Councillor Hoban to approve closing off part of

Hogan's Alley Parking Lot for Community Day event to be held on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE GUARANTEEING UNION CITY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
PENNVEST LOAN:** Solicitor

Timothy Wachter said the Union City Municipal Authority is obtaining a loan from

Pennvest to construct a new water treatment facility.

He said Borough Council approved an ordinance guaranteeing the loan. He said he

supplied the Department of Community and Economic Department with the paperwork in June.

He said the Water Authority was approved to close today on the loan however,

Pennvest referenced a bond supposed to a loan.

He said he was informed that the wording in the ordinance needs to be changed from

loan to bond. He said he needs Borough Council to advertise for a Special Meeting

as soon as possible to adopt the ordinance. He said Borough Council will advertise

their intent to adopt the ordinance this evening. He said he will take care of all advertising costs.

Borough Council decided to hold the Special Meeting on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>,

2014 at 6:00 P.M. at the City Building.

**MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES:** It was moved by Councillor Kolaja and seconded by Councillor McCrillis to suspend the rules. Motion carried.

**MOTION TO ADVERTISE THEIR INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE GUARANTEEING THE BOND:** It was moved by Councillor Steadman and seconded by Councillor Hoban to approve advertising their intent to adopt an Ordinance guaranteeing the Bond. Councillor Hoban, Kolaja, McCrillis and Steadman voted yea. Councillor Brumagin abstained. Motion carried.

**PRESIDENT BRUMAGIN TO APPONT A THREE MEMBER PANEL OF BOROUGH COUNCIL TO SERVE ON AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING COMMITTEE:** President Brumagin appointed himself, Dan Hoban and Braden McCrillis.

**MOTION TO APPOINT BRETT SMITH TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO SERVE UNTIL DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2015:** It was moved by Councillor Kolaja and seconded by Councillor Hoban to appoint Brett Smith to the Civil Service Commission to serve until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Motion carried.

At this time, the Mayor swore in Brett Smith to the Civil Service Commission.

**MOTION TO APPOINT GEORGE BARBER OFFICER IN CHARGE:** It was moved by Councillor Kolaja and seconded by Councillor Hoban to appoint George Barber Officer in Charge. Councillor McCrillis said no offense to George, but he would like to talk with Officer Pernice before a decision is made.

President Brumagin said we have a motion and a second on the floor. He said we will take a roll call vote. Councillor Kolaja, Hoban and Brumagin voted yea. Councillor

McCrillis and Steadman voted nay. Motion carried.

President Brumagin said George Barber is Officer in Charge.

**UNION CITY WATER AUTHORITY:** President Brumagin spoke about the new Water Treatment Facility. He said the project will begin this fall.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councillor Steadman said the street crew is working on installing storm sewers on Warden Street.

**MOTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIVING THE 2015 MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION REPORT FOR THE UNIFORM AND NON-UNIFORM PENSION FUNDS BY SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2014:**

It was moved by Councillor McCrillis and seconded by Councillor Kolaja to acknowledge receiving the 2015 Minimum Municipal Obligation Report for the Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension Funds by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

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