MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH
JULY 14, 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 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, and Uber. Kerns was absent.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Solicitor, Andy Schmidt; Mayor, Herb Reide; Borough Manager, Cindy Wells; Constituent Services Rep., Kim Tuszynski; and Streets Supervisor, Bob Phillips.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Osborn to adopt the agenda as amended with removing the executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION ON MINUTES: Motion by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Winkler that all Councilors, having read the minutes, approve minutes from the Council meeting on June 23, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION ON SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Winkler that the June 2026 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 Osborn that unpaid bills be ordered paid and those paid be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF THE VISITORS: No one wished to speak.

FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR: Reviewed June 2026 report. No questions or concerns.

ZONING: Reviewed June 2026 report. Kim noted that there were two solar permits issued under the conditions that they get their building permits and she is getting more emails and questions on solar so we may be issuing more. Other than that, the others issued are normal regular residential permits.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Reviewed June 2026 report. No questions or concerns.

STREETS: The Street Supervisor mentioned that the gas company will be putting in a new main line on Kilburn and will need to cut across Miles Street. He said the streets department has been repairing catch basins and mowing. The Street Sweeper was down in Butler for recall repairs.

There is a relay in the motor that will cost approximately $450.00 to replace, and they are also replacing 2-wheel bearings. It should be returned by next week.

POLICE: Chief was not present.

MAYOR: The mayor said that he had received some questions about the noise ordinance. He also noted that the French Creek Festival and parade went well.

SOLICITOR: The solicitor had an update on the Data Centers which he will discuss later.

BOROUGH MANAGER:

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES

2008 Crown Victoria: The car sold for $3,600 and has been transferred.

Co Stars Road Salt Contract: Co Stars has provided the results for the road salt bid. Prices have gone up substantially. From $59.62 per ton to $91.26 per ton.

Kim has set up Community Yard Sales and Farmer's Market

The Borough received $50,000 from the Erie Community Foundation to go towards the Tennis/Pickleball Court project

UPDATED RESOLUTION ADOPTING STORM WATER MANAGEMENT FEE SCHEDULE: The previous resolution was passed in 2020. This resolution is to use the current fee schedule

MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FEE SCHEDULE: Motion by Councilor Osborn and seconded by Councilor Joyce. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE FOR DATA CENTERS: Solicitor Schmidt has provided a final proposed zoning amendment ordinance regarding Data Centers. Council needs to approve sending to Erie County Planning and the Union Area Regional Planning Commission for their approval. The Public Hearing will be on August 11, 2026 and Council will vote to pass the amendment after that. Council agreed.

TENNIS/PICKLEBALL COURT & FRENCH CREEK TRAIL AT THE WILLOW STREET BALLFIELD: The funding has been received to proceed with the project. There is $226,000 from the DCNR, $70,000 EC Planning Greenways, $6,000 from Country Fair Pump for Charity, $50,000 ECF, $50,000 UCCF for Trail, and $50,000 UCCF for Sport Court, for a total of $452,000. The agreement for this project was signed with The EADS Group for engineering and design.

RETRO-ACTIVE MOTION TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH THE EADS GROUP FOR THE ENGINEERING AND DESIGN FOR THE DEVEREAUX PARK SPORT COURT AND THE FRENCH CREEK TRAIL AT THE WILLOW STREET BALL FIELD. Motion by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Steadman. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION: Council President had nothing to report.

DEPARTMENT LIAISON REPORTS: Department Liaisons talked about alternative places for stop signs.

They opted to keep the topic open and possibly discuss it at a future meeting.

List of intersections to consider stop sign regulations:

1. Move the 4-way stop at Parade and Hazen and to Washington and Parade
2. Install stop sign on Hazen at Parade
3. Return the 3-way stop at Third Avenue and South Street.
4. Possible 4-way at Center and Odell and also place a “Stop Ahead” sign on Odell

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Osborn to adjourn at 6:37 PM.

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ATTEST