

**MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH
DECEMBER 14, 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 6:03 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, Cross, Bowes, and Joyce.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Councilor Cross and seconded by Councilor McGuire 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 minutes, approve Council Meeting minutes from November 23, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

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

HEARING OF THE VISITORS: There were no visitors.

ZONING OFFICER: Jason Sayers reviewed the Zoning Report for November 2021. There were 4 permits issued, 3 of which were the new fence permit. The count for the year is 68 permits. He is in the process of finishing up a few holdouts on some violations.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Code Enforcement had nothing to report and the report for November 2021 was provided. He reminded Council he will be quitting in the spring.

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

SOLICITOR: The Solicitor wanted recommendations from Council concerning an ordinance

regarding chickens and which zoning districts to include. He has looked at other municipalities ordinances. Council wants to wait until 2022 before making any decisions because there will be a new council.

POLICE CHIEF: The Police Chief reported that the background packets were sent to the three candidates and should be returned next week and then he will start background checks.

STREET SUPERVISOR: The Street Supervisor reported that they had a demo with the Elgin Whirlwind. It worked very well in cleaning out catch basins. The new shed has been delivered and set. He also reported that the price for scrap is around \$260/ton and we have 24 old light poles at approximately 600-800# each if Council wants to get rid of them.

BOROUGH MANAGER:

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES:

PennDOT Project – PennDOT adjusted the timing at the intersections. Council would like to see the “Stop Here on Red” signs removed. If there are complaints that Council has received they should be emailed to Ed Orzechowski.

December 28, 2021 Council Meeting – At this time there is nothing to have a meeting for so unless something comes up it will be cancelled.

Legal Ad for 2022 Meetings, Reorganizational Meeting January 3, 2022 at 6:00 PM

RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING CREATION OF NON-UNIFORM AND POLICE PENSION FUND COMMITTEE: Council reviewed the resolutions creating the Pension Fund Committees.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION (2021-17) AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A NON-UNIFORMED PENSION FUND COMMITTEE. A motion was made by Councilor Cross and seconded by Councilor McGuire. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION (2021-18) AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A POLICE PENSION FUND COMMITTEE. A motion was made by Councilor Cross and seconded by Councilor Joyce. Motion carried unanimously.

NON-UNIFORM AND POLICE PENSION FUND 2022 MMO’S: Recalculated MMO’s were presented based on the assumption rates of 6.5% with a 5% salary scale.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECALCULATED 2022 MMO FOR THE NON-UNIFORM PENSION PLAN AT \$46,878 AND THE POLICE PENSION PLAN AT \$0. A motion was made by Councilor Cross and seconded by Councilor McGuire. Motion carried unanimously.

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE CHANGING THE MANDATORY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE NON-UNIFORMED EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN. Council voted on an amendment to ordinance 706 changing the mandatory contributions for the non-uniformed pension.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 706 CHANGING THE NON-UNIFORMED EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN TO REFLECT CHANGES IN MANDATORY CONTRIBUTIONS. MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A NON-UNIFORMED PENSION FUND COMMITTEE. A motion was made by Councilor McGuire and seconded by Councilor Joyce. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR AN ENTERPRISE ZONE WITHIN THE BOROUGH. The Erie Redevelopment Authority would like to submit an application to reestablish the Enterprise Zone for Union City Borough and the City of Corry and combining the two. The application hasn't been completed yet.

MOTION TO TABLE UNTIL JANUARY 2022 THE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR AN ENTERPRISE ZONE WITHIN THE BOROUGH. A motion was made by Councilor Bowes and seconded by Councilor Hoban. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY LIENS: Information on property liens for curbing and paving filed by the Borough. Council to consider offering property owners an opportunity to pay off the lien with reduced interest amount. Solicitor Wachter presented information. Council could approve forgiving the interest accrued after December 31, 2008 through December 31, 2022, offering property owners 1 year to pay off the lien.

MOTION TO APPROVE AN INTEREST AMNESTY SAVINGS TO PROPERTY OWNERS WHO HAVE PROPERTY LIENS FOR CURBING AND PAVING, PROVIDING FOR NO INTEREST FROM JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND ALLOWING THEM ONE YEAR TO PAY OFF THE LIEN. A motion was made by Councilor Hoban and seconded by Councilor Bowes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION: Council President 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 had no reports or recommendations.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive Session started at 6:44 – 7:26. Council came back into regular session.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO APPROVE THE POLICE CHIEF CONTRACT. Motion by Councilor Bowes and seconded by Councilor Hoban. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED POLICE CHIEF CONTRACT. Motion by Councilor Hoban and seconded by Councilor McGuire. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY with no decisions to be made. Started at 7:31 and ended at 8:14.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Councilor McGuire and seconded by Councilor Cross that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

ATTEST