

**MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH
JUNE 28, 2022**

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 _____ P.M. by Councilor _____. The meeting was at the First United Methodist Church, 42 East High Street, Union City. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

COUNCILORS PRESENT were Cross, Joyce, Brumagin, Warner, and Winkler. Douglas and Bowes were absent.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Councilor Brumagin and seconded by Councilor Joyce that the agenda stands approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF THE VISITORS: There were no visitors to speak.

ZONING OFFICER: Zoning Report for June 2022 was provided there were no questions.

MAYOR NATALIE WILMOTH: The Mayor reported that she will be sending an email on information about legislation that will increase Medicaid payments higher than 40% of the services. Asking everyone to contact congress requesting they support this.

POLICE CHIEF: The Chief reported the new security cameras installed in the Main Street area are identifying a lot of activity.

Clean-up Event – Chief wants to thank Amerett Ross for bringing students who participated in the event. Approximately eight bags of trash were collected.

Police Vehicle – Ford Taurus – There are repairs needed for the steering and the estimate is approximately \$2,500. On the way back from Bob Ferrando Ford there were electrical issues and the car is not drivable. There have been on-going issues from 2020 up to current. He received a quote for a new vehicle and some of the items could be eliminated. The quote was for approximately \$50,000 fully fitted. Will get a more accurate quote.

Union Township Concurrent Jurisdiction Agreement – The agreement was presented to Council and they agreed to send it to Union Township for their approval.

Civil Service Testing Update – Civil Service Commission met and have provided the certified list from the test results. There are two candidates, one would like part-time and the other full-time.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ACCEPT THE CERTIFIED LIST FOR POLICE CIVIL SERVICE CANDIDATES. Motion made by Councilor Brumagin and seconded by Councilor Joyce. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CHIEF TO PROCEED WITH BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR BOTH CANDIDATES.

Motion made by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Warner. Motion carried unanimously.

BOROUGH MANAGER:

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES:

French Creek Festival – Sign-up Sheet for Council to be available to the public to answer questions.

French Creek Festival Events – All the event information was provided to Council. A Color Run and Fireworks are Friday night, Beauty Pageant, Car Show, and other events on Saturday.

National Night Out – Sign-up Sheet – Police Department is requesting assistance from Council.

Erie County Dept of Planning – French Creek Conservancy having French Creek Clean-up on September 10, 2022. They have listed on the website the Willow Street Ball Field, Caflich Park, Devereaux Park, and the parking area across Bridge Street.

UCVFD Ambulance Service – projection for 2023 budget

Public Works – Accident report

PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE HIRING: Adecco, PA Career Link, applications were reviewed. Council wants to continue accepting applications. An ad will be placed in the Corry Journal.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING – Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – Council confirmed they do want the Borough to be a part of the County Plan.

RESIGNATION LETTER FROM DAVE HIMES ON THE UNION AREA PLANNING COMMISSION. Dave submitted a letter of resignation.

MOTION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF DAVE HIMES FROM THE UNION AREA PLANNING COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JUNE 24, 2022. Motion made by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Warner. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE UNION AREA PLANNING COMMISSION: With the resignation of Dave Himes there is a vacancy to full-fill his term which expires December 31, 2022. Jim Shreve, President of the Union Area Planning Commission has made a recommendation to Council to fill the vacancy with Nathan Shontz who is a resident of the Borough.

MOTION TO APPOINT NATHAN SHONTZ TO FILL THE REMAINING TERM OF DAVE HIMES, WHICH EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2022, ON THE UNION AREA PLANNING COMMISSION. Motion made by Councilor Brumagin and seconded by Councilor Winkler. Motion carried unanimously.

VACANCY FOR THE POSITION OF ZONING OFFICER: The Personnel Committee members, Borough Council members Cross, Joyce, Brumagin and Mayor Wilmoth, and Borough Manager Cindy Wells conducted an interview with Phil Conklin and recommend him to fill the position.

MOTION TO APPOINT PHIL CONKLIN TO FILL THE POSITION OF THE ZONING OFFICER. Motion made by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Winkler. Motion carried unanimously.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Dale Migliaccio, one of our current Code Enforcement Officers, is resigning. Terri Migliaccio is willing to continue as Code Enforcement Officer.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA. Motion made by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Winkler. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF DALE MIGLIACCIO AS CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND APPOINT TERRI MIGLIACCIO AS CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AT THE SAME RATE. Motion carried unanimously.

STATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLAN PRESENTATION: Debby Gras and her associates presented information on the STMP prior to the final report. They presented information on the police and public works vehicle fleet. Provide updated information on the vehicles. Council is requesting more quotes for the next meeting.

MILLINGS FROM OUR PAVEMENT PROJECT: In the past we have sold these to Union Township. The Municipal Authority would also like some. The Streets Department is planning to use some. The cost to purchase these from PennDOT is \$5/ton. We sold them in 2021 to Union Township for \$4/ton.

ADMINISTRATION: Council President reported that he was appointing Councilor Daggett to the Personnel Committee to replace Greg Bowes.

FINANCE: The Liaison of Finance 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 Parks & Recreation will be conducting a Color Run at French Creek Festival on Friday night.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Warner that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 P.M.

ATTEST