

MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH WORK SESSION
JUNE 24TH, 2008

The meeting of the Union City Borough Work Session was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Brumagin. The meeting was held at the City Building.

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

Officials present were Borough Manager Cheryl Capela and Mayor Paul Capela.

There were no visitors present.

UNION CITY PRIDE: Councillor Bowes said the Union City Pride received a mini-grant in the amount of \$500.00 to put towards the removal of abandoned homes in the Borough of Union City.

He said that James Shreve had contacted the property owner of 12 Miles Street to see if he would be willing to sell his property. He said he would be willing to sell the property at a price of \$2250.00. He said our goal is to purchase that whole block and hopefully be able to sell this section to a developer.

He said he will be looking at the Borough for additional funding.

UNION CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Councillor Bowes said he would like to see what can be done about enticing more volunteers into the Fire Department.

He said some of the possibilities could be a stipend based on number of hours they volunteer, tax incentives if allowable, and health insurance. He said he would like the attorney to look into this.

SNOW ROUTE: Councillor Bowes said he spoke with Street Superintendent Paul Maynard in regards to the Snow Route. He said he has a map on the proposed snow routes.

He said the committee decided on the following streets as snow routes. He said they are as follows:

- Bridge Street leave parking the same
- Concord Street leave parking the same
- South Street no parking winter months
- Parade Street no parking winter months
- Sixth Avenue leave parking the same
- West High Street no parking entire length
- East High Street leave parking the same
- Wattsburg Street leave parking the same
- Putnam Street no parking winter months the entire length
- Route 97 (Main Street to Borough Line) leave parking the same
- Main Street (Hospital to Township Building) leave parking the same
- Miles Street no parking winter months
- Second Avenue (from West High Street to South Street) no parking winter months
- Second Avenue (from South Street to Main Street) no parking.

He said it would cost approximately \$3600 to purchase the appropriate signage.

He said he would also like to see if it would be allowable to have a vehicle towed after they have received three parking tickets.

MAYOR DISCUSSES USE OF BOROUGH VEHICLES: Mayor Paul Capela said Chief Jones had received a letter which is in his file in regards to his son riding in the police cruiser during the Homecoming Parade.

He said he would like to know why the streets department was able to have the girl's softball team ride in the Borough Truck?

The Borough Manager said that she has spoken to Paul Maynard about this and he was told by Bob Phillips that Borough Council has permitted them to do it in the past so he assumed it would be okay to do it this time.

She said that Paul Maynard had informed her that the girl's softball team was District Champs and he was asked to drive them around town to celebrate their victory.

Councillor Bowes said that Councillor Steadman should give Paul Maynard a letter explaining to him that the transporting of non-employees cannot be done.

UNION CITY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY: Paul Capela said there was an article in the paper about getting permission from the Water Authority to put a boat in the reservoir.

He said he approached the Water Authority Manager about getting permission and was informed by her that boats are not permitted on the reservoir.

He said he would like to know if this was a decision made by the Board or by the Water Authority Manager?

President Brumagin said that he should attend the Water Authority Board Meeting to find out.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councillor Steadman had an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

STREET REPAIRS: Councillor Bowes said there are holes on Union and East Street that need to be repaired.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION: The Borough Manager said according to Councillor Daszynicz, she has been having some issues with the Parks and Recreation Commission members. She said these issues that Councillor Daszynicz has been having, has prompted her to develop a set of by-laws. She said she had gone on the internet and found a set of by-laws from another Parks and Recreation Commission that she would like Borough Council to review and make changes and hopefully these by-laws can be voted on at the August Council Meeting.

Councillor Daszynicz said the committee doesn't allow her to make any decisions.

Councillor Bowes said that she is just a liaison to that committee and she does not have the right to vote.

Councillor Bowes said he feels it would be a good idea if the Borough Manager attended the next meeting and guided them on how meetings should be run.

Councillor Daszynicz said that she sent a letter to commission members Ruth Hecker and Becky Glenn to see if they are still interested in being on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The Borough Manager said that she did hear from Ruth Hecker and she is no longer interested in being on the Commission. She said she has not heard from Becky Glenn.

UNION CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

President Brumagin said the proposed ordinance to permit the Fire Department to charge a fee will be placed on the agenda.

JOHN STREET: President Brumagin said he spoke with the Borough Manager about John Street. He said something needs to be done about getting this street abandoned.

Councillor Steadman said he will talk to the Caldwell's to see if they would be willing to allow the Borough to use their right-of-way.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Manager