

**MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH
JANUARY 6, 2020**

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 7:27 P.M. by Councilor Brumagin. The meeting was held at Union City Elementary School, LGI Room, 91 Miles Street, Union City.

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Councilors present were Brumagin, Hoban, and McGuire.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Solicitor Timothy Wachter, Mayor Natalie Wilmoth, Borough Secretary Cindy Wells, Zoning Officer Dennis Ploss, Code Enforcement Shawn Tharp.

VISITORS PRESENT: See the sign-in sheet from the Reorganizational Meeting held at 7:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Councilor Hoban and seconded by Councilor McGuire that the agenda stands approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION ON MINUTES: It was moved by Hoban and seconded by Councilor McGuire that all Councilors having read the minutes from the council meeting December 10, 2019 be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION ON SECRETARY’S REPORT: It was moved by Hoban and seconded by Councilor McGuire that the Secretary’s Report be accepted and made a part of the minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION ON BILLS: It was moved by Hoban and seconded by Councilor McGuire that the unpaid bills be ordered paid and those paid be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF THE VISITORS: Tracy Daggett said that Joe Douglas worked for a flag company and a few years back they donated flags to Roar on the Shore. They no longer need them and thought they should come to Union City since he was originally from Union City. There are two pallets with different sized flags. Council agreed that the Borough would receive them. Tracy will make arrangements to get them here.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Council reviewed the Code Enforcement Report for December 2019. Shawn asked Council how often they wanted fines sent to the properties that had not corrected all the violations from the BIU inspections that were supposed to be completed in October 2019. Council is leaving it to his discretion.

ZONING OFFICER: Council reviewed the Zoning Report for December 2019. Dennis stated there wasn’t anything really going on because of the weather.

MAYOR: The Mayor had no reports or recommendations.

SOLICITOR WACHTER: The Solicitor had no reports or recommendations at this time.

BOROUGH SECRETARY:

CLEARINGHOUSE FOR FMCSA FOR CDL DRIVERS. Information was provided to Council regarding this. At this time, I'm still waiting on information to update our policy from Julia Herzing.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN: I've included a summary of the UC Preservation Plan. The full document is available on the Borough webpage.

ADMINISTRATION: The Director of Administration had no reports or recommendations.

COUNCIL DISCUSSED PASSING AN ORDINANCE ABOLISHING WARDS IN THE BOROUGH.

Councilor Brumagin stated that he would like to consider abolishing the wards. A benefit to this would making it easier to fill vacancies because it wouldn't matter which ward a councilor resided in. Most small communities have done away with the wards. It also has an affect on the tax collection and would simplify reporting to the County. Solicitor Wachter said that it is possible to pass an ordinance abolishing the wards but the County Board of Elections office and the Secretary of State would have to give their approval. Also, it would require 7 Council members. Councilor Hoban asked if the polling locations would change. The Solicitor will find out and will continue the process as to everything that is required.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE THE ORDINANCE ABOLISHING WARDS IN THE BOROUGH WITH THE ORDINANCE. It was moved by Councilor McGuire and seconded by Councilor Hoban to advertise the ordinance abolishing wards in the Borough with the ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS: Council reviewed the 4th quarter report Projects/Work for 2019 and the list of 2020 Projects report. Bob Phillips was not in attendance so there was no update on the Street Sweeper.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

WINTER FUN DAY: Sunday, January 26, 2020, 2:00 – 7:00. There will be sled riding and bonfire at Willow Street Hill, indoor games, door prize sign-ups, snacks, movie and Pizza at McLane Church.

PERSONNEL AND PLANNING: The Director of Personnel and Planning had no reports or Recommendations.

FINANCE: The Director of Finance had no reports or recommendations.

REVIEW THE INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: There was no objection and the Informational Summary was approved and made part of the minutes of this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Councilor McGuire and seconded by Councilor Hoban that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M._

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive Session was from 7:56 – 8:10 to discuss personnel with no action to be taken.

ATTEST