

**MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
DECEMBER 6, 2016**

The Special Meeting of the Union City Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Councilor Brumagin. The meeting was held at the Borough Building.

Councilors present were: Brumagin, Kolaja, Hoban, Steadman, Conklin. President McCrillis was absent.

Officials present were Borough Secretary Cindy Wells, Mayor Bob King, Police Chief David Pernice, and Street Supervisor Paul Maynard.

Visitors present were Shirley Lafferty and Larry Obert from the Union City Fire Department and Kim Lux from the Corry Journal.

HEARING OF THE VISITORS: Shirley Lafferty and Larry Obert presented the budget for the Union City Fire Department Ambulance Service. They thanked the Borough for the contributions in 2016. They are requesting \$24,000 from the Borough and \$24,000 from Union Township to cover the expenses.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Brumagin asked if any member of Borough Council had a topic discuss before we review the budget.

PERSONNEL: Nothing to report.

MAYOR: The Mayor had no reports or comments.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Union City Pride is merging with Union City Downtown Development. The Pride will maintain its non-profit status. They won't be buying more property until what they have is sold. Next meeting is January 17, 2017. They will maintain the Festival, as long as the Borough continues to provide the fireworks

PERSONNEL: Councilor Hoban didn't have anything to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Dustin Kolaja reported that the Fire Department is alright financially. The Borough will not be making the final \$6,500 payment.

STREETS DEPARTMENT: Paul said the street sweeper repairs are being done and it is being put away for the season. Councilor Steadman didn't have anything to report.

FAMILY DOLLAR: It was mentioned that Family Dollar is closing at the end of the year. It was also reported that Dollar General is putting in a store at the corner of Route 8 and Lake Road in Bloomfield Township.

2017 BUDGET: The proposed budget is showing revenue of \$1,168,398.80 and expenditures of \$1,414,385.56 leaving a deficit of \$245,986.76. This includes the \$24,000 request by the Fire Department.

All the departments on the budget were reviewed with several cuts being made bringing the deficit down to \$98,395.76. A 1 mill increase is being proposed which would generate \$82,742. There is still a deficit of \$15,653.76.

There was discussion about changing the money that is paid to the Fire Department be a flat amount instead of a millage amount. That would enable the Fire Department to know what amount they would receive for better budget planning.

Councilor Brumagin proposed that \$15,000 be taken from the Capital Outlay, \$8,891 for the Police cruiser from the Capital Outlay, and a 1 mill tax increase. Councilor Conklin agreed.

Council will meet on December 27, 2016 at 6:00, at a Special Meeting to adopt the 2017 Budget.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

Attest