

**MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH
AUGUST 10, 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 6:16 P.M. by Councilor Brumagin. The meeting was at the First United Methodist Church, 42 East High Street, Union City.

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

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Solicitor Tim Wachter; Mayor, Natalie Wilmoth; Borough Manager, Cindy Wells; Police Chief, David Pernice; Streets Supervisor, Bob Phillips; Zoning Officer, Jason Sayers.

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

MOTION ON MINUTES: It was moved by Councilor Hoban and seconded by Councilor Bowes that all Councilors, having read the minutes, approve the Public Hearing minutes and Council Meeting minutes from July 27, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION ON SECRETARY’S REPORT: It was moved by Councilor Hoban and seconded by Councilor Joyce 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 Councilor Hoban and seconded by Councilor Joyce that the unpaid bills be ordered paid and those paid be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

THOMAS MOTT, YOUNGVILLE TV AND CHUCK GRAY, IMPACT CORRY: Information on the Broadband Infrastructure for Union City and Corry School Districts was presented.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PA COMMONWEALTH APPLICATION TO EXPAND BROADBAND: The resolution supports the PA Commonwealth application for funding to expand the broadband to Corry and Union City School Districts.

MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION COLLABORATING WITH IMPACT CORRY AND THE PA COMMONWEALTH APPLY FOR FUNDING TO EXPAND BROADBAND SERVICES TO THE CORRY AND UNION CITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS. It was moved by Councilor Bowes and seconded by Councilor Hoban to approve a resolution supporting Impact Corry to apply for funding to expand broadband services to the Corry and Union City School Districts. Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF THE VISITORS: Mary Lou Wright, 25180 Blakeslee Road, Union City presented a

letter concerning the COVID Vaccine and her concerns.

ZONING OFFICER: Zoning Report for July 2021 was provided. Questions were asked about the need of removing a carport in the flood zone and never received a permit. Also, another shed that was moved out of the flood plan on Hemlock Street.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Code Enforcement Report for July 2021 was provided. Council will review the Garage Sale Ordinance and discuss an update at the next meeting.

SOLICITOR WACHTER: The Solicitor reported that he is looking into the ability to have a Pension Committee for the non-uniform pension and waiting to hear back from PSAB. Currently only the uniform pension can have one.

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

POLICE CHIEF: The Police Chief will make any reports or recommendations he may have.
Update on Civil Service Rules – Council will vote at the next meeting.
Update on hiring a part-time officer and Civil Service Testing: Chief is checking on the Civil Service testing and will report back at the next meeting.
Chief reported that he had posted on the UCPD Facebook page that he wanted to start having regular public meetings.

STREET SUPERVISOR: The Street Supervisor reported that he had met with Cross Paving. The ADA ramps will be started on 8/23/21 and milling and then blacktop.

BOROUGH MANAGER:

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES:

PSAB Fall Conference October 8-10th, 2021 in Erie. Information is in the folders.

Information from other municipalities on the DCED STMP program.

Vacating a portion of North Fifth Avenue – the property owners are going to have the property surveyed.

Received notice South Main St will be closed from August 16-20, 2021 at the tracks, by Western NY & PA RR making repairs.

CAFLISCH PARK: One of the new ADA picnic tables was vandalized. It has been removed until the security cameras are in. Cindy obtained pricing from Computer Solutions, McCray Technologies, and Canadohta Security. A security system has been donated with complete installation and materials.

PENNDOT PROJECT: A resolution needed to provide Cindy Wells, Borough Manager, authorization to sign a Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement and submit future applications for Traffic Signal Approval. Solicitor Wachter has reviewed the resolution and the agreement.

MOTION TO PASS A RESOLUTION (2021-07) PROVIDING CINDY WELLS, BOROUGH MANAGER, AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN A TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT AND SUBMIT FUTURE APPLICATIONS FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPROVAL. It was moved by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Bowes to pass a resolution (2021-07) providing Cindy Wells, Borough Manager, authorization to sign a Traffic signal Maintenance Agreement and submit future applications for Traffic Signal Approval. Motion carried unanimously.

AGREEMENT WITH UNION TOWNSHIP TO GRADE DIRT STREETS: Council reviewed the proposed agreement with Union Township for grading dirt streets.

MOTION TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH UNION TOWNSHIP TO GRADE DIRT STREETS TWICE EACH YEAR FOR \$1500 ANNUALLY. It was moved by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Bowes to sign the agreement with Union Township to grade dirt streets twice each year for \$1500 annually. Motion carried unanimously.

GATEWAY PROJECT WITH UNION CITY PRIDE: There have been meetings with the committee for the Gateway Project (removal of the Dinor) to plan the next steps for the removal and how much work could be done with the current amount of funding. It has been discussed about removing the stairs next to the Salvation Army. Council agreed to have them removed.

NEW PARKING LOT SIDEWALK: Sections of the sidewalk will need replaced. Council will wait to have the sidewalk replaced.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE: Comment was received back from Pete Link at Erie County Dept. of Planning. The Union Area Planning will present their comments in the next 1-2 weeks. Council tabled the approval to advertise until the next meeting.

MOTION TO TABLE ADVERTISING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE: It was moved by Councilor Bowes and seconded by Councilor Hoban to table advertising the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Administration had no reports or recommendations.

PERSONNEL AND PLANNING: The Liaison of Personnel and Planning 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 that the Parks & Recreation Commission will meet on Sunday, August 15 at 5:30 PM at Southwest Park and volunteers will paint at that park.

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

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor McGuire that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL: Started at 7:51 and ended at 8:11.

ATTEST