

**MINUTES**  
**UNION CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

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 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, Police Chief David Pernice and Solicitor Timothy Wachter.

Visitors present were Ahmed and Sharon Syed.

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

Councillor Conklin to adopt the agenda as amended. 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 June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and the Work Session held June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, be

approved. Motion carried.

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

Councillor McCrillis asked about the harness getting fixed on the police car.

He said he noticed for the last couple of months that there have been bills for repairs to the police vehicles.

Chief David Pernice said he hopes that this is the last of the repairs for awhile.

Motion carried.

**MAYOR:** The Mayor said at this time, the list of six names are not ready to present to Borough Council. He said the Chief is still working on getting the background checks done on these individuals.

He said since the police department is short handled, he said that Officer Pernice asked if Borough Council would consider hiring

Michael Cacchione as a part-time police officer with the Borough of Union City. He said that Michael Cacchione use to work for the Borough a few years back and has kept up all his credentials.

Officer Pernice said that Brian Barber will be able to come back to work part-time for the Borough sometime in August.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE HIRING MICHAEL CACCHIONE AND BRIAN BARBER AS PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS WITH THE BOROUGH OF UNION CITY:** It was moved by Councillor Conklin and seconded by Councillor McCrillis to approve hiring Michael Cacchione and Brian Barber as part-time police officers with the Borough of Union City. Motion carried. The Mayor said the back of the city building has been cleared of debris.

The Mayor said he would like to know who is responsible for making sure that the residents garbage is not set out early.

President Brumagin said this falls under the garbage ordinance which is enforced by the Police Department.

The Mayor said he is having problems with cars being parked on both sides of the streets. He said he is wondering how many hours of window time are given before the officer can give them a ticket.

President Brumagin said it was discussed that there is a two hour window.

Mayor King said he received a letter which he would like to read this evening. He said the letter is requesting Borough Council to provide a fish station for fisherman to cut up their fish.

**COUNCIL TO APPROVE KEVIN JONES RECEIVING PENSION DISABILITY THROUGH THE UNIFORM PENSION PLAN :**

The Borough Manager said the Northwest

Pension Administrator is requesting a copy of the minutes where Borough

Council approved Kevin Jones receiving Pension Disability. Therefore, she

needs a motion from Borough Council making that approval.

**MOTION TO APPROVE KEVIN JONES RECEIVING PENSION DISABILITY THROUGH THE UNIFORM PENSION PLAN:**

It was moved by Councillor McCrillis and

seconded by Councillor Conklin to approve Kevin Jones receiving Pension

Disability through the Uniform Pension Plan. Motion carried.

**THE BRIDGE STREET PROPERTY:** The Borough Manager said she spoke to Borough

Council earlier about a complaint that was given to the health department in regards to the property the Borough owns on Bridge Street.

She said he informed her that the limbs are far enough from the creek bed that he does not see any problems when burning the limbs that any of that will go into the creek. He said he did notice that the street sweepings are being disposed there. He said with street sweepings, you sometimes will also collect garbage. He said if there is any garbage in the street sweepings the borough will need to take care of that. He said he also noticed that a flusher has been dumping which is illegal for them to do. He said they are dumping the water too close to the creek bed.

President Brumagin wanted to know if Molded Fiber Glass would be willing to let the Borough dump the limbs onto the property that is fenced in.

Councillor Conklin said he can check however, he is sure there will need to be some official document drawn up.

**ZONING OFFICER:** President Brumagin said he spoke with Zoning Officer Dennis

Ploss and he was informed by Dennis that he will be retiring from the

Borough as the Zoning Officer sometime next year.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councillor Kolaja said that Johnathan Kowalski got a full-time position with the North East Borough Police Department. He said that he will be on probation for one-year with the North East Borough Police Department. He said that after his year is completed, he would like to return to his job as a part-time police officer with the Borough of Union City.

**MOTION TO APPROVE JONATHAN KOWALSKI BE REINSTATED AS A PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER WITH THE BOROUGH OF UNION CITY:** It was moved by

Councillor McCrillis and seconded by Councillor Conklin to approve Jonathan Kowalski be reinstated as a part-time police officer with the Borough of Union City after his one-year probationary period with the North East Police Department. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL TO PUBLICLY OPEN AND APPROVE BIDS ON PAVING OF VARIOUS STREETS IN THE BOROUGH:** The Borough Manager said the streets that are included in the bid proposal are as follows:

Kilburn Street from Route 8 up to Miles Street  
 Putnam Street from Route 8 up to Warden Street through the intersection  
 Union Street from Gillete up to Brown Street  
 Union Street from Brown Street up to Grant Street

Union Street to capture wider area at Grant Street  
Grant Street from Union Street Intersection.  
Warden Street from Route 6 up to Putnam Street.

She said the first bid is from Joseph McCromick Construction,  
3340 Pearl  
Avenue, Erie, PA 16570. She said their total bid is  
\$147,402.00.

She said the second bid is from Mayer Brothers Construction,  
1902  
Cherry Street, Erie, PA 16502. She said their total bid is  
\$164,032.00.

She said the third and final bid is from Russell Standard  
Corporation  
P.O. Box 66, Union City, PA 16438. She said their total bid is  
\$81,468.92.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE BID FROM RUSSELL STANDARD CORPORATION:** It

was moved by Councillor Kolaja and seconded by Councillor  
Steadman

to approve the bid from Russell Standard Corporation in the  
amount of

\$81,468.92. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councillor Steadman said the hoe came back  
for the third time

and it seems that it was not the computer but the junction  
box.

Councillor Steadman said he would like to have an Executive  
Session

after the meeting to discuss personnel.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Officer David Pernice said that the streets department has been complaining to him about people mowing their grass out in the road. He said it was his understanding that the ordinance he currently has was amended and was wrote into the property maintenance code.

Solicitor Timothy Wachter said the mowing of grass out into the road was never included in the property maintenance code.

The Borough Manager said the mowing of grass out onto the road falls under the Littering Ordinance. She said that Ordinance was never amended.

Officer David Pernice said he will get with the Borough Manager tomorrow to go over the ordinance.

He said that it has been taking months for the streets crew to complete dry walling Cindy's office. He said something needs to be done so she does not have to continually work in this environment.

Councillor McCrillis said she might want to contact Bob VanDee who does a great job in dry walling and does it for a reasonable price.



He said he will make sure to give Bob VanDee's phone number to the Borough Manager.

**ADJOURNMENT:** It was moved by Councillor Conklin and seconded by Councillor Steadman that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

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