

MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
JANUARY 14TH, 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 7:02 P.M. by President Brumagin. The meeting was held at the Union City Area High School Library.

Councillors present were Brumagin, Conklin, Hoban, Kolaja and Steadman. Councillor McCrillis was absent.

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

Visitors present: See attached sign in sheet.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Councillor Kolaja and seconded by

Councillor Steadman that the agenda stands approved as presented.

Motion carried.

MOTION ON MINUTES: It was moved by Councillor Steadman and seconded

by Councillor Conklin that all Councillors having read the Reorganizational

Meeting held January 6th, 2014, be approved. Motion carried.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL AND/OR PUBLIC: Solicitor Timothy Wachter said

Borough Council invited Waste Management here this evening to answer

any questions that the Public may have in regards to billing issues.

Several residents spoke out in regards to billing issues they have been

having with Waste Management.

Solicitor Timothy Wachter said that Waste Management will be available

this evening to answer any one on one questions with residents.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM MKW TO MAKE A PRESENTATION ON THE PROCESSING PLANT: Representatives from MKW made a presentation to

Borough Council and the public on their processing plant located on

Concord Road in Union Township.

They made a presentation on how the plant works and also to let us

know that there will be more trucks traveling through the borough.

DAWN KREIN SPEAKS TO BOROUGH COUNCIL ABOUT A BENCH BEING DONATED TO THE BOROUGH IN MEMORY OF JOHN KERR: Dawn Krein said she has been

working with individuals on getting a bench donated in memory of fallen

officer John Kerr.

She said she would like to know if there are any ordinances that would prohibit her from placing the bench on the Main Street sidewalk. She said at this time, she is not sure where on Main Street.

President Brumagin said before you place the bench on Main Street, please present this to the Borough Manager, so the Borough Manager can make sure that the bench is not going to interfere with the flow of foot traffic.

MAYOR: Mayor Bob King said he would like Borough Council to consider changing Section 1 of the Duties and Directives of the Union City Police Department.

He said he would like Borough Council to review this at their next Work Session.

COUNCIL TO ADVERTISE THEIR INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL PERSONS, PARTNERSHIPS, BUSINESSES AND CORPORATIONS TO OBTAIN A FLOOD PLAIN PERMIT FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION OR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN AN IDENTIFIED FLOODPLAIN AREA; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH PERMITS; SETTING FORTH CERTAIN MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT WITHIN AREAS OF THE

BOROUGH WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO FLOODING; AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR ANY PERSONS WHO FAIL, OR REFUSE TO COMPLY WITH, THE REQUIREMENTS OR PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE: It was moved by Councillor

Steadman and seconded by

Councillor Conklin to advertise their intent to adopt an Ordinance requiring

all person, partnerships, businesses and corporations to obtain a flood plain

permit for any construction or development within an identified floodplain

area; providing for the issuance of such permits; setting forth certain

minimum requirements for new construction and development within

areas of the Borough which are subject to flooding; and establishing

penalties for any persons who fail, or refuse to comply with, the

requirements or provisions of this ordinance. Motion carried.

BOROUGH COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ADOPTING THE PROPOSED VACATION POLICY FOR BOROUGH EMPLOYEES:

It was moved by Councillor Kolaja and

seconded by Councillor Conklin to adopt the proposed Vacation Policy

for Borough employees. Motion carried.

FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE: The Borough Solicitor said according to the

floodplain ordinance, Borough Council needs to appoint a floodplain

administrator to administer and enforce the Borough's floodplain

ordinance and a fee structure associated with the floodplain ordinance.

He said he will have the Resolutions ready for the February Council Meeting.

ACT 13: The Borough Solicitor said Act 13 included zoning restrictions to oil and gas sites. He said the Supreme Court ruled that Act 13 was unconstitutional.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: President Brumagin said he is requesting an Executive Session after the meeting to discuss Personnel issues.

COUNCIL TO AMEND THE MOTION APPOINTING JOHN LOWTHER TO THE UNION CITY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY BOARD TO SERVE UNTIL DECEMBER 31ST, 2018:

The Borough Manager said at the December meeting, Council appointed John Lowther to the Union City Municipal Authority Board. She said that John Lowther's term had not yet expired. She said it was Frank Balog's term that had expired.

She said this item was placed on the agenda for Borough Council to consider rescinding their motion.

Borough Council decided not to rescind motion.

MOTION TO TABLE APPOINTING FRANK BALOG TO THE UNION CITY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY BOARD TO SERVE UNTIL DECEMBER 31ST, 2018: It was moved

by Councillor Steadman and seconded by Councillor Conklin to table

appointing Frank Balog to the Union City Municipal Authority Board to

serve until December 31st, 2018. A roll call vote was taken. Councillor

Conklin, Hoban, Kolaja and Steadman vote yea. Councillor Brumagin

abstained. Motion carried.

UNION CITY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY: President Brumagin said he would

like to update the public that the Union City Municipal Authority did

receive a large grant amount to update the Union City Water Plant

per DEP.

He said the Water Authority will be borrowing the rest of the monies

at a 1% loan rate for the next thirty years.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Councillor Conklin said that Kelly Geer is interested

in filling the vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES: It was moved by Councillor Conklin and

seconded by Councillor Steadman to suspend the rules. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPOINT KELLY GEER TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION: It was moved by Councillor Conklin and seconded by

Councillor Steadman to appoint Kelly Geer to the Parks and Recreation Commission to serve until December 31st, 2018.

Motion

carried.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Councillor Kolaja and seconded by

Councillor Steadman that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 P.M.

ATTEST: _____

Borough Manager