

**MINUTES  
UNION CITY BOROUGH  
NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

**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 6:30 P.M. by Councilor Cross. The meeting was at the First Global 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, Winkler, Osborn, Steadman, and Uber. Kerns was absent.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT** were Solicitor, Tim Wachter; Mayor, Robert Wolf; Borough Manager, Cindy Wells; and Police Chief, David Pernice.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Steadman that the agenda stands approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION ON MINUTES:** Motion by Councilor Osborn and seconded by Councilor Winkler that all Councilors, having read the minutes, approve minutes from the Council meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

**HEARING OF THE VISITORS:** Haley Phillips Cole, 10 Parade Street, presented a letter to council stating she is having an issue with parking in the driveway that her and her neighbor have shared in the past. She mentioned that it was black topped and that she paid for half of it but now the neighbor is no longer letting them park there and is planning on putting up a fence. There is no easement, on either deed, for her to park there, Solicitor Wachter said that it is a civil matter.

Monica Stowe, 103 South Main Street, was also present and wanted to request that Code Enforcement holds landlords more accountable for upkeep on their properties. She has had several problems with her apartment and her landlord, Robert Oberlander, has yet to fix them.

**POLICE CHIEF:** The Police Chief noted that new security cameras have been installed at the laundromat, Ron Jones Hardwood and Family Dentistry. He also noted that the Department has received new tasers. Chief is certified to train officers with the tasers.  
Update on background checks for candidates on Civil Service list- None provided

**STREETS:** The Street Supervisor was not present. Cindy Wells Borough Manager mentioned that Bob Phillips, Street Supervisor, had mentioned that he wanted to discuss the winter parking on Center Street. Council agreed they were not going to make any changes at this time.

**PRESENTATION FROM JOE SCOTT, PSAB, MRT PENSION SERVICES.**

**BOROUGH MANAGER: MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES**

An application to the DCED Main Street Matters grant will not be submitted. The Borough is required to have agreements in place for the matching funds and we don't at this time.

The 2025 Budget has been advertised and Council will vote to approve it on December 2, 2024.

Flag Pole- replaced and moved to the front of the museum and was paid for with ECGRA Funds

Trees- 15 new trees were planted from Tree PA in SW Park, Cafilisch Park and Devereaux Park.

Steve Laskowski from the DCNR and another gentleman helped our Public Works Department plan them all. The trees were fully paid for by the grant.

The Borough received a letter from the Municipal Authority stating the water supply line from the building to the shut-off needed to be replaced because of potential lead. We have up to 10 years to replace it.

The Borough received the updated Service Agreements for both pensions from Definiti. The rates are going up and also will be charging \$500/year for software for each pension. The agreement needs signed by January 1, 2025. Council discussed signing them but all agreed to move forward with the process to change to the PSAB MRT Client Services for the pension.

**ERIE AREA COG:** Resolution needed to approve the Erie Area COG 2025 budget.

**MOTION TO PASS A RESOLUTION (2024-18) APPROVING THE ERIE AREA COG 2025 BUDGET:** Motion by Councilor Joyce, seconded by Councilor Winkler. The motion carried unanimously.

**POLICE PENSION AND NON-UNIFORM PENSION INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES:** At the November 4, 2024 meeting Northwest presented information regarding the pensions. They stated that Council needs to approve the Investment Objectives. Their recommendation was to keep them both under "Balanced-Growth" where they are currently.

**MOTION TO APPROVE LEAVING THE INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES THE SAME (BALANCED-GROWTH), IN THE POLICE AND NON-UNIFORM PENSION, AS RECOMMENDED BY NORTHWEST.** Motion by Councilor Winkler, seconded by Councilor Joyce. The motion carried unanimously.

**WORKER'S COMPENSATION FOR UCVFD:** This was tabled at the last meeting to provide time to notify the UCVFD. They have been notified and do have an "accident sickness rider" on their insurance.

**MOTION TO PROVIDE WORKER'S COMPENSATION FOR UCVFD WHILE COMPLETING VOLUNTEER EMS, FIRE, AND FIRE POLICE SERVICES, BUT NOT COVER DURING FUND-RAISING EVENTS:** Motion by Councilor Osborn, seconded by Councilor Winkler. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATION & DEPARTMENT LIAISON REPORTS** had nothing to report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** To discuss personnel with possible action to be taken from 7:58PM to 8:27 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Councilor Winkler and seconded by Councilor Osborn that the meeting be adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

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