

MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
JUNE 10TH, 2008

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 meeting of the Union City Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Brumagin. The meeting was held at the Union City Area High School in the Large Group Instruction Room.

Councillors present were Brumagin, Bowes, Daszynicz, Hoban and Tubbs. Councillor Steadman was absent.

Officials present were Borough Manager Cheryl Capela, Mayor Paul Capela, Street Supervisor Paul Maynard and Solicitor Timothy Wachter.

Visitors present were Alice Jane Ross, George Ainsworth, Joanne Ainsworth, Mike Daszynicz, Leo Pfister, Roy Hanks and Code Enforcement Officer Shawn Tharp.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Hoban that the agenda stands approved as presented. Motion carried.

MOTION ON MINUTES: It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Hoban that all Councillors having read the minutes of the Council Meeting held May 13th, 2008 and Work Session held May 27th, 2008, be approved. Motion carried.

MOTION ON SECRETARY’S REPORT: It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Hoban that the Secretary’s Report be accepted and made a part of the minutes of this meeting. Motion carried.

MOTION ON BILLS: It was moved by Councillor Hoban and seconded by Councillor Tubbs that the unpaid bills be ordered paid and those paid be approved. Motion carried.

TOWN TOUR: George Ainsworth said he would like to know if Borough Council has had their tour of the town and if so, when are we going to see some results?

Councillor Tubbs said the letters have been sent out to the residents who had tires. He said the other letters will be going out shortly.

RIGHT-TO-KNOW SEMINAR: Solicitor Timothy Wachter said his firm will be holding the “Right-to-Know” seminar on July 30th. He said information about this seminar will be sent to the Borough Manager.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO CHARGE A FEE FOR CALLS: Solicitor Timothy Wachter said on Councillor Brumagin’s request, he is providing this evening to Borough Council a draft ordinance authorizing the Fire Department to charge a fee to respond to fire calls.

SENATE BILL 1087: Solicitor Timothy Wachter said Senate Bill 1087 is currently under the Communities and Technology Committee of the Senate. He said this bill will allow for electronic publication of legal advertising. He said this will allow the Borough to advertise on their website or any third party website. He said this bill will save municipalities a lot of monies on advertising costs.

SENATE BILL 1365: Solicitor Timothy Wachter said senate Bill 1365 was in third consideration today. He said this bill amends the provisions of the Civil Service section of the Borough Code with regards to hiring and appointment of probationary officers.

Councillors Tubbs said under the new “Right-to-Know” law if the Borough has a website, they are responsible to post information on the “Right-to-Know” . He said he would like to know if the website unioncitypa.com serves as the Borough’s website and who would be responsible for this data?

Solicitor Timothy Wachter said this is the Borough’s website and he will be giving the information to the Borough Manager at the July 30th meeting.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Councillor Bowes said he would like to discuss at the Work Session on what Borough Council can do to encourage getting more individuals to volunteer with the Fire Department.

MOTION TO ACCEPT KIMBERLY DESIMONE RESIGNATION FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION: It was moved by Councillor Daszynicz and seconded by Councillor Tubbs to accept Kimberly DeSimone resignation from the Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE APPOINTING JIM INGALLS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION: It was moved by Councillor Daszynicz and seconded by Councillor Bowes to appoint Jim Ingalls to the Parks and Recreation Commission to serve until December 31st, 2009. Motion carried.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION: Councillor Tubbs said in the Pennsylvania Borough Magazine, there was an article on Civil Service Commission. He said there was a section in the article concerning oral exams. He said the oral exam should be conducted by a third party, because of due process rights entitled to a civil service candidate who has the right to appeal the process.

He said currently the oral exam has been conducted by the Police Chief, the Mayor and himself.

He said he would like Borough Council to consider approving a third party do the oral exam.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Councillor Tubbs said he would like to point out that a letter was given to the Police Chief requesting that he attend all meetings. He said if you noticed, the Police Chief is not here this evening.

Councillor Tubbs said he would also like to point out that the May budget report shows that the Police Chief has spent over \$2700.00 in overtime.

PAVING BIDS: The Borough Manager said she received two bids. She said the first bid is from Vincent Cross Paving ,11620 Lake Pleasant Road, Union City, PA. She said their total bid cost is \$61,320.50. She said she would like to point out that Vincent Cross Paving only bid on the superpave. She said they are not able to supply us with a bid on the subbase reclamation.

The Borough Manager said the second bid is from Russell Standard Corporation, P.O. Box 86, Union City, PA. She said their total bid cost is \$119,404.34. She said their bid does include the subbase reclamation.

MOTION TO APPROVE BID FROM RUSSELL STANDARD: It was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Daszynicz to approve the bid from Russell Standard Corporation at a cost of \$119,404.34. Motion carried.

COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE CORRY AND UNION CITY HERITAGE COMMUNITIES WORK PLAN: Councillor Bowes said Borough Council to consider approving the

Corry and Union City Heritage Communities Work Plan. He said he would like to have this tabled until the Borough has received the summary of public funding.

MOTION TO TABLE APPROVING THE CORRY AND UNION CITY HERITAGE

COMMUNITIES WORK PLAN: It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Tubbs to table approving the Corry and Union City Heritage Communities Work Plan. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE ORDINANCE:

It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Hoban to adopt the Property Maintenance Code Ordinance. A roll call vote was taken. All Councillors voted yea. Motion carried.

COUNCIL TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FEE REQUIREMENT FOR AN APPLICATION FOR AN APPEAL BY ANY PERSON DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY A

DECISION OF THE CODE OFFICIAL: The Resolution establishing a fee requirement for an application for an appeal by any person directly affected by a decision of the Code Official was read by the Borough Manager.

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DECISION OF THE CODE OFFICIAL: It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Hoban to approve a Resolution establishing a fee requirement for an application for an appeal by any person directly affected by a decision of the Code Official. A roll call vote was taken. All Councillors voted yea. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: There being no objection, the Informational Summary will stand approved and be made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Hoban that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Manager