

**MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH
MAY 25, 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 6:02P.M. by Councilor Brumagin. The meeting was at the First United Methodist Church, 42 East High Street, Union City. It was advertised in The Journal and at the City Building.

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

OFFICIALS PRESENT: were Mayor Natalie Wilmoth, Cindy Wells, Police Chief David Pernice, and Streets Supervisor Bob Phillips.

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

MOTION ON MINUTES: It was moved by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Cross that all Councilors, having read the minutes, Council Meeting minutes May 11, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF THE VISITORS:

Mary Lou Wright, 25180 Blakeslee Road, Union City previously presented concern about illegal immigrants that may be brought into Union City. She was told that if the Federal Government wanted to do it they could. However, she wants everyone to know that local governments can be much more powerful to fight the federal government.

She also expressed concern in providing the COVID-19 vaccine to children as young as 12 years of age. The vaccine hasn't been tested and it usually takes 4 years. The effects from the vaccine have after affects and there are a number of deaths that have been recorded. It has terminated pregnancies. It is not a good public health policy to encourage children to get it. It has not been proven to be effective and she wants the community to be aware.

Jack Croston, 37 Atlantic Street read in the paper there is money for the parks and that basketball hoops were going to be installed in Southwest park. He parents lived there 25 years, the street hasn't been paved. For 30 years he has maintained the park. The previous hoops were removed. They were used by older adults and teens using foul language and causing problems. He has requested they not be installed. (An application was submitted to the DCNR and ECGRA for funding to make improvements to that park. The hoops were suggested but nothing has been decided if we are even getting the funds

COMPLAINT FORMS: Council reviewed complaint forms and had no questions.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Riley Cross reported that on Miles Street a complaint had been received in 2020 about a bad section of sidewalk. The property was notified that it needed repaired and said he would fix it in 2021. He purchased siding and doesn't have money for the sidewalk to repair it this year. Council said he must fix the portion that is bad. He knew about it prior to purchasing the siding.

MAYOR NATALIE WILMOTH: The Mayor had no reports or recommendations.

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

STREETS: The Street Supervisor reported the parts are in for the Pelican Sweeper and will be put back together.

BOROUGH MANAGER:

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES:

PSAB Fall Conference October 8-10th, 2021 in Erie.

His Work, His Way – looking for volunteers and potential projects.

May 26th The Borough birthday event is at 5:00.

WALKWORKS GRANT – ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN: The EADS Group is still working on the plan. One area that is repeatedly discussed is the condition of the sidewalks. Sidewalk “walkability assessments” are being completed. This is an area that will definitely be mentioned in the plan. The next meeting is a virtual meeting on June 9, 2021 at 5:00.

ECGRA RENAISSANCE GRANT: ECGRA has approved the \$100,000 Renaissance Grant for the Borough. We will receive \$50,000 per year in 2021 & 2022. Council reviewed applications already received.

MOTION TO APPROVE 8 APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2021/2022 RENAISSANCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR A TOTAL OF \$31,303 IN GRANT FUNDS. It was moved by Councilor Bowes and seconded by Councilor Cross to approve 8 applications for the 2021/2022 Renaissance Grant Program for a total of \$31,303 in grant funds. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION: The administrator had no reports or recommendations.

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 reported the Ice Cream Social celebrating the Borough's 150th birthday was successful. There were more than 100 in attendance, there were nice crafts for the kids and music from four local churches.

PERSONNEL AND PLANNING: The Personal and had no reports or recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Councilor McGuire and seconded by Councilor Cross that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: To discuss personnel and Police matters with no action. Started at 6:30 and ended at 7:32.

ATTEST