

**MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH
JUNE 22, 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 6:00 P.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, Hoban, McGuire, Cross, Bowes, and Joyce.

OFFICIALS PRESENT were Mayor, Natalie Wilmoth; Borough Manager, Cindy Wells; Police Chief, David Pernice; and Zoning Officer, Jason Sayers.

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

MOTION ON MINUTES: It was moved by Councilor Cross and seconded by Councilor McGuire that all Councilors, having read the minutes, Council Meeting minutes June 8, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF THE VISITORS:

KEVIN ARRINGTON, A+ STRATEGIES AND CORPORATE SOLUTIONS: Kevin is working with Impact Corry on a workforce initiative and hoping to create 200 jobs. He wants to provide access to jobs and will be seeking funding from ECGRA, Erie Community Foundation, and other available funding. He provided some information and is requesting a letter of support from Borough Council. Council agreed to provide him a letter of support. (Information stated on the agenda about this was inaccurate).

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

MAYOR NATALIE WILMOTH: The Mayor reported that there was an anonymous donor who made a donation to the United Way which has made it possible for the UCASD to become a United Way School Partner. It helps students who need food and clothing and also provides occupational training for parents.

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

BOROUGH MANAGER:

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES:

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

The Rock Hunt for the Borough birthday event runs this week through Friday, June 25, 2021.

1954 CAT DIESEL GRADER: Listing on Municibid. Council requested the bids start at \$500.

ZERO-TURN MOWER: Replaced switches, had loose electrical connections, and needs fuse box harness but they are not available. Cost for repairs was \$201.10. Mower was to be picked up Tuesday.

PRICE ON FENCING FOR UNION CITY LANDFILL: Orange snow fence and posts approx. 800'. Pricing at Tractor Supply \$1095.33 and Lowes \$1024.12 and Bob will be making the purchase from Lowes. Council agreed.

CAFLISCH PARK FENCE: During the late 90's there was a wooden playset installed. It didn't meet ADA requirements and was removed. However, there was a fund-raising event selling pickets for the fence with the name engraved on it. The fence is not in good condition, the wood play structure has been removed and the picket fence will be removed. If anyone is interested in the pickets with their name engraved on it they can contact the Borough Office by July 9, 2021 to pick them up.

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY: Since PA Declaration of Disaster Emergency has been terminated, Council needs to terminate the one for the Borough that was effective March 23, 2020.

MOTION TO TERMINATE THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY THAT WAS PLACED IN EFFECT MARCH 23, 2020. It was moved by Councilor Hoban and seconded by Councilor Cross to terminate the Declaration of Disaster Emergency that was placed in effect March 23, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO QUALITY-OF-LIFE: Since the new garbage ordinance was passed there are a few changes needed in the QOL ordinance. Council reviewed the changes.

MOTION TO APPROVE ADVERTISING THE AMENDMENT TO THE QUALITY-OF-LIFE ORDINANCE. It was moved by Councilor Cross and seconded by Councilor McGuire to approve advertising the amendment to the Quality-of-life ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT: The Collective Bargaining Agreement was received prior to the start of the meeting.

ADMINISTRATION: The administrator provided the Water Quality Report. It was also posted on Facebook.

AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING FENCES: Council discussed possible changes to the amended Zoning Ordinance. By proposing to eliminate the 2' set-back for fencing, Council is trying to be less restrictive. Fences that were installed on the line prior to May 2018 would be grandfathered in. However, if a new property owner has a survey the fence may need to be moved. Council discussed several scenarios and suggested changes will be made and presented at the next council meeting.

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 Fire had no reports or recommendations.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Councilor Hoban and seconded by Councilor McGuire that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: To discuss personnel with no action to be taken. Started at 6:49 and ended at 7:30.

ATTEST