

**MINUTES  
UNION CITY BOROUGH  
NOVEMBER 22, 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 will be opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** were Cross, Warner, Winkle, Daggett, Fitch, and Osborn. Joyce was absent

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

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

**MOTION ON MINUTES:** Motion Made by Councilor Warner and seconded by Councilor Winkler that all Councilors, having read the minutes, approve minutes from the Council Meeting on November 8, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

**HEARING OF THE VISITORS:** Emmet McGuire, 35 Bridge Street – stated that snowmobiles are running all over town. He has a four-wheeler and has been pulled over and wanted to know why snowmobiles are not stopped. Chief Pernice stated that when the public sees them they need to call in and report it. The police will stop them but need to be notified.

**POLICE CHIEF:** The Police Chief stated that when Council has complaints or have something to report they should be contacting the 911 Center or the Police Department if the Secretary is in. Incidents need to be logged and documented and if they are on a call, they may not be able to handle it.

Update on 2016 Interceptor – It has been returned and the decals will be installed on November 30, 2022. It is able to be used and has been. When it was returned Utilitec had installed a partition in the back at no cost. They currently need a gun rack at a cost of approximately \$700 that has been budgeted.

He provided an update on the Tracx System. The software is from the state and there is no charge. The Borough would need to purchase the equipment which is in the 2023 budget. It was included in the PCCD grant application and will be included in the STMP grant application.

He attended a 911 meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> that discussed the Report Managing System used by the County 911 center. Currently the department uses Visual Alert and the agreement with them ends June 2023. The PD can use the RMS Tyler Technologies from the County at no charge. They plan to convert over to that program.

UCPD will be participating with the “Shop with a Cop” program again this year.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Street Supervisor will make any reports or recommendations he may have.

Discussion on Mower – Pricing was presented to Council and information concerning the different brands was presented. Bob prefers purchasing an Ex-Mark X Series, zero turn, 72” mower from Route 6 Rental and Sales at the cost of \$15,129.

**MOTION TO ALLOW PUBLIC WORKS TO PURCHASE THE EX-MARK XSERIES ZERO TURN – 72” MOWER FROM ROUTE 6 RENTAL AND SALES.** Motion made by Councilor Daggett and seconded by Councilor Osborn. Motion carried with one abstention of Councilor Warner.

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

**BOROUGH MANAGER:**

**MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES:**

Liquid Fuels Audit – There were no concerns

PA Small Water and Sewer Program grant was submitted in the amount of \$393,609

Update on EMS Service – EMS is struggling financially. The goal is to start meeting with surrounding municipalities in January to determine what can be provided financially to help them out. It is questionable if they will even be able to go through all of 2023.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION TO MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND GRANT.** An application for \$250,173 from PennDOT to be used for sidewalks. Application has been submitted.

**MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION TO MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND GRANT.** Motion made by Councilor Winkler and seconded by Councilor Daggett. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN UCASD AND UCPD.** The School District has approved the MOU and it was reviewed by Solicitor Wachter and the Police Chief.

**MOTION TO TABLE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN UNION CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE UNION CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ALLOW COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR A CHANCE TO REVIEW IT.** Motion made by Councilor Winkler and seconded by Councilor Warner. Motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSS AMENDMENTS TO GARBAGE ORDINANCE AND MOTION TO ADVERTISE**

-Glass recycling

-bill landlord – not effective until January 2024

-garbage at curb midnight Thursday

Mel Kirkwood from Tri-County was in attendance. Council discussed the pickup time. Mel explained that when they start garbage collection later they have problems with heavier traffic and also with school kids and school traffic making it unsafe to the public. Many municipalities

that they work for have requested them to work during the night. Council understands their safety concerns and are in agreement that they could start pickup at 4:00 AM.

**MOTION TO TABLE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GARBAGE ORDINANCE AND APPROVING ADVERTISING THE ORDINANCE TO OBTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SOLICITOR CONCERNING LANGUAGE IN THE ORDINANCE ABOUT PICK UP TIMES.** Motion made by Councilor Winkler and seconded by Councilor Osborn. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THE DUMPSTER ORDINANCE:** The proposed ordinance was emailed to Council.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED DUMPSTER ORDINANCE TO BE ADVERTISED.** Motion made by Councilor Warner and seconded by Councilor Winkler. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Council President will make any reports or recommendations he may have. Update on release for 49 Putnam Street – Still waiting on Webster Plumbing and Heating to look over the furnace.

**DEPARTMENT LIAISON REPORTS:** Councilor Winkler reported that Parks and Recreation have held a Christmas Coloring Contest and also having the Home/Business Decorating Contest. Also, a Santa event at St. Theresa's on November 25, 2022

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Councilor Winkler and seconded by Councilor Warner that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 P.M.

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