

**MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH
NOVEMBER 8, 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 6:00 P.M. by Councilor Cross. The meeting was at the First United Methodist Church, 42 East High Street, Union City. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

COUNCILORS PRESENT: were Cross, Joyce, Warner, Winkler, Daggett, Fitch, and Osborn

OFFICIALS PRESENT: were Solicitor Tim Wachter; Mayor, Natalie Wilmoth; Borough Manager, Cindy Wells; and Streets Supervisor, Bob Phillips.

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

MOTION ON MINUTES: Motion made by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Winkler that all Councilors, having read the minutes, approve minutes from the Council Meeting on October 11th, 17th, 25th, and November 1, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION ON SECRETARY’S REPORT: Motion made by Councilor Warner and seconded by Councilor Winkler that the Secretary’s Report be accepted and made a part of the minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION ON BILLS: Motion made by Councilor Winkler and seconded by Councilor Joyce that the unpaid bills be ordered paid and those paid be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF THE VISITORS: Greg Bowes, 47 West High – talked about the cost of the garbage service and the time they are picking it up and they are very loud.

Robert Troutman, 32 Gillette – Complained about the garbage bill and the price and said the trucks are loud and early in the AM.

John Case, 37 Gillete – Questioned why require toters, they are not required in Edinboro and Albion.

Seth Keiper, Gillete – Stated he knew there were issues in the bid, sticker service isn’t offered to everyone and wasn’t in the bid.

Dave Keiper, Odell Street. Complained about the price and compared it to Albion, and the senior citizen discount.

Emmett McGuire, 35 Bridge – Complained about the response from Tri-County regarding servicing the churches.

Beth Douglas, 90 West High Street – Stated she had heard a lot of things and asked if they were just rumors.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Code Enforcement Report for October 2022, there were no questions.

ZONING: Zoning Report for October 2022, there were no questions.

POLICE DEPARTMENT October parking ticket and police report was provided and there were no questions.

Chief stated the 2016 SUV should be returned Friday and in service by the next week.

PUBLIC WORKS: Street Supervisor reported they had had approximately 3-4 loads each Monday and Friday for leaf pickup.

He presented the 3rd quarter report for Public Works.

MAYOR: The Mayor had no reports or recommendations.

SOLICITOR: The Solicitor had no reports or recommendations.

BOROUGH MANAGER:

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES:

Surveys for the Erie MPO and the Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

TA Set-Aside Grant – UCCF sees tremendous value in the funds that were received for this grant (\$875,000) and feels it is necessary to provide a \$40,000 match in 2022 and \$37,000 match in 2023 to prevent losing the funds. With the Boroughs current financial condition, they are willing to provide the match.

Rail-Road Repair – showed the map of the sign placement. One of the busiest intersections in Erie County and had more signage than normal. The Borough Manager has been in touch daily through email or by phone with the railroad and PennDOT.

Liquid Fuels audit will be on November 18, 2022.

PA SMALL WATER AND SEWER PROGRAM GRANT: The grant application for the Route 97 Stormwater Project requires a resolution.

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION (2022-19) APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A PA SMALL WATER AND SEWER PROGRAM GRANT OF \$393,609 AND DESIGNATE RILEY CROSS AND CINDY WELLS TO EXECUTE ALL OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS. Motion made by Councilor Winkler and seconded by Councilor Joyce.

Motion carried unanimously.

ESTABLISH THE MANDATORY CONTRIBUTION STARTING WITH THE 2023 NON-UNIFORM PENSION PLAN. The 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligations require a 5 % employee contribution.

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION (2022-20) SETTING THE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION RATE AT 5% STARTING WITH 2023 FOR THE NON-UNIFORM PENSION PLAN. Motion made by Councilor

Joyce and seconded by Councilor Fitch. Motion carried unanimously.

ERIE AREA COG BUDGET: The budget for EACOG was emailed to Council for their review. A Resolution approving the budget is needed.

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION (2022-21) APPROVING THE ERIE AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS 2023 BUDGET. Motion made by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Winkler. Motion carried unanimously.

2023 BUDGET Changes were requested to the 2023 proposed budget that Council reviewed on November 1, 2022. Council reviewed the changes and approved advertising the budget to be passed on December 13, 2022. If there is no tax increase a resolution will also be voted on.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE THE PROPOSED 2023 BUDGET TO BE VOTED ON AT THE DECEMBER 13, 2022 MEETING. Motion made by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Winkler. Motion carried unanimously.

DUMPSTER ORDINANCE AND AN AMENDMENT TO THE GARBAGE ORDINANCE. Council was to review the proposed dumpster ordinance and the amendment to the Garbage ordinance. The garbage ordinance was discussed, the dumpster ordinance will be presented on November 22, 2022.

MOTION TO TABLE DISCUSSION ON A PROPOSED DUMPSTER ORDINANCE UNTIL THE NOVEMBER 22, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING. Motion made by Councilor Winkler and seconded by Councilor Joyce. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO TABLE DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GARBAGE ORDINANCE UNTIL THE NOVEMBER 22, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING. Motion made by Councilor Winkler and seconded by Councilor Warner. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION: Council President had no reports or recommendations.

DEPARTMENT LIAISON REPORTS: Department Liaisons Councilor Winkler reported Parks and Recreation will be having a meeting on Sunday, November 13, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Terri's Tax Service.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Councilor Warner and seconded by Councilor Osborn that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: To discuss personnel with no action to be taken Started at 7:06 PM and ended at 8:07 PM.

ATTEST