

MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 11TH 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.

Councillors present were Brumagin, Conklin, Kolaja, McCrillis and Steadman.

Councillor Hoban was absent.

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

Visitors present were Richard Weatherby, Lori Callis, Sharon Syed and Ahmed Syed.

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

Councillor Kolaja that the agenda stands approved as presented. Motion carried.

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

Councillor Steadman that all Councillors having read the Council Meeting held January 14th, 2014, be approved. Motion carried.

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

UNION CITY LAUNDROMAT: Lori Callis said she is a mother that uses the Laundromat on a regular basis. She said the Union City Laundromat currently has only three operating washing machines and two operating dryers.

She said many individuals in this community have to go to a Laundromat.

She said there is not enough operational machines for all of the individuals that use the Laundromat. She said the owner does not take care of any of the equipment.

She said she would like the Borough Council to consider having a City owned Laundromat that would insure the Laundromat would

always be operational to the public.

President Brumagin said he does realize that there are a lot of residents that do not have transportation to go elsewhere to do their laundry. He said he does understand that residents do need an operational Laundromat.

He said Borough Council can discuss the issue further at their next Work Session.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Sharon Syed said she attended the Winter Festival and she would like to commend the Parks and Recreation Commission for a wonderful event.

MOTION 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 REQUIRMENTS 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 Kolaja 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. A roll call vote was taken.

All Councillors voted yea. Motion carried.

COUNCIL TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE THE BOROUGH'S FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE:

Solicitor Timothy Wachter said the Resolution appoints the Borough Manager to have the power and authority to administer and enforce the Floodplain Ordinance.

MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE BOROUGH MANAGER AS THE FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE THE BOROUGH'S FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE:

It was moved by Councillor McCrillis and seconded by Councillor Steadman to approve the Resolution appointing the Borough Manager as the Floodplain Administrator to administer and enforce the Borough's Floodplain Ordinance. A roll call

vote was taken. All Councillors voted yea. Motion carried.

COUNCIL TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEE STRUCTURES ASSOCIATED WITH THE FLOODPLAIN

ORDINANCE OF THE UNION CITY BOROUGH: Solicitor

Timothy Wachter said the fee structure shall be

no less than \$250 and no more than 5% of the total project cost.

He said the Floodplain Administrator shall establish the fee based on

the municipality's estimated cost to review the application.

MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEE STRUCTURES ASSOCIATED WITH THE FLOODPLAIN

ORDINANCE OF THE UNION CITY BOROUGH: It was moved by Councillor Steadman and seconded by Councillor

Conklin to approve a Resolution establishing fee structures associated

with the Floodplain Ordinance of the Union City Borough. A roll call

vote was taken. All Councillors voted yea. Motion carried.

COUNCIL TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE ORDINANCE BEFORE ERIE COUNTY COUNCIL TO GUARANTY BONDS TO BE ISSUED BY THE ERIE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY TO BUILD A PUBLICLY FUNDED HOTEL:

The

Resolution opposing the Ordinance before Erie County Council to guaranty

bonds to be issued by the Erie County Convention Center Authority to build

a publicly funded hotel was read by the Borough Manager.

MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE ORDINANCE BEFORE ERIE COUNTY COUNCIL TO GUARANTY BONDS TO BE ISSUED BY THE ERIE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY TO BUILD A PUBLICLY FUNDED HOTEL:

It was

moved by Councillor Steadman and seconded by Councillor Conklin to

approve the Resolution opposing the Ordinance before Erie County

Council to guaranty bonds to be issued by the Erie County Convention

Center Authority to build a publicly funded hotel. A roll call vote was taken.

All Councillors voted yea. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPOINT FRANK BALOG TO THE UNION CITY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY BOARD TO SERVE UNTIL DECEMBER 31ST, 2014: It was moved by

Councillor McCrillis and seconded by Councillor Conklin to appoint

Frank Balog to the Union City Municipal Authority Board to serve until

December 31st, 2014. Councillor Conklin, Kolaja, McCrillis and Steadman

voted yea. Councillor Brumagin abstained. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WHICH AUTHORIZES THE MERCYHURST PUBLIC SAFETY INSTITUTE TO ACT AS THE TESTING AGENT FOR THE MUNICIPALITY FOR THE PURPOSES OF PRELIMINARY ELIGIBILITY EXAMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THIS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT: It was moved by Councillor

Kolaja and seconded by Councillor Steadman to approve a cooperative

agreement which authorizes the Mercyhurst Public Safety Institute to act as the testing agent for the municipality for the purposes of preliminary eligibility examinations for the position of police officer in accordance with the terms of this cooperative agreement. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councillor Steadman said the streets department has been fighting mother nature.

He said they also have been dealing with the anti-skid freezing. He said they have been putting the anti-skid in the garage to try to thaw it out.

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 Steadman and seconded by Councillor Kolaja that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Manager

