

**MINUTES  
UNION CITY BOROUGH  
NOVEMBER 23, 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, Union City.

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

**OFFICIALS PRESENT** were Mayor, Natalie Wilmoth; Borough Manager, Cindy Wells; Police Chief, David Pernice; and Streets Supervisor, Bob Phillips

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** It was moved by Councilor Joyce 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 Joyce that all Councilors, having read the Council Meeting minutes November 9, 2021, be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

**HEARING OF THE VISITORS:** Kim Uber, 9 Fifth Avenue, Union City requested that Council revisit the Zoning ordinance concerning chickens. Harborcreek and Edinboro both allow it. She believes there should be rules. Edinboro limits the number of pens and no roosters. Her son Jake has 5 hens as pets, and the family uses the eggs.

**ERIE COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:** Chris Groner presented information on an Enterprise Zone for Union City and Corry. There are 6 zones in Pennsylvania. The one in Union City lapsed over 20 years ago. It would provide tax credits and incentives to various properties. It includes industrial and commercial property. If you have an active zone it makes applications with the state a priority. Council will need to approve and issue a resolution.

**POLICE CHIEF:** The Police Chief reported the oral exams for the Civil Service testing were complete. The Commission met and compiled scores and have provided the Certified List of three applicants. Council needs to accept the list and give the Chief approval to start background checks.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CERTIFIED LIST FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND HAVE THE CHIEF MOVE FORWARD WITH THE BACKGROUND CHECKS.** A motion was made by Councilor Hoban and seconded by Councilor McGuire. Motion carried unanimously.

**STREET SUPERVISOR:** The Street Supervisor reported that the fence was up at the landfill and signs were posted. The new snowplow blade has arrived. There was a demonstration of an Elgin Whirlwind street sweeper and it cleaned the streets well but catch basins it didn't. There was a problem with it, and they will bring it back for another demonstration. Cindy Wells reported that Northeast Sweepers have

said they are willing to delay the start of the warranty until spring if the unit is purchased before spring.

**MAYOR:** The Mayor had no reports or recommendations.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**APPOINTMENT OF MIKE WIENCZKOWSKI TO THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY BOARD.**

**MOTION TO APPOINT MIKE WIENCZKOWSKI TO THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY BOARD TO SERVE THE TERM 2022- 2026.** A motion was made by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Hoban. Councilor Cross and Brumagin abstained because they are employed by the Municipal Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

**BOROUGH MANAGER:**

**AMENDMENT TO THE NON-UNIFORM PENSION:** Council to review the proposed ordinance amending the non-uniform pension and approve advertising the ordinance.

**MOTION TO APPROVE ADVERTISING THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NON-UNIFORM PENSION:**

A motion was made by Councilor Hoban and seconded by Councilor McGuire. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR VISION INSURANCE:** Vision Benefits of American contract is up for renewal. The contract period is 2/1/2022 through 1/31/24 with the rates remaining the same.

**MOTION TO RENEW THE VISION INSURANCE CONTRACT WITH VISION BENEFITS OF AMERICA FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2024 AND THE RATES TO REMAIN THE SAME. A**

motion was made by Councilor Cross and seconded by Councilor McGuire. Motion carried unanimously.

**PROPOSED 2022 BUDGET AND A RESOLUTION FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2022:** The budget was advertised.

**MOTION TO PASS THE PROPOSED 2022 BUDGET.** A motion was made by Councilor Hoban and seconded by Councilor Joyce. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION TO PASS A RESOLUTION FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2022.** A motion was made by Councilor Hoban and seconded by Councilor Cross. Motion carried unanimously.

**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 Friday, November 26, 2021 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM Parks and Recreation will hold “Cookies and Cocoa” at St. Theresa’s church.

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

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** To discuss personnel with possible action was from 6:37 – 7:15.

**MOTION TO APPROVE A HOLIDAY EMPLOYEE BONUS OF \$500 FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES FOR 2021.** A motion was made by Councilor McGuire and seconded by Councilor Cross. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** It was moved by Councilor Cross and seconded by Councilor McGuire that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

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