

**MINUTES**  
**UNION CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MAY 13<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 7:03 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, Hoban, Kolaja, McCrillis and Steadman.

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

Visitors present were Officer George Barber, Herb Combs, Alice Jane Ross, Ahmed Syed, Roy Hanks and John Hoffman.

**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 Hoban

that all Councillors having read the Council Meeting held April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and the Special

Meeting held May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, be approved. Motion carried.

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

Councillor Steadman 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

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

**SENIOR HOUSING:** Herb Combs said he has spoken with Dan Brumagin about obtaining additional Senior Housing in the Borough.

President Brumagin said he spoke with Joe Berdis from County Planning and was informed that a study is needed to see if there is a need in the Borough. He said once the study is completed, the study is then presented to County Planning.

Herb Combs said the Union City Community House is willing to pay \$3000 for that study.

President Brumagin said he will contact Joe Berdis to see what additional information is needed to prepare this study.

**PARKING ISSUES:** John Hoffman said he lives on 24 Center Street. He said he recently received a parking ticket for moving his vehicle to the other side of the street. He said in the past, the police department gave the residents a three hour grace period to move their vehicles.

He said where he lives, he does not have a driveway therefore, he has to park on the street. He said he has to get up so early in the morning and waiting to move his vehicle at midnight is not feasible.

Mayor Bob King said he made an executive decision to not give the three hour

grace period and directed the police officers to start giving out parking tickets.

Councillor Steadman said the grace period has been around for a lot of years and to change it now without letting the residents know is not right. He said he would not want to wait until midnight to move his vehicle.

Councillor Hoban said he is not sure if what the Mayor did was the right way to go about it.

President Brumagin said this is an issue that we can discuss at our next work session.

He said in the meantime, Borough Council needs to consider rescinding the Mayor's Executive Order.

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

**MOTION TO RESCIND THE MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE DECISION:** It was moved by Councillor Conklin and seconded by Councillor McCrillis to reinstate the three hour grace period and to discuss the grace period at the next Work Session. Councillor Brumagin, Conklin, Kolaja, McCrillis and Steadman voted yea. Councillor Hoban abstained. Motion carried.

**MAYOR:** Mayor Bob King said for those of you who have not heard the good news, the Ethan Allen property has been sold.

He said hopefully within the next few months the property will be cleaned up.

**COUNCIL TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ON AUTHORIZATION FOR THE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT WITH NORTHWEST SAVINGS BANK FOR THE POLICE PENSION PLAN AND THE NON-UNIFORM PENSION PLAN:**

The Resolution on authorization for the Investment Management Account with Northwest Savings Bank for the Police Pension Plan and the Non-Uniform Pension Plan was read by the Borough Manager.

**MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ON AUTHORIZATION FOR THE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT WITH NORTHWEST SAVINGS BANK FOR THE POLICE PENSION PLAN AND THE NON-UNIFORM PENSION PLAN:**

It was moved by Councillor Hoban and seconded by Councillor McCrillis to approve a Resolution on authorization for the Investment Management Account with Northwest Savings Bank for the Police Pension Plan and the Non-Uniform Pension Plan. A roll call vote was taken. All Councillors voted yea. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ON RECEIVING COUNTY LIQUID FUELS:**

The Resolution approving County Liquid Fuels to be used for paving various streets in the Borough was read by the Borough Manager.

**MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ON RECEIVING COUNTY LIQUID FUELS:**

It was moved by Councillor Steadman and seconded by Councillor Kolaja to approve the Resolution approving County Liquid Fuels be used for paving various streets in the Borough. A roll call vote was taken. All Councillors voted yea. Motion carried.

**NEW SIGN REQUIREMENTS:** Solicitor Timothy Wachter said he sent information to Borough Council in regards to the Federal Highway Administration updating their Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices requiring that all municipalities adopt

a plan to assess and maintain the retroreflectivity for certain road signs. He said the deadline to adopt such plan is June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

He said Borough Council needs to adopt a resolution with a plan in place.

President Brumagin said this is an item that needs to be discussed at our next Work Session.

**SUNSHINE ACT:** Solicitor Timothy Wachter said that Councillor McCrillis had asked

at the last Borough Council Meeting if the Parks and Recreation Board falls under the Sunshine Act.

He said yes, the Parks and Recreation Board must advertise their meetings and take minutes of such meetings.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Solicitor Timothy Wachter said he is requesting an Executive Session after the Borough Council Meeting to discuss legal matters.

**COUNCIL TO APPROVE ADVERTISING THEIR INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE GUARANTEEING THE UNION CITY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY PENNVEST LOAN:** Solicitor

Timothy Wachter said on May 1<sup>st</sup>, Borough Council had a Special Meeting to approve guaranteeing the Union City Municipal Authority Pennvest Loan.

He said this is done through an ordinance. He said at the Special Meeting, Borough Council should of done an motion to advertise their intent to adopt an Ordinance guaranteeing the Union City Municipal Authority Pennvest Loan. He said he would like Borough Council this evening to do this motion and to have a Special Meeting to adopt the ordinance. He said he will advertise the

Special Meeting to be held on the night of their May Work Session.

**MOTION TO ADVERTISE THEIR INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE GUARANTEEING THE UNION CITY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY PENNVEST**

**LOAN:** It was moved by Councillor Conklin  
and seconded by Councillor Steadman to approve advertising their  
intent to  
adopt an Ordinance guaranteeing the Union City Municipal Authority  
Pennvest Loan.

Councillor Conklin, Hoban, Kolaja, McCrillis and Steadman voted yea.  
Councillor  
Brumagin abstained. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councillor Steadman said the streets department is  
getting ready for the  
paving season.

**INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY:** There being no objection, the Information  
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 7:48 P.M.

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