

MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH WORK SESSION
JULY 22ND, 2008

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

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

Officials present were Borough Manager Cheryl Capela and Street Supervisor Paul Maynard.

There were no visitors present.

UNION CITY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY: The Borough Manager passed out email correspondence from the Borough's Solicitor to the Union City Municipal Authority's Solicitor.

OPEN RECORDS LAW SEMINAR: The Borough Manager said she received the information on the Open Records Law Seminar being presented by the Borough's Law Firm.

PARKING ORDINANCE: Councillor Tubbs said that at last months Work Session, in regards to what can be done about residents who continually during the winter months receive parking tickets. He said Chief Jones could give these violators a citation.

Discussion was held to include in the Parking Ordinance towing of vehicle after receipt of two parking tickets within consecutive days, vehicle will be towed.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION: Councillor Bowes said at the Council Meeting, Borough Council tabled the appointments to the Recreation

Commission.

He said we need to do something about getting the word out that we have two seats that need to be filled.

The Borough Manager said there was an article in the Corry Journal about the Parks and Recreation Program, and in the article there was information about the two seats that need to be filled. She said the article stated that if anyone is interested to please submit their name to the Borough Office.

Councillor Bowes asked “does the Parks and Recreation Commission need to be seven members?”

The Borough Manager no, but if Borough Council plans to reduce the number of members, then Borough Council needs to amend the current Ordinance.

VACANT SEAT ON BOROUGH COUNCIL: Councillor Tubbs asked “has anyone put their name in for the vacant seat on Borough Council?”

The Borough Manager said as of today, there have been no names submitted.

Councillor Tubbs said if Borough Council does not object, he would be willing to speak with Bill Hinkle to see if he is still interested in serving on Borough Council.

Members of Borough Council had no objection.

UNION STREET: Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said that he will be meeting with Scott from Russell Standard to discuss milling Union Street.

CAFLISCH PARK: “Councillor Bowes asked “ has there been any vandalism to the restrooms at the Borough park?”

Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said there has been no vandalism.

The Borough Manager said that she attended the Erie County Borough’s Association Picnic which was held at the Legion Park in Girard.

She said she was told by Girard Officials that the lights in the pavilion is continually getting vandalized. She said they are in the process of putting in a ceiling in their pavilions with recess lighting.

She said this might be something that we might want to do in the future with our pavilions.

ROUTE 6 HERITAGE COMMUNITY WORK PLAN: Councillor Bowes said in the past, he spoke about the Route 6 Heritage Community Work Plan that prepare a group of individuals who will implement the plan.

He said that Union City Pride is willing to be that group of individuals.

He said he would like to know if anyone from Borough Council has any objections to having Union City Pride be the group.

Members of Borough Council had no objections.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION BY-LAWS: Councillor Tubbs said he read over the proposed Parks and Recreation Commission By-Laws and has no objection to them.

He said he just wants to make sure that the By-laws are on the August

agenda for approval.

STORM SEWERS: Councillor Tubbs said the storm sewers on Miles Street need to be cleaned out.

DIRT AND GRAVEL ROAD GRANT: Street Supervisor Paul Maynard said he has been working with Earl Brown on the “Dirt and Gravel Road Grant” for Pleasant Street.

He said according to Earl Brown, we will have a better chance in obtaining this grant if we look for some in-kind services.

He said he spoke the Plant Manager of True Temper and they are willing to provide some in-kind services. He said that True Temper needs this request made to them in writing. He said he will get with the Borough Manager to help him draft this letter.

CODE ENFORCEMENT ISSUES: Councillor Tubbs said he is wondering what is going on with the animal smell at the Pet Store on Main Street.

The Borough Manager said the dog catcher did come out to examine the conditions. She said that the dog catcher has had problems with the owner in the past.

She said that the dog catcher had informed her that there are people living there. She said under the Zoning Ordinance, the bottom floor of a commercial building cannot be used for living space.

She said she spoke with the zoning Officer to let him know what was going on.

President Brumagin asked “has any of the houses on the list been inspected?”

The Borough Manager said no inspection has been made. She said the Code Enforcement Officer has just been dealing with vehicles, rubbish and grass.

Councillor Bowes said he will get together with the Borough Manager to draft a letter on Borough Council's concerns and present these concerns to the Code Enforcement Officer.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

ATTEST: _____
Cheryl R. Capela