MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH
JANUARY 27th, 2026

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 Joyce. 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: Joyce, Winkler, Osborn, Steadman, and Kerns. Cross and Uber were absent.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Solicitor, Andrew Schmidt; Mayor, Herb Riede; Borough Manager, Cindy Wells; Police Chief, David Pernice; and Streets Supervisor, Bob Phillips.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Councilor Steadman and seconded by Councilor Kerns that the agenda stands approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously. On the posted agenda it included discussion of the Police Pension but that is not on the final agenda.

MOTION ON MINUTES: Motion by Councilor Steadman and seconded by Councilor Winkler that all Councilors, having read the minutes, approve minutes from the Reorganizational Meeting and the Council Meeting on January 5th, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION ON SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion by Councilor Winkler and seconded by Councilor Kerns that the December 2025 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 Kerns that unpaid bills be ordered paid and those paid be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF THE VISITORS: No one wished to speak.

STREETS: The Street Supervisor said they have been plowing every morning at 4 AM to keep up with the snow. They have cut back on salt because of the temperatures and the shed is full. Dustin plowed by himself and is doing well . They have also been keeping the ice buildup on O'Dell Street maintained. Councilor Kerns stated that around 10-12 Atlantic Street there is a sanitary line running into the street. Matt Joyce wanted to add that he also noticed that the Streets Dept is doing a great job plowing. Bob Phillips also reviewed 4th Qtr. 2025 Street Supervisor report and there were no additional questions or concerns.

POLICE: Chief wasn't present at this time and had no reports later in the meeting.

MAYOR: The mayor had nothing to report. He did want to note that he has heard good things about the plowing though.

SOLICITOR: The Solicitor had no reports or recommendations.

BOROUGH MANAGER: MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES

Letter & invitation was received for 2026 Erie County Public Safety Government Dinner.

Borough received the information about the 2026 Seal Coat Bids. I will let them know we will participate again this year.

DCNR Grant notification that the Borough will receive $254,700 towards new tennis & pickleball courts at Devereaux Park. There is still grant funding needed to match the amount.

Corry Redevelopment Authority signed off on a grant we applied for back in July and will receive $18,840 and will need an additional $16,160.15 to cover the cost for an engineering plan for the stormwater system around Warden & North Street area.

The Crown Vic and the salt spreader are listed on Municibid until February 9th.

Virtual meeting on Friday, January 30th at 11:00 AM. This is being presented by Tim Wachter concerning the potential of Union City becoming an Opportunity Zone.

On February 5, 2026, at 6:00 PM there is a presentation by the DCED concerning a new program offered by the DCED to have a Comprehensive Plan completed.

LITTLE LEAGUE AGREEMENT: The Little League hasn't responded to the agreement presented to them for use and maintenance of the field. The agreement with the little league for use of the social hall was presented to Council and needs approval to present to the Little League or schedule a meeting with them to go over it.

MOTION TO SCHEDULE WITH LITTE LEAGUE TO REVIEW THE AGREEMENT WITH LITTLE LEAGUE FOR USE OF SOCIAL HALL: Motion by Councilor Osborn and seconded by Councilor Steadman. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY BOARD: A letter was received from the Municipal Authority requesting the appointment of Steve Pituch to the Municipal Authority Board.

MOTION TO APPOINT STEVE PITUCH TO THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY BOARD REPLACING JEFF FERRINGER Motion by Councilor Osborn and seconded by Councilor Winkler. James Kerns abstained from this vote. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR THE LIBRARY AUDIT: Typically, we pay for the review costs. In 2026 the cost for a review is $4,410. Because there is a required audit there will be an additional cost of $2,490. For a total of $6,900. I talked to MaherDuessel and they were willing to drop the $6,900 down to $5,900 for this year. The additional costs to the Borough would then be $1,490. I did ask the Library about paying the additional amount, but they don't have a meeting until February 16, 2026. The auditors are starting their audit on Friday, January 30, 2026.

MOTION TO PAY THE ADDITIONAL COST, IF THE LIBRARY DOESN'T, FOR THE YEAR 2025. Motion by Councilor Steadman and seconded by Councilor Osborn. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ON POLICE VEHICLES: There is a 2016 and 2017 Ford Police Interceptor. If both vehicles

are kept they are currently completely outfitted. Original plans were to remove the equipment from one of them and install it in the new 2026 vehicle. We have got pricing to have new equipment installed on the 2026 Durango at a cost of $15,316.41 for a computer $6,994, printer $402, and camera system $7,920. The funding is available in the Capital Equipment fund. That would provide three fully equipped vehicles for the department.

MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASING ALL NEW EQUIPMENT FOR THE NEW 2026 DURANGO AND KEEP ALL THREE VEHICLES FOR USE IN THE DEPARTMENT. Motion by Councilor Winkler and seconded by Councilor Osborn. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ON THE NEEDED REPAIRS TO THE 2013 CHEVY SILVERADO: Councilor Kerns requested discussion on the repairs. The repair estimates were reviewed and reported that the Borough deductible is $1,000 and the insurance will cover the additional costs.

MOTION FOR THE 2013 CHEVY SILVERADO TO HAVE THE INSPECTION COMPLETED AND AFTER THE WINTER HAVE THE BODY WORK COMPLETED. Motion by Councilor Steadman and seconded by Councilor Winkler. The motion carried unanimously.

ROUTE 97 ADDITIONAL WORK: Northwest Banks lateral needs replaced. This was an unforeseen problem and the additional work is $39,427. Using the remaining balance from the grants the Borough will need to pay approximately $15,000 in additional funds. This was a $477,957 project and grant money is covering $463,070.

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING APPROXIMATELY $15,000 FOR ADDITIONAL COSTS ON THE ROUTE 97 PROJECT. Motion by Councilor Osborn and seconded by Councilor Winkler. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION: Council President was not present.

DEPARTMENT LIAISON REPORTS: Department Liaisons had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION ON 2026 CONTRACT FOR CHIEF OF POLICE: Will possibly be after the Executive Session.

MOTION TO _____ THE CHIEF OF POLICE'S CONTRACT. Motion by Councilor _____ and seconded by Councilor _____.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: To discuss the 2026 Police Chief contract with possible action to be taken went from 7:12 PM to 7:38 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilor Kerns and seconded by Councilor Steadman to adjourn at 7:39 PM.

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ATTEST