

**MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH
JANUARY 26, 2021**

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 Council Meeting for the Borough of Union City was called to order at 6:00P.M. by Councilor Brumagin. The meeting was by Zoom. It was advertised that anyone wishing to participate should notify the Borough Office at least three days in advance.

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

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Manager, Cindy Wells; Police Chief, David Pernice; and Streets Supervisor, Bob Phillips.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

It was moved by Councilor Cross and seconded by Councilor Hoban that the agenda stands approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION ON MINUTES: It was moved by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Hoban that all Councilors, having read the minutes, approve the Council Meeting minutes from January 12, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF THE VISITORS: Only visitors were Mary Ann Mook, Corry Journal; and Trudy Kaster, Union City Today online.

POLICE CHIEF: The Police Chief gave no reports or recommendations.

STREETS: The Street Supervisor provided the update on the plow truck. It needed a new fuel module. After using it for a day it quit and had to be towed back to Erie for a possible fuel pump. They will notify us of the costs. The pickup truck upper arm broke on the front. They replaced both of the upper arms. Bob contacted Corklin’s and they were busy. He was going to call Wednesday to schedule it.

There is a brush hog for the Ford tractor. Bob is requesting permission to sell it on Municibid. It would be free to list and the buyer pays the fee. Councilor Brumagin recommended holding off in case it would be needed at the landfill.

Councilor Brumagin said the Water Authority has been working on Market Street storm sewer. There is a catch basin and line that are in bad condition, it is an old, galvanized pipe. Councilor Brumagin suggest the Borough put a new line for storm sewer in when the Water Authority replaces their line.

BOROUGH MANAGER:

POLICE PENSION AND NON-UNIFORM PENSION: Year-end reports, are available for review.

PARKS AND RECREATION WINTER FUN DAY: Parks and Recreation want to know if they are permitted to hold the Winter Fun Day event. Borough Council agreed that it could be held.

UNION CITY PRIDE FRENCH CREEK FESTIVAL: UCPI asked if the property isn't available at the school to hold the French Creek Festival, would Council approve it being held at Caflich Park or one of the Municipal parking lots. Council agreed that it could be used. With construction projects being scheduled at Caflich Park that park may not be available. It was mentioned it may need to be held at the ballfield next to Devereaux Park.

UPDATE ON STATUS OF NEW PARKING LOT: Bids were opened at the last meeting. They were sent to the Engineer, David Laird & Associates, for review. Everything was in line with the RFP. On Kingsview Enterprises, they listed "Silt sock & rock construction entrance" on the bid for UC Pride which created a difference of \$3,000. Union City Pride has not determined how they will be proceeding.

VACANCY ON THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD: James Kerns is willing to fill the vacancy.

MOTION TO APPOINT JAMES KERNS TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD. It was moved by Councilor Cross and seconded by Councilor Hoban to appoint James Kerns to fill the vacancy on the Civil Service Board. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL TO DISCUSS AMENDING THE PARKING ORDINANCE At the January 12, 2021 meeting Council tabled discussing the amendment to the parking ordinance until this meeting. Chief Pernice brought up recommendations to change the time for towing a vehicle and also mentioned that the ordinance needs to state more clearly about not parking in the right-of-way, not just "between the street and sidewalk". Different suggestions were discussed.

MOTION TO TABLE DISCUSSION ON AMENDING THE PARKING ORDINANCE. It was moved by Councilor Hoban and seconded by Councilor Cross to table the discussion on amending the parking ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION:

REMINDER CONCERNING SOLICITOR COMMUNICATIONS: A reminder that any communication with the Solicitor from Borough Council must be approved by the Council President Dan Brumagin, or the Borough Manager Cindy Wells, or wait until a Council meeting when he is present. The is to save on the costs.

EMS, FIRE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATOR: The Liaison for EMS/Fire had no reports or recommendations.

PARKS AND RECREATION: The Liaison for Parks and Recreation had no reports or recommendations.

FINANCE: The Liaison for Finance had no reports or recommendations.

PERSONNEL AND PLANNING: The Liaison for Personnel and Planning had no reports or recommendations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council went into Executive Session from 6:35 – 7:11 PM to discuss property and personnel with no action to be taken.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Councilor Hoban and seconded by Councilor Cross that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 P.M._

ATTEST