

**UNION CITY BOROUGH
SPECIAL MEETING
December 27, 2016**

The meeting of the Union City Borough Council was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by President McCrillis. The meeting was held City Building.

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

Officials present were Borough Secretary Cindy Wells, Mayor Bob King, Police Chief David Pernice.

Visitors present were Kim Lux, from the Corry Journal.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2017 BUDGET: It was moved by Councilor Brumagin and seconded by Councilor Kolaja to approve the adoption of the 2017 Budget. All Councilors voted yea. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2017 TAX ORDINANCE: It was moved by Councilor Conklin and seconded by Councilor Kolaja to approve adopting the 2017 Tax Ordinance which includes a 1 mill tax increase. All Councilors voted yea. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN LEGION: Agreement has been signed with the American Legion allowing the Borough to plow the snow in exchange for allowing the Borough Employees and the public to park in the lot.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR 2017 COUNCIL MEETINGS: The ad has been placed for the 2017 Council Meetings.

PUBLIC INFORMATION ON GARBAGE SERVICE WITH RACCOON REFUSE: Information

concerning the Borough contract with Racoon Refuse has been given to the Union City and Corry radio stations, Time Warner Channel 2, Corry Journal, and UC webpage.

BOROUGH SAFE: The safe has been repaired and combination given to the Solicitor.

POLICE PENSION: Notice was received from the Police Pension that with the Cost of Living

Adjustments for Marvin Tubbs, he has maxed out the monthly amount he can receive with a COL increase.

LIQUID FUELS AUDIT: A letter was received concerning the appeal of the Audit of Liquid Fuels

stating they are waiving the reimbursement.

FIREWORKS FOR THE FRENCH CREEK FESTIVAL: Two grant applications have been sent for the

fireworks. Cindy is checking into the possibility of a third grant.

JOINT MEETING WITH UNION TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS: Council agreed to invite the Union

Township Supervisors to the January 24, 2017 meeting to discuss future financial support to the Union City Fire Department. Cindy Wells will notify Earl Brown of the date and time. A legal ad will be placed in the Corry Journal and the cost will be split with the Township.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER: Shirley Lafferty has asked that Borough Council, Secretary, Police

Department and Streets Department assist at a free Community Dinner to be held a Sunday in January. An anonymous donor is funding the dinner for residents of Union City. The date and time will follow at the next Council Meeting. The following Councilors will try to attend; Councilor Hoban, Councilor Kolaja, Councilor Conklin, Councilor Steadman.

GARBAGE ORDINANCE UPDATES: The Garbage Ordinance needs some changes made. A copy

of the current ordinance will be emailed to Councilor members to review for discussion at the next meeting.

POLICE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN: Because of the expense to start a Police Deferred

Compensation Plan, it would be best to offer IRA deductions to all employees. Council has no objections to this being offered. Cindy will continue to research options and have information presented to Borough employees.

HEART AND LUNG INSURANCE COVERAGE: Heart and Lung Insurance coverage was offered by

the Borough Insurance carrier. The cost would be approximately \$1,148 annually and cover \$75,000 per person. This insurance would pay the extra 1/3 the Borough must pay at the time of any Heart and Lung claim. Council stated they did not want to carry this.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADVERTISING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE BOROUGH TO WITHDRAW FROM THE NORTHWEST TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG). It was

moved by Councilor Kolaja and seconded by Councilor Brumagin to approve the advertising of an Ordinance for the borough to withdraw from the Northwest Tri-county Council of Governments (COG) to be voted on at the January 10, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

TIME WARNER CABLE AGREEMENT: Councilor Brumagin has reviewed the Time Warner Cable

Agreement. He has tried to contact Time Warner and still waiting to hear from them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council went into Executive Session from 7:06 - 7:33 to discuss personnel issues.

MOTION TO ACT, CONTINGENT UPON CONVERSATION AND FACT FINDING BETWEEN PRESIDENT MCCRILLIS AND SOLICITOR WACHTER IN REGARDS TO TERMINATION OF AN EMPLOYEE. It was moved by

Councilor Brumagin and seconded by Councilor Kolaja to act, contingent upon conversation and fact finding between President McCrillis and Solicitor Wachter in regards to termination of an employee. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilor Steadman said he didn't have anything to report.

SIGNAGE AT THE CURVE ON SECOND AVENUE: Mayor King expressed concern about semi's that turn onto Second Avenue from South Main Street. They approach the curve and don't yield to traffic coming around the curve. Councilor Steadman will have the Street Supervisor, Paul Maynard, check into available signs.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Chief Pernice requested permission to start looking for 2 part-time officers.

He could use the Consortium List. Council agreed.

Chief Pernice would like to clean up a room upstairs for Officers to be able to use to workout. Council agreed.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Noting to report.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Councilor Conklin and seconded by Councilor Brumagin that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

ATTEST