

**MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH
DECEMBER 9TH, 2025**

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 Global Methodist Church, 42 East High Street, Union City. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Cross, Joyce, Winkler, Osborn, Steadman, Uber, and Kerns.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Solicitor, Andrew Schmidt; Borough Manager, Cindy Wells; Constituent Services Rep., Kim Tuszynski; and Police Chief, David Pernice.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Kerns to adopt the agenda as amended to move the Police portion and award ceremony to after the hearing of the visitors. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION ON MINUTES: Motion by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Steadman that all Councilors, having read the minutes, approve minutes from the Council meeting on November 25th, 2025, and the public hearing on November 25th. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION ON SECRETARY’S REPORT: Motion by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Winkler that the November 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 Steadman and seconded by Councilor Joyce that unpaid bills be ordered paid and those paid be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF THE VISITORS: No one wished to speak.

POLICE: Chief did not have a lot to report. It has been a quiet month, and the officers have mostly been issuing and keeping up on parking tickets. He also wanted to remind everyone that they would be participating in Shop with a Hero again this year. Chief then presented an award to Officer Shelly; it was an award of merit. He wanted to bring up the fact that Zach has been an incredible asset to the Borough and mentioned that a specific event was when Pizza Hut was robbed, he worked day in and day out to make that arrest and is very deserving of this award.

Council brought up the fact that we still need to get the Crown Vic listed as well as the old salt spreader and one of the Police SUVs. Chief asked if we could wait until the new Durango is in. Council agreed to that but then asked which SUV the department would rather part with Chief and Officer Shelly has different opinions on the matter. Council decided that both vehicles will be taken to Smrcka’s for a professional opinion on which is in better condition.

ZONING: Reviewed November 2025 report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Reviewed November 2025 report.

FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR: Reviewed November 2025 report.

STREETS: The Street Supervisor was not present. Cindy updated Council that they have been keeping up with plowing and got all the wood carvings winterized. Charlie Steadman asked if the salt spreader was delivered yet and Cindy was not sure if it was delivered today or not.

MAYOR: The mayor was not present.

SOLICITOR: Solicitor Schmidt reported he had been working with the Borough Manager on documents and contracts. Councilor Cross welcomed Solicitor Schmidt in working with the Borough.

BOROUGH MANAGER: MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES

PUBLIC WORKS POSITION: Dustin Blystone has accepted the position in Public Works. We have started the process for the paperwork and CDL license.

2016 or 2017 FORD INTERCEPTOR: Discussed which SUV to sell. Chief Pernice prefers to keep the 2016 Crown Vic with the exterior light bar. He would like to delay selling either of the SUV's until the Durando is delivered. Council wants both the 2016 & 2017 looked at by Smrcka's to see what their recommendations are.

LITTLE LEAGUE AGREEMENT: The agreement with the little league for use of ballfields and another agreement for the social hall was presented and needs approved.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH LITTLE LEAGUE FOR USE OF BALLFIELDS WITH SUGGESTED REVISIONS: Motion by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Winkler. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO TABLE AGREEMENT WITH LITTLE LEAGUE FOR USE OF SOCIAL HALL: Motion by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Steadman. The motion carried unanimously.

DISUSSION AND QUESTIONS ON BUDGET: At the last meeting, council approved advertising the budget with a \$1.18 mill increase.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET WITH A 1.18 MILL INCREASE. Motion by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Steadman. **All in favor except Councilor Kerns who objected.**

MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE FOR 2026 BUDGET WITH A 1.18 MILL INCREASE. Motion by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Winkler. **All in favor except Councilor Kerns who objected.**

APPOINTMENTS ON BOARDS, COMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES: The list of expiring positions and

those willing to fill or renew their term were provided to council. (Included in the Minute Book)

MOTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO ALL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES. Motion by Councilor Kerns and seconded by Councilor Joyce. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROVING SIGNERS AND SUBMISSION FOR DCED STMP PROGRAM GRANT. Motion by Councilor Winkler and seconded by Councilor Steadman. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION: Council President had nothing to report.

DEPARTMENT LIAISON REPORTS: Department Liaisons had nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: To discuss an employee matter with possible action to be taken and to discuss a potential complaint went from 6:58 PM to 7:42 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Kerns to adjourn at 7:43. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST