

**MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH
FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

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 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

COUNCILORS PRESENT were Cross, Joyce, Warner, Winkler, Fitch, and Osborn P A. Councilor Daggett was absent.

OFFICIALS PRESENT were Solicitor Tim Wachter; Mayor, Natalie Wilmoth; Borough Manager, Cindy Wells; Police Chief, David Pernice; Streets Supervisor, Bob Phillips; Code Enforcement, Terri Migliaccio.

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

MOTION ON MINUTES: Motion made by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Warner that all Councilors, having read the minutes, approve minutes from the Council Meeting January 24, 2023. Motion approved unanimously.

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

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

HEARING OF THE VISITORS: Kim Uber, 9 Fifth Avenue stated she felt that Borough employees are harassing her family. They have lived in the Borough over 20 years, they own three lots on Fourth Avenue. Their lots look nice. They are receiving letters and drive-bys and they feel it is harassment. They have had chickens for over 15 years and were told last year she had to get rid of them. They were notified that an ordinance was passed last year. They were notified they were not in compliance. The roosting box was 14.6 sq ft and told to add 3”. They felt that common sense should be used and accept the 14.6 sq ft. They were told it wasn’t vermin proof and in the 15 years they never had a problem. They fixed it along with a new roof. The coop isn’t visible from outside their property. Kim provided pictures from different angles. They have been told in 2023 it needs painted however it has a coating of urethane and looks like unfinished wood. They are not going to paint it.

Regarding their fence, the issue has been resolved and thanked Phil Conklin the Zoning Officer. They had been notified it may need to be removed.

They are asking for two things, 1. The harassment stop. Stop using employees and ordinances. 2. It's a waste of time and money of Borough employees.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Code Enforcement Report January 2023 was reviewed. There are approximately 95 properties without garbage service. It was questioned what the status of 57 South Street was because there was an agreement put in place last fall to clean up the property. Terri stated that they had not any response from the owners and would follow up with them.

ZONING: The Zoning Report for January was reviewed. There were no questions.

POLICE DEPARTMENT The Police Chief reviewed the January reports and pointed out that he added the number of incidents.

PUBLIC WORKS: Street Supervisor reported that the new truck has been received. It came with an extended plow, however, you can't put a rubber blade on it. The rubber blade is needed in the case a manhole cover would be hit. The plow is being traded for a 10' straight plow.

Museum sanitary sewer line – Mansfield used the camera and the line is crushed and they want \$10,700 to replace. Kerstetter Plumbing & Heating provided an estimate of \$7,500 to replace the line into Main Street. Randy Scouten couldn't do it until into the spring. Great Lakes hasn't returned Bob's calls. Council agreed to go with Kerstetter Plumbing.

Borough garage drainage line – The catch basin and pipe are plugged to the road. It only has melted snow or water from in the garage. The pipe in the road is galvanized and rotted out. It will be replaced.

Bob Phillips, Street Supervisor, reported that the door on the backhoe had to be replaced. The door was open when he was parking it into the garage and it was hit and bent the hinge. They tried to straighten it and the glass broke. The door has been ordered and the cost was \$1650.

2023 PAVING PROJECTS

The list of proposed projects was emailed to Council for their review. If we plan to be part of the bidding process for seal coat with the other municipalities through Mark Corey, we need to submit that list this week. Council reviewed the list that was provided.

MOTION TO APPROVE PARTICIPATING IN THE BIDDING PROCESS THROUGH MARK COREY AND OTHER MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE SEAL COAT BID. THE STREETS TO BE A BASE BID ARE WATTSBURG STREET-PARK ST TO BORO LINE, ELM STREET, 2ND AVENUE-SOUTH ST TO WEST

HIGH, PARADE STREET – MAIN TO WASHINGTON. OPTIONS 1 IS MILES STREET-KILBURN TO RT 8, OPTION 2 IS MILES STREET – KILBURN TO JOHNSON, OPTION 3 IS KILBURN ST – RT 8 TO MILES, OPTION 4 HEMLOCK STREET – PLEASANT TO DEAD END. Motion made by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Warner. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR: The Mayor reported she met with Senator Laughlin. They discussed the EMS concerns. Also, the PCCD Grant that the Police Department submitted. His Manager is making some calls regarding the application. Senator Laughlin would like to come to UC and may do it during French Creek Festival.

SOLICITOR: The Solicitor suggested an ordinance that provides for the combination of several ordinanceS to make enforcement more uniform. Council agreed to proceed with that.

Act 742022 Fireworks Regulations were changed again. Tim will provide a recommended amendment for Council to review.

Tim and Cindy had a call with the Performance Bond Company regarding the Raccoon Refuse issue. The Insurance company was looking for any technicality they could. We are submitting other information requested.

BOROUGH MANAGER:

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES:

The 2013 Ford Taurus sold for \$4,100. It will be picked up on February 20, 2023
Email from Ann Sill concerning garbage service was read thanking Borough Council and Borough Manager for things being completed and stating they had no problems with Tri-County.

Copies of the notes from phone calls regarding garbage service was provided to Council.
There were no questions.

We received the Landfill Report. Tim reviewed it and I emailed a reply back clarifying some of the items addressed in their email.

Letter from Brenton Davis regarding Fire & EMS Personnel - Erie Area COG will provide information on a seminar on March 14, 2023 regarding EMS services. It is suggested that Borough Council attend. The Council meeting that is on March 14th was rescheduled to Monday, March 13th.

Bank Safe Deposit Box – Council agreed to not continue with the box.

PROPERTY LINE REPLOT FOR ANGELINA MASANGCAY AND DAVE HIMES. Survey maps were available for Council review. There were no questions.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPERTY LINE REPLOT FOR ANGELINA MASANGCAY, PARCEL 41-11-42-5 AND DAVID & HEATHER HIMES, PARCEL 41-11-42-7 AS REQUESTED WITH SURVEY MAPS. Motion made by Councilor Winkler and seconded by Councilor Joyce. Motion carried unanimously.

TOWING ORDINANCE FOR ABANDONDED/ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES: Council discussed changes to the proposed ordinance and approve for advertising.

MOTION TO APPROVE ADVERTISING THE TOWING ORDINANCE FOR ABANDONED/ ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES WITH CHANGES MADE BY SOLICITOR. Motion made by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Winkler. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PROPERTY ASSESSMENT APPEAL POLICY: A copy of the resolution was provided to Council and it was discussed in previous meetings.

MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PROPERTY ASSESSMENT APPEAL POLICY. Motion made by Councilor Winkler and seconded by Councilor Osborn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION: Council President had no reports or recommendations.

DEPARTMENT LIAISON REPORTS: Department Liaisons could provide a reports or recommendations they have. Councilor Winkler reminded everyone of the Parks & Recreation Easter Egg Hunt on April 2, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council went into Executive session from 7:06 – 7:41 to discuss personnel with no action to be taken.

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

ATTEST