

MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
JULY 8TH, 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 Large Group Instruction Room.

Councillors present were Brumagin, Bowes, Hoban, Tubbs and Steadman.

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

Visitors present were Roy Hanks, Alice Jane Ross, Leo Pfister, Dave Pfister, Suzanne Ball and Lewis Boyce.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Tubbs to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

MOTION ON MINUTES: It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Tubbs that all Councillors having read the minutes of the Council Meeting held June 10th, 2008 and Work Session held June 24th, 2008, be approved. Motion carried.

MOTION ON SECRETARY'S REPORT: It was moved by Councillor Steadman and seconded by Councillor Tubbs 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 Tubbs and seconded by

Councillor Bowes that the unpaid bills be ordered paid and those paid be approved. Motion carried.

MAYOR READS PROCLAMATION: Mayor Paul Capela read a Proclamation supporting “National Night Out” to be held Tuesday, August 5th, 2008 at Caflisch Park from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

TIME WARNER CABLE: Mayor Paul Capela read a letter from Time Warner Cable ensuring customers that there will be no change in service.

COUNCIL TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY FOR AN ALLOCATION OF COUNTY LIQUID FUELS: The Resolution making an application to the County for an allocation of County Liquid Fuels was read by the Borough Manager.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY FOR AN ALLOCATION OF COUNTY LIQUID FUELS: It was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Steadman to approve the Resolution making an application to the County for an allocation of County Liquid Fuels. A roll call vote was taken. All Councillors voted yea. Motion carried.

LAURA DASZYNICZ RESIGNS FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL: The Borough Manager said she received an email from Laura Daszynicz stating that she wishes to resign from Borough Council effective immediately due to personal reasons.

MOTION TO ACCEPT LAURA DASZYNICZ RESIGNATION FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL: It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Steadman to accept Laura Daszynicz resignation from Borough Council effective immediately. Motion carried.

SEMINAR ON OPEN RECORDS LAW: The Borough Manager said she received

information from the Borough's law firm on a Seminar they are offering on the Open Records Law at a cost of \$150.00 per person.

She said Councillor Tubbs had approached her and he is interested in attending this Seminar.

She said she would like approval from Borough Council for her and Marvin to attend this Seminar.

MOTION TO APPROVE ANY MEMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL TO ATTEND THE OPEN RECORDS LAW SEMINAR: It was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Bowes to approve any member of Borough Council to attend the Open Records Law Seminar. Motion carried.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE: Solicitor Timothy Wachter said in regards to the Property Maintenance Code Ordinance, he has copies of the proposed hearing procedures of the Board, violation notices and appeal application.

PARKING ORDINANCE: Solicitor Timothy Wachter said there was a question he was asked on whether there were any municipalities that had adopted an Ordinance regarding parking that allowed for escalated parking fines. He said as of today, he has been unable to find none.

INCENTIVES FOR VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICE PERSONNEL: Solicitor Timothy Wachter said at the last meeting, it was discussed to look at potential incentives offer for volunteer emergency service personnel.

He said there are two bills in the House. He said what these bills do is essentially provide an opportunity for a local municipality to allow for a tax credit of up to \$400.00 for active volunteer responders.

UNION CITY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY: Solicitor Timothy Wachter said he

received a response from the Solicitor of the Union City Municipal Authority with regards to the request for information on the lead and copper violations. He said essentially there response was that the authority is otherwise distracted at this point and hope to give us a response within the next week or so.

President Brumagin said he had contacted Joe Berdis from County Planning on the Water Conveyance Project that the Union City Municipal Authority has filed through the County under a State Competitive Grant.

He said he was asked by Joe Berdis if he wanted to make a comment on this project. He said he did not want to make a comment at this time, because he did not know enough about this project. He said Joe Berdis had sent him the project information.

He said he attended the Public Hearing to ask questions concerning the project which he knows the Engineer would have been able to answer if he was at the hearing. He said therefore, he did not ask any questions.

He said there was an email that came out from the Municipal Authority's Solicitor to the Borough's Solicitor. He said he was extremely upset over the comment that was made and called Joe Berdis to let him know how dissatisfied he was on the comments that were made.

He said he is not opposed to a project. He said he is not opposed to this project. He said he has some concerns on how this project is proposed for this community. He said there are quite a few issues that he sees could be potential problems for the residents of this community.

He said he is going to submit a letter addressing the concerns that he has and would like to know if Borough Council would like to address these

issues with him or should he address these issues as a taxpayer of the community.

President Brumagin said the biggest problem he has in this conveyance piping system is the Authority is going from a gravity system to a pumping system.

President Brumagin presented information to Borough Council on his concerns.

Councillor Tubbs asked “what exactly is the Water Authority trying to do?”

President Brumagin said the Water Authority wants to run a new water line from the reservoir. He said they don’t want to use gravity flow, they want to put in a pump station.

He said his concern to this is obtaining a right-of-way. He said have they contacted the property owners about obtaining a right-of-way. He said what is the size of the pumping station. He said if there is not sufficient electric, where will they obtain additional electric. He said where is the cost for a generator. He said these are questions that need to be answered.

Councillor Tubbs said he feels President Brumagin should write a letter but he also feels Borough Council should direct the Solicitor to obtain information from the Water Authority about the proposed project.

MOTION TO DIRECT THE SOLICITOR TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM THE UNION CITY WATER AUTHORITY ON THE WATER CONVEYANCE PROJECT:

It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Tubbs to direct the Solicitor to obtain information from the Union City Municipal Authority on the Water Conveyance Project. Motion carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION: Councillor Bowes said if Borough Council needs to appoint a Director to the Parks and Recreation Commission, he would be willing to serve as the Director.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES: It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Tubbs to suspend the rules. Motion carried.

COUNCILLOR BOWES APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION: President Brumagin said he will appoint Councillor Bowes Director of Parks and Recreation.

MOTION TO APPROVE RUTH HECKER AND BECKY GLENN'S RESIGNATION FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION: It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Steadman to accept Ruth Hecker and Becky Glenn's resignation from the Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion carried.

MOTION TO TABLE THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION: It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Tubbs to table the appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion carried.

CIRCUS: The Borough Manager said the Parks and Recreation Commission will be holding a circus on Friday, July 25th, 2008 at the Devereaux Park.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE THEIR INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RECOVERY OF COSTS INCURRED BY PAID OR VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS WHEN RESPONDING TO AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT SCENES AND TO OTHER HAZARDOUS INCIDENTS WHICH TAKE PLACE ON THE STREETS OR ROADWAYS LOCATED WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF UNION CITY:

It was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Bowes to advertise their intent to adopt an Ordinance authorizing the recovery of costs incurred by paid or volunteer emergency service organizations when

responding to automobile accident scenes and to other hazardous incidents which take place on the streets or roadways located within the Borough of Union City.

Councillor Tubbs said he would like to know if Union Township is going to be approached by the Fire Department to adopt the same ordinance.

President Brumagin said he did speak with Jim Dodd and told him that he would provide the Fire Department with a copy of the Borough's ordinance to forward onto Union Township.

Motion carried.

SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE: Councillor Tubbs said with regards to the Snow Removal Ordinance, he is in total agreement to what streets have been designated. He said he just has a problem with the signage. He said he doesn't feel you need to put any Snow Emergency signs up.

He said the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation does not regulate what signs we put up on Borough Streets.

Solicitor Timothy Wachter said he sent a draft Ordinance on the proposed Snow Emergency Routes.

Councillor Tubbs said on the Borough Streets, we can take down the alternate parking signs and replace them with the new signs without buying posts.

Solicitor Tim Wachter said the draft ordinance he provided would attach a Schedule 5.

Councillor Tubbs said he would like the Solicitor to contact someone

who is familiar on the proper wording that needs to be placed on the signs.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councillor Steadman said the streets department has been cleaning out catch basins and have come across several catch basins that they had no idea they existed.

Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said he is looking into applying for a grant to do Pleasant and Terrace Streets.

Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said that he spoke with the Borough Manager and Councillor Steadman about having the milling machine when they come into town, mill the end of Union Street.

Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said they have been working on Route 97 in getting the storm sewers flushed out.

Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said they have been busy in filling pot holes.

COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ADVERTISING FOR BIDS ON THE SALE OF THE 1993 POLICE VEHICLE: The Borough Manager said she did receive a call from an individual who is interested in purchasing the 1993 Police Vehicle. She said she would like to know what Borough Council would like to do with the vehicle.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES: It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Tubbs to suspend the rules. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE ADVERTISING FOR BIDS ON THE SALE OF THE 1993 CHEVROLET POLICE CRUISER: It was moved by Councillor Tubbs and seconded by Councillor Steadman to advertise for bids on the sale of the 1993 Chevrolet Police Cruiser. Motion carried.

CAFLISCH PARK: Councillor Bowes said he would like to make a suggestion to keep the restrooms open during the week.

The Borough Manager said she feels this a big mistake due to the amount of vandalism that has occurred in the past.

Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said he will try it for awhile to see how it goes.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CORRY AND UNION CITY HERITAGE COMMUNITES

WORK PLAN: It was moved by Councillor Bowes and seconded by Councillor Tubbs to approve the Corry and Union City Heritage Communities Work Plan. 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 Bowes that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Manager