

MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
AUGUST 11TH, 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 7:04 P.M. by President Brumagin. The meeting was held at the Union City Area High School Hallway.

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

Officials present were Borough Manager Cheryl Capela, Mayor Bob King, Police Chief David Pernice, Solicitor Timothy Wachter and Streets Supervisor Paul Maynard.

Visitors present were Bob Wolf, Shirley Lafferty, Roy Hanks and Ahmed and Sharon Syed.

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

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

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

Councillor Kolaja that all Councillors having read the Council Meeting held July 14th, 2015, be approved. Motion carried.

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

Kolaja that the unpaid bills be ordered paid and those paid be approved.

Motion carried.

RESIDENT COMPLAINS ABOUT WATER ON SOUTH STREET:

Sharon Syed said

she would like to know what is going on with the water on South Street.

She said her water is dark and has an odor.

President Brumagin said this is the first time he heard about the

water problem on South Street. He said no one from that street has

called in to complain about the water.

He said he appreciates her coming to the Council Meeting to let him

know about the issue. He said with the project that is currently going

on at the Water Treatment Plant could be the cause to the water issue.

He said if the problem continues, to please let him know.

UNION CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Bob Wolf is here this

evening to inform Borough Council that on Wednesday, July 15th, 2015, the Fire Department was notified by the Ambulance Board that the ambulance service will be dissolving effective January 1st, 2016.

He said the Fire Department is currently working on acquiring the Ambulance Service. He said their intention is to provide a seamless transition without any interruption of service to the community.

He said the Fire Department's Business Officers will be running the Ambulance Service. He said currently we have individuals who are going to EMT classes. He said we hope to have at least six more who will be going.

Solicitor Timothy Wachter said he will need the Borough Manager to get him a copy of the Union City Ambulance Service Ordinance and the Fire Department Ordinance to see if amendments need to be made to these ordinances.

He said the Borough Manager will have to notify the Insurance Company to let them know that the Fire Department will now be running the

Ambulance Service.

MAYOR: The Mayor said the 55th Annual Homecoming Parade will be held on

Saturday, September 26th, 2015. He said he would like to see members

of Borough Council in the Parade.

The Mayor said that the Civil Service Commission has provided six

names for Borough Council to consider.

The Borough Manager said it is on the agenda for consideration.

LETTER RECEIVED FROM RICK AND CATHY SMITH OF 33 BRIDGE STREET IN REGARDS TO BANK EROSION ALONG THEIR PROPERTY: The Borough Manager

said in each Councillors folder, she provided information in regards to

Rick and Cathy Smith notifying the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

In regards to erosion of their property along French Creek.

She said according to the letter from Rick and Cathy Smith Luke Bobnar

from the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy came out to take a look

at the erosion issue and noticed that there is an erosion issue on both

sides of French Creek. She said in order for them to proceed in taking

care of the erosion, they would need permission from the landowners.

She said that Rick and Cathy Smith have already given permission for their side however, since the Borough owns the other side, Borough Council would need to give permission for the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy to proceed in correcting the erosion issue.

Councillor Steadman said there are other erosion issues in the Borough like the Tot Lot Property on First Avenue. He said he would like them to come out and take a look at this property.

President Brumagin said we can set up a time to have him come out and take a look at this property. He said in the meantime, we need to give them permission to fix the erosion problem along the bank of the Bridge Street property.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONSERVANCY TO PROCEED IN FIXING THE EROSION PROBLEM ALONG THE FRENCH CREEK BANK BRIDGE STREET PROPERTY: It was moved by Councillor Conklin and

seconded by Councillor Kolaja to approve the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy to proceed in fixing the erosion problem along the French Creek bank Bridge Street property. Motion carried.

WESTERN NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD: The Borough Manager

said that Borough Council had met with Lucas Brewer from the Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad in regards to closing the crossings on Lincoln Street and Hemlock Street.

She said today she met with the Railroad along with the Public Utility Commission and the Department of Transportation to review those crossings. She said that the PUC is recommending that mafia blocks be used to close off the crossings instead of barricades. He said barricades have a tendency to get destroyed where it would be very hard for individuals to move the mafia blocks.

She said that PUC needs approval from Borough Council to approve the use of mafia blocks instead of barricades.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE MAFIA BLOCKS BE USED TO CLOSE OFF THE CROSSINGS ON LINCOLN AND HEMLOCK STREET:

It was moved by Councillor Kolaja and

seconded by Councillor Conklin to approve mafia blocks be used to close

off the crossings on Lincoln and Hemlock Street. Motion carried.

SIXTH AVENUE: Solicitor Timothy Wachter said he was asked to take a look

on where the property line exists on Sixth Avenue. He said according to

the deed search and the Department of Transportation, the border line

goes right down the middle of Sixth Avenue.

CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT: Solicitor Timothy Wachter said the Attorney

that was handling the Cable Franchise Agreement is no longer with the

firm. He said he will now be handling the Agreement for the Borough.

UNION CITY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY: Solicitor Timothy Wachter said the

2nd Pennvest Loan has been approved.

STORM SEWER ON WATERFORD STREET: President Brumagin said the Storm

Sewer project on Waterford Street has been approved. He said this

is a CDBG Project.

He said the Borough is going to need a right-a-way through the Moose Property.

The Borough Manager said that Tim Wells is working on getting those Right-of-way agreements. She said once she receives the agreement, she will be contacting Gary Webb to make arrangements to go to their meeting to get approval for the right-of-way.

MOTION TO APPROVE HIRING TWO PART-TIME POLICE

OFFICERS: It was moved

by Councillor Conklin and seconded by Councillor McCrillis to approve

hiring two part-time officers from the current Civil Service List. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chief David Pernice said he would like to hold an

Executive Session to discuss personnel issues with a possible motion to be made.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: Chief David Pernice said he would like to thank

members of Borough Council for coming to the National Night Out event.

SPEED LIMIT SIGNS: Chief David Pernice said he is wondering if 25 miles

per hour speed limit signs can be placed on Main Street.

The Borough Manager said there is an Ordinance that all streets in the Borough are 25 miles per hour speed limit.

Chief David Pernice said he is wondering if this pertains to State Roads.

The Borough Manager said she will take a look at the Speed Limit Ordinance.

CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS: Chief David Pernice said the

Borough talked about getting the Civil Service Rules and Regulations updated. He said he does not want this to go by the waste side. He said he is wondering what is going on in getting these rules amended.

Solicitor Timothy Wachter said he will contact Julie from his firm to see what the price is on getting the Civil Service Rules and Regulations amended.

POLICE VEHICLE: Councillor Kolaja said he spoke with Chief David Pernice about reaching out to Titusville to talk to them about the new police vehicles they recently bought.

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: There being no objection, the Informational

Summary will stand approved as presented and be made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: President Brumagin called for an Executive Session at

8:18 P.M. Council reconvened at 8:40 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Councillor Kolaja and seconded by Councillor

Hoban that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 P.M.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Manager