

**MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH
PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LERTA ORDINANCE
FEBRUARY 11, 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 public hearing for Borough of Union City was called to order at 6:33 P.M. by Councilor Hoban. The meeting was held at Union City Elementary School LGI room, 91 Miles Street, Union City.

COUNCILORS PRESENT: were Hoban, McGuire, Cross, Bowes, and Joyce. Brumagin was absent.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: were Solicitor Timothy Wachter, Mayor Natalie Wilmoth, Borough Secretary Cindy Wells, and Zoning Officer Dennis Ploss.

VISITORS PRESENT: See the sign-in sheet for those in attendance.

SOLICITOR WACHTER: Explained the proposed ordinance and what is required to pass the ordinance. He stated that testimony was needed about the state of blight in the Borough. The proposed ordinance has no “sunset period” so will continue until Council would pass an ordinance rescinding it. The ordinance does place limits on the amount of money spent towards LERTA. If Council passes the ordinance it is then sent to the School District for their approval.

HEARING OF THE VISITORS:

Jim Shreve, Union Area Planning Commission Chairman: Jim serves on the Union Planning Commission which consist of three Union Township and three Union City Borough members on it. He provided testimony that the Borough has blighted properties throughout it. With a LERTA ordinance it may attract some new business and motivate property owners to make improvements.

Mayor Dave Mitchell, Corry, Erie County Landbank – Dave stated that blight is a major problem. He said the major thing the Landbank can do is purchased blighted properties at tax sales and remove blighted buildings if necessary. He feels that our community needs to really look at how the LERTA ordinance can be a benefit.

Councilor Greg Bowes – Greg stated that he likes the idea of limiting the dollar amount towards LERTA. He feels that this is beneficial especially with all the work that is being done on buildings towards preservation.

There was no one else that wanted to speak. Solicitor Wachter stated that sufficient testimony was received.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Councilor Cross and seconded by Councilor McGuire that the public hearing be adjourned.

The hearing adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

ATTEST