

MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH WORK SESSION
AUGUST 26TH, 2014

The Work Session of the Union City Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Brumagin. The meeting was held at the City Building.

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

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

There were no visitors present.

LEASE OF BACKHOE: The Borough Manager said the current lease of the backhoe is up for bid the end of the September. She said that she and Paul met with Walsh Equipment on leasing a JCB Backhoe. She said the Borough would not have to go out for bid since Walsh Equipment is through Co-Stars. She said the price for leasing of a JCB Backhoe is cheaper than what we have been paying in the past.

RESOURCE OFFICER AGREEMENT: The Borough Manager said the Resource Officer Agreement is up for renewal the end of this year. She said

currently the agreement is for four years with the fourth year being paid by the Borough. She said she is wondering if Borough Council wants to continue paying for the fourth year.

President Brumagin said he would like to present a four year contract with the School paying for all four years. He said if they are not in an agreement, then we can once again consider paying for the fourth year.

LETTER FROM RANDY BROWN CONCERNING DUMP SITE BY HIS PROPERTY: The

Borough Manager said she would like to pass out a letter this evening along with pictures that she received from Randy Brown in regards to the Borough's dump site located on Bridge Street.

President Brumagin said he received a phone call from Randy Brown concerning this dump site. He said when the Fire Department burned the brush pile the other day, they just left it and it continued to smolder for days. He said that Randy Brown informed him that they could not open up any of their windows due to the smoke.

He said this is becoming nothing but a dump site. He said people are

dumping their garbage.

He said the Borough Manager mentioned about putting up a gated fence to alleviate the dumping.

He said he would like Borough Council to review the letter and the pictures and to come up with a solution to Randy Brown's issues.

COUNCIL TO CONSIDER CLOSING OFF PART OF HOGAN'S ALLEY: The Borough

Manager said she was approached by Tara Lineman to see if Borough

Council would approve closing off half of Hogan's Alley for their

Community Days event to be held the day of the Homecoming Parade.

President Brumagin said he does not have a problem in closing half

of Hogan's Alley. He said Borough Council can vote on this at the

September Council Meeting.

PERSONNEL POLICY: The Borough Manager said a few months ago she

provided a revised copy of the Personnel Policy for Borough Council

to review. She said no one from Borough Council has made any

comments in regards to the proposed changes.

She said we paid to have this done and she would like Borough

Council to act on this as soon as possible.

President Brumagin said he agrees and he would like
Borough
Council to review the proposed Personnel Policy and bring
any
changes they may have to the next Work Session.

CROSSWALKS SIGNS: Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said he
checked into
the cost of pedestrian crosswalk signs. He said the cost is
\$298.00
per cone.

Mayor Bob King said he has a letter where municipalities can
get these
cones for free.

The Borough Manager said in the past, the Borough did get
these for
free when the program was available. She said she will have
to check to
see if this program still exists.

WARDEN STREET STORM SEWER PROJECT: Street Supervisor
Paul Maynard
said they are having a lot of issues with the installation of
storm sewers
on Warden Street.

PUTNAM STREET: Mayor Bob King said he would like to know
when the hole
on Putnam Street is going to be fixed.

President Brumagin said the Water Authority has several bad spots in town. He said the Water Authority went out for bid and hopefully the board will be approving the bids soon so these holes can get fixed.

SOUTH STREET SEWER PROJECT: President Brumagin said the South Street sewer project will begin shortly. He said this is a CDBG project.

TOUR OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT: President Brumagin said he sent out an email asking Borough Council if they would be interested in doing a tour of the current water treatment facility. He said he then would like to do another tour of the completed water treatment facility project.

AMENDMENT TO SIDEWALK ORDINANCE: President Brumagin said he sent an email out to members of Borough Council in regards to amending the Boroughs current sidewalk ordinance.

He said he would like to see in the ordinance that any new house that is being built along with any house being sold that does not have a sidewalk, must put in a sidewalk.

Councillor Steadman said there are some properties in the Borough that would never be able to put in a sidewalk. He said one property in particular is Gawlinski's on Warden Street.

President Brumagin said he would at least like Borough Council to consider these changes.

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT: Office in Charge George Barber said he spoke with the individual from Mercyhurst who is conducting the test and we should have a list by the end of September.

Mayor Bob King said we need to replace him on the Civil Service Board. He said that Brett Smith is interested in serving on this board.

Mayor Bob King said he wanted to know if we have heard back from the attorney in regards to the questions he had at the last Council Meeting.

The Borough Manager said yes, the Attorney replied through an email. She said she will make a copy of the Attorney's reply and provide it to the Mayor.

MAYOR TO PROVIDE QUARTERLY REPORT ON MARRIAGES PERFORMED: Mayor

Bob King said according to the Borough Code, he is to provide to the Borough a quarterly report of all marriages he performed during that quarter. He said he has a report to present this evening to Borough Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Bob King said he would like to know why Kevin Jones was not permitted to sit in the Executive Session at the last Council Meeting.

President Brumagin said Kevin Jones is currently on Workmen's Comp and at this time is not considered an active employee with the Borough.

MEETING IN MEADVILLE IN REGARDS TO STORM SEWER PROJECT: Councillor

Steadman said Paul and Cheryl had a meeting in Meadville to discuss how the City of Meadville developed a user fee for storm sewers.

He said he would like to know if Borough Council is going to pursue this.

President Brumagin said he has no problem with Paul and Cheryl pursuing this. However, he will not agree on this until Borough Council knows all the details and what the fee is going to be.

The Borough Manager said at this time, she does not know what the fee will be. She said this is a long process. She said we have to get the total number of households and get the average square feet of impervious surface.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Manager